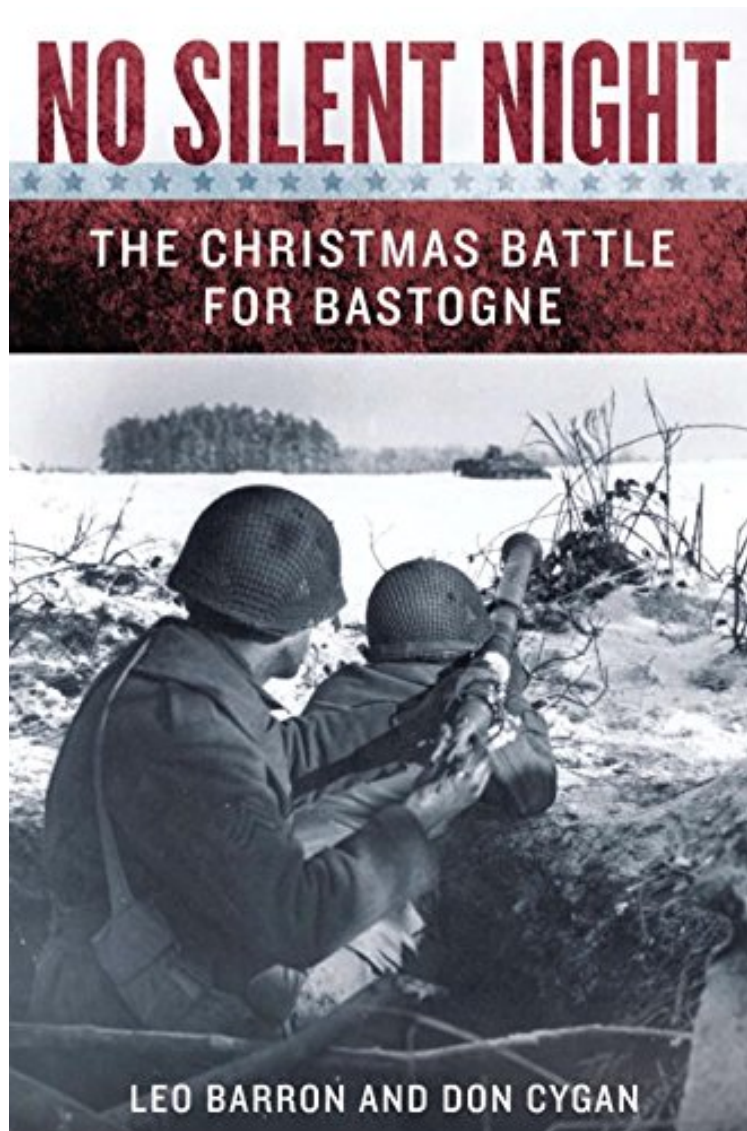


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**Leo Barron, Don Cygan : No Silent Night: The Christmas Battle For Bastogne** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised No Silent Night: The Christmas Battle For Bastogne:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. You can do betterBy thomas walichThis is the kind of book that makes me think I could write history. Hire some research assistant to go through a bunch of randomly collected narratives from veterans, string them together with a known timeline and -- voila! you have a book! This is not a criticism of Mr. Barron but rather a criticism of a growing trend in history books. Personal combat narratives always

hold a certain amount of implicit interest but too often those stories are strung together without much relation other than time and place. There were several good observations in this book -- I probably would have enjoyed it if it was more focused on the author's arguments about the battle and less on the personal reminiscences. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. **MAGNIFICENT FEW** By Taurus I have read many, many combat books on WWII battles, including descriptions of generals, views with a German perspective, Russian, Japanese, English, and so on. This particular book gives you equally the German view and the American defenders locked in deadly combat while you feel like you are in a fox hole with the 101st Screaming Eagles and other American units defending the Bastogne area. The author gives equal time to the German soldiers and their officers from the foot soldier to tank crews. You go from a German HQ, to an American HQ, to an American Machine gun crew to a German Panzer crew. I never read a book where I was so transformed to the battlefield by mere descriptions. This author is so descriptive you can feel the winter cold, rain and snow. The mud and hunger of the surrounded GI's and the average German infantryman and the ongoing slaughter. You can hear the cannons from both sides, hear the difference between a German machine gun and an American .50 .30 caliber machine guns. You feel like you can hear the officers giving orders and watch as an American or German respond or don't. You can visualize the casualties and the dead bodies, you feel like you know some of these men and understand the German soldier on a more personal level. I would readily recommend this book to the WWII buff, history major, or somebody who wishes to learn what war was like in 1944 Europe and how unbelievably well trained and disciplined were the American men of the 101st and adjacent units, such as anti-tank crews, artillery crews and machine gun and bazooka crews. I was amazed by these American units in relation to their bravery, discipline under fire, maneuver to trap many enemy units and destroy them while refusing to surrender knowing they were surrounded. "NUTS" was the answer from General MacAuliff when he was offered terms. The average American soldier had no intention of surrender and fought in snowy, freezing conditions. Germans who had fought on the Eastern front were surprised by the Americans ferocity in combat with help from the USAAF, dropping needed supplies to bombing and strafing when weather permitted. I highly recommend this book for a really great read. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. **The Best of all the books I have read** By C. B. Griggs I am an 89 year old Veteran of the South Pacific, New Guinea and the South Pacific, as well as the Army of Occupation of Japan. I have about 150 books, plus 45 plus on my Kendall Reader. This book is 5 star for accuracy, diligence, and orderly account. It is composed of sections giving place and time of a particular event, or events. Remember, readers, all this is happening outdoors and in the cold. Communication was not what it is today. Imagine if our boys had had smart phones. One must remember Unit numbers, and the outfits. Remember the commanders and units. It is not only an After Action report, but gets down to individual behavior, privates to Generals. Read slowly. Use maps, etc Cannot use an adjective that describes full credit. Will make a personal observation of the well used term, The Greatest Generation. Thanks for allowing me to be considered worthy of that honor. However, my personal evaluation of that term describes the ones who raised, or reared, "The Greatest generation". Can you imagine carrying your son, born in 1916, came of employable and marriagable age in 1934, and had not been regularly employed to the bus station to leave for camp in 1941? Those were the parents who stuck together to rear them, and sent them off to War. Thanks a lot. A Veteran of the Sixth Infantry Division, South Pacific

On Christmas morning, 1944, there was little reason to celebrate.... As the Battle of the Bulge raged, a small force of American soldiers—including the famed 101st Airborne division, tank destroyer crews, engineers, and artillerymen—was completely surrounded by Hitler's armies in the Belgian town of Bastogne. Taking the town was imperative to Hitler's desperate plan to drive back the Allies and turn the tide of the war. The attack would come just before dawn. As the outnumbered, undersupplied Americans gathered in church for services or shivered in their snow-covered foxholes on the fringes of the front lines, freshly reinforced German forces of men and tanks attacked. The battle was up close and personal, with the cold, exhausted soldiers of both armies fighting for every square foot of frozen earth. In the end, the Allied forces would hold the town of Bastogne, with the hard-won victory boosting morale and sounding the death-knell for Hitler's Third Reich. After this battle, the Nazis would never go on the offensive again. Featuring interviews with the soldiers who were there, as well as never-before-seen or translated documents, *No Silent Night* is a compelling chronicle of one day that changed the course of the war—and the world. **INCLUDES NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN PHOTOS AND MAPS**

"Leo Barron and Don Cygan have shed new light on the crucial siege of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. *No Silent Night* is the product of in depth research and a strong commitment to historical accuracy. Whether you are new to the topic or a confirmed expert, you will learn much from this book."—John C. McManus, author of *Alamo in the Ardennes: The Untold Story of the American Soldiers who made the Defense of Bastogne Possible* and *September Hope: The American Side of a Bridge Too Far* "Bastogne has always figured large in any account of the Battle of the Bulge. In *No Silent Night*, Leo Barron and Don Cygan provide new insight into the climactic battle that raged for that small Ardennes market town on Christmas Day, 1944. New sources, interviews and thorough documentation grace this book, which will be a boon for those seeking to understand how Americans prevailed in one of their most famous

World War II victories."—Danny S. Parker, author of *Fatal Crossroads About the Author* Leo Barron works for General Dynamics as an instructor of military intelligence officers for the U.S. Army. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in history and has served with the 101st Airborne. Barron has seen two tours of active duty in Iraq as an infantry and intelligence officer. His articles about Bastogne and other WWII-related military topics have appeared in *Infantry Magazine*, *Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin*, *WWII History Magazine*, and *WWII Magazine*. He has used some of his research on Bastogne and the Christmas battle to teach his students about intelligence preparation of the battlefield. Don Cygan has studied military history for decades. Cygan has also worked as a reporter for the *Douglas County Daily News–Press*. In addition, he has worked as a freelance writer for several years in Colorado, with articles published in *The Parker Chronicle*, the *Denver Business Journal*, and other publications. During Operation Desert Storm, Cygan performed public relations for the U.S. Army. His degrees are in journalism and communication.