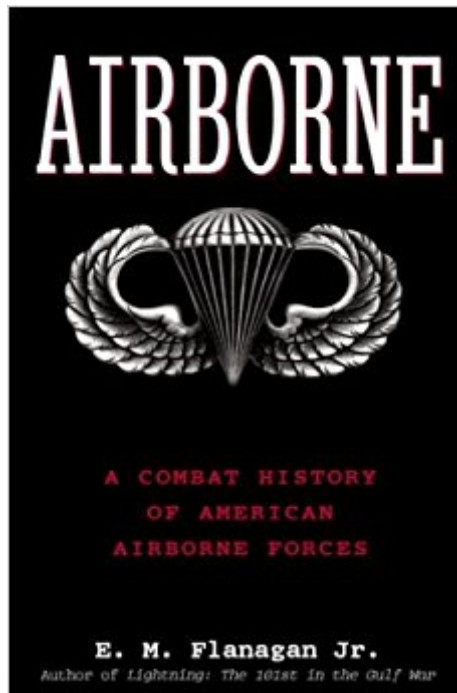


The book was found

Airborne: A Combat History Of American Airborne Forces



Synopsis

The United States Army's experiment with airborne forces started at Fort Benning, Georgia, in early 1940 with a single platoon of paratroopers. From this tiny seed grew the mighty American airborne legion that spearheaded America's attack against Nazi Germany in Sicily and Normandy. Ultimately this branch included an airborne corps headquarters, five full airborne divisions, and several independent battalions and regiments. On the nights of June 5 and 6, 1944, the parachutes and gliders of six regiments of American airborne infantry filled the dark sky over Normandy. Paratroopers and glidermen of the 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagles were literally dropping into battle for the first time, harbingers of the vast Allied D-day armada. Moments later, they were joined by the veteran All Americans of the 82d Airborne Division, who had first jumped into combat almost a year earlier in Sicily. For the American airborne troopers, the road to victory in Europe led through the ill-conceived Arnhem campaign and on to the Bulge, where the American paratroopers saved the day for the Allies. The 17th Airborne Division rebounded the Rhine in the last airborne operation in Europe and fought across Germany until VE Day with their band of brothers. In the Pacific, the Angels of the 11th Airborne Division saw hard combat in the Philippines. The independent 503d Regimental Combat Team fulfilled General MacArthur's promise to return when it daringly parachuted onto the small area known as Topside on the rocky fortress island of Corregidor. Following World War II, the airborne fought with distinction in Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War. Along the way American paratroopers have also given yeoman service on smaller battlefields such as the Dominican Republic, Grenada, and Panama. Written by a former paratrooper, *Airborne* is the definitive combat history of these elite forces.

Book Information

Paperback: 496 pages

Publisher: Presidio Press (December 30, 2003)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0891418334

ISBN-13: 978-0891418337

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 1 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.5 pounds

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars See all reviews (4 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,970,237 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #4859 in Books > History > Military > Aviation #20052 in Books > History > Military > United States #74976 in Books >

Customer Reviews

Airborne: A Combat History of American Airborne Forces by LTG (Retired) E. M. Flanagan Jr. Allow me to state my prejudices up front. I am a former United States Army officer commissioned through the reserve officer training program (ROTC). I have my jump wings. For those who attended jump school at Fort Benning, I was A36 in class 37 - 76. I proudly wore my jump wings. Airborne: A Combat History of American Airborne Forces by LTG Flanagan reminds me in some ways of a military after action report. It mentions people, equipment, backgrounds, TO & E and the never ending officer name, his West Point class year, his class standing if high or low, and if he currently had and in the future will have a historically significant assignment. Rarely is an ROTC and never a battlefield or OCS commissioned officer mentioned. The use of Medal of Honor citations throughout the book is good, though it significantly declined after the chapter on the Korean War. The book covers the period of pre World War Two to the end of World War Two in painful detail. At some points the level of detail bogs down and even gets as boring as reading a TO & E. The best written part of the book was the coverage of Operation Just Cause in Panama. It reads almost like a newspaper account of the operation. Unfortunately, the coverage given to this operation was not duplicated in other post World War Two events. The brevity of coverage from the period 1946 to the end of the 1990s is shocking. I would be interested in knowing when the airborne troops were integrated. Who was the first African American to get his jump wings? Who was the first African American to make a combat jump?

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Airborne: A Combat History of American Airborne Forces For King and Country: British Airborne Uniforms, Insignia & Equipment in World War II 1st Airborne Division 6th Airborne Division 1st Polish ... Brigade (Schiffer Military History Book) Knife Fighting, Knife Throwing for Combat (Special Forces/Ranger-Udt/Seal Hand-To-Hand Combat/Special W) All American, All the Way: The Combat History of the 82nd Airborne Division in World War II American History: The People & Events that Changed American History (People's History, American, United States of America, American Revolution, Patriot, United States History Book 1) Krav Maga Professional Tactics: The Contact Combat System of the Israel Defense Forces Combat Headaches: A chiropractor's advice for those who suffer from migraines, jaw pain, sinus pain and/or tension headaches (Combat Dis-Ease) (Volume 2) Combat Irritable Bowels (Combat Dis-Ease) (Volume 4) The Angels: A History of the 11th Airborne Division History: Human History in 50 Events: From Ancient Civilizations to Modern

Times (World History, History Books, People History) (History in 50 Events Series Book 1) History: British History in 50 Events: From First Immigration to Modern Empire (English History, History Books, British History Textbook) (History in 50 Events Series Book 11) Stimson's Introduction to Airborne Radar (Electromagnetics and Radar) Introduction to Airborne Radar Curing Airborne Allergies: A Revolutionary, Safe and Natural Approach for Adults and Children Asphalt 8 Airborne Game: How to Download for Android, PC, iOS, Kindle + Tips US Army's First, Last, and Only All-Black Rangers: The 2d Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne) in the Korean War, 1950-1951 Korean Nights: The 4th Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne) 1950-1951 US Army's First, Last, and Only All-Black Rangers: The 2nd Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne) in the Korean War, 1950-1951 American Indians and the Law: The Penguin Library of American Indian History (Penguin's Library of American Indian History) Vietnam Firebases 1965-73: American and Australian Forces (Fortress)

[Dmca](#)