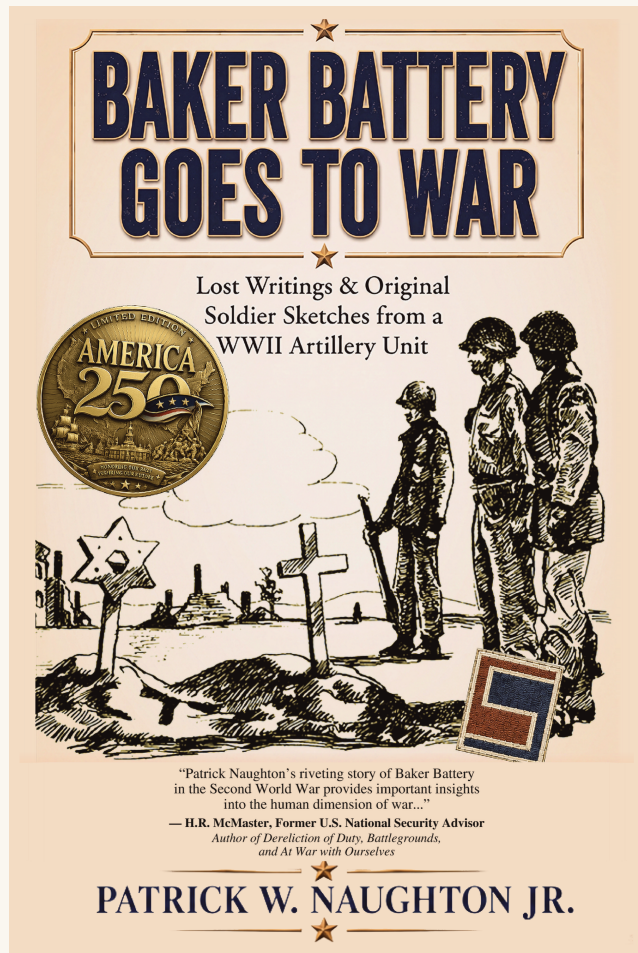


Baker Battery Goes to War

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A forgotten binder.
A battery of voices.
A history preserved.

Lost Writings & Original Soldier Sketches from a WWII Artillery Unit

By Patrick W. Naughton, Jr.

The men of Baker Battery, 881st Field Artillery Battalion, 69th Infantry Division, tell their own story through wartime writings, original artwork, humor, and recollections.

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The human dimension of war

Recovered at an estate sale, a worn black binder became the foundation for a book that restores the voices of soldiers too easily lost behind the names of campaigns and commanders. Naughton places their words and sketches in historical context while keeping the men themselves at the center of the story.

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The story behind the book

DISCOVERY / PRESERVATION / REMEMBRANCE

An estate-sale discovery with lasting significance

At an estate sale outside Washington, D.C., Patrick W. Naughton, Jr. discovered a black binder containing a history prepared by soldiers of Baker Battery after World War II. Its pages held firsthand accounts, sketches, poems, rosters, and observations that brought the battery's experience into view.

Naughton researched the men, military records, and campaigns, adding context and annotations so contemporary readers could understand the material without losing the character of its original voices.

What readers will find

A chronological wartime narrative: the battery's formation and preparation, combat across Europe, and the end of the war in Germany.

The whole battery: perspectives from gun crews, wiremen, medics, mechanics, clerks, radio operators, and cooks.

More than battle reports: humor, frustration, camaraderie, individual recollections, and original soldier sketches.

A record for future generations: rosters, replacements, promotions, awards, and historical notes.

Why it matters now

Scheduled for Veterans Day during America's 250th anniversary year, the book connects remembrance with the practical work of preserving history. It offers military-history readers, veterans' families, educators, and archivists a way to encounter World War II through the people who lived it.

Praise & publication details

ENDORSEMENT / BOOK FACTS / ORDERING

H.R. McMaster

“Patrick Naughton’s riveting story of Baker Battery in the Second World War provides important insights into the human dimension of war as the United States entered the century during which it developed preponderant economic and military power. Americans should know about and celebrate the young men who did their duty, took risks, and made sacrifices ‘over there.’”

H.R. McMaster · Former U.S. National Security Advisor
Author of Dereliction of Duty, Battlegrounds, and At War with Ourselves

Book at a glance

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About Patrick W. Naughton, Jr.

Patrick W. Naughton, Jr. is a military historian, researcher, and veteran dedicated to preserving overlooked chapters of American history. In *Baker Battery Goes to War*, he brings archival research and historical context to the writings and sketches of a World War II artillery unit. He completed much of the research and editorial work while undergoing treatment for service-connected Stage III colorectal cancer, giving the project a deeply personal connection to endurance, service, and remembrance.

Suggested interview questions

1. What made you open that black binder, and when did you realize what you had found?
2. Which soldier's words or sketch first made these men feel real to you?
3. What do cooks, wiremen, mechanics, and clerks reveal about war that combat accounts can miss?
4. How did you preserve the soldiers' voices while making the material accessible today?
5. How did your own military service and cancer treatment shape your relationship with this project?
6. What should a family do when it discovers a veteran's letters, drawings, or service records?

About Media Well Done, LLC

Founded by author, publisher, and award-winning podcast host Melvin E. Edwards, Media Well Done, LLC is a Texas independent publisher committed to illuminating stories that official histories leave in the shadows. Its books and *Stories from Real Life* podcast connect personal experiences with larger historical and human themes.

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