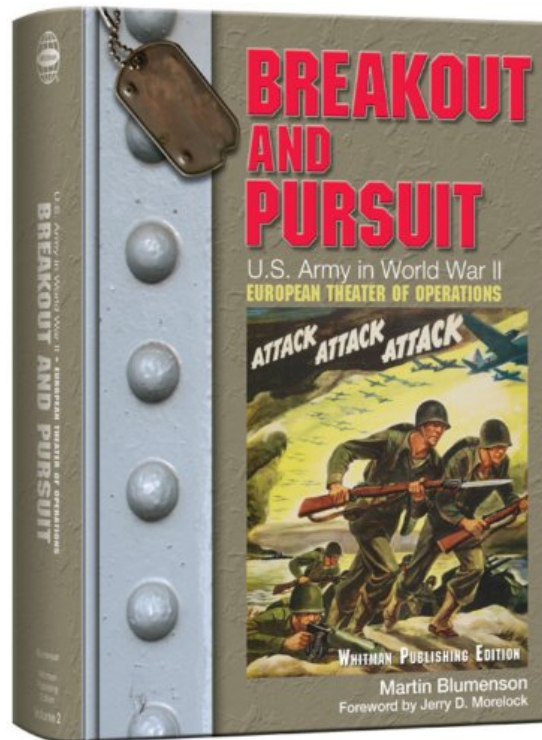


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1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Incredible Primary Resource By JSelf This book is an incredible primary resource on the Normandy invasion of Europe during World War II. In an attempt to solve family mystery involving the U.S. Army 83rd Division, 329th, 2nd Battalion, this text has given me the details needed to find answers to a 70 year old unknown. A local Norman french historian suggested this book for its accuracy as well as readability. He was correct on all accounts. This is definitely the "go-to" resource for clarification of battle actions and to guide the amateur historian through the maze of documents surrounding World War II, European Theater. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer Very satisfied! 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Recommended Reading for "Memoir 44" Players and others By J. Lockwood This is a classic book, so it has been reviewed many times. It is the second half of two books which officially documented the Normandy invasion and the

immediate aftermath, following "Cross-Channel Attack", which I also recommend. It was nice to see that this edition did justice to the original, published by the US Army Center of Military History Army through the Government Printing Office. The entire 34-volume series of which this is a part were originally bound in Army green, and so are known as the "Army Green Book Series". You can even "shortcut" to a complete listing of the titles on the web by referencing them that way. If you are playing or interested in playing the relatively new board game "Memoir 44" and the online version (available only to purchasers of the board game) as I have, this is a very good reference source. I'm not connected with the company that published the board game, BTW, but I am a member of the Boardgame Players Association and will be playing "Memoir 44" at the World Boardgamers Championships.

Breakout and Pursuit covers the 'Battle of the Hedgerows' leading to Operation Cobra and victory in Normandy. the Falaise-Argentan pocket and the Mortain counterattack are also included, as are operations in Brittany, the reduction of Brest, and the liberation of Paris. The volume closes with the pursuit across northern France and Belgium by the U.S. First and Third Armies, ending in early September 1944 at the German frontier and the gates of Lorraine. The battle narrative in the volume is, in general, pitched at corps level, but the focus of attention moves up and down the chain of command to illuminate decisions, both Allied and German, at critical moments of the campaign. The action is carefully related to the declared or postulated intentions of the responsible commanders, and success or failure is examined with reference to these and the opposing moves of the contestants. As in Cross-Channel Attack, the access of the author to abundant enemy sources has made it possible for him to represent fully the strength, intentions, and tactics of the Axis.