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WHIRLWIND WAR

In 1990-1991 an international coalition reversed the results of Iraqi aggression against Kuwait. The United States provided the bulk of the forces arrayed against Iraq, with the U.S. Army contributing the greatest portion of the ground force. Successful participation in this historic endeavor marked both an end and a beginning for the Army. At an end was the long and sometimes arduous transition from the Vietnam-era Army. What emerged was a small, superbly equipped, highly skilled, well-trained, and extremely mobile force, composed of units from the active and reserve components. Its overall excellent performance in Southwest Asia reflected the attention that successive Army Chiefs of Staff had paid to leader development-the effort to professionalize the services officer and noncommissioned officer corps. In this major test, the Army clearly demonstrated that it could project its power effectively. One of the resounding lessons for the Army in Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM was that it could operate as part of a multinational force with great success. Even as these operations were taking place, the Army addressed those steps necessary to prepare for its critical role as a key member of America's armed forces of the future. The Whirlwind War tells the story of this pivotal chapter in the Army's history. It shows the various strands that came together to produce the Army of the 1990s and how that Army in turn performed under fire and in the glare of world attention. Drafted soon after the end of Operation DESERT STORM, the book retains a sense of immediacy in its approach. Yet the manuscript also went through a series of reviews, and the maps were subsequently carefully researched and compiled as original documents in their own right. The result is a volume that takes its place in the first round of the historical analysis of the events described. More definitive studies will undoubtedly follow, as ever more documents are assessed. But this book is intended to bridge that gap.

ENDURING THE WHIRLWIND

THE GERMAN ARMY AND THE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR 1941-1943

Helion and Company This work seeks to address the notion of German numerical-weakness in terms of Germany's ability to replace its losses and regenerate its military strength, and assess just how accurate this argument was during the crucial first half of the Russo-German War (June 1941-June 1943).

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Provides the inside story on the strands that came together to form the army of the 1990s and how that army in turn performed under fire and in the glare of world attention. Chapters: background to war, the army of Desert Storm, creating the shield, expanding the shield, reinforcement for offensive, the offensive takes shape, readying for Storm, 100 hours, profile of the new army, and the legacy of war. Appendices: the Patriot Air Defense System, U.S. equipment, and Iraqi equipment. Index. 100 color and b/w photos, charts, tables and maps.

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THE WHIRLWIND OF WAR

VOICES OF THE STORM, 1861-1865

Harper Collins The second book in the historian's trilogy continues his account of the Civil War years from a first person perspective, as he takes on the personas of eleven major players from the time period

WHIRLWIND WAR : THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN OPERATIONS DESERT

WHIRLWIND

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE WAR THAT WON IT

Bloomsbury Publishing USA The brilliant new history of the American Revolution by an acclaimed historian of the period--the first full history in two generations.

WHIRLWIND

THE OFFICIAL U.S. ARMY HISTORY OF THE GULF WAR

MacMillan Publishing Company

ANGEL IN THE WHIRLWIND

Simon and Schuster Angel in the Whirlwind is the epic tale of the American Revolution, from its roots among tax-weary colonists to the triumphant Declaration of Independence and eventual victory and liberty, recounted by Benson Bobrick, lauded by The New York Times as "perhaps the most interesting historian writing in America today." Overwhelmed with debt following its victory in the French and Indian Wars, England began imposing harsh new tariffs and taxes on its colonists in the 1760s. Rebellion against these measures soon erupted into war. Bobrick thrillingly describes all the major battles, from Lexington and Concord to the dramatic siege of Yorktown, when the British flag was finally lowered before patriot guns. At the same time he weaves together social and political history along with the military history, bringing to life not only the charismatic leaders of the independence movement, but also their lesser-known compatriots, both patriot and loyalist, English and American, whose voices vividly convey the urgency of war. Illuminated by fresh insight, Angel in the Whirlwind is a dramatic narrative of our nation's birth, in all its passion and glory.

WHIRLWIND

THE AIR WAR AGAINST JAPAN, 1942-1945

Simon and Schuster WHIRLWIND is the first book to tell the complete, awe-inspiring story of the Allied air war against Japan—the most important strategic bombing campaign in history. From the audacious Doolittle raid in 1942 to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, award-winning historian Barrett Tillman recounts the saga from the perspectives of American and British aircrews who flew unprecedented missions over thousands of miles of ocean, as well as of the generals and admirals who commanded them. Whether describing the experiences of bomber crews based in China or the Marianas, fighter pilots on Iwo Jima, or carrier aviators at sea, Tillman provides vivid details of the lives of the fliers and their support personnel. Whirlwind takes readers into the cockpits and gun turrets of the mighty B-29 Superfortress, the largest bomber built up to that time. Tillman dramatically re-creates the sweep of wartime emotions that crews endured on fifteen-hour missions, grappling with the extreme tedium of cramped spaces and with adrenaline spikes in flak-studded skies, knowing that a bailout would put them at the mercy of a merciless enemy or an unforgiving sea. A major character is the controversial and brilliant General Curtis LeMay, who rewrote strategic bombing tactics. His command's fire-bombing missions incinerated fully half of Tokyo and many other cities, crippling Japan's industry while still failing to force surrender. Whirlwind examines the immense logistics and construction efforts necessary to support Superfortresses in Asia and the Mariana Islands, as well as the tireless efforts of engineers to build huge air bases from scratch. It also describes the unheralded missions that American bomber crews flew from the Aleutian Islands to Japan's northernmost Kuril Islands. Never has the Japanese side of the story been so thoroughly examined. If Washington, D.C., represented a "second front" in Army-Navy rivalry, the situation in Tokyo approached a full-contact sport. Tillman's description of Japan's willfully inadequate approach to civil defense is eye-opening. Similarly, he examines the mind-set in Tokyo's war cabinet, which ignored the atomic destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, requiring the emperor's personal intervention to avert a ghastly Allied invasion. Tillman shows how, despite the Allies' ultimate success, mistakes and shortsighted policies made victory more costly in lives and effort. He faults the lack of a unified command for allowing the Army Air Forces and the Navy to pursue parochial goals at the expense of the larger mission, and he questions the premature commitment of the enormously sophisticated B-29 to the most primitive theater in India and China. Whirlwind is one of the last histories of World War II written with the contribution of men who fought in it. With unexcelled macro- and microperspectives, Whirlwind is destined to become a standard reference on the war, on multiservice operations, and on the human capacity for individual heroism and national folly.

WAR IN THE PERSIAN GULF

OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, AUGUST 1990-MARCH 1991

MOBILIZING FOR THE STORM

THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM - COVERING ROUNDOUT UNITS, FIELD ARTILLERY IN THE PERSIAN GULF WAR, SADDAM RESPONDS, AND COSTS

The mobilization of the Army National Guard for Desert Shield came 40 years to the month after the last big mobilization of the Guard for the Korean War in 1950. Superficially, there were similarities between the outbreak of the two wars. Both occurred in distant countries that the average American would be hard-pressed to locate on a map, and both wars broke out after American diplomats delivered less than clear messages that the threatened nations would be protected by American arms should they be attacked. In both instances, greedy dictators gambled that the American president would not expend American lives for such marginal strategic goals. In both cases, the dictators were badly mistaken. But the parallels between the Korean War and Desert Shield/Desert Storm diverge quickly after that. The Army that achieved a "Certain Victory" during its "Whirlwind War" through Kuwait and Iraq was a completely different organization from the one that struggled to a stalemate in Korea 40 years earlier. The destruction of Task Force Smith revealed the hollowness of the post-World War II Army when it first encountered the North Koreans in the summer of 1950. The Army that deployed to Saudi Arabia in the summer of 1990 was arguably the most combat-ready peacetime fighting force in the nation's history. It was a confident, all-volunteer force that reflected in its realistic training and doctrine the hard-learned lessons of the Vietnam War, and had enjoyed unprecedented growth and modernization during the preceding decade. The incredible logistical success of deploying over 500,000 troops and their equipment in record time into an austere environment was only overshadowed by the mechanized blitz that reduced the Iraqi army "from the fourth-largest army in the world to the second-largest army in Iraq in 100 hours." Invasion * The Roundout Units * The Guard is Called * The Mobilization Begins * Preparing for War * The Fate of the Roundouts * Field Artillery in the Gulf * Life in the Desert * Saddam Responds * The Call Ups Continue * The Ground War Begins * The Costs of War * The Homecoming * Aftermath * Army National Guard Units Federalized for the Gulf War * Suggested Readings

WORLD WAR 2

THE WHIRLWIND OF THE AGES

World War 2 began on September 1st, 1939, and from its very first fiery shots, it dictated the tempo of this new and modernized form of warfare. It was a war unlike any other. It was the modern war. It superseded the Great War of the early years of the 20th century and overshadowed its scale and complexity. In the following book, we will cover the essential moments of World War 2 - those defining events of modern history, whose magnitude dictated the fate of the entire globe.

CIVIL WAR KANSAS

REAPING THE WHIRLWIND

"My purpose in writing this book was twofold: first, to supply a long-standing deficiency in Kansas historical literature (which has concentrated almost exclusively on the pre-Civil War period) by describing the political, military, social and economic events and developments of the state's first four years -- an era even more dramatic, and hardly less significant, than the one which preceded it; and, secondly, to contribute to a better understanding of the Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi West through a realistic presentation and analysis of the Kansas-Missouri border conflict, the operations of the Missouri guerrillas under Quantrill, and the Union and Confederate military campaigns in Missouri, Arkansas, the Indian Territory, and Kansas itself. My primary focus throughout the book is on Kansas, and if I have emphasized political and military matters, it is only because this period of Kansas history was essentially political and military in character"--Preface of original edition.

WAR IN THE PERSIAN GULF

OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM : AUGUST 1990-MARCH 1991

Government Printing Office Twenty years ago, the Persian Gulf War captured the attention of the world as the first test of the U.S. Army since the Vietnam War and the first large-scale armor engagement since World War II. Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait and his subsequent ouster by the U.S.-led coalition are keys to understanding today's situation in the Middle East. The coalition partnerships cemented in that initial operation and in the regional peacekeeping operations that followed provided the basis for a growing series of multinational efforts that have characterized the post-Cold War environment. Moreover, the growing interoperability of U.S. air, sea, and land forces coupled with the extensive employment of more sophisticated weapons first showcased in Desert Storm have become the hallmark of American military operations and the standard that other nations strive to meet.

VOICE OF THE WHIRLWIND

Walter Jon Williams Steward is a Beta— a clone. In his memories, he's an elite commando for an orbital policorp— but

because his Alpha never did a brain-scan update, Steward's memories are fifteen years out of date . . . and in those fifteen years, everything has changed. An interstellar war destroyed the company that held his allegiance. His wife has divorced him, along with the second wife that he can't even remember. Most of his comrades died in a useless battle on a world called Sheol, and those who survived are irrevocably scarred. An alien race has arrived and become the center of a complex and deadly intrigue. And someone has murdered him. "Fast-moving, hard-driving, with a robust well-handled plot . . . a stirring and heartening performance." - Kirkus Reviews "Walter Jon Williams proves that he is a master of action, character and galaxy-spanning plots." — Fantasy Review "A combination of fast action, gritty realism, and high-tech polytechnics that is certain to be popular with Williams' growing audience." -Booklist. "(Williams) is a master of the intricate yet fast-paced plot— the essence of thrillers and novels of political intrigue." -Locus

JOURNEY INTO THE WHIRLWIND

THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED MEMOIR OF STALIN'S REIGN OF TERROR

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt **A woman's true account of eighteen years as a Soviet prisoner: "Not even Alexander Solzhenitsyn's One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich matches it."**—The New York Times Book Review In the late 1930s, Eugenia Ginzburg was a wife and mother, a schoolteacher and writer, and a longtime loyal Communist Party member. But like millions of others during Stalin's reign of terror, she was arrested—on trumped-up charges of being a Trotskyist terrorist counter-revolutionary—and sentenced to prison. With sharp detail and an indefatigable spirit, Ginzburg recounts her arrest and the eighteen harrowing years she endured in Soviet prisons and labor camps, including two in solitary confinement. Her memoir is "a compelling personal narrative of survival" (The New York Times Book Review)—and one of the most important documents of Stalin's brutal regime. "Deeply significant...intensely personal and passionately felt."—Time "Probably the best account that has ever been published of...the prison and camp empire of the Stalin era."—Book World Translated by Paul Stevenson and Max Hayward

REAP THE WHIRLWIND

THE BATTLE OF THE ROSEBUD, JUNE 1876

Domain "This account of battle on the plains brings the period to life."—Publishers Weekly Spring, 1876. The war cry has sounded. The Sioux and the Cheyenne are massing along the northern frontier. And even while his wife awaits the birth of their child, army scout Seamus Donegan knows he must head north to Fort Fetterman. Brigadier General George C. Crook is preparing to meet the fierce challenge laid down by the bold and brutal chief Crazy Horse, and the future hope of the nation rests in the strong hands and courageous hearts of men like Seamus Donegan. He yearns for a reunion with his wife, but the trail of that fateful campaign leads Donegan ever farther from home—toward the land of the Rosebud and a hard rain of blood and tears.

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WAR AND RESISTANCE

REAPING THE WHIRLWIND

OUT OF THE WHIRLWIND

1861-1863 ADVENTURE AND ROMANCE THRIVE DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

A young Quaker woman travels to Washington from Pennsylvania to help nurse the wounded soldiers and falls in love with an army engineer who has lost his memory. But she is a Union nurse, and neither is aware that he is a Confederate soldier.

JAYHAWK!

THE VII CORPS IN THE PERSIAN GULF WAR

REAP THE WHIRLWIND

THE UNTOLD STORY OF 6 GROUP, CANADA'S BOMBER FORCE OF WORLD WAR II

McClelland & Stewart Limited

REAPING THE WHIRLWIND

THE GERMAN AND JAPANESE EXPERIENCE OF WORLD WAR II

Nigel Cawthorne looks at the events of the Second World War through the eyes of those who fought against the Allied forces in all theatres of the war. The book features many previously unpublished accounts of the war from German and Japanese soldiers, civilians and military leaders.

LOOK FOR ME IN THE WHIRLWIND

FROM THE PANTHER 21 TO 21ST-CENTURY REVOLUTIONS

PM Press Amid music festivals and moon landings, the tumultuous year of 1969 included an infamous case in the annals of criminal justice and Black liberation: the New York City Black Panther 21. Though some among the group had hardly even met one another, the 21 were rounded up by the FBI and New York Police Department in an attempt to disrupt and destroy the organization that was attracting young people around the world. Involving charges of conspiracy to commit violent acts, the Panther 21 trial—the longest and most expensive in New York history—revealed the illegal government activities which led to exile, imprisonment on false charges, and assassination of Black liberation leaders. Solidarity for the 21 also extended well beyond “movement” circles and included mainstream publication of their collective autobiography, *Look for Me in the Whirlwind*, which is reprinted here for the first time. *Look for Me in the Whirlwind: From the Panther 21 to 21st-Century Revolutions* contains the entire original manuscript, and includes new commentary from surviving members of the 21: Sekou Odinga, Dhoruba Bin Wahad, Jamal Joseph, and Shaba Om. Still-imprisoned Sundiata Acoli, Imam Jamil Al-Amin, and Mumia Abu-Jamal contribute new essays. Never or rarely seen poetry and prose from Afeni Shakur, Kuwasi Balagoon, Ali Bey Hassan, and Michael “Cetewayo” Tabor is included. Early Panther leader and jazz master Bilal Sunni-Ali adds a historical essay and lyrics from his composition “Look for Me in the Whirlwind,” and coeditors kioni-sadiki, Meyer, and Panther rank-and-file member Cyril “Bullwhip” Innis Jr. help bring the story up to date. At a moment when the Movement for Black Lives recites the affirmation that “it is our duty to win,” penned by Black Liberation Army (BLA) militant Assata Shakur, those who made up the BLA and worked alongside of Assata are largely unknown. This book—with archival photos from David Fenton, Stephen Shames, and the private collections of the authors— provides essential parts of a hidden and missing-in-action history. Going well beyond the familiar and mythologized nostalgic Panther narrative, *From the Panther 21 to 21st-Century Revolutions* explains how and why the Panther legacy is still relevant and vital today.

THE WHIRLWIND OF THE LORD

THE SWORD OF THE LORD--WAR!

ALMOST A MIRACLE

THE AMERICAN VICTORY IN THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

Oxford University Press Describes the military history of the American Revolution and the grim realities of the eight-year conflict while offering descriptions of the major engagements on land and sea and the decisions that influenced the course of the war.

REAPING THE WHIRLWIND

THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN

Pluto Press (UK) Investigative journalist Michael Griffin paints the fullest picture yet of the Taliban movement -- its origins, beliefs, religious and political ethos, and its particular brand of fundamentalism.

THE 4 DISCIPLINES OF EXECUTION

ACHIEVING YOUR WILDLY IMPORTANT GOALS

Simon and Schuster **BUSINESS STRATEGY.** "The 4 Disciplines of Execution "offers the what but also how effective execution is achieved. They share numerous examples of companies that have done just that, not once, but over and over again. This is a book that every leader should read! (Clayton Christensen, Professor, Harvard Business School, and author of "The Innovator s Dilemma)." Do you remember the last major initiative you watched die in your organization? Did it go down with a loud crash? Or was it slowly and quietly suffocated by other competing priorities? By the time it finally disappeared, it s likely no one even noticed. What happened? The whirlwind of urgent activity required to keep things running day-to-day devoured all the time and energy you needed to invest in executing your strategy for tomorrow. "The 4 Disciplines of Execution" can change all that forever.

WHIRLWIND OF AFRICAN INSANITY

Xlibris Corporation Liberia, a small West African nation imploded in a civil war that began on December 24, 1989. By the time the war ended fourteen years later, more than 250,000 lives had been taken. Many people sought refuge in camps throughout West Africa. In the war, children were trained to become killing machines, and women and young girls were held as sex slaves. Charles Taylor, the main mastermind behind this rebellion, was elected President of

Liberia in 1997. Liberians thought that his presidency would lead to the end of the civil war, but it only extended the war. Adding to the pressure, Taylor faced accusations of war crimes. He relinquished power in August 2003 and was escorted to Nigeria where he was subsequently arrested and taken to the International Criminal Court at The Hague. Whirlwind of African Insanity is not just my story. It resonates with the countless voices of children who suffer and die in wars about which they know nothing. The book also provides some of the reasons why Africa is and may forever remain plagued. It presents two arguments about the real causes of Africa's disasters and is written on behalf of underprivileged children whose cries for help are drowned in oceans of selfish politics and whose lives are buried in the explosions of wars. It is also a story about survival in hellish conditions and optimism when there is nothing about which to be optimistic.

THE SWEEP OF THE WHIRLWIND (ABRIDGED, ANNOTATED)

Known as "Aunt Becky" during her service as a nurse in the Civil War, Sarah A. Palmer's experience in that war was bitter and searing. This is one of the most thoughtful and wrenching accounts by a woman close to the battlefield. Written in 1867, the book includes portions of the diary she kept while with the 109th N.Y. Infantry at City Point Hospital near the end of the war. Originally published as "Aunt Becky's Army Life," the book is a serious look at war that belies the simple, somewhat frivolous original title. She spares the reader nothing, including her own fears and doubts and longing to see the war end. Today, Sarah Palmer would likely be diagnosed with PTSD and the war left her utterly exhausted physically, mentally, and emotionally. Every memoir of the American Civil War provides us with another view of the catastrophe that changed the country forever.

INTO THE WHIRLWIND

Baker Books As owner of the 57th Illinois Watch Company, Mollie Knox's future looks bright until the night the legendary Great Chicago Fire destroys her beloved city. With her world crumbling around her, Mollie will do whatever it takes to rebuild in the aftermath of the devastating fire. Zack Kazmarek, an influential attorney for one of Chicago's finest department stores, is a force to be reckoned with among the city's most powerful citizens. Bold and shrewd, he's accustomed to getting exactly what he wants--until he meets Mollie Knox, the beguiling businesswoman just beyond his reach. In the tumult as the people of Chicago race to rebuild a bigger and better city, Mollie comes face-to-face with the full force of Zack's character and influence. Zack believes this may finally be his chance to win her, but can Mollie ever accept this man and his whirlwind effect on her life, especially with her treasured company on the line? "A sweet, emotion-filled romance to warm the heart and touch the soul... The cast of characters is varied and lovingly detailed, colorful and bursting with life." --Publishers Weekly "Into the Whirlwind is a delight. Elizabeth Camden shows remarkable ability to breathe life into nineteenth-century Chicago and its people. If you are a fan of historical romantic suspense, I cannot recommend this book or this author too highly."--Davis Bunn, bestselling author of Rare Earth "Camden takes readers on a breathless ride with smart, serious Mollie in the midst of tragedy and ruin" -- RT Book Reviews

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REAP THE WHIRLWIND

Covering the third year of the Martian War, 2233: Reap The Whirlwind follows Ken Barron, Karen McMaster, Charlie Peters and their comrades through more adventure, romance, and combat. Beginning with a stop at Pion Rock, one of the most horrible and sensationalized places in the solar system, the omnibus moves on to three books that cover some of the most significant engagements of the Martian War: the battle for the base at the Forge, the assault on Mercury, and the Fleet Clash. With Ken Barron narrating in his usual caustic style, this volume brings readers to the end of hostilities with Mars, and sets up the year of political intrigue and chaos that follows in 2234.

JAMES CLAVELL'S WHIRLWIND

During the tumultuous days following the Shah's departure from Iran, Andrew Gavallan, managing director of a British-run helicopter company secretly controlled by the Noble House of Hong Kong, faces financial ruin until he devises a desperate plan

THE GREAT WAR FOR CIVILISATION

THE CONQUEST OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Vintage A sweeping and dramatic history of the last half century of conflict in the Middle East from an award-winning journalist who has covered the region for over forty years, The Great War for Civilisation unflinchingly chronicles the tragedy of the region from the Algerian Civil War to the Iranian Revolution; from the American hostage crisis in Beirut to the Iran-Iraq War; from the 1991 Gulf War to the American invasion of Iraq in 2003. A book of searing drama as well as lucid, incisive analysis, The Great War for Civilisation is a work of major importance for today's world.

263 AND 137 SQUADRONS

THE WHIRLWIND YEARS

'Westland Whirlwind' For many the name conjures up yellow air-sea rescue helicopters, not the sleek twin-engine

monoplane that was the RAF's first single-seat cannon armed fighter, and which was faster than her famous cousin - the Spitfire. Only 114 were built, sufficient to equip two Squadrons - 263 and 137. Between 6 July 1940 and 31 December 1943, 210 pilots are listed in the Operational Record Books of these two Squadrons, so whilst 'The Few' won the Battle of Britain, the 'Whirlwind Men' were an even more select group.

REAPING THE WHIRLWIND

AFGHANISTAN, AL QA'IDA AND THE HOLY WAR

Pluto Press (UK) This text aims to give an insider's look at the Taliban's rise to power and the escalation of the violence that followed. This edition includes new chapters on the eventual demise of the movement and the rapid changes in Afghanistan's political landscape. Drawing on interviews with key members of the Taliban, investigative journalist Michael Griffin examines its origins and beliefs, its religious and political ethos and the character of its particular brand of Islamic fundamentalism. In the process, he looks at the contemporary political situation in Afghanistan and what the future holds.

OPERATION COMPASS 1940

WAVELL'S WHIRLWIND OFFENSIVE

Bloomsbury Publishing The first battle of the desert war, Operation Compass was originally envisaged as a spoiling attack, combined with a reconnaissance in force to disrupt the Italian forces that had advanced into Egypt in September 1940. Lt Gen. Richard O'Connor launched what amounted to a British 'Blitzkrieg'. In less than two months the British forces swept 500 miles along the coast of North Africa. 7th Armoured Division raced across the desert to cut off the retreating Italians, and O'Connor's men destroyed 9 Italian divisions, and took 130,000 prisoners. In March 1941 General Rommel and the Afrikakorps landed at Tripoli.