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# PATTON BATTALION - USABOT

## ILLINOIS - INDIANA - KENTUCKY - TENNESSEE

Happy 2022! I started 2022 by having a big stacks of books to dive into. As 2021 was wrapping up I came across many university press stores having discounts. I was able to snag a bunch of books I had had my eye on for years. Plus I found some new books. So this issue will have some reviews. My book stack has some US Armor, British Armor, Guerilla Warfare in the Philippines, British Special Boat Squadron, Airborne Field Artillery and modern/future warfare.

First in the newsletter we a story from Roland Gaul. This story was found on the Circle of Studies on the Battle of the Bulge - CEBA Facebook page. The “Old Warrior” is of interest here as its part of the TF Rose/Harper/Booth story of CCR 9th Armored Division and the 110th Infantry Regiment of the 28th Infantry Division at Clervaux. I hope you enjoy the story. We will be keeping tabs on this restoration while at the Bastogne Barracks.

So on page 3 starts the book reviews. You will see that I started with a very large stack of books. As of the time of the newsletter I have made it through four books out of this stack. I started with the two books on Patton and the US Tank Corps as those are near and dear to us. I don't want to spoil the reviews so you have to see those for yourself.

I did round out with the two Patton books from WWII. Again I don't want to spoil anything. I also wanted to take a moment to throw in support for two books that I have read and I may not have expressed their value in the newsletter. If you're a fan of the 4th Armored Division you will want to check this out.

Not all of these books will be reviewed in the newsletter but I will see how it goes. I feel like I may have to talk about some of them as I go. Most of these books have a discount through the publisher that runs until January 31st so go out and get some books!!

We do have new products hitting the door at any day. Once they arrive I will be sharing them. We may be looking at a new way to raise money for the project as we move into 2022.

I hope 2022 is starting off with a bang for everyone.

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## “Old Warrior” up to cosmetic “lifting” in Bastogne

Roland Gaul

"Old Warrior" up to cosmetic "lifting" in Bastogne

For decades, the M4A3 VVSS 76mm Sherman tank had been an eye catcher on the compound of the medieval castle of Clervaux in the middle of the Luxembourg Ardennes. It stood there as a silent witness of the fighting that took place on the heights above Clervaux and in town, when at the beginning of the "Bulge" the 2nd German Panzer Division tried to force a way in the "Bastogne" corridor towards the west, the first days of the "Bulge".

Clervaux, defended then by units of the 110th Inf. Rgt/28th Inf Div with some limited armored support from the division's own 707th Tank Bn, but also from the 9th US Armored Division's 2nd Tank Bn, was soon surrounded. The town, including the 14th century castle (which provided excellent cover with its thick walls) became a bastion of stubborn American resistance, later known of as the "Alamo in the Ardennes". Strictly obeying the order from the division and the VIIIth Corps "HOLD AT ALL COST" the outnumbered and outgunned GIs including their regimental CO, Col. Hurley Fuller did their best.

The Sherman Tank which is the focus of today's posting (together with others) came from further north to support the struggle. It belonged to "B" company, 2nd Tank battalion, 9th US Armored Division. Hiding in a narrow cobblestone access road to the Clervaux castle, it kept a low silhouette and was able to spot and fire at the advancing German armored column driving downhill on the road from Marnach leading into town. It immediately pulled back a few meters after each fired round, waited, then drove forward again and fired again. Finally it was discovered and a German 75 mm round ricocheted on its turret. The crew immediately bailed out and sought cover. Two more rounds followed with the third (perhaps even a fourth ) round penetrating between turret and hull of the "empty tank" exploding inside and ripping of the main gun and its socket.

On Dec 18, 1944, the "Hold at all cost" was changed to "breakout" and a number of men made it towards Bastogne, where they were among the first to help organize the defense of the town. Many who were not killed, became POWs, including the regimental commander, Col. Fuller. But the fight around and in Clervaux had disrupted the German time table - the 110th regiment and adjacent units partially sacrificed themselves to buy time! The town, including the castle lay in ruins!

After the war it was decided not to scrap the Sherman tank and the Luxembourg army hauled it to its final place at the entrance of the castle. In 2019 (75th anniversary of the "Bulge", it was "loaned" for a temporary exhibit to the sister city of Clervaux -- Margraten in the Netherlands, and finally to the City of Pétange, Luxembourg for a further exhibit.

Meanwhile arrangements had been made by the city of Clervaux, CEBA (Circle of Studies of the BoB) and others with the Brussel's War History Institute which agreed to have the vehicle restored at the Vehicle Conservation Center of Bastogne Barracks. Today, it was brought by flatbed trailer from Pétange to Bastogne and left in good care of the Bastogne Barracks restoration team headed by Adj-Ch. Francis Pieters and Adj. Etienne Ducarme and their CO. Major Pascal Catherine. The Bastogne experts will - in the coming months - restore the Sherman to its former "glory" - just cosmetically - non functional. Thereafter it will regain its initial and historically-correct place in Clervaux (in time for the 80th anniversary in 2024) where it will continue to tell the story. Thank YOU Bastogne Barracks! Thank YOU WHI Brussels for your outstanding support in helping preserve a valuable piece of history!

Picture credit MK-HOOLUX (Roby Fehlen)





## Blood Guts and Grease

I have taken some time in acquiring my winter reading collection as I waited on purchasing some books because I just didn't have the time to read. So I now have a stack of books to keep me busy.

These are not in any order but as I read them I will review each one here in the newsletter.

They are

*Pershing's Tankers, Personal Accounts of the AEF Tank Corps in World War I.* By Kaplan

*Blood Guts and Grease.* By Mikolashek

*Sabers Through the Reich.* By Nance

*Patton's War, Vol I.* By Hymel

*Advance and Destroy, Patton as Commander in the Bulge.* By Rickard

*Warriors for the Working Day.* By Elstob

*The Tankies.* By Ezquerria

*On Operations.* By Friedman

*War and Resistance in the Philippines, 1942-44.* By Morningstar

*SBS.* By David

*Fire Mission! Battery Adjust!* By Williams

*Blood Guts and Grease George S. Patton in World War I* by Jon B. Mikolashek

So before I read this book I found a lecture by the author about the book. There some things in the lecture that I hoped would be in the book and the author did cover those items.

The forward in the book is written by the author's uncle, LTG Paul T. Mikolashek, Commanding General Third US Army 2000-2002. The general has a grasp on the importance of how WWI effected Patton and made him the officer we read about in WWII. This book speaks to why we are working to create a Patton and the US Tank Corps Monument.

In a lecture that I found the author passed over the information that Gen Patton went to the Cambrai battlefield and looked over it and interviewed British tank officers, including JFC Fuller. I was glad to see this was covered in much better detail in the book.

In the book it is mentioned many times that the tanks early in the war were not holding up mechanically. Way too many mechanical failures in their use on the battlefield. So they were not reliable. This is one of the things that Patton tried to fix in the development of the US Tank School.

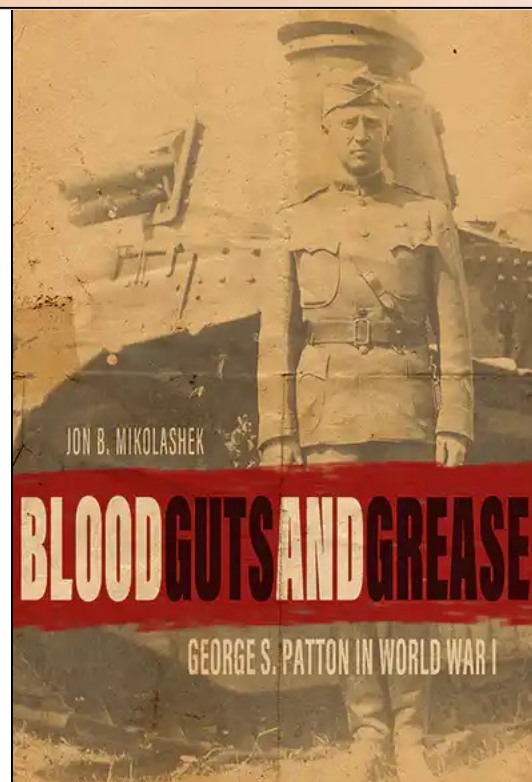
Gen Patton always had a quest for knowledge. How do things work? He was greatly interested in combustion engines. This began with the automobiles used in the Mexican Expedition. This thirst for knowledge is built into the Armor branch now. Think about how you as a tanker always wanted to know doctrine, manuals, how the tank works, and tricks to keeping it on the go. This is the basis of the Master Gunner program! Well that all stems from Captain Patton in WWI and the US Tank Corps School in Bourg, France. It was there that he built that mindset into the tankers he was creating.

The author used a lot of research from the Gen. Rockenbach papers at VMI. He was also allowed access to the Patton family letters and collection. One thing I did find interesting is we learn more about Gen. Rockenbach in this book than in previous books on the Tank Corps. One of the other stars of the Tank Corps mentioned is Major Sereno Brett. Although checking the sources the author did not review the Brett Papers. Which those papers could prove to be very insightful.

As with many books you need a few to fill all the gaps. This is one of those books.

If you wish to learn more about Patton in WWI I suggest *The Patton Papers, Vol I*, by Martin Blumenson, *Patton: A Genius for War* by Carlo D'Este, *General Patton: A Soldier's Life* by Stanley P. Hirshson and I highly recommend *Blood Guts and Grease*.

*Blood, Guts, and Grease - The University Press of Kentucky* (kentuckypress.com) 184 Pages, 6.00 x 9.00 in, 43 b&w halftones, 2 maps, HARDCOVER, 9780813177908, PUBLISHED: SEPTEMBER 2019



## Pershing's Tankers

*Pershing's Tankers* by Lawrence M. Kaplan

312 Pages, 6.00 x 9.00 in, 17 b&w halftones, 5 maps, 3 tables  
HARDCOVER, 9780813176048, PUBLISHED: OCTOBER 2018

Pershing's Tankers - The University Press of Kentucky (kentuckypress.com)

*Blood Guts and Grease* and *Pershing's Tankers* are both small hardbound books and I really like that they are. They make perfect companions to the Patton Papers Vol I. on the bookshelf. I cannot explain how important both of these books are to those of us who have served in Armor and for those who support Armor. *Pershing's Tankers* gives you all the details of the US Tank Corps that you have never seen before.

My take away from this book is the impact the CPT George Patton had on the US Tank Corps. His effort to create an elite fighting force. This resounds in this book more than *Blood Guts and Grease*. There is more mention of Patton vs Rockenbach in these reports but we must thank Gen Rockenbach for making the effort to get these stories from the officers that served in WWI.

The first value of this book is on page 52-63 which is a report from 1LT Elgin Braine, the number 2 tanker in the US Tank Corps! This report is as valuable to the Tank Corps as anything that Patton or anyone else wrote. To fully understand wartime production and how the United States needed to improve in the production is extremely overlooked. This report paints a picture of what did not happen in WWII thank goodness.

In a report from LT Leslie Buckler, A Co 344th Tank Battalion, an exert: "No men who were with the tank units can ever forget the faithfulness with which all ranks performed their duties. No danger and no amount of fatigue made any man hesitate for an instant in the performance of orders and instructions. There were not, however, any acts under my personal observation which transcended conduct in the line of duty as laid down for the Tank Corps. I have seen men who I shall never cease to admire ignore difficulty and danger so completely as to be apparently unconscious of it. For the officers and men that I operated with their conception of duty was to do their utmost."

CPT Newell Weed, Company B, 344th Tank Battalion, en exert: "For some weeks life was "one nomenclature after another" and finally the great day came - a rush to the front for reconnaissance of the place we were to attack, back again to tell the company, another rush to the front for another reconnaissance, and back again. Finally, the whole company moved to the front and were detained, God knows where, the poor company commander never did find out; for he went to the place the French said they would detain, and of course, oh, well what's the use."

"T'was the night before D-day  
And all through the mud  
Not an engine was missing  
Not one was a dud"

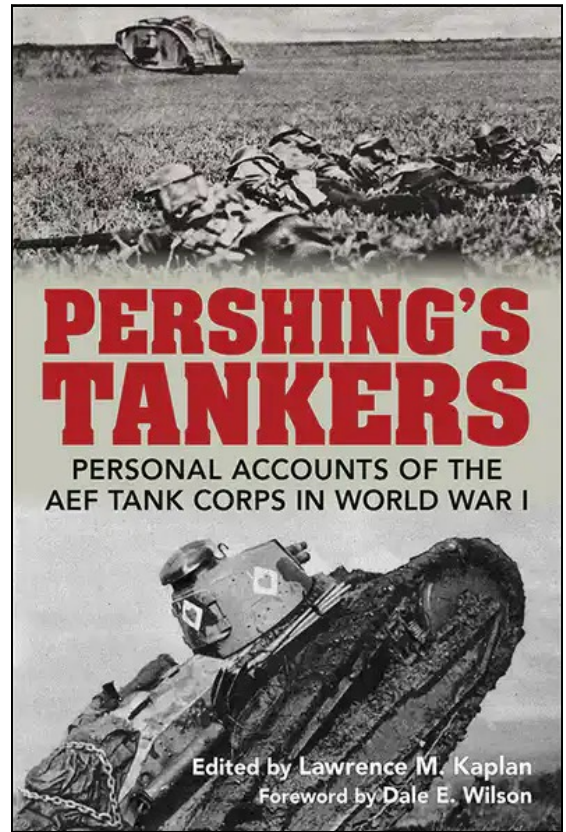
LT David Bowes, Company B, 344th Tank Battalion: "And the men in these last days - it is the men that I have the most remembrances, their devotion, their keenness and perception, it is to them that the success in the days to come were to be fully due - they fell to their tanks with a will. It was the first time that they had something that each could feel was his own, and that rivalry that each might be better than his fellows.

I won't forget the first train after weeks of expectant waiting for its final appearance. Even the rain could not dampen the ardor of these men, men chosen from all the forces in France to lead into battle the first tanks of the American breed. Mud, mud, and mud, loading the tanks on the train, and then two days later, still mud into which they lumbered from the train. A march a night, and a foggy, drippy day, which perhaps saved us from the Boche observation, and we settled down to live under a little piece of camouflage in a crease in the mud between the tread of the tanks, with modern conveniences, running water and Boche gas.

"D" night it rained the blackest, wettest, muddiest night I have ever seen. I fell down once and cursed - at that I didn't much care, it was all the same, wallowing, slipping and squirming up to our position of waiting. We were in position by midnight, when as though the very elements were synchronized, the heavens miraculously cleared, the stars came out clear and bright to see the show, the air became perfectly still as before a storm. It broke. Far to the west a gun spoke. Behind one answered. Then the signal, like hounds unleashed, the southern skies leaped forth over the crest into the Hun wire."

I learned things in this book I had never heard before. "You hear a lot about the way a tank can crawl over trenches. But that's the big heavy tank. The little fellow can't run over a trench the way it can down and up a shell crater. The Renault is tail heavy, you see.

It gets its nose across a trench alright, but if that trench is a little too wide the heavy tail drops back into it. Then you have to get out and dig out or get another tank to come pull you out. That's why two tanks together are worth four separately."





## Pershing's Tankers - Cont.

"The light tank corps of the United States Army was organized in France in February, 1918, a call being issued by General Headquarters for volunteers. Each man had to have some special qualification. He had to be an auto mechanic, a machinist, and expert gunner, or a first class signalman. In addition, he had to be physically fit. For the Tank Corps man in battle gets about every kind of hard knock that can be imagined and he's got to be in trim to stand the gaffe. The tank treats the enemy rough, but also treats its friends none too gently when it is in action."

How good were the gunners in the Tank Corps? "I realize I am a prisoner, gentlemen, he said, and as such entitled to no privileges. But, as one soldier to another, I want to ask you a favor. Show me one of these 75mm machine guns that your heavy tanks use.

We had been firing our guns so fast that he thought we carried machine guns with a 3-inch caliber! Needless to say, there has never been such a thing, and probably never will be."

For the logistics side I was blown away at how many times it was mentioned that they were talking about gas, water and oil. The stories of men chaining up tanks while artillery and machine guns are racking the tanks and blowing mud over them. The movements without radios and mud. So much mud.

These two books add to the mystique of the Armor branch. To why the Tank Corps and the Armor branch are so different and why we tend to have some different qualities. The tanker is an odd lot of people. We have a different look at Army life and combat action. The rain and mud, is our companion, no matter how bad we choose to say otherwise. Hard work, dedication to our fellow tankers, maintenance, long hours, logistics, these are all requirements to be a good tanker. Captain Patton in 1917 set about to create an elite fighting force that had a unique way about them in order to set themselves apart from everyone else. He did that and that elite force grew during WWII and continues today in the US Army Armor branch. And we owe it to those men over 100 years ago to know and understand why we do what we do and why being a Tanker is so special.

Both of these books are available through the University of Kentucky Press and they have a sale going on through January 31st.

Use code FROSTY for 20% off PLUS free shipping via USPS Media Mail on our books, with 50-75% off select titles, until January 31, 2022!

Use offer code FROSTY at checkout. Sale prices will appear at final screen. Ebooks not included in sale.



As you can tell, things haven't changed in 100 years. This tanker snowman photo appeared on Facebook just before Christmas. In typical fashion the Tanker is doing many

## Advance and Destroy - Patton as Commander in the Bulge

*Advance and Destroy; Patton as Commander in the Bulge*

by John Nelson Rickard

Foreword by Roger Cirillo

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Imprint: The University Press of Kentucky

528 Pages, 6.00 x 9.00 in, 18 b&w halftones, 22 maps, 3 figures, 36 tables

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*Advance and Destroy* - The University Press of Kentucky ([kentuckypress.com](http://kentuckypress.com))

John Nelson Rickard is a captain in the Canadian Armed Forces and currently works at the Canadian Army Command and Staff College in Kingston, Ontario. He is the author of *Patton at Bay: The Lorraine Campaign, 1944*.

The beginning of this book is like a discussion with Gen Irzyk. Why is it important to study Gen Patton? What value do you gain from studying him? This book may focus on many things that I point out as significant Patton.

Probably the best description of first day battles and positions for December 16, 1944. Something missing in other books is a day to day positions up until Dec 19, 1944. The first 4 days of step by step positions with maps would have helped.

Had I not been mentored by Gen Irzyk I may have been like the author but the following comments are based off being schooled by Gen Irzyk. He taught me things that I did not know about the value of the study of Gen Patton. He pointed things out that were of great value.

All was going well and then the author skipped the common know briefing on December 12, 1944 by Patton from his staff. It's when His G2 says that he thinks the Germans are massing forces in front of 1st Army. This is also the day that Patton visits the 4th AD, 26th ID and others in the rest area behind the front. And in my opinion this is where Patton is able to say he can turn 3 divisions because he had been there and seen them with his own eyes.

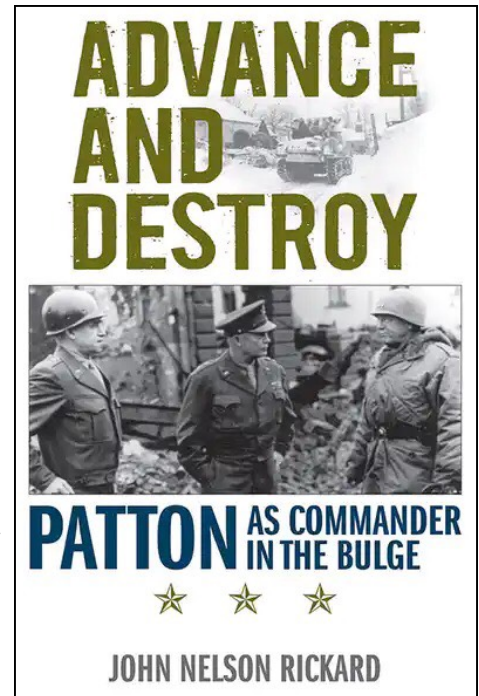
So because he skips the December 12 events the author cannot believe that Patton can turn his Third Army with such short notice and that Patton's staff is taxed on movements. No the staff had been planning that move since December 12. It is also important to know that on December 19 very few people had ever heard of Bastogne. There are some suggestions in the book by some of those leaders who were there that "armchaired" the war after and these assumptions have been added to the book. That falls under the "what if."

It is important to remember what Gen Irzyk said "the situation at that time was vague, very, very vague. I had never heard of any of the towns we were talking about. We had very little information as to where the Germans were in relation to us. Gen Irzyk really made it a point to ensure that events on December 19 were understood to me.

This book takes an interesting look at Patton and his command post breakthrough. Now this is a very interesting part of the book.

The author should have started with the breakthrough. The description of events after and till the end of the Bulge are very eye opening. This part of the book seems rushed though. I feel that this would have made a better book had this been the focus. More detail as to the battles and better descriptions of events.

I always feel that books can fill the voids. There are details about the German units that may be new or in better detail.





## Patton's War Volume I by Kevin Hymel

*Patton's War*

*An American General's Combat Leadership, Volume I: November 1942–July 1944*

Kevin M. Hymel

454 pages

Published: December 2021

40 b&w photos, 8 maps

ISBN: 9780826222459

During his life, George S. Patton Jr. starred as an Olympic athlete in the 1912 Stockholm games, chased down Mexican bandits, and led tanks into battle in World War I. But he is best remembered for his exploits on the field of battle in World War II. *Patton's War*, the first of three volumes, follows the general from the beaches of Morocco to the fields of France, right before the birth of Third Army on the continent. In highly engaging fashion, Hymel uncovers new facts and challenges long-held beliefs about the mercurial Patton, not only examining his relationships with his superiors and fellow generals and colonels, but also with the soldiers of all ranks whom he led. Through extensive research of soldiers' memoirs and interviews, Hymel adds a new dimension to the telling of Patton's WWII story.

Kevin M. Hymel has served as a historian and writer for the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force for the last fifteen years and is a historian/tour guide for Stephen Ambrose Historical Tours, where he leads the "In Patton's Footsteps" tour. He is also a regular contributor to *WWII History* and *WWII Quarterly*, and the author of three books, including *Patton's Photographs: War as He Saw It*. He lives in Arlington, Virginia.

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Volume II will cover August 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944 (the activation of 3rd Army on the continent to five days after the relief of Bastogne). Volume III will cover January 1, 1945 to at least May 8, 1945 (Houffalize, erasing the Bulge, crossing the Rhine, racing across Germany, liberating concentration camps, and reaching Czechoslovakia).

As I am wrapping up four books in a row about Gen Patton this book has been the best one yet. If you think you know Patton get this book and read it. You will learn more than you ever have.

The Gen Patton that you know in WWII was built over time. It's beginnings born during the Mexican Punitive Expedition. That leads to the next major change during World War I. The legend of WWII honed his skills in WWI with the US Tank Corps. Many only know of the WWII Patton. All the previous combat action impacted him and his abilities. Always the student himself, he was always looking to learn and make better. Then along comes World War II.

Now I am going to tell you that this book has ruined the movie Patton for me. Not completely but it has taught me something that Gen Irzyk tried to teach me. During my early conversations with Gen Irzyk I asked him what he thought about the movie Patton. He replied that it was a good movie and that George C Scott although not Patton did a good job portraying him. I was shocked at the response. So I dropped it. After finishing this book I now understand.

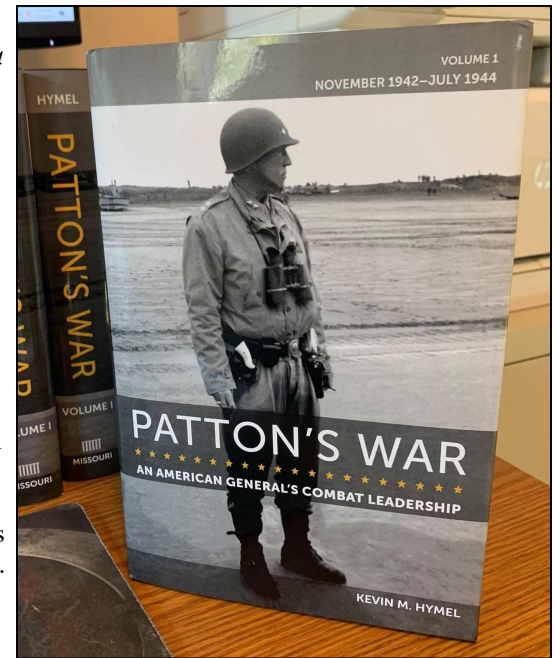
Let me explain. Gen Irzyk got to see Patton in England, around the battlefield, he even met Gen Patton in December 12 in Domnom-les-Dieuze, France when he visited the 8th Tank Battalion during their rest period. Gen Irzyk as a LTC took his battalion officers and spent a day briefing Gen Patton post war on how they fought the war. He knew Patton. So the movie did not meet the reality.

While reading the book you learn that like all movies events in the scenes may have happened over several days not in the same moment in time as in the movie. But I understand what Gen Irzyk meant about his portrayal of Patton. I can visualize Patton in moments based of the acting of George C Scott. For this I still like the movie. But now I see it differently. There is also much more to Patton and his emotions than you see in the movie.

There is so much in this book that I didn't know. There are more details about events that were only slightly covered in other books on Patton. Something I enjoyed about the book was information from those who saw Patton or experienced some of his tongue lashings. The level of depth explains why there will be three volumes.

This book puts you on the ship, in the landing craft, on the beach, in his headquarters, in his command car, on the battlefield and in the meetings both successful and under the gun. You are there with Patton in the early stages of WWII.

I cannot wait for the next two volumes!



## Patton's Vanguard & Final Battles of Patton's Vanguard

### *Patton's Vanguard*

Don M. Fox

Foreword by Martin Blumenson

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Pages: 496

Bibliographic Info: 72 photos, maps, appendices, bibliography, index

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pISBN: 978-0-7864-3094-9

eISBN: 978-0-7864-5516-4

Imprint: McFarland

Stirring accounts of the almost legendary campaigns of the United States Fourth Armored Division, universally recognized as "Patton's Best," from its pre-World War II origins up through its famous relief of the 101st Airborne Division during the Battle of the Bulge are presented in this book. The break out of Normandy at Avranches, the isolation of the Brittany peninsula, the armored thrust across France, the tank battles at Arracourt that cemented the reputation of the Fourth Armored, the brutal struggle in Lorraine, and, ultimately, the legendary drive to Bastogne are among the topics. The accounts were assembled through the use of original unit combat diaries and after-action reports, memoirs of key historical figures and abundant supplementary documents and correspondences. But, the essence of the book is the first-hand recollections from members of the division gathered by the author.

### *Final Battles of Patton's Vanguard*

Don M. Fox

Format: softcover (7 x 10)

Pages: 319

Bibliographic Info: 103 photos, maps, bibliography, indexes

Copyright Date: 2020

pISBN: 978-1-4766-8009-5

eISBN: 978-1-4766-3899-7

Imprint: McFarland

By January 1945, Nazi Germany's defeat seemed inevitable yet much fighting remained. The shortest way home for American troops was towards Berlin. General George S. Patton's Third Army would carve its way into the German heartland, the Fourth Armored Division once again serving as his vanguard. This companion volume to the author's *Patton's Vanguard: The United States Army Fourth Armored Division* covers the final months of combat: the drive to Bitburg; the daring exploitation of the bridgeheads on the Moselle, Rhine and Main Rivers; Patton's ill-fated raid to rescue his son-in-law from a prisoner of war camp deep behind enemy lines; the first liberation of a concentration camp on the Western Front; the drive toward Chemnitz; the controversial push into Czechoslovakia; and the little-known encounter with General Andrey Vlasov's turncoat Russian Liberation Army.

#### About the Author

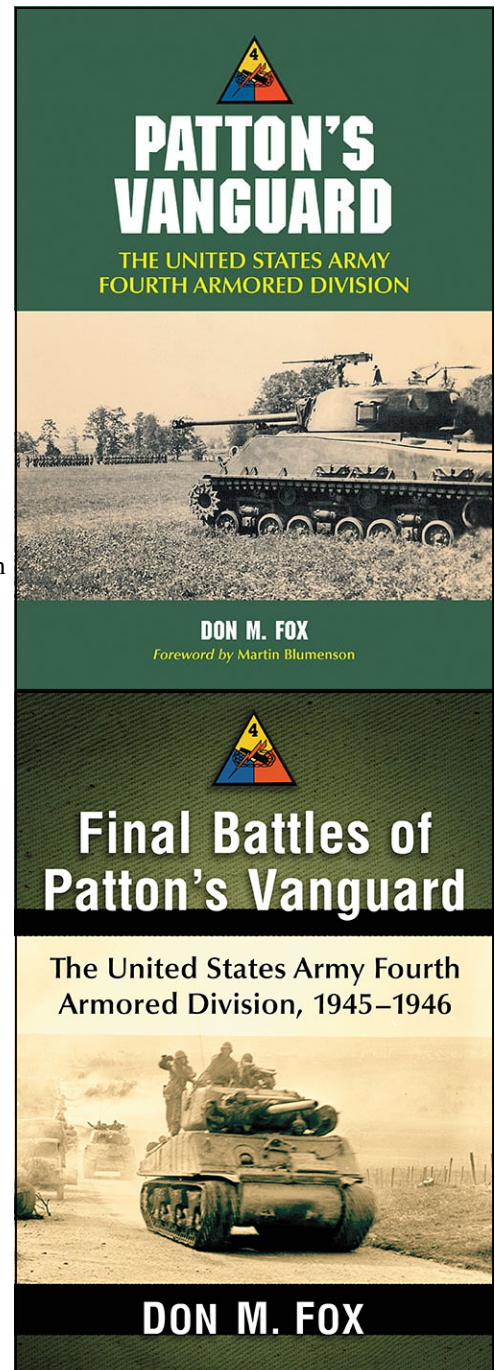
Don M. Fox serves on the board of directors of the Army Historical Foundation and resides in Jacksonville, Florida.

Shortly after corresponding with Gen Irzyk he began to tell me about a gentleman doing research on the 4th Armored Division for a new book. He told me about Don and the research he was doing. Gen Irzyk along with many of the veterans of the 4th and their families really welcomed Don and his books. If you want to learn about the 4th Armored Division these two books are must haves. There are also many never before seen photos in both of these books.

I know that in the second book, *Final Battles of Patton's Vanguard*, Don worked with one of our members, Don Moriarty, on the Task Force Baum and Hammelburg Raid. Don also shared much of the research of Cobra King, the most famous tank of WWII.

I got to meet Don in 2019 at the reception for Gen Irzyk's funeral. There were many of the 4th AD family members there and it was great to finally meet after hearing Gen Irzyk talk about him so much. I told him later that Gen Irzyk was bouncing his research off of me to see what I thought. He laughed as Gen Irzyk had done the same with me.

These two books sit on my bookshelf beside *Tiger Jack*, Gen Irzyk's books and all my other 4th Armored Division books.





### Patton Monument Report for 2021

As of January 1, 2022, the Monument fund has \$16,910.00.

Total in Monument Account: \$16,910.00.

The Bourg Tee Shirts we have on hand. **(UPDATED)**

**Large:** Yellow - 2, **2XL:** Yellow - 2, Tan - 2, OD - 3, **3XL:** Yellow - 2, Tan - 2, OD - 1, **4XL:** Yellow - 1.

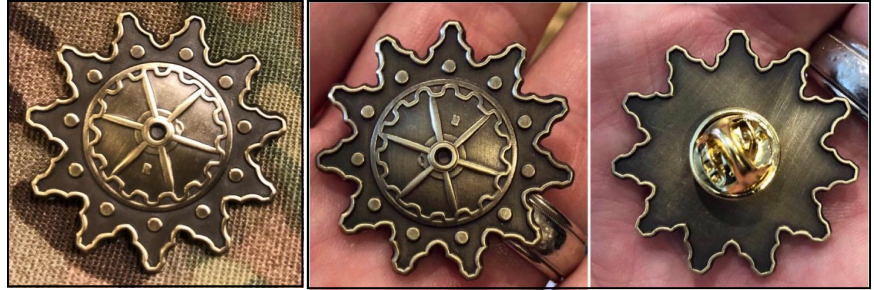
M4 Tee Shirt

**Large:** Tan - 1.

**2XL:** Tan - 1

#### Lapel Pins

We are looking at \$12 each for these.



I have over 40 of the Treat'em Rough stickers again! We are asking \$5 each, which includes shipping. If you want some please contact me!

#### Patton Battalion Funds / Memberships / Dues

The Patton Battalion, as of January 1, has 438 members on our battalion Facebook page. Out of those 451 members we are currently at 93 paid members. The Patton Battalion has \$48.40 in funds in the PayPal account. We have \$430.00 in the Patton Operating account. Battalions funds are \$430.00. There are no Monument funds in the Battalion account as of this time.

In order to be a paid member of the battalion you must be a paid member of USABOT National. Again, a paid first year membership of \$15.00 which gets you a free battalion patch. Since we now have the battalion patch in the larger size both in color and subdued you have a choice as to which one you want free with your paid membership.

Both patches are also available for \$5 EA.

Your annual membership renewal will be \$10.00 every year after that. **Annual dues for the battalion are now due in June of each year!**

You can pay for your battalion membership through Paypal at:  
**pattonbattalion@outlook.com** or  
**patton.battalion@usabot.org**.

If you don't have a Paypal account you can send a check or Money Order to:

**Patton Battalion - USABOT**  
**1432 Flood Road**  
**Shelbyville, KY 40065**



#### ATTENTION

**USABOT Memberships can be renewed and purchased By mail at**

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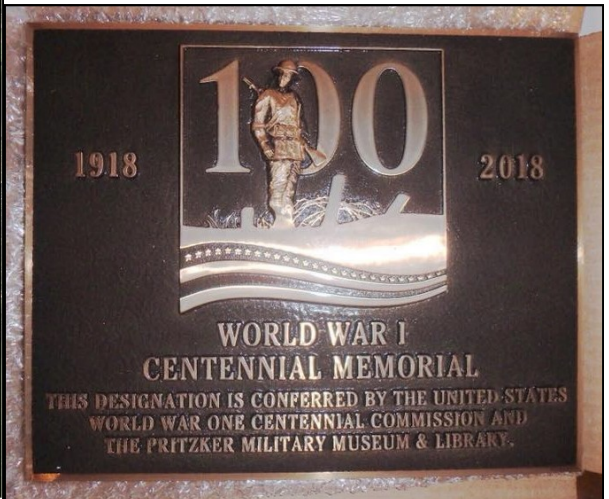
**Make checks payable to USABOT**  
**If at all possible try to go the USABOT Store Online and register there so that the G4 can track.**

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# Patton Joins the US Tank Corps Monument

The US Tank Corps shirts we still have few tees left!

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A group of US Army second lieutenants in the Armor Basic Officer Leadership Course fire the main gun from their M1A2 Abrams Tank at their assigned targets during a live-fire exercise.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Austin Berner

Coming up in the February Issue - The original Patton Museum, Colonel John Paul Evans

**Upcoming Events**

**US Cavalry & Armor Association Chapter Fort Knox** - Stable Call monthly meeting, 3rd Thursday of every month, Location TBD - Fort Knox, KY.

**Indiana Military Museum Schedule 2021**

WWI - April 2 & 3.  
WWII - May 7 & 8.  
Vietnam Appreciation Day - TBD  
WWII Salute to Veterans - September 2 & 3.

**Tenth Annual Tanker Homecoming** - Gettysburg, PA. - Mid October 2022, dates TBD

**Sullivan Cup** - Fort Benning, GA - Sullivan Cup – Best Tank Crew Competition, 2-6 May, 2022

Plans for the Gainey Cup to return around the same time in 2023.

**Patton and the US Tank Corps Monument** - Fort Knox - *TBD*

