

World War II Infantry Assault Tactics
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Comments:

This book gives you lots of detail on organisation, doctrine and assaults in practice which is all very interesting. But how would you use this book? Well, maybe you've read one of the Osprey Elite volumes on amphibious landings (nos. 117 & 144) by the same author and you've got your miniature troops ashore. Now they have to charge up the beach, clear a path through beach obstacles, cross a minefield, knock out a machinegun nest and assault a concrete bunker before pushing inland to attack more installations, all defended by mines, guns, MGs, infantry in foxholes and so on. This book will tell you how to do all of that.

Really if you read Elite 105 & 122 (infantry tactics), the volumes on amphibious warfare mentioned above, and 124 (anti-tank tactics), then you can pretty much fight the Normandy landings on your tabletop using authentic tactics.

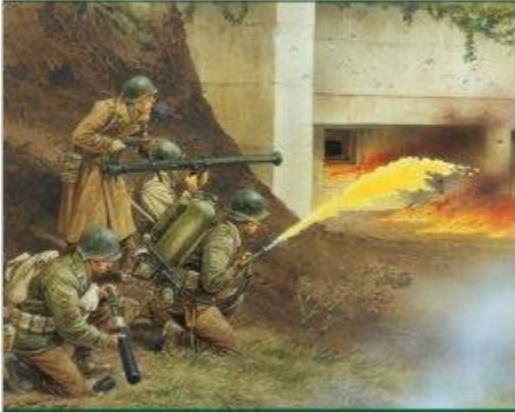
This is an excellent book and in an improvement on other titles, it covers all major combatants, rather than focusing only on Western Europe. Highly recommended.

--Paul Le Long

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