

Going to War in Iraq: The True Story of a Commander and His Troops

In 2003, the United States invaded Iraq. The invasion was the culmination of years of planning and preparation, and it was executed with overwhelming force. The Iraqi army was quickly defeated, and the Iraqi government was overthrown. But the war in Iraq was far from over. The United States would remain in Iraq for nearly a decade, and the conflict would claim the lives of thousands of American soldiers and Iraqi civilians.



Going to War in Iraq: When Citizens and the Press

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Going to War in Iraq is the true story of one American unit's deployment to Iraq in 2003. The book follows the unit from their pre-deployment training through their experiences in combat and the aftermath of war. The author, a former combat commander, provides a unique and intimate perspective on the war and the sacrifices made by those who fought in it.

Going to War in Iraq is a must-read for anyone interested in the war in Iraq or military history. The book provides a gripping and unforgettable account of the war from the perspective of those who fought it. It is a story of courage, sacrifice, and loss, and it is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

Pre-Deployment Training

The unit featured in Going to War in Iraq was the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. The battalion was based at Fort Stewart, Georgia, and it was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Paul LaCamera. In the months leading up to the invasion of Iraq, the battalion conducted intensive pre-deployment training. The soldiers trained on everything from basic combat skills to urban warfare tactics. They also spent time learning about the culture and history of Iraq.

The pre-deployment training was essential for preparing the battalion for combat. It gave the soldiers the skills and knowledge they needed to survive and succeed on the battlefield. It also helped to build unit cohesion and morale.

Deployment to Iraq

In March 2003, the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment deployed to Iraq. The battalion was part of the 3rd Infantry Division, which was tasked with spearheading the invasion of Baghdad. The battalion's first mission was to secure the city of An Nasiriyah. The battalion encountered heavy resistance from Iraqi forces, but it eventually prevailed. The battalion then continued its advance towards Baghdad.

The battalion's deployment to Iraq was a challenging and dangerous experience. The soldiers faced constant threats from enemy fire, roadside bombs, and suicide bombers. But the battalion persevered, and it played a key role in the overthrow of the Iraqi government.

Combat in Iraq

The 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment saw some of the heaviest fighting in the war in Iraq. The battalion participated in several major battles, including the Battle of Baghdad and the Battle of Fallujah. The battalion also conducted numerous raids and patrols throughout Iraq.

The battalion's combat experiences were harrowing and often deadly. The soldiers witnessed firsthand the horrors of war. They saw their friends and comrades killed and wounded. But the soldiers also displayed incredible courage and resilience. They fought bravely against a determined enemy, and they never gave up.

Aftermath of War

The 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment returned to Fort Stewart, Georgia, in 2004. The battalion had suffered heavy casualties during its deployment to Iraq, but it had also accomplished its mission. The battalion had helped to overthrow the Iraqi government and liberate the Iraqi people.

The soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment returned home as heroes. They had served their country with honor and distinction. But the war had taken its toll. Many of the soldiers were physically and emotionally wounded. The battalion also lost several soldiers in combat.

The aftermath of war is often difficult for soldiers and their families. The soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment are no exception. But they are proud of their service, and they are determined to rebuild their lives. They are also committed to helping other veterans who have been wounded in war.

Going to War in Iraq is a powerful and moving account of the war in Iraq from the perspective of those who fought it. The book provides a gripping and unforgettable look at the courage, sacrifice, and loss that is part of war. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the war in Iraq or military history.



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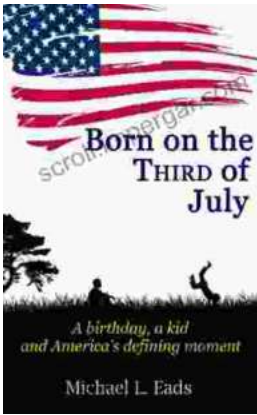
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