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situation and make better decisions. Gavin was critical of the rapid relief for cause of generals during the war, particularly during the Battle of the Bulge and called for the Army to re-think their policy. It's a highly readable and interesting book.

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