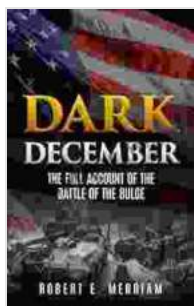


The Full Account Of The Battle Of The Bulge

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The German Plan

The German plan for the Battle of the Bulge was codenamed Unternehmen Wacht am Rhein (Operation Watch on the Rhine). The plan was designed by Generalfeldmarschall Gerd von Rundstedt and Generaloberst Walther Model. The plan called for a surprise attack through the Ardennes Forest, which was thought to be impassable to tanks. The Germans hoped to catch the Allies off guard and split their armies. If the plan succeeded, the Germans would be able to capture Antwerp and force the Allies to retreat from Europe.

The Germans assembled a massive force for the Battle of the Bulge. They had over 250,000 men, 1,500 tanks, and 3,000 artillery pieces. The Allies had over 500,000 men in the Ardennes Forest, but they were not expecting a major German offensive. The Allies were also overconfident, and they had not made adequate preparations for a German attack.

The Battle

The Battle of the Bulge began on December 16, 1944. The Germans launched a surprise attack through the Ardennes Forest. The Allies were caught off guard and were forced to retreat. The Germans quickly advanced and captured several key towns and cities. By December 21, the Germans had reached their furthest point of advance, the town of Bastogne. The Allies had been able to stop the German advance, but they were still in danger of being split in two.

The Battle of Bastogne was one of the most important battles of the Bulge. The Germans surrounded the town and launched a series of attacks. The Allies defended Bastogne fiercely, and they were able to hold out until the Allies could launch a counteroffensive. The Battle of Bastogne was a

turning point in the Bulge. It showed that the Allies could defeat the Germans, even when they were outnumbered. The Allies launched a counteroffensive on January 3, 1945. The counteroffensive was successful, and the Allies were able to push the Germans back. By January 25, 1945, the Battle of the Bulge was over. The Allies had won a major victory, and they had cleared the way for their advance into Germany.

Aftermath

The Battle of the Bulge was a costly victory for the Allies. The Allies lost over 80,000 men killed, wounded, or missing. The Germans lost over 120,000 men. The battle also caused widespread damage to the infrastructure of Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany.

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Legacy

The Battle of the Bulge is remembered as one of the most important battles of World War II. It was a bloody and costly battle, but it was also a turning point in the war. The Allies' victory in the Bulge paved the way for their eventual victory in Europe.

The Battle of the Bulge is also remembered for the bravery of the Allied soldiers who fought in it. The soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division, the 82nd Airborne Division, and the 28th Infantry Division defended Bastogne against overwhelming odds. Their bravery helped to turn the tide of the battle and to lead the Allies to victory.

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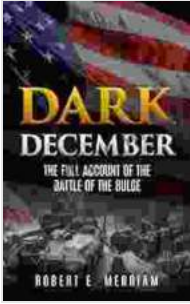
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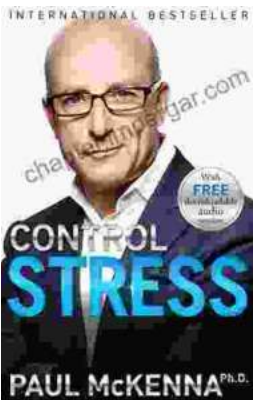
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