

D-Day Fortifications in Normandy
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Comments:

This book is a must-read for anyone wishing to wargame the D-Day landings (or indeed other World War II landings). There is a lot of detail on the types of defences ó guns, bunkers, beach obstacles and so on. Defence was centred on strongpoints or resistance points called *Widerstandnests* (WN for short). A WN would typically house a platoon and be surrounded by wire and mines. It could also contain anything from a couple of HMGs up to a dozen bunkers containing coastal guns, a/t guns, MGs, Tobruks (basically a tank turret turned into a concrete bunker), flame throwers and HQ centres. The variety is staggering. This book contains maps of all the invasion beaches and a list of every WN and what each WN contained.

Read this in conjunction with Osprey Elite 160 WWII Infantry Assault Tactics by Gordon Rottman and you will be ready to have your WWII Allies storm German resistance nests on the coast of Normandy. This is easily gameable (not a word but should be) with few figures needed for the defenders and only a company or so for the allies.

--Paul Le Long

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