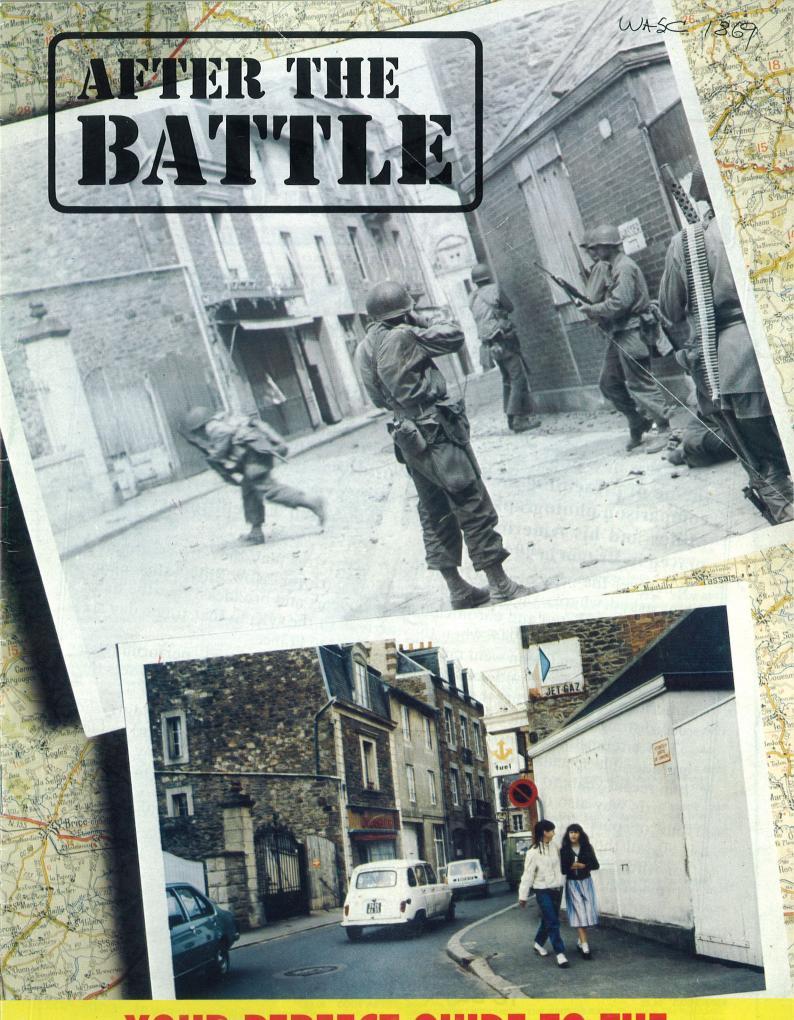
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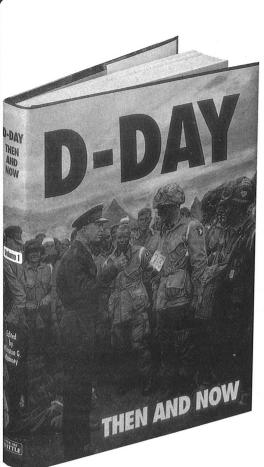
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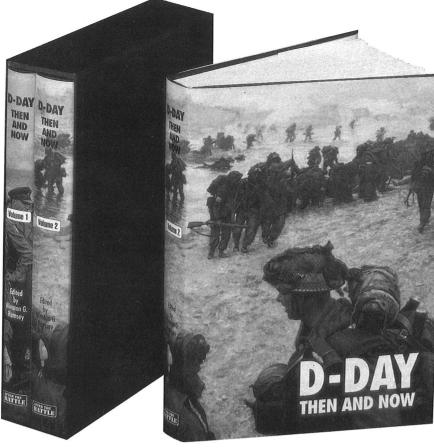


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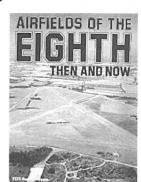
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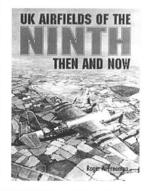
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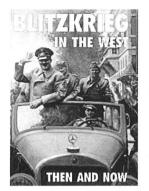
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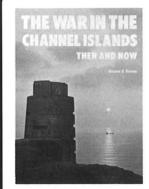
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Memphis Belle

Memphis Belle is generally considered one of the best action documentaries produced during the Second World War. Although created by a distinguished Hollywood producer, William Wyler, it contains no studio simulations of battle and for this relies entirely on sequences filmed during Eighth Air Force bombing raids over hostile territory. Purporting to depict the twenty-fifth mission of one B-17 of the 91st Bomb Group, this storyline only developed late in the production resulting in much extraneous footage already shot being included as fully described in the Viewing Notes. Complete uncut version including the sequences describing the operational plan deleted on the BBC TV showing. COLOUR 38 MINUTES

Fight for the Sky

Made primarily for the historical instruction of USAAF trainees, Fight for the Sky represents the best composite record of camera gun shots filmed by Eighth Air Force fighters during the war. Air fighting sequences are followed by the strafing of road and rail targets and the low-level shooting up of enemy airfields — and even a Lancaster! BLACK AND WHITE 20 MINUTES

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Ploesti

This is one of the *Air Force Story* series made as a public relations venture by the USAAF to 'sell' air power to the American public. It was made as a tribute to the Fifteenth Air Force whose units carried out the raids but, as the Viewing Notes explain, much of the fine and genuine combat photography frequently depicts Eighth Air Force

aircraft. BLACK AND WHITE 13 MINUTES

Mayday! Mayday!

Made at the end of hostilities by the USAAF, this film relates the methods used for Air Sea Rescue by the Fighth Air Force from the airfields at Boxted, in Essex, and Halesworth, Suffolk. Simulated rescue missions are depicted illustrating this little-known activity of the USAAF in the United Kingdom BLACK AND WHITE 17 MINUTES

Schweinfurt and Reaensbura

Another title in the *Air Force Story* series centred around the mission of August 17, 1943 to hit at industrial targets vital to the German war effort. Clever editing incorporates much footage from later operations especially of the 303rd Bomb Group B-17Gs from Molesworth, Huntingdonshire. BLACK AND WHITE 13 MINUTES

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Thunderbolt

Thunderbolt is undoubtedly the best Second World War documentary made about USAAF fighter pilots and their operations. Produced and edited by William Wyler as a follow-up to *Memphis Belle* (on USAAF bomber operations), the action is centred around the 65th Fighter Squadron, 57th FG, based at Alto, Corsica. The film highlights the bombing and strafing attacks on Operation 'Strangle' — the campaign against enemy road, rail and water communications in northern Italy. COLOUR 40 MINUTES

Desert Bonanza

Desert Bonanza features the huge USAF military aircraft storage base at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base located near Tucson in the moisture-free Arizona desert, where aircraft are preserved from WWII, Korea and South-East Asia for future use or cannibalisat COLOUR 15 MINUTES

VIDEOCASSETTE 5* £14.95 inc. VAT CODE VV05

D-Day Minus One

This amusing yet informative short describes the birth of the Jeep as told by itself with some spectacular off-road shots. One Jeen was produced every two minutes and they served in every theatre of war as the 'army's mule on wheels'.
BLACK AND WHITE 9 MINUTES

D-Day Convoy

Straightforward documentary produced by the United States Army (and thus angled to the American sphere of operations) on the Normandy Invasion — from training and build-up to touch down. The rôles of the air, sea and land forces are described using footage taken of the assaults on Omaha, Utah and Pointe du Hoc

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Battle for San Pietro

Major John Huston's renowned documentary on the battle for this small Italian village in 1943 caused a furore in US Army circles when it was previewed by the top brass. The GI's war — the living and the dead — was filmed in such stark reality that the film was only finally released for public viewing after heavy editing down to thirty minutes which changed its whole theme form 'anti' to 'pro'-war. This version retains much of the original material excised or altered by Army censors. BLACK AND WHITE 36 MINUTES

The Enemy Strikes

Much captured German film taken in December 1944 is included in this American propaganda account of the Battle of the Bulge. The Viewing Notes give the background to this material and explain how seeing is not always believing. BLACK AND WHITE 10 MINUTES

Rolling to the Rhine

The Red Ball Express — the one-way, twenty-fourhour truck route across France carried over 400,000 tons of freight during its eighty-one days of existence in 1944. An equally important side of the war in Europe is illustrated in this short, made for the

American public. BLACK AND WHITE 9 MINUTES

This film, produced as an Army Air Forces special Project, covers the operations of the 82nd and 101st US Airborne Divisions and the IX Troop Carrier Command in the early hours of June 6, 1944, and highlights the rôle of the airborne infantry and glidermen in the invasion of Normandy. BLACK AND WHITE 16 MINUTES

The Autobiography of a Jeep

BLACK AND WHITE 17 MINUTES

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Fury in the Pacific

One of the most savage of the Pacific battles in Admiral William Halsey's 'faland-hopping' campaign was the landing on Pelelieu, one of the Palau Islands in the Japanese-held Carolines. Despite a formidable pre-invasion bombardment, the 1st Marine Division suffered heavy casualties on the first day, rooting out the defenders from a warren of caves with flame-throw and grenades. One combat cameraman was killed and nine wounded taking these pictures. BLACK AND WHITE 18 MINUTES

Jap Zero

Instructional film featuring Ronald Reagan designed to help American pilots in the Pacific recognise the Zero fighter, made with the help of a captured specimen and animated camerawork. BLACK AND WHITE 18 MINUTES

The Fleet that came to Stav

'The struggle by men who want to die and men who fight to live.' This United States Navy film covers the invasion of Okinawa which began on Easter Sunday 1945. Spectacular footage of the repeated Kamikaze suicide attacks on the 1,400 ships supporting the operation is the highlight of the film.

BLACK AND WHITE 20 MINUTES

Divide and Conquer

The Why We Fight series was made by the US Special Service Division under the auspices of Major Frank Capra specifically for the education of Army personnel as to why America was fighting and the principles for which the United States had gone to war. Film number three covers the invasion of Denmark and Norway, the battle of Narvik, the attack against Holland including the bombing of Rotterdam, the capture of Fort Eben-Emael, the fall of Belgium, breakthrough at Sedan, and evacuation at Dunkirk. Italy enters the war and Hitler triumphantly visits Paris. The film ends with the defeat of France and the signing of the Armistice at Compiègne. BLACK AND WHITE 54 MINUTES

VIDEOCASSETTE 8* £14.95 inc. VAT CODE VV08

The Nazis Strike

This is the second film in the Why We Fight series made by the US Special Service Division under Major Frank Capra at the request of the US Chief of Staff George C. Marshall to win the "battle for men's minds . . . a series of documented, factual information films to explain to our boys in the army why we are fighting and the principles for which we are fighting'. The Nazis Strike describes the rise of the Nazi party, the establishment of the German war machine and the expansion of the army and Luftwaffe. 'I am willing to sign anything . . . I will do anything to facilitate the success of my policy.' Thus Hitler's words in an October 1933 interview heralded the take-over of Europe beginning with the occupation of the Rhineland in 1936 and ending with the capture of Warsaw three years later. BLACK AND WHITE 39 MINUTES

German Infantry Small Arms

Produced by the Signal Corps Photographic Center as an instructional film on German weapons, the field stripping, loading and firing are illustrated for the Mauser 98K, Schmeisser MP40, MG34 and MG42. BLACK AND WHITE 12 MINUTES

VIDEOCASSETTE 9* £14.95 inc. VAT CODE VV09

The Battle of Britain

The intention of the Why We Fight series was to educate and inform American military personnel as to the causes of the Second World War and the reasons why the United States became involved, made under the auspices of Major Frank Capra and his Special Service Division. The Battle of Britain was the fourth film in the series and covered the period following the collapse of France when Hitler's plans for the invasion of Britain were frustrated by the Royal Air Force. At the time, this film was estimated to have had a service audience of eight million and it was also shown publicly in Britain on the orders of Winston Churchill. BLACK AND WHITE 49 MINUTES

VIDEOCASSETTE 10* £14.95 inc. VAT CODE VV10

Beachhead at Anzio

From 1951 to 1964 The Big Picture series was probably the most widely screened public service programme in American television history. It projected the story of the United States Army as told by the United States Army assembled from documentary footage taken by the Signal Corps. Beachhead at Anzio tells the story of that campaign in the 'all victorious' style of the 1950 documentary, cleverly masking the failings of the Allied high command to exploit what was virtually an unopposed landing. The Viewing Notes help to balance this omission and set the record straight. BLACK AND WHITE 27 MINUTES

Patton

Another film from The Big Picture series, Patton is a blatant, trumpet-blowing eulogy of this flamboyant American commander. The film, narrated by Ronald Reagan, follows General George S. Patton's career with all the plusses and none of the minuses. The Viewing Notes help correct this imbalance of the film which, nevertheless, provides an interesting record of his campaigns with the Seventh Army in Sicily and the Third Army in France and Germany. BLACK AND WHITE 26 MINUTES

VIDEOCASSETTE 11* £14.95 inc. VAT CODE VV11

The Stilwell Road

With the Japanese victories in Burma in January 1942, the road linking India and China, completed in 1938, was cut. This documentary covers the operations which led to its re-establishment via the construction of the Ledo Road — later renamed the Stilwell Road after the Deputy Supreme Commander, South-Fast Asia Command, General 'Vinegar Joe' Stilwell. The fall of Rangoon, destruction of Mandalay, the Allied retreat, the Flying Tigers, Orde Wingate and the Chindits, the air bridge over 'the hump', Merrill's Marauders, the airfield of Broadway, Imphal, Kohima — all come into the story during this lengthy American account of the war in northern Burma. BLACK AND WHITE 48 MINUTES

VIDEOCASSETTE 12* £14.95 inc. VAT CODE VV12 Attack! The Battle for New Britain

The visual report of a complete operation in the Pacific theatre — from training to victory. The battle depicted is the attack on Arawe and Cape Gloucester in New Britain in December 1943 and commentary by Lloyd Nolan leads the viewer through planning, briefing, dress rehearsal, embarkation and pre-invasion bombardment The diversionary landing of General Cunningham's

112th Cavalry Regiment at Arawe on December 26 with
the main assault on Cape Gloucester by the 1st Marine Division under General Rupertus. Three months of fierce jungle fighting, typical of the Pacific campaign, was necessary to secure New Britain. BLACK AND WHITE 54 MINUTES

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Combat America

With the emphasis on gunners and gunnery, *Combat America* was filmed in 1943 by a documentary film unit under Captain Clark Gable. It follows the fortunes of the 351st Bombardment Group from their departure from Colorado to arrival at Polebrook and includes some of the finest combat footage of air battles over Europe shot

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Target for Today

Target for Today is a pictorial record explaining the procedures involved in the Eighth Air Force's daylight bombing offensive from Britain, Made as an official training film with the primary object of indoctrinating ai crews under instruction in the USA, this film covers in detail the planning, preparation and execution of a typical VIIIth Bomber Command mission. BLACK AND WHITE 88 MINUTES

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The True Glory

SHAEF's own visual record produced under the auspices of the Joint Anglo-American Film Planning Committee of the campaign in Europe from Normandy to Berlin. This feature-length film was culled from six and a half million feet of film and was widely acclaimed when released to cinema audiences in Britain following its première in August 1945. Among the 700 cameramen who supplied material for the film, 32 were killed, 16 reported missing and 101 were wounded. General Eisenhower made it his personal concern to approve the final version to ensure it reflected a viable manifestation of the integrated effort which enabled the Allied Expeditionary Force to achieve

its victory.
BLACK AND WHITE 80 MINUTES

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Target for Tonight

Released in July 1941, Target for Tonight must rank as one of the most popular films of the war; one of the first made by the Ministry of Information with the 'hitting back' concept. Filmed with the co-operation of No. 149 Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, the film features the fictional Wellington 'F for Freddie' and its crew on an early raid over Germany. A major 'star' is the (then) Squadron Leader Charles 'Pick' Pickard (who later lost his life on the Amiens prison raid). According to the director, Harry Watt, most of the crew featured were dead by the war's end - immortalised on celluloid. springing to life at the touch of a button, these young men performed their genuine rôle for the camera, giving Target for Tonight a certain sense of gravity that demands our respect.
BLACK AND WHITE 50 MINUTES

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Siege of Tobruk

This British film provides its audience with a clear, if simplified, view of the siege and breakout of the Tobruk garrison, including its complete replacement under cover of darkness beneath the very noses of the German attackers. In addition to genuine footage, the film includes re-enacted scenes staged for the benefit of the cameras. BLACK AND WHITE 17 MINUTES

Malta Convov

Made to tell the story of one of the war's most famous supply convoys, *Malta Convoy* is the story of Operation Pedestal, a fourteen-ship convoy bound for the Pedestal, a fourteen-snip convol bound for the beleagured Malta garrison. Only five ships survived the constant air and sea attacks; some stunning combat footage of convoys under air attack is seen including the well-known clip of the battered oil tanker Ohio entering Valetta harbour.
BLACK AND WHITE 13 MINUTES

Liberation of Rome

Tracing the progress of the Allied forces from their Sicilian springboard into Italy, British-made *Liberation of Rome* features the Italian campaign up to the entry into Rome, including the Anzio landings and the battle for

Monte Cassino.

BLACK AND WHITE 21 MINUTES

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Shipbusters

This short documentary presented by the RAF Film Unit is a neat package of Allied and Axis library footage linked by specially shot material featuring the Beaufighters and Mosquitos of Nos. 144 and 248 Squadrons. The story illustrates a typical raid against German shipping off the coast and in the fjords of BLACK AND WHITE 15 MINUTES

Raising Air Fighters

A peacetime newsreel, this film is a fascinating visual record of the RAF in the thirties during the pre-war expansion period featuring, amongst others, Harts, Demons, and Tutors, the Fairey Fox, the Vildebeeste, Wellesley and the Whitley.
BLACK AND WHITE 17 MINUTES

Fighter Pilot

Featuring the fighter pilots of the RAF, much of the activity centres on No. 64 Squadron and Squadron Leader A. R. D. MacDonnell, DFC, during the Battle of BLACK AND WHITE 8 MINUTES

The Eighty Days

This is the official record of the flying bomb attacks during 1944 when more than 10,000 of Hitler's revenge weapons, the Vergeltungswaffe 1, were launched against BLACK AND WHITE 13 MINUTES

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Ferry Pilot

Released in January 1942, Ferry Pilot tells the story of 'the forgotten pilots' — the men, and women, of the Air Transport Auxiliary. This wartime ferry organisation provided the tools for the front line squadrons to finish the job, and the detailed Viewing Notes give much background information on the aircraft types seen, ncluding a Messerschmitt Rf 110 flown by the RAF BLACK AND WHITE 35 MINUTES

Speed up on Stirlinas

The only British bomber designed at the outset to take four engines, the Stirling's rôle has been largely overshadowed by its successors — the Halifax and Lancaster. This film focuses a spotlight on the Stirling and its production.
BLACK AND WHITE 20 MINUTES

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The Air Plan

An action-packed compilation of footage depicting the air war over the continent of Europe, leading up to, and including, the invasion of Normandy for which the bombing of communications was a vitally important

ingredient. BLACK AND WHITE 28 MINUTES

Target Germany

Covering the rôle of Bomber Command, Target Germany graphically illustrates the development of the RAF's bombing campaign during the latter half of the Second World War. The attacks on the German war machine and its strategic industries, through the increasing build-up of the heavy bomber forces, brings total war and total destruction to German BLACK AND WHITE 22 MINUTES

Sky Giant

This wartime newsreel is a compilation of film dedicated to the Lancaster — mainstay of RAF Bomber Command after its introduction in March 1942. Leslie Mitchell's wartime commentary reflects the affection which cinema audiences felt for the RAF's greatest bomber — a feeling yet undiminished long after the last aircraft rolled off the production line.

BLACK AND WHITE 10 MINUTES

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Report from the Aleutians

Report from the Aleutians was made in 1943 by the renowned Hollywood director Major John Huston in the bleak, windswept wastes of Alaska, Presented in a nonsensational style, this film provides some of the best quality colour footage shot by US Army photographers during the Second World War, and serves to bring a spotlight on the air operations of the US 11th Air Force in the little-known campaign with Japanese forces in the

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BLACK AND WHITE 82 MINUTES

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