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George C. Marshall Forrest C. Pogue, 1966 **George C. Marshall: Ordeal and Hope, 1939-1942** Forrest C. Pogue, 2020-05-26

Covering the period between George C Marshall becoming Chief of Staff in September 1939 and the first military successes in 1942 Guadalcanal El Alamein Northwest Africa this volume describes how Marshall built up an army and air corps of fewer than 200 000 in 1939 with key players such as Harry Hopkins FDR s confidant Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Secretary of War Henry Stimson President Roosevelt and Congress This work on Marshall continues to be the fine scholarly product that one expects from its author C P Stacey International Journal Dr Pogue has written a splendid account of the army high command in World War II It makes an important contribution to the history of our times and complements previously published memoirs and official histories The military specialist will be impressed by the systematic coverage Dr Pogue gives to the way in which Marshall used his staff and managed the war General readers will be fascinated by the new information provided about the characters and wartime actions of such leaders as Roosevelt Churchill MacArthur and Eisenhower This is a thoroughly satisfying book and a splendid companion to the first volume H A De Weerd The Virginia Quarterly Review The United States Sir John Dill told General Brooke has not repeat not the slightest conception of what the war means and their armed forces are more unready for war than it is possible to imagine Mr Pogue has as his subject the movement of the country from such material and spiritual limitation to the landings in North Africa and as his special thesis the contribution of General George C Marshall in the production of this remarkable transition What General Marshall did was to plan negotiate organize and above all decide Mr Pogue s narrative is lean clear and well controlled What so often he is dealing with in these pages is the resolution of endless conflicts of prejudice and interest His capacity to recognize and define the issues in debate to expose with clinical balance the motives and feelings of the debaters to weigh out honestly the merits and defects of the conclusions reached is impressive and a valuable aid to fuller understanding Mr Pogue succeeds as well in giving the reader a good feeling for the administrative situation in which General Marshall spent most of his time how policies were developed officers selected for special tasks decisions taken and all the rest of it A solidly constructed carefully developed book Elting E Morison The Journal of Southern History This second volume of Forrest Pogue s long awaited authorized biography of General George C Marshall has reached the period of Marshall s first three years as Chief of Staff when he initiated the vast expansion of the US Army for World War II Excellent footnotes and detailed appendixes interviews and bibliographical notes will ensure Pogue s Marshall a permanent place in US military history and biography Trumbull Higgins The American Historical Review George C. Marshall Forrest C. Pogue, 1967

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The Marshall Mission to China, 1945-1947 Roger B. Jeans, 2011-08-28 This book breaks new ground in our understanding of a pivotal period in the history of American foreign policy the early Cold War and the struggle for dominance in China between the Nationalists and Communists The famous Marshall Mission to China has been the focus of intense scrutiny ever since General George C Marshall returned home in January 1947 and full scale civil war consumed China Yet until recently there was little new to add to the story of the failure to avert war between the Chinese Nationalists under Chiang Kai shek and the Chinese Communists led by Mao Zedong Drawing on a newly discovered insider's account Roger B Jeans makes an invaluable contribution to our understanding of Marshall's failed mediation effort and the roles played by key Chinese figures Working from the letters and diary of U S Army Colonel John Hart Caughey Jeans offers a fresh interpretation of the mission From beginning to end Caughey served as Marshall's executive officer in effect his right hand man assisting the general in his contacts with the Chinese and drafting key documents for him Through his writings Caughey provides a rare behind the scenes view of the general's mediation efforts as well as intimate glimpses of the major Chinese figures involved including Chiang Kai shek Madame Chiang and Zhou Enlai In addition to daily contact with Marshall Caughey often rubbed shoulders with these major Nationalist and Communist figures As a meticulous eyewitness to history in the making Caughey offers crucial insight into a key moment in post World War II history **Franklin D. Roosevelt and American Foreign Policy, 1932-1945**

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Allen, 2012-08-15 This authoritative and comprehensive survey features over 2 400 entries Subjects range from battles soldiers and military activities to politics culture and the Holocaust Enlivened by 85 illustrations its panoramic perspective encompasses WWII's enduring influences on the American way of life A unique and valuable look at the war General James Doolittle The Political Army Thomas Crosbie, 2025-03-11 Since World War II the U S military has taken a keen interest in shaping press coverage and through it public perception and democratic oversight of the armed forces After misjudging the domestic political landscape during the Vietnam War Army leaders embraced media management recognizing that control over information had become central to how wars are fought Even as the Army presented itself as a scrupulously apolitical organization its leaders strove to reshape their political environment through public relations This book tells the story of the U S Army's deepening involvement in media management over six decades and offers new ways to understand the military as a political actor Thomas Crosbie examines how the Army gradually transformed its relationship with the civilian government and the public by engaging with the press He traces Army media management from its origins as an ad hoc task to its

professionalization and formalization alongside the Army's rise as a political force its precipitous fall in the Vietnam War era and its renewed ascent after learning key lessons from the experience of Vietnam The Political Army draws on the records of Army leaders archives of major public affairs figures and organizations and extensive interviews with war correspondents public affairs officers and senior Army staff Demonstrating how the U S Army gained at great expense potent political sway this book provides a theoretically rich account of military politics and what it means for democracy

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Charles Portal Richard Michael Milburn, 2024-03-08 Charles Frederick Algernon Portal was born in Hungerford England in 1893 One of seven brothers Portal developed a fierce competitive streak and a steely determination from an early age Known by all who knew him as Peter Portal enlisted in the Army at the outbreak of the First World War as a dispatch rider being mentioned in General French's very first dispatch Portal's abilities were quickly recognized and he gained a commission in short order It was in the air that Portal saw his future and he subsequently transferred to the Royal Flying Corps initially as an observer before training as a pilot In this latter role Portal proved a courageous and instinctive leader garnering the rare accolade of a DSO and Bar for his wartime service His meteoric rise continued in the inter war period and when Hitler's forces invaded Poland Portal had already ascended to the Air Force Board He then took the RAF's top command post at Bomber Command during the battles of France and Britain before replacing Cyril Newall as Chief of Air Staff aged just 47 in October 1940 Charles Portal was in General Eisenhower's words Britain's greatest wartime leader including Churchill Portal was a strategist a diplomat and an outstanding leader of the RAF in the Second World War He built productive and enduring relationships with the most powerful Allied leaders some of which including Churchill Bomber Harris and Hap Arnold are explored here Portal helped direct the UK's strategy from the darkest days of 1940 through to Allied victory in 1945 He never lost his calm even under the most extreme pressure and approached the war with a cool logic that defied the chaos of the day Despite his enormous achievements and being showered with post war accolades Portal is little known today His historical anonymity is a reflection of his disinterest in his own legacy He neither kept wartime diaries nor penned an egotistical autobiography to cash in on his post war fame He retired as he had served with dignity and humility traits that made him particularly influential with American allies As Wing Commander Rich Milburn reveals in this long overdue second biography Charles Portal was a hero in every sense a heroic battlefield leader in one global conflict and one of the men most directly responsible for Allied victory in a second

Cataclysm Herman S. Wolk, 2010 The B 29 long range bombing campaign against the Japanese home islands dictated unprecedented organization and command hence Arnold established the Twentieth Air Force commanded by himself from Washington and reporting directly to the Joint Chiefs of Staff This new type of bombing offensive distinct in command organization range and weapons from the European experience also called for exemplary operational combat leadership in the field Here Arnold excelled in his command of the AAF relieving a long time colleague Hansell in favor of a hard nosed operator LeMay This crucial move was a turning point in

the Pacific war Although the Soviet declaration of war on Japan was a factor in the Japanese surrender it was the atomic bomb that politically shocked the Japanese to capitulation Arnold the architect of the bombing offensive emphasized that Japan was already defeated in the summer of 1945 by the bombing and blockade and that it was not militarily necessary to drop the atomic bomb **Mobilizing America: Robert P. Patterson and the War Effort, 1940-1945** Keith

Eiler, 2022-12-14 Judge Robert P Patterson resigned from the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York City in 1940 to join the War Department to help prepare the country for a war he knew was coming As Under Secretary of War he was responsible under Secretary of War Henry L Stimson for industrial mobilization and procurement for the army and the army air force The study documents Patterson s extraordinary and largely unrecognized contributions to the war effort recounts how the federal government transformed itself for war and converted a vast market oriented economy into an effective war machine and documents numerous issues about the evolution of civil military relations during the emergency Patterson emerges as a self effacing public servant of unusual ability and character This splendid biography does belated justice to one of the unsung heroes of the Second World War Robert P Patterson a quiet man of commanding ability and sturdy purpose played a key role in the mobilization of American men and resources that made victory possible Mobilizing America illuminates both the integrity of the man and the complexity of his achievement Arthur Schlesinger Jr In Mobilizing America Keith E Eiler makes a significant contribution to our understanding of the mobilization by describing the contributions of Robert P Patterson a heretofore neglected yet pivotal figure in making President Franklin D Roosevelt s vision of America as the Arsenal of Democracy into a reality Mobilizing America is a worthy work of scholarship Gracefully written it deftly examines Patterson s style and numerous issues of wartime policy and reminds us that a purposeful individual can make a difference in a vast national endeavor The Journal of Military History Students of the Second World War even professional military officers are often woefully uninformed about the vast and complex war effort waged on the home front to provide the supplies trained manpower and munitions necessary to ultimate victory Keith Eiler has found a way to portray this mobilization effort vividly by telling the story through the eyes of Undersecretary of War Robert P Patterson a modest but dynamic man whose contributions in the author s words were comparable only to those of the army s chief of staff General George C Marshall and of the president himself I recommend this book to anyone seeking to attain a full understanding of the entire United States war effort John S D Eisenhower As a study of the domestic economy during WWII this book is unparalleled Choice Eiler has written a comprehensive account of Patterson s Herculean efforts largely unrecognized then or later which were so essential for the final victory Patterson emerges as a patriot and ideal public servant Library Journal This account of the career of one of the 20th century s great public servants is a dramatic story ably narrated and documented about a side of World War II the domestic war against entrenched bureaucracy in which Patterson played an heroic role Washington Times A detailed well researched book The Journal of American History Allies in War:

Britain and America against the Axis Powers, 1940-1945 Mark Stoler, 2022-10-24 Some historians are great because they write great books others because they write books that need to be written Mark A Stoler has done both *Allies in War* offers an accessible and gracefully written synthesis of the wealth of new and important scholarship addressing American and British grand strategy during World War II *Allies in War* presents a global overview of Anglo American cooperation against the Axis powers with a chronological account of the major diplomatic and military events It begins with a brief summary of World War I and the interwar years continues through the capitulation of Japan in September 1945 and concludes with a short discussion of the origins of the Cold War Stoler's story also covers the world war like a world war Each chapter covers major developments in every theater Stoler makes particular effort to recognize the critical role of the Soviet Union in winning World War II and its impact on Anglo American strategy *Allies in War* is a versatile work with a lot of uses Both students and professionals will find rewards This volume will be an excellent tool for teaching survey and elective history courses It will also aid in understanding the dynamics that attend coalition warfare *The Journal of American History* A decided tour de force Stoler provides an excellent and readable overview on a global scale of the interrelated wartime military strategic and diplomatic decisions and contributions of the United States and Great Britain Stoler's forte is elegantly concise syntheses of massive outpourings of scholarship in both military and diplomatic history and judicious balanced and stimulating assessments of often controversial issues Lucid balanced nuanced and acute giving equal space to the wars in both Europe and Asia Stoler's interpretive overview is a valuable and welcome addition to its field *The Journal of Military History* This is the work of a mature historian comfortably in command of his material using his considerable experience to construct a tightly controlled narrative that carries the reader forward with little effort on his or her part a sure sign of considerable effort on the part of the writer Stoler's book is much more than the synthesis it might appear to be It is a masterly summary of existing scholarship but one enriched by his own knowledge of the archival and secondary material this book shines when it comes to grand strategy the reader wanting a potted and accurate evolution of Anglo American grand strategy will find all he or she will need here *The International History Review* Mark Stoler is supremely well qualified to undertake this volume Previous studies of Anglo American relations during the Second World War tend to focus on either the war in Europe or the war in the Pacific The originality of Stoler's approach is that he wants to cover both He seeks as well to incorporate the results of relatively recent publications on the Second World War The results are impressive Stoler's writing is a major strength of this book Stoler provides admirable surveys of the major historical controversies of the Anglo American war against the Axis powers such as the efficacy of the Allied strategic bombing campaign the utility of the Italian campaign and the continuing debate over the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki Anyone who teaches courses on the history of the Second World War will find this volume a valuable resource *The Journal of Modern History* *Allies in War* is a solid survey of the war an effective synthesis of the most troublesome aspects of the special Britain US relationship Naval

History Magazine An important new study by one of the leading scholars in the field David Reynolds University of Cambridge

Eisenhower's Armies Niall Barr,2015-12-15 The Anglo American relationship from 1941 1945 proved to be the most effective military alliance in history Yet there were also constant tensions and disagreements that threatened to pull the alliance apart Based on considerable archival research on both sides of the Atlantic Eisenhower's Armies considers the breadth and depth of the relationship from high level strategic decisions the rivalries and personalities of the commanders to the ordinary British and American soldiers who fought alongside one another This is the story of two very different armies learning to live work and fight together even in the face of serious strategic disagreements and a very human story about the efforts of many individuals famous or otherwise who worked and argued together to defeat Hitler's Germany This dynamic new history provides a fresh perspective on many of the controversies and critical strategic decisions of World War II providing expert analysis of the Anglo American military alliance as well as new insights into the special relationship of the mid twentieth century

I Was There: The Personal Story of the Chief of Staff to Presidents Roosevelt and Truman Based on His Notes and Diaries Made at the Time Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy,2024-06-04 This sturdy volume does not present a series of reflections after the event It is assembled from notes made at the time If any author ever left the seal of his own personality on his written words Admiral Leahy has done so in I Was There These pages are as salty as the sea as direct as a gun barrel terse with the economy of orders given or opinions uttered The views expressed one often uncompromising sometimes mistaken as the author freely admits and one is sure always honest It is fascinating to read Admiral Leahy's assessments of the men of Vichy with whom he had to deal as the American Ambassador The book's great merit lies in the clear intermittent light it flashes on the men and things the Admiral knew firsthand And it is a beautiful self portrait This good and faithful public servant shows himself without and above affectation or self interest He served his country and his Commander in Chief day and night irrespective of fatigue illness or private grief The Atlantic T his volume throws valuable new light on American military planning organization of the armed forces and relations with the Soviet Union His comments on Vichy and De Gaulle are perhaps most useful for their clear expression of the Admiral's own attitude Foreign Affairs In the abundance of war records this has its own place in its comprehensive view of a large panorama Kirkus Leahy kept a meticulous diary and also wrote an invaluable memoir The Christian Science Monitor I Was There adds useful detail to our picture of the military planning of the war It also throws important light on the development of our relations with the Soviet Union it is a valuable addition to the mosaic of reminiscence out of which future historians will construct a picture of Franklin D Roosevelt and of the Second World War Saturday Review I Was There must be accorded a place among the records of major significance for World War II Political Science Quarterly

Manhattan Project: The Untold Story of the Making of the Atomic Bomb Stephane Groueff,2023-12-13 Groueff a Paris Match reporter was sponsored by The Reader's Digest to write this prodigious account of the multiple efforts which went into the creation of the first atomic bomb

between 1942 and 1945 The book is a history of the men involved mainly and Groves the military commander is obviously the author's hero Reading like the account of a hurdle race the book charges into a discussion of a problem then finds and describes the man who bested it Thus are described the building of Oak Ridge Fermi's atomic pile the electromagnetic process the crises over the barrier and the valves for the gaseous diffusion process the last minute decisions concerning the implosion process with plutonium Groueff does convey well a scene of fantastic activity where different solutions to one problem were worked on simultaneously where industrial equipment came before scientific results were known where the impossible was achieved in time The material is fascinating and the scientific information is well presented an excellent overall view of a monumental project Kirkus Groueff has for the first time given due recognition to some of the minor figures particularly engineers and technicians and has preserved in his pages much information that would otherwise perish with the participants or lie forever buried in the archives Kendall Birr The American Historical Review Groueff covers the Manhattan Project from its beginning in 1942 to the bombing of Hiroshima he concentrates on the engineering and industrial effort that went into producing the first atomic weapons The result is a popular but responsible account episodic in structure rich in detail and human interest for the first time a book aimed at the mass market gives engineers and industrialists their due It is a great story of the almost incredibly complex task of translating theory into industrial and military reality Oscar E Anderson Jr Science So intriguing in fact and in style is the text of the narrative of this book that once begun it cannot be put down until the end In these pages the names and roles of some of the world's greatest scientists and engineers unfold in thrilling parade with Dr Vannevar Bush the leader These men of vast knowledge and ability unite with the commercial managers and their companies mobilized by the hundreds for the construction and operation of the many facilities involved Leo A Codd Ordnance Excellent maintains a high degree of exciting suspense Washington Star A fascinating account of a stupendous effort Chicago Tribune *Scientists Against Time* James Phinney Baxter III, 2023-11-05 Winner of the 1947 Pulitzer prize in History Mr Baxter's history of the OSRD is a fine book obviously one of the most important documents written so far about the war The author has a reticent clear style admirably suited to pin down his refractory material His preoccupation with technical detail has not diminished his grasp of wartime science as a whole E B Garside The New York Times A readable mixture of history and science This volume covers the whole span of scientific development radar and radar countermeasures loran proximity fuses the DUKW and Weasel incendiaries and flame throwers military medicine including discussion of high altitude effects penicillin and insecticides and finally the Manhattan project and the atomic bomb This official history of OSRD should be required reading for admirals generals and all officers who ever expect some day to exist in the rarefied atmosphere of high level military and naval planning This volume is the triumphant battle cry of American men of science returning with their shields Earl W Thompson Proceedings of the US Naval Institute This is the official history of the remarkable achievements of the Office of Scientific Research and Development during World War II by the President of

Williams College Robert Gale Woolbert Foreign Affairs An admirable book Richard E Danielson The Atlantic Here is one of the most significant books of World War II It is as Dr Vannevar Bush says in a foreword the brief official history of the Office of Scientific Research and Development It is the history of a rapid transition from warfare as it has been waged for thousands of years by the direct clash of hordes of men to a new type of warfare in which science becomes applied to destruction on a wholesale basis It marks therefore a turning point in the broad history of civilization The reader is constantly impressed by the valuable results obtained by the pooling of the work of British Canadian and American scientists Throughout the entire book one idea seems to stand out above all others namely that free men working as a team can outperform all the efforts of those who are driven by bureaucratic decrees John W Oliver The American Historical Review This is a book for which American scientists have been waiting it presents a clear detailed and yet stylistically most attractive account of the victory made possible by the civilian scientific research effort of our Nation during World War II It will be difficult for anyone to read this book and not become an advocate of a strong federally supported science organization to continue the research necessary for our future military preparedness and for the solution of basic peacetime problems as well Leonard Carmichael Science *Calculated Risk* Mark W. Clark, 2024-05-01 The World War II campaign of the Mediterranean Theatre the soft underbelly of the Axis as Churchill so wrongly called it was compounded of elements reminiscent of the heyday of the Foreign Legion intrigue suspense a secret mission to a secret seaside villa in Algeria the strange but necessary alliance with Darlan and then the bloody muddy and most unexpectedly long and difficult Italian campaign where the roster of troops sounded like the roll call of the allied nations These are elements to make any book interesting and if past history still exciting and General Clark has capitalized fully on them There are sketches of Churchill of Eisenhower in his difficult coordinating position of the war s lesser known heroes the officers and enlisted men of the battle command Clark wanted and finally received And there is the series of almost fatal blunders which followed the taking of Rome when the Western Allies seemed almost determined to play into the hands of the Russians Tito might have left the Kremlin s orbit sooner and the present list of satellite nations might have been smaller And when Clark was made American high commissioner of Austria he experienced more of the same lack of foresight and he concludes with a political sophistication not common to the military We celebrated a victory when in reality we had not won the War Honest forceful colorful this is one of the best books to come from World War II s top brass Kirkus *Calculated Risk* deals in large part with events and situations in which General Clark and I were not only close associates but friends and comrades But even if I am therefore a prejudiced witness I cheerfully and unhesitatingly prophesy that thousands will find the book as accurate and as completely absorbing as I did Dwight D Eisenhower F orthright hard hitting stuff This book should be widely read A high powered high tempered man afraid of nothing and no man Clark was consistently given tough assignments His superiors always seem to have had complete confidence in his ability to carry out these assignments and always gave him their full moral support The whole

Mediterranean Campaign he says was a calculated risk The North African Campaign was an extremely perilous military adventure Aside from possible French and probable German resistance in North Africa there was always the threat of Spanish or German attack via Spanish Morocco on our extended lines of communication an attack which might well have been fatal a fascinating book Richard E Danielson The Atlantic

Global Mission Henry Harley Arnold, 2023-07-06 Global Mission is General Hap Arnold's personal story of his life and military career and a history of American military aviation with particular emphasis on World War II For twenty years prior to World War II General Arnold was a tireless and effective evangelist for American air power No other foresaw more clearly than he the revolutionary impact of the airplane upon the methods and conduct of war Hap Arnold performed still another public duty in recording for us the results and the conclusions of his lifetime experiences Whatever he has to say about air power deserves the close attention of all his fellow citizens General Dwight D Eisenhower US Army The compellingly interesting autobiography of a great soldier statesman and one of the finest presentations I have ever seen of the history of American military aviation Lieutenant General James H Doolittle US Air Force This book is more than the chronicle of a flier's life it is in a sense a saga of United States air power and particularly a top level picture of the United States Army Air Force in World War II Global Mission will take an important place in the growing library of war books a delightful book it brings out so strongly the lovable personality of Hap Arnold It is an important book these reminiscences are a monument to him Hanson W Baldwin The New York Times An interesting and important book Robert Gale Woolbert Foreign Affairs There are many groups of people who will profit by a careful reading of Global Mission As General Bradley well said in a recent letter to me It is must reading for the young military men of today who will have to be the Marshalls and Arnolds and Kings in any future emergency The thinking people of the United States will make wiser decisions in the selection of their leaders both military and civil if they have read Global Mission They will understand more clearly the frightful errors which have been made in the past and their cost in blood and treasure Any who are tempted to be pacifists or isolationists in the future had better read Global Mission to learn the implications which can flow from false doctrines The historian who has the difficult job of painting the true picture of the Second World War needs to read Global Mission for background Here alone will he find some of the missing pieces in his puzzle by any yardstick Global Mission is worthy reading for any American Lieutenant General Ira C Eaker USAF Ret Air University Quarterly Review General Arnold's book is a very important contribution to the history of the Second World War one reads it with passionate interest from start to finish It is written in a lively way and also with that frankness that outspokenness which always surprises French people from the pen of such a high authority It is also extremely revealing about the American character Ren Jouan Revue d histoire de la Deuxi me Guerre mondiale This book will be of enduring value Ordnance

Witness to Power: The Life of Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy Henry H. Adams, 2021-12-12 Fleet Admiral William Daniel Leahy 1875 1959 served as the most senior US military officer on active duty during World War II As Chief of Naval Operations 1937

1939 he oversaw the US Navy's preparations for war. After retiring from the Navy, he was appointed governor of Puerto Rico in 1939 by his close friend President Franklin D. Roosevelt, before serving as US Ambassador to France 1940-42 in Vichy, where he had limited success keeping the Vichy government free of German control. Leahy was recalled to active duty as personal Chief of Staff to FDR in 1942 and chaired the Joint Chiefs of Staff throughout World War II. He continued as personal Chief of Staff under President Harry S. Truman until his retirement in 1949. This is probably the definitive biography of Admiral Leahy. Adams has worked hard on this book; it is well written, well researched, and comprehensive. James Leutze, *The American Historical Review*: A workmanlike and overdue biography of a naval officer too long relegated to the shadows. Biographer Adams reminds us that the reticent admiral was a truly unique figure. The author relates that Leahy once told an aide that when asked about him, the aide should tell him anything so long as it's the truth. Professor Adams has heeded that admonition, and while the result isn't racy, it is certainly sound. Richard S. Cloward, *Naval War College Review*. Henry Adams has produced an excellent and much needed chronicle of a man generally ignored during most of his active life by the mass media. In addition, the book is enjoyable to read. Burton Wright, *Armed Forces Society*. **The Embattled Past** Edward M. Coffman, 2014-01-07. This collection makes evident Coffman's importance in defining the field of modern American military history. Lucid, astute, and immensely entertaining. Brian Linn, *Texas A M University*, author of *The Echo of Battle: The Army's Way of War*. Distinguished military historian Edward M. Coffman is a dedicated and much admired teacher and mentor. In *The Embattled Past*, several of his most important essays have been assembled into a collection that serves as an essential reference to the discipline and an initiation to the study of military history for aspiring scholars. The essays explore a range of critical issues in military historiography, such as strategies for conducting oral history and research methodologies, and examine questions at the heart of the field. Included are two seminal essays on World War I which provide a fascinating overview of American war strategies and illuminate the reasons why so many historians have ignored this critical turning point in twentieth-century history. The volume concludes with an unpublished essay detailing Coffman's experience of interviewing General Douglas MacArthur in 1960. Offering readers insights into more than two hundred years of United States military history, *The Embattled Past* is a primer on the profession from one of the most honored scholars of our time. No one who professes to work in this field, especially as it relates to the history of the Army in the 19th and 20th centuries, can go very far without consulting what Professor Coffman has written on his subject. Roger Spiller, *George C. Marshall Professor of Military History, emeritus, US Army Command and General Staff College*. Displays Coffman's years of scholarly expertise and personal experiences as a preeminent historian. *Quarterly Journal of Military History*.

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