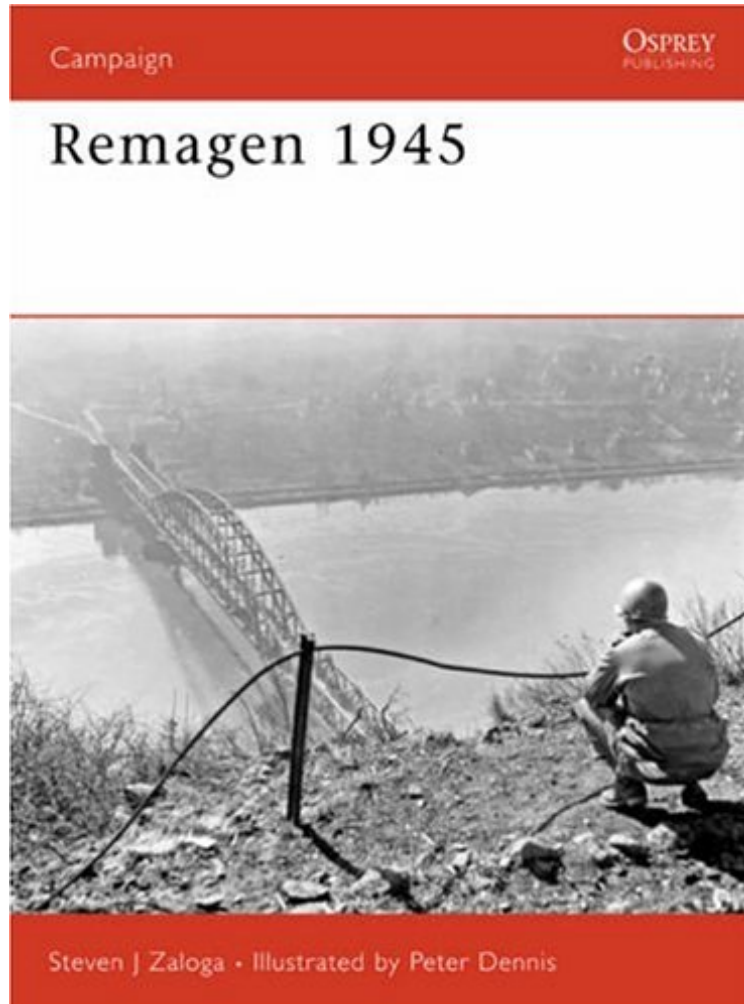


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Command B of the 9th Armored Division to seize the intact Remagen bridge. The U.S. Army alertly poured troops and tanks over the river while fighting off German counterattacks and air raids. The seizure of the bridge changed Allied plans, enabling a game-changing encirclement of German Army Group B on the east side of the Rhine. This Osprey book opens with an introduction to the strategic situation in early 1945, followed by a comparison of the opposing sides and their commanders and respective plans. The heart of the narrative is the exciting seizure of the Remagen Bridge and the fighting that followed. The text is very nicely supported by a fascinating collection of photographs, maps, diagrams, and modern illustrations. It is a very highly readable introduction into one of the decisive campaigns of the Second World War in Europe. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. small battle - big result

By Gary E. Binder Many WW2 history buffs are familiar with how the US 9th Armored Division found an undestroyed bridge over the Rhine River, staged a daring attack and how the last physical barrier into the heart of Hitler's Germany was crossed. Mr. Zaloga looks not only at the actions around the small town of Remagen itself, but how this event changed Allied strategy in the final weeks of the war. For the history trivia fan there is good information presented about the terrain around Remagen, about the various units from both sides that were involved in the fighting and about the efforts to protect the bridgehead. By grabbing a foothold on the far side and steadily building up and widening it, the Americans were able to coordinate with the large British crossing operation later and create a huge encirclement of the major German forces protecting their industrial heart. To quote a tag line from a 1969 movie "the Germans lost a bridge, thirty days later they lost a war". Very readable and organized text with good illustrations. An excellent addition to your collection. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent study of the Battle of Remagen

By James D. Crabtree In March 1945 the U.S. Army, through an almost comical set of circumstances, managed to get to one of the Rhine bridges before the Germans could destroy it. The fight to take control of it and defend it against everything the Germans could throw at it (jet bombers, frogmen, SS V-2s, etc.) is a testament to the American fighting man. Mr. Zaloga has done an excellent job of telling the story and setting the circumstances. The photos, maps and other illustrations make this a great introduction to this closing chapter of WWII in Europe.

Following the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes, the Allies began steps for the final assault into Germany. The long-delayed US Army thrust over the Roer River, Operation Lumberjack, finally took place in February, placing the US Army along the Rhine. The Rhine represented the last major geographical barrier to the Allied advance into Germany. The plan was for Montgomery's 21st Army Group to leap the Rhine into the Ruhr in a carefully choreographed attack called Operation Plunder. In the event, fortune smiled on the US Army when the 9th Armored unexpectedly found that the Ludendorff bridge at Remagen had not yet been demolished by the Wehrmacht, leaving this one major crossing over the Rhine intact. An armored infantry team supported by the new Pershing tanks stormed the bridge, seized it in fierce fighting and disarmed the charges placed on it. They then held it against numerous counterattacks in which the Germans used conventional tactics and unconventional, including jet bombers, V-2 missiles, and frogmen. Remagen was not the only impromptu Rhine crossing made by the US Army in central Germany but it was the most dramatic and hardest fought. The irrepressible George Patton, in spite of instructions to stay put, snuck an infantry division across the Rhine in the south, setting the stage for the race into Germany. After reinforcing their two major Rhine crossings, the US Army launched its late-March offensive, encircling Frankfurt, and setting the stage for the defeat of the Wehrmacht in the West. This is a gripping, authoritative account of a crucial battle during the last major set-piece operation of World War II (1939-1945).

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