Gallantry at Anzio: The Medal of Honor Stories



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The book is a tribute to the bravery of the men who fought at Anzio. It is also a reminder of the sacrifices that were made by so many Americans during World War II. These stories are a powerful testament to the human spirit, and they will inspire readers of all ages.

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Despite the controversy, the Battle of Anzio was also a battle of great heroism. Twenty-four Americans were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions during the battle. These men risked their lives to save their comrades, fought against overwhelming odds, and ultimately gave their lives for their country.

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The Battle of Anzio

The Battle of Anzio began on January 22, 1944, when Allied forces landed behind enemy lines at Anzio, Italy. The Allies hoped to capture Rome quickly, but the Germans put up a fierce resistance. The Allies were bogged down for months, and the battle became a bloody stalemate.

The fighting at Anzio was some of the most intense of the war. The Germans had dug in strong defensive positions, and they were determined to stop the Allies from advancing. The Allies made several attempts to break through the German lines, but they were unsuccessful. The battle dragged on for months, and it resulted in the deaths of thousands of Allied soldiers.

Despite the setbacks, the Allies eventually prevailed at Anzio. In May 1944, the Allies broke through the German lines and captured Rome. The Battle of Anzio was a costly victory, but it was a significant turning point in the war in Italy.

The Medal of Honor Recipients

Twenty-four Americans were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions during the Battle of Anzio. These men risked their lives to save their comrades, fought against overwhelming odds, and ultimately gave their lives for their country.

The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest military award for valor. It is awarded to members of the armed forces who distinguish themselves by performing above and beyond the call of duty in the face of the enemy.

The Medal of Honor recipients from the Battle of Anzio are:

- John D. Anderson
- John Baldauf
- John E. Baum
- James R. Bradley
- Anton J. Casale
- Joseph H. Curran

- Robert M. Drawdy
- William N. Frazier
- Lloyd G. Getz
- George H. Goldsmith Jr.
- Anthony P. Graziano
- Thomas J. Hudner Jr.
- Willard P. Kellum
- Louis P. Marciante
- Joseph E. Maxfield
- John M. Miller
- Joseph H. Moore
- Jack D. Pendergrass
- Stanley Prokop
- Paul J. Rogers
- John J. Salley
- Thomas A. Tribble
- William R. Wilson

The Stories of the Medal of Honor Recipients

The stories of the Medal of Honor recipients from the Battle of Anzio are told in the words of the men themselves, their fellow soldiers, and their families. They are stories of courage, sacrifice, and heroism. The story of John D. Anderson is one of the most remarkable. Anderson was a private first class in the U.S. Army when he fought at Anzio. On January 22, 1944, Anderson's unit was pinned down by German fire. Anderson charged through the enemy fire to rescue a wounded comrade. He then returned to his unit and continued to fight until he was killed.

The story of Thomas A. Tribble is another example of great courage. Tribble was a captain in the U.S. Army when he fought at Anzio. On February 3, 1944, Tribble's unit was attacked by a German tank. Tribble led his men in a counterattack, and he was seriously wounded in the fighting. Despite his wounds, Tribble continued to lead his men until they were victorious.

The stories of the Medal of Honor recipients from the Battle of Anzio are inspiring examples of heroism. These men risked their lives to save their comrades, fought against overwhelming odds, and ultimately gave their lives for their country. They are true heroes, and their stories should never be forgotten.

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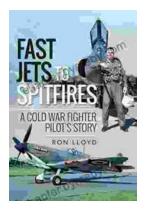
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