

Battle of the Bulge

Annotated Bibliography

Books:

Ambrose, Steven E. 1997. *Citizen Soldiers: The U.S. Army from the Normandy Beaches to the Bulge to the surrender of Germany, June 7, 1944 – May 7, 1945*. New York: Simon & Schuster.
History of the U.S. army and soldiers on the Western Front during WWII.

Bles, Mark. 1989. *Child at War: The true story of a young Belgian resistance fighter*. San Francisco, California: Mercury House Inc.

This is a true story written in the form of a novel. The heroine of the story is fifteen year old Hortense Daman. She worked as a Belgian resistance fighter smuggling explosives and information to the Allies. She helped return Allied airmen to safety, but eventually her luck ran out. Daman was sent to a German concentration camp, and despite the terrifying conditions and medical experiments she managed to survive. In addition to the exciting story, each chapter has photographs from the time period to enhance the experience.

Brokow, Tom. 1998. *The Greatest Generation*. New York: Random House Publishing.

Newscaster Tom Brokow tells of stories of American men and women who came of age during the Great Depression and World War II. He speaks about the common values that hold this generation together.

Cantigny First Division Foundation. Cantigny Military History Series. 1996. *Blue Spaders: The 26th Infantry Regiment, 1917-1967*. Wheaton, Illinois: Cantigny First Division Foundation.

This book gives the history of the 26th Infantry, 1st Division starting in WWI and through the Vietnam War. It contains a very detailed chapter on the events at Dom Butgenbach, including many detailed maps and photographs.

Cowley, Robert. 2001. *No End Save Victory*. New York, New York: Berkley Books.

The forty-six essays in this collection address very specific events and topics connected to World War Two. The essays challenge the reader to think of a topic in a new way, or tell little known stories. Relating to the Battle of the Bulge, there is an essay by Caleb Carr about the infamous German Commander Rundstat. There is a map on page 487 outlining single-thrust and broad-front strategy.

Eisner, Peter. 2004. *The Freedom Line: the brave men and women who rescued Allied airmen from the Nazis in World War II*. New York: William Morrow.

This book is not specific to the Belgium citizens discussed in the Battle of the Bulge packet. There are a variety of countries covered, including Spain, France, and Belgium.

Esposito, Vincent J. 1959. *The West Point Atlas of American Wars*. Volume II. New York: Frederick A. Praeger Publishers.

If the maps off the internet turn out pixilated when you try to print them, then you can also find the maps in this book.

Kershaw, Alex. 2004. *The Longest Winter: the Battle of the Bulge and the epic story of WWII's most decorated platoon*. Cambridge, MA: Da Capo Press.

This is the story of an American platoon of eighteen men who heroically repelled three German attacks on the first day of the German Counter-Offensive. Eventually these men were taken as POW's, and the story develops into a description of how they survived in such horrible conditions.

Lang, George. 1995. *Medal of Honor recipients, 1863-1994 / compiled by George Lang, Raymond L. Collins, and Gerald F white*. New York: Facts on File, Inc. Pg. 594.

A list of Medal of Honor recipients can also be found online. See the website section of this bibliography.

Messenger, Charles. 2001. *The Second World War in the West*. London: Cassell & Co.

This 239 page book has excellent full color maps of the Western Front throughout the war. There is a detailed chronology of events in the beginning of the book, which is color-coded to distinguish between events occurring on different parts of the globe. The end of the book has a section detailing the military careers of selected Allied and German Commanders. The author lays out the events on the Western Front both clearly and concisely making this an excellent resource for students and teachers.

Overy, Richard. 1996. *Why The Allies Won*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc.

This book will make excellent background reading for educators to get specific details and statistics about WWII. The text is geared towards an older audience. Older high school students could make use of some of the chapters for specific projects.

Pallud, Jean Paul. 1984. *Battle of the Bulge Then and Now*. London, England: Battle of Britain Prints International Limited.

This book is unusual because it tells the story of the planning and execution of the Battle of the Bulge from a more German perspective. There are many pictures on each page, and most of them are of the German military.

Ridder Files, Yvonne. 1991. *The Quest for Freedom: Belgian Resistance in World War II*. Santa Barbara: Fithian Press.

This is a 171 page autobiography of a Belgian woman who was involved in espionage and sabotage of the Germans that had taken over her country. Yvonne also played a role in rescuing downed American pilots. The book reads like a suspense thriller, and would be an excellent option for a book report or enhancement for advanced students.

Rivette, Donald E. 1945. *The Hot Corner at Dom Butgenbach*.

This book offers a first hand account of a soldier taking part in the Battle at Dom Butgenbach.

Stewart, Leroy Sgt. *Hurry Up and Wait*.

This book offers a first hand account of a soldier taking part in the Battle at Dom Butgenbach and the Battle of the Bulge.

Weigley, Russell F. 1981. *Eisenhower's Lieutenants: The Campaigns of France and Germany, 1944-1945*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

An excellent resource about the final year of WWII on the eastern front. The information about black soldiers in the first section of this binder war found in this book.

Wiener, Tom. 2005. *Forever A Soldier: Unforgettable stories of wartime service*. Washington, D.C.: The Library of Congress and National Geographic.

This book is a collection of heroic stories of men and women of various ethnic groups that served in the U.S. military. It starts with stories from WWII and goes through to Vietnam.

Websites:

www.army.mil/cmh/

This is the homepage for a website that contains a wealth of information about the American Military. Clicking on the Artwork & Images section will show photos from the War with Spain to the Gulf War, and paintings showing scenes back to the American Revolution. The Medal of Honor box has the name and story of every single person to receive the Medal of Honor.

The best part of this site is that it has all of the "Green Books" transcribed and put online. These multiple volumes are the comprehensive American Military history, commonly known as the "Green Books" because the series all had green binding. At the lower right corner of the screen are squares for Volume I 1775-1917 and for Volume II 1917-2003. Clicking on either volume cover allows you to a contents list where you can

choose from a massive listing of chapters detailing events in American military history. The sections that were used in this resource packet are under WWII: The War Against Germany and Italy, in the Pursuit to the Frontier and the Ardennes Counter-Offensive.

<http://www.u-s-history.com>

This is a general site to send students to research. It covers all eras of American history, and can be a useful place to start learning about a topic.

<http://www.dean.usma.edu/departments/history/web03/atlas/atlas%20table%20of%20contents.htm>

This is an atlas of maps that range from ancient warfare to 1990's.

<http://www.historyplace.com/worldwar2/hitleryouth/index.html>

A detailed section about the history of youth groups in Germany, and the evolution of the Hitler Youth organization.

<http://www.tours-international.com/All+About+Us/News/item153/>

This is a personal account from James Forsythe about his time as a POW in WWII. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/bulge/>

This is an excellent resource for students doing research, or for teachers preparing for class. There is a general timeline for the war. The teachers guide section includes activity ideas related to geography, economics, history, and civics. The gallery section includes photographs (artillery, soldiers, frost bite, etc.) and cartoons by Bill Maudlin. The special features section has "Dispatches", which are stories from soldiers. These stories include a few from women nurses. Special features also includes "Vets Remember" when you can watch oral history excerpts on video. The video runs on QuickTime or RealVideo.

<http://www.isidore-of-seville.com/bulge/>

This site includes a large listing of links to other web-sites, museums, maps, pictures, and personal accounts.

Robert R. McCormick Research Center Archives:

The Robert R. McCormick Research Center was instrumental to the completion of this Battle Binder. They have extensive primary and secondary resources relating to military history, specifically the 1st Infantry Division. Special thanks must be given to Andrew Woods, Kate Giba, Tracy Crockett, and Eric Gillespie for their efforts to find the many sources about the Battle of the Bulge for this Binder.