## Normandy 1944: Allied Landings and Breakout

Osprey Campaign series No. 1 (1990) Text by Stephen Badsey; illustrations by various artists

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## **Illustrations:**

Panzer IV

M4A1 tank

Spitfire MkIXb

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US infantryman

P51 Mustang

Churchill tank

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Cromwell tank

Three schematic maps ó Sword Beach 6 June; Operation Goodwood 18 June; Mortain 7 August.

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## **Comments:**

Thorough coverage of the campaign, as you would expect in this series, and a clear, simple read. The wargaming section ó which was a feature of early campaign books but which is not included now ó is a disappointment for the soloist. The main thrust of this chapter is boardgames and õmegaö committee games. Tactical games are favoured at skirmish level and using the game õSquad Leader,ö but there are no details provided. Overall, a good overview of the campaign, from the landings through to the destruction of German forces at Falaise.

--Paul Le Long

