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## Chapter 1 : Reflections on German and American Foreign Policy,

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He attained the rank of field marshal. Born into an aristocratic Prussian family with a long history of military service, Manstein joined the army at a young age and saw service on both the Western and Eastern Front during the First World War. He rose to the rank of captain by the end of the war and was active in the inter-war period helping Germany rebuild her armed forces. Anticipating a firm Allied reaction should the main thrust of the invasion take place through the Netherlands, Manstein devised an innovative operation later known as the Sichelchnitt "sickle cut" that called for an attack through the woods of the Ardennes and a rapid drive to the English Channel, thus cutting off the French and Allied armies in Belgium and Flanders. Attaining the rank of general at the end of the campaign, he was active in the invasion of the Soviet Union in June and the Siege of Sevastopol, and was promoted to field marshal on 1 July. He also participated in the Siege of Leningrad. He was one of the primary commanders at the Battle of Kursk July-August, one of the largest tank battles in history. His ongoing disagreements with Hitler over the conduct of the war led to his dismissal in March. Manstein gave testimony at the main Nuremberg trials of war criminals in August, and prepared a paper that, along with his later memoirs, helped cultivate the myth of the clean Wehrmacht the myth that the German armed forces were not culpable for the atrocities of the Holocaust. In he was tried in Hamburg for war crimes and was convicted on nine of seventeen counts, including the poor treatment of prisoners of war and failing to protect civilian lives in his sphere of operations. His sentence of eighteen years in prison was later reduced to twelve, and he served only four years before being released in. As a military advisor to the West German government in the mids, he helped re-establish the armed forces. Manstein died near Munich in. Sixteen relatives on each side of his family were military officers, many of whom rose to the rank of general. He was promoted to lieutenant in January and in October began the three-year officer training programme at the Prussian War Academy. However, Manstein only completed the first year of the programme, as when the First World War began in August all students of the Academy were ordered to report for active service. At the beginning of the war he was promoted to lieutenant and participated in the invasion of Belgium with the 2nd Guard Reserve Infantry Regiment. In August he took part in the capture of Namur, the site of a massive citadel surrounded by outlying forts. After seeing action in the First Battle of the Masurian Lakes, his unit was soon reassigned to the Ninth Army, which was in the process of advancing from Upper Silesia to Warsaw. Overstretched, the Ninth Army was forced to withdraw in the face of a Russian counterattack, and on 16 November Manstein was wounded during the retreat when he was among a detachment that stormed a Russian entrenchment. He was shot in the left shoulder and the left knee; one bullet hit his sciatic nerve, causing the leg to be numb. Recovery took six months in hospital in Beuthen and Wiesbaden. Soon promoted to captain, he learned first-hand how to plan and conduct offensive operations as the Tenth Army undertook successful attacks on Poland, Lithuania, Montenegro, and Albania. During offensive operations at Verdun in early, Manstein was stationed with Gallwitz and his staff at a new headquarters near the action. He next served as a staff supply officer under General Fritz von Below and chief of staff Fritz von Lossberg at a command post near the River Somme; the area was the scene of several battles over the course of the war. British and French operations from July to November forced a German withdrawal over the winter to the Hindenburg Line, a series of defensive positions between Verdun and Lens. Manstein continued to serve under Below until October, when he was transferred as chief of staff to the 4th Cavalry Division, serving in Riga during the German occupation of the area. The German Imperial Army saw some minor successes in the area but was beginning to lose the war. The armistice was signed on 11 November. He proposed marriage after having known her for only three days. They had three children: Panzer-Regiment 15

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during the Second World War. In he volunteered for a staff position with the Frontier Defence Force in Breslau and served there until In he was appointed company commander of the sixth company of the 5th Prussian Infantry Regiment and next served as a staff officer for Wehrkreiskommando II and IV, teaching military history and tactics until That year he was promoted to major and served with the General Staff at the Reichswehr Ministry in Berlin, visiting other countries to learn about their military facilities and helping to draft mobilisation plans for the army. In violation of the Versailles treaty, the Reichswehr had been secretly re-arming since the s; the new government formally renounced the Treaty and proceeded with large scale rearmament and expansion of the military. However, officers like Ludwig Beck , Chief of the Army General Staff, were against such drastic changes, and therefore Manstein proposed an alternative: The incident created a lasting hatred between the two men. He warned the "hostile world" that if it kept erecting "ramparts around Germany to block the way of the German people towards their future", then he would be quite happy to see the world plunged into another world war. Privately, Manstein was lukewarm about the Polish campaign, thinking that it would be better to keep Poland as a buffer between Germany and the Soviet Union. He also worried about an Allied attack from the west once the Polish campaign was underway, which would draw Germany into a two-front war. After the war, he would state in his memoirs that he did not recognise at the time of this meeting that Hitler was going to pursue a policy of extermination against the Poles. Manstein later faced three charges of war crimes relating to Jewish and civilian deaths in the sectors under his control, and the mistreatment and deaths of prisoners of war. These actions led to the encirclement and defeat of Polish forces in the Radom area on 8â€™14 September by six German corps. Meanwhile, the German Eighth Army was under attack from the north, so elements of the Fourth, Eighth and Tenth Armies were quickly redeployed with air support in an improvised attempt to cut off any Polish break-out back towards Warsaw. The flexibility and agility of the German forces led to the defeat of nine Polish infantry divisions and other units in the resulting Battle of the Bzura 8â€™19 September , the largest engagement of the war thus far. The series begins at the left upper corner. Manstein was not satisfied with the plan either, as it focused heavily on the northern wing; he felt an attack from this direction would lack the element of surprise and would expose the German forces to counterattacks from the south. The terrain in Belgium was not well-suited as a base of operations for further attacks on France, so Manstein felt the operation would fail to wipe out the enemyâ€™as it did in the First World Warâ€™leading to only partial success and trench warfare. By the end of October Manstein had prepared the outline of a different plan and submitted it to the OKH via his superior, Rundstedt, for whom he was now serving as chief of staff of Army Group A. This part of the plan later became known as the Sichelschnitt "sickle cut". However, on 11 November, Hitler ordered the reallocation of the forces needed to make a surprise thrust in Sedan , thus pushing the plan in the direction that Manstein had suggested. His corps helped achieve the first breakthrough east of Amiens during Fall Rot "Case Red" â€™ the second phase of the invasion plan , and was the first to reach and cross the River Seine. He considered the operation risky but necessary. Early studies by various staff officers determined that air superiority was a prerequisite to the planned invasion. His corps was to be shipped across the English Channel from Boulogne to Bexhill as one of four units assigned to the first wave. For the rest of the year, Manstein, with little to do, spent time in Paris and at home. Manstein arrived at the front only six days prior to the launch of the offensive. Operation Barbarossa commenced on 22 June with a massive German attack along the whole front line. Overextended and well ahead of the rest of the army group, he fended off a number of determined Soviet counterattacks. Progress of Army Group North, June to December Again having penetrated deep into the Soviet lines with unprotected flanks, his corps was the target of a Soviet counteroffensive from 15 July at Soltsy by the Soviet 11th Army , commanded by Nikolai Vatutin. The corps regrouped at Dno. The attack on Luga was repeatedly delayed. No sooner had he moved to his new headquarters at Lake Samro than he was told to send his men towards Staraya Russa to relieve the X Corps, which was in danger of being encircled. On 12 August the Red Army had launched an offensive with the 11th and 34th Armies against Army Group North, cutting off three divisions. Frustrated with the loss of the 8th Panzer and the missed opportunity to advance on Leningrad, Manstein

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returned to Dno. His counteroffensive led to a major Soviet defeat when his unit encircled five Soviet divisions, receiving air support for the first time on that front. They captured 12, prisoners and tanks. His opponent, General Kuzma M. Kachanov of the 34th Army, was subsequently court martialed and executed for the defeat. Manstein tried to obtain rest days for his men, who had been constantly fighting in poor terrain and increasingly poor weather since the start of the campaign, but to no avail. They were ordered to advance to the east on Demyansk. On 12 September, when he was near the city, he was informed that he would take over 11th Army of Army Group South in Ukraine. The 11th Army was tasked with invading the Crimean Peninsula, capturing Sevastopol, and pursuing enemy forces on the flank of Army Group South during its advance into the Soviet Union. After most of the neck of the Perekop Isthmus had been taken, his forces were substantially reduced, leaving six German divisions and the Romanian Third Army. The rest of the Perekop Isthmus was captured slowly and with some difficulty; Manstein complained of a lack of air support to contest Soviet air superiority in the region. He next created a mobile reconnaissance unit to press down the peninsula, cutting the road between Simferopol and Sevastopol on 31 October. Simferopol was captured the next day. Meanwhile, the Red Army had evacuated, personnel out of the city by sea. By 17 December he launched another offensive, which also failed. On 26 December the Soviet troops landed on the Kerch Straits to retake Kerch and its peninsula, and on 30 December executed another landing near Feodosiya. Manstein cancelled a planned resumption of the attack and sent most of his forces east to destroy the Soviet bridgehead. The Soviet forces were in a superior position regarding men and materiel as they were able to re-supply by sea, and were therefore pushed by Stalin to conduct further offensives. However, the Soviet troops were unable to capture the critical rail and road access points which would have cut the German lines of supply. The 11th Army was outnumbered on the ground, so Manstein had them feint an attack in the north while the bulk of the force attacked to the south. The Soviet troops were soon fleeing. Manstein recorded in his memoirs the capture of " , prisoners, 1, guns and tanks". The Wehrmacht lost only 8, men. A furious barrage began on the morning of 2 June. Casualties were high on both sides as the month dragged on. Aware of the need to act before the German summer offensive of reduced the availability of reinforcements and supplies, Manstein ordered a surprise attack using amphibious landings across Severnaya Bay on 29 June. The operation was a success; Soviet resistance crumbled. On 1 July German forces entered the city while the Soviet forces conducted a disorganised evacuation, and Hitler promoted Manstein to Generalfeldmarschall the same day. The entire city was in German hands by 4 July. Military police cordoned off areas where the Einsatzgruppe planned to shoot Jews to prevent anyone from escaping. Captain Ulrich Gunzert, shocked to have witnessed Einsatzgruppe D massacre a group of Jewish women and children, went to Manstein to ask him to do something to stop the killings. Gunzert states that Manstein told him to forget what he had seen and to concentrate on fighting the Red Army. With elements of the 11th Army, Manstein was transferred to the Leningrad front, arriving on 27 August. Hitler, bypassing the usual chain of command, telephoned Manstein directly and ordered him to take offensive action in the area.

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The ancestors of Napoleon descended from minor Italian nobility of Tuscan origin who had come to Corsica from Liguria in the 16th century. Napoleon was born there on 15 August, their fourth child and third son. A boy and girl were born first but died in infancy. Napoleon was baptised as a Catholic. The nationalist Corsican leader Pasquale Paoli; portrait by Richard Cosway, Napoleon was born the same year the Republic of Genoa, a former commune of Italy, [18] transferred Corsica to France. An examiner observed that Napoleon "has always been distinguished for his application in mathematics. He is fairly well acquainted with history and geography This boy would make an excellent sailor". At this time, he was a fervent Corsican nationalist, and wrote to Corsican leader Pasquale Paoli in May, "As the nation was perishing I was born. Thirty thousand Frenchmen were vomited on to our shores, drowning the throne of liberty in waves of blood. Such was the odious sight which was the first to strike me". He was a supporter of the republican Jacobin movement, organising clubs in Corsica, [38] and was given command over a battalion of volunteers. He was promoted to captain in the regular army in July, despite exceeding his leave of absence and leading a riot against French troops. With the help of his fellow Corsican Antoine Christophe Saliceti, Bonaparte was appointed artillery commander of the republican forces at the Siege of Toulon. The assault on the position led to the capture of the city, but during it Bonaparte was wounded in the thigh. He was promoted to brigadier general at the age of Augustin Robespierre and Saliceti were ready to listen to the freshly promoted artillery general. From Ormea, they headed west to outflank the Austro-Sardinian positions around Saorge. According to Bourrienne, jealousy was responsible, between the Army of the Alps and the Army of Italy with whom Napoleon was seconded at the time. He also took part in an expedition to take back Corsica from the British, but the French were repulsed by the British Royal Navy. As an infantry command, it was a demotion from artillery general "for which the army already had a full quota" and he pleaded poor health to avoid the posting. He faced a difficult financial situation and reduced career prospects. Bonaparte was promoted to Commander of the Interior and given command of the Army of Italy. The couple married on 9 March in a civil ceremony. He immediately went on the offensive, hoping to defeat the forces of Piedmont before their Austrian allies could intervene. In a series of rapid victories during the Montenotte Campaign, he knocked Piedmont out of the war in two weeks. The French then focused on the Austrians for the remainder of the war, the highlight of which became the protracted struggle for Mantua. The Austrians launched a series of offensives against the French to break the siege, but Napoleon defeated every relief effort, scoring victories at the battles of Castiglione, Bassano, Arcole, and Rivoli. The decisive French triumph at Rivoli in January led to the collapse of the Austrian position in Italy. At Rivoli, the Austrians lost up to 14,000 men while the French lost about 5,000. In the first encounter between the two commanders, Napoleon pushed back his opponent and advanced deep into Austrian territory after winning at the Battle of Tarvis in March. Bonaparte marched on Venice and forced its surrender, ending 1,100 years of independence. He also authorized the French to loot treasures such as the Horses of Saint Mark. He stated later in life: Look at Caesar; he fought the first like the last". If he could not use his favourite envelopment strategy, he would take up the central position and attack two co-operating forces at their hinge, swing round to fight one until it fled, then turn to face the other. He founded two newspapers: This left Barras and his Republican allies in control again but dependent on Bonaparte, who proceeded to peace negotiations with Austria. His Egyptian expedition included a group of scientists, with mathematicians, naturalists, chemists, and geodesists among them. Grand Master Ferdinand von Hompesch zu Bolheim surrendered after token resistance, and Bonaparte captured an important naval base with the loss of only three men. Twenty-nine French [74] and approximately 2,000 Egyptians were killed. The victory boosted the morale of

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the French army. Bonaparte led these 13, French soldiers in the conquest of the coastal towns of Arish , Gaza , Jaffa , and Haifa. Bonaparte discovered that many of the defenders were former prisoners of war, ostensibly on parole , so he ordered the garrison and 1, prisoners to be executed by bayonet or drowning to save bullets. He failed to reduce the fortress of Acre , so he marched his army back to Egypt in May. To speed up the retreat, Bonaparte ordered plague-stricken men to be poisoned with opium; the number who died remains disputed, ranging from a low of 30 to a high of He also brought out 1, wounded men. He learned that France had suffered a series of defeats in the War of the Second Coalition. The Republic, however, was bankrupt and the ineffective Directory was unpopular with the French population. Napoleon became "first consul" for ten years, with two consuls appointed by him who had consultative voices only. The constitution preserved the appearance of a republic but in reality established a dictatorship. Posing the hand inside the waistcoat was often used in portraits of rulers to indicate calm and stable leadership. Napoleon established a political system that historian Martyn Lyons called "dictatorship by plebiscite". The constitution was approved in a rigged plebiscite held the following January, with After spending several days looking for each other, the two armies collided at the Battle of Marengo on 14 June. General Melas had a numerical advantage, fielding about 30, Austrian soldiers while Napoleon commanded 24, French troops. Late in the afternoon, a full division under Desaix arrived on the field and reversed the tide of the battle. A series of artillery barrages and cavalry charges decimated the Austrian army, which fled over the Bormida River back to Alessandria , leaving behind 14, casualties. As negotiations became increasingly fractious, Bonaparte gave orders to his general Moreau to strike Austria once more. Moreau and the French swept through Bavaria and scored an overwhelming victory at Hohenlinden in December The treaty reaffirmed and expanded earlier French gains at Campo Formio. Amiens called for the withdrawal of British troops from recently conquered colonial territories as well as for assurances to curtail the expansionary goals of the French Republic. The brief peace in Europe allowed Napoleon to focus on the French colonies abroad. Saint-Domingue had managed to acquire a high level of political autonomy during the Revolutionary Wars, with Toussaint Louverture installing himself as de facto dictator by Napoleon saw his chance to recuperate the formerly wealthy colony when he signed the Treaty of Amiens. During the Revolution, the National Convention voted to abolish slavery in February Under the terms of Amiens, however, Napoleon agreed to appease British demands by not abolishing slavery in any colonies where the decree had never been implemented. The resulting Law of 20 May never applied to colonies like Guadeloupe or Guyane , even though rogue generals and other officials used the pretext of peace as an opportunity to reinstate slavery in some of these places. The Law of 20 May officially restored the slave trade to the Caribbean colonies, not slavery itself. Although the French managed to capture Toussaint Louverture, the expedition failed when high rates of disease crippled the French army. Neither of these territories were covered by Amiens, but they inflamed tensions significantly.

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### Chapter 3 : Erich von Manstein | Revolv

*The commander's decision on whether to fix, contain, or destroy isolated enemy forces affects his task organization, as will enemy attempts to break out from the encirclement or linkup with the.*

Following the performance, which was described as "executed to perfection," [42] the announcement was made that Allen had signed a record deal with Jive Records along with fellow finalist Allison Iraheta. His major label debut was quickly scheduled for a Fall release. Allen wrote or co-wrote 9 of 12 tracks on the album. In a break with Idol tradition, Allen chose not to include his coronation single "No Boundaries" on his debut album, choosing instead to record a new version of his cover of "Heartless" as a bonus track. After its first week of sales, the album debuted at 11 on the Billboard after selling just over 80,000 copies. Allen made his return to the Idol stage during the February 25th American Idol results show to share footage of his experiences in Haiti and to perform "Let It Be". This performance was made available for download as a charity single on iTunes after the show. He then went on to join a few major tours over the rest of the summer, opening for Barenaked Ladies, Maroon 5, and Keith Urban between July and September. He then opened for Lifehouse during October and November. Allen officially revealed that the third single off his album would be "Alright with Me" on October 6. On November 18, he posted an unofficial music video for the song on his official website to thank his fans for their support. Following the shutdown, Allen and all other artists previously signed to these three labels has released his recordings on the 19 Recordings and RCA Records labels. The song was co-written by Allen, Nasri, and Adam Messinger, and it is available for download on iTunes and an exclusive version consisting the remix from the Finnish duo Maison and Dragen on Walmart since March 26. Although Allen was considered to be a better singer than anyone else who had tried out for the role up to that point, he had never auditioned for a film before and has said that he did not feel confident in his acting abilities. In an interview with OK Magazine, Allen said he does not feel that he would have been a good fit for role and currently does not have any further plans to pursue acting. The EP was released on December 10, 2007, with Marie on the piano. The opening act for most of the dates was Jillette Johnson. The tour ended in a sold-out Rams Head in Hanover, Maryland. He performed multiple tracks from the album live acoustically on Yahoo. Allen did a tour of the U.S. Allen has continued to tour in early 2008, including performing at U.S. Letting You In present [edit] In 2008, he began work on his next studio album. The lead single, "Waves", was released to digital retailers on February 19, alongside pre-orders of the album. In March, Allen toured for three months in support of the album. They premiered a song called "The Death of Mr. Jones" in addition to doing a StageIt show. The song is the first of six songs to be released this year by the band. Tour as a special guest. The tour kicked off in Redding, CA on July 11. Allen credits this near-death experience with giving him the ability to write songs as he was finally able to compose his first original song while recuperating from his illness. He chose to leave behind a brand new guitar for the church to use even though that was the only guitar he owned at the time.

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## Chapter 4 : FM Appendix D Encirclement Operations

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The crossing force commander has a temporary headquarters with minimum staff representation. Additional manning may come from the higher headquarters. Staff representation is as follows: Division engineer brigade commander: Division signal battalion commander: Division air defense artillery battalion commander: Planning for a river crossing is divided into distinct phases: During execution there are no planned pauses between the phases; the operation proceeds as the attack continues. Securing the division bridgehead line requires controlling the exit bank area. It must be large enough to accommodate the assault force and the support elements of the crossing force. It must deny the enemy the ability to observe and engage the bridgehead area. Terrain and space within the bridgehead must be defensible against a possible enemy counterattack. Objectives within this area are assigned to assault forces. Once the bridgehead is secured, the river crossing operation is completed. Assault forces lead the initial assault of the river and continue the advance from the exit bank to the bridgehead objective or to the air assault terrain objectives along the bridgehead line. Follow-up forces provide overwatching direct and indirect fire support, crossing site security, and follow and support assistance to the assault force. River crossing control measures Support forces develop crossing sites, emplace crossing means, control units moving into and away from the crossing sites, and orient the assault force to the objectives. CSS elements rapidly resupply the assault force once bridgehead objectives are secure. The division provides a combined arms reserve to defeat enemy attempts to disrupt the crossing operation. The crossing force commander can employ air assault forces to secure terrain objectives along the bridgehead line. Ground forces crossing the river link up with the air assault unit to secure the bridgehead. In division river crossing operations, brigades are the assault forces. Each brigade assault force is designated a specific crossing area. When the assault force enters the designated crossing area, control, not command, passes to the crossing area commander. Control reverts back to the assault force commander as the assault force leaves the crossing area. A retrograde river crossing operation is usually conducted when the enemy threatens to overwhelm the division. It may accomplish one of two objectives: Enemy control of maneuver initiative. High risk to friendly forces. Forces on the exit bank providing defensive and overwatching fires. The retrograde river crossing requires detailed planning just as a deliberate crossing. For planning, the crossing operation is divided into three distinct actions: Although distinct, these actions take place concurrently on the battlefield. Delay operations continue until the delaying force reaches the battle handover line. At this time, units occupying assigned defensive positions on the exit bank assume responsibility for the battle. The delay force then disengages and begins its rearward crossing. Large-area smoke operations including obscuration and deception should assist the rearward crossing operation. A strong exit bank defense is established in each divisional section concurrently with the execution River crossings are planned in detail because they require special equipment and personnel. The defense of the exit bank must be as strong as possible with the available troops. Because friendly forces control both banks of the river for some period prior to the operation, they continually improve and repair existing bridges and crossing sites. They install or pre-position to the rear all available tactical bridging and rafting with the corps to supplement existing crossing means. The difficulty of a retrograde crossing requires that the delaying, defending, and support forces clearly understand their missions and tasks. Operations within the retrograde crossing area include- Rapid and controlled flow of traffic across the river. Maximum use of concealment and dispersal. Coordinated crossing of equipment and supplies. They are normally conducted at company team, battalion task force, or brigade level. See FM and FM Division breaching operations are generally in stride or deliberate. Breaching operations require synchronization and, normally, rehearsals to be successful. In-Stride Breaching The

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in-stride breach is executed against weak defenders or very simple obstacles. A division required to breach an obstacle must attempt it in stride and rapidly to retain the initiative and maintain momentum. In-stride breaching uses standard actions on contact and normal movement techniques. It consists of planned, well-trained, and well-rehearsed breaching actions and reduction procedures. Key are obscuring enemy observation, suppressing enemy positions, and using surprise and initiative to breach the obstacle with minimum loss of momentum. Subordinate units normally move configured to execute an in-stride breach with organic and task-organized assets. Deliberate Breaching Division units conduct deliberate breaching operations to overcome complex enemy obstacle systems. Deliberate breaching operations require thorough reconnaissance, detailed planning, and extensive preparation. Forces conduct such operations when attempted in-stride breaches fail or the obstacles are too complex and beyond the capabilities of subordinate units. The deliberate breach is centrally planned and executed. Subordinate elements are task-organized to accomplish the breach and receive specific missions and objectives. The breach often requires securing the far side of the obstacle with an assault force before and during reduction. Eliminating the far-side defenders also eliminates direct fire on the breaching forces. Artificial obscurants are used to deceive and prevent the enemy from interfering with direct or indirect observed fires. It may be forward or rearward. The force may be moving into contact or out of contact with the enemy. A passage of lines is a difficult and dangerous operation. Forward Passage of Lines In a forward passage of lines, a unit passes through another unit that may be in contact with the enemy. This is done to continue the attack. The stationary unit supports the passing unit until its fires are masked. A forward passage of lines is normally not done while in direct contact with enemy combat units. Attacks to envelop or flank the enemy are normally conducted when friendly forces are in direct contact with enemy combat forces. Planning for a forward passage of lines is similar to planning for a relief in place. On receipt of a warning order that directs a passage of lines, the passing commander and his staff establish liaison with the stationary unit. Close coordination is essential for a passage of lines. Commanders and staffs of the units involved coordinate- Exchange of information and intelligence on enemy forces. Exchange of tactical plans, to include obstacle plans. Exchange of standing operating instructions, especially common signals, such as flares. Arrangements for elements of the passing units to perform reconnaissance. Security measures during the passage. Selection of areas of passage and provisions for guides. Priorities for use of routes and facilities and provisions for movement control. The passing unit must have priority. Time or circumstances when responsibility for control of the area affected by the passage will be transferred. Provisions to provide continuous fire support and other combat support during operations. Exchange of liaison personnel at all levels. Collection and exchange of information on friendly minefields and other obstacles. Command relationship between passing CS and CSS units and facilities, and the stationary unit in whose area they may plan to locate. Measures to minimize vulnerability to enemy NBC munitions. Tactical cover and deception plans to retain secrecy and to aid in gaining surprise. When possible, passage areas are along boundaries between stationary units. This reduces the risk that results when one unit passes directly through the occupied positions of another unit. The passing unit has priority for routes to and within the area affected by the passage. The stationary unit is responsible for traffic control. During the passage, the passing unit augments the traffic control capability of the stationary unit. Close coordination and understanding between commanders and staffs of the units involved are essential for a smooth transfer of control. When commands determine a time or identifiable event for transfer of control and responsibility to the commander of the passing unit, the information is disseminated to the lowest levels of both commands. Prior to the transfer of responsibility, the passing unit is TACON to the stationary unit in the area affected by the passage. Transfer of control may occur when the lead battalions pass the start points of their passage lanes. At that point, the commander of the passing division is committed and exercises tactical control over the stationary unit until the brigade or brigades is out of direct fire range of the stationary unit or other agreed-upon phase line.

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## Chapter 5 : Sunset of the Samurai | Weapons and Warfare

*An attack to break out of an encirclement is a demanding effort. In most cases, the commander conducts a simultaneous defense in other areas of the perimeter. Tasks in a breakout include.*

Do you want total war? If necessary, do you want a war more total and radical than anything that we can even imagine today? The sigh of relief is justified: These catastrophic death tolls resulted from military technology outstripping military thinking, and the application of 19th-century tactics to 20th-century weapons resulted in trench warfare and battles on the Western front which were long, indecisive, and horrendously inefficient. The Eastern front was rather different. Germany itself became a democracy with numerous inner conflicts due to the spread of communism throughout Europe after the Russian Revolution and military coups and lost land to Denmark, a large chunk to Poland, and Alsace and Lorraine went back to France. And Germany also lost all her overseas colonies, which had been economically useless but nonetheless a great source of national pride before the war. Furthermore, the conclusion of the war and the creation of so many new, weak states along national lines resulted in a Europe that spent most of its time grappling with great political unrest instead of addressing the fundamental structural economic problems which underpinned much of said unrest. Almost overnight Europe went from a handful of currencies with fixed exchange rates to over a dozen currencies with variable exchange rates. Where there had been a handful of tariff barriers and taxation systems before, there were dozens. Furthermore, the four-year war disrupted the natural trade cycles of Europe and resulted in economies that had to be re-gearred to peace-time conditions post which resulted in mass unemployment and gave impetus to Socialist and Fascist movements through much of Europe. The danger seemed to have passed by about 1919, with things taking a shaky turn for the better. The political implications of all this for social unrest were only intensified given the poor or non-existent state of social welfare throughout the industrial world. All this would be important later. In the meantime, Austria, Hungary, and Germany had their armed forces heavily regulated, were required to pay heavy reparations to the Allies and were forbidden from a political union with each other. It is debated to what extent these reparations were exceptionally harsh and what their role was in the later economic collapse. The reparations, while initially high, were greatly reduced in the intervening decades, and much leeway was given to the Germans in how and when to pay them. This is in addition to the fact that, in practice, the reparation payments were for the most part all but ignored, with the Germans often simply refusing to pay. Nevertheless, many Germans considered the treaty an unforgivable national humiliation and continued to believe that Germany could have won the war, or at least could have avoided making such concessions. Anything and anyone to justify the "real" cause of their defeat and avoid the conclusion that apparently, against all logic, Germany had been bested, something that did not sit well with the Nationalist and Social Darwinist theories popular at the time. The League of Nations was also set up, a kind of proto-United Nations, where all states could gather and discuss their problems, solve them diplomatically, and enforce international treaties. However, the United States did not join ironic, since the League was conceived by then-President Woodrow Wilson as it did not like the idea of foreign scrutiny of its informal empire in Latin America, instead turning inward to run its own affairs and avoid "foreign entanglements". The non-involvement of the US was crucial, as the United States accounted for a fifth of world GDP at the time; this was a touch more than Britain, France and all their dependencies combined. Furthermore, the new state of the Soviet Union was refused entry because they were a poor and backwards country of Dirty Communists to be despised by all civilised peoples. Despite this, the Allies were satisfied with their work and went home, each confidently declaring that there would be no more war. Unemployment and under-employment combined with inflation and transportation problems to leave millions of post-war workers short of their daily bread. Consequently Europe was swept by revolutionary fervor inspired by the example of the Soviet Union as communist parties tried to seize power in Germany, Italy, Hungary, and elsewhere. The confusion and loss of control that came with suddenly giving the vote to millions of now-hungry people who had never been

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involved in politics before - in the name of democracy and freedom, of course - looked to have backfired spectacularly. For a period of time, it looked as if the World Revolution, so long foretold, might actually be at hand. This political environment allowed the Partito Nazionale Fascista to come to power in Italy in the early twenties, setting a precedent for the rest of Europe. Under the leadership of the charismatic demagogue and frontrunner for the title of " Most Evil Painter Ever " Adolf Hitler , the Weimar Republic was reformed out of existence, and Germany set up violating every remaining provision of the Versailles Treaty, rearming its military and after five years of testing the international waters joining with Austria to create a unified German state in Urban Chinese public opinion, on the other hand, would not stand for anything less than firm opposition to Japan, opposing any further political compromises and railing at real and perceived insults to Chinese national pride. So when the Marco Polo Bridge incident turned into yet another border skirmish, the conflict quickly escalated to a scale that the leadership of neither side wanted. Generalissimo Jiang and his entourage would have much preferred to avoid a full-scale war to focus on eliminating Communists, independent-minded Warlords and banditry; The Imperial Cabinet was happy with trading with China and preparing for the seemingly-inevitable war against the Soviets. As it was Generalissimo Jiang quickly committed his best forces to destroying the Japanese concession in Shanghai, part of his strategy for defending the lower Yangtze delta - the economic heartland of the territory under the control of his Nationalist Party, which dominated the government of the Republic by virtue of the strength his armed forces. This kind of rapid advance is what the Japanese army has been trained and equipped for, and they have executed it brilliantly. This leaves Japan in control of all the most economically and strategically important regions of China Well, not for several years, at the least. Furthermore, the Soviets are looking more threatening than ever. What followed was years of the messiest partisan fighting ever. The reaction to the China Incident abroad was one of muted sympathy. People related more to the people and events in Europe, which they were more interested in generally. From the Japanese seizure of the France-sized northern province of Manchuria in to the full-scale invasion and occupation of , the whole mess served to highlight the true uselessness of the League of Nations. Hitler in particular was convinced that Britain and France were in no way interested in another war with Germany and would likely only fight to defend themselves. This misjudgement was just asking for trouble, as was the belief that having an Empire was an automatic guarantor of prosperity. There was some vague spiel about markets for the fruits of industry, and military might ensuring the prosperity of the nation. Never mind the ginormous costs of war. Getting back to Europe, the Allies did nothing for a long while. This was the result of feelings of guilt and apathy. Guilt about the treatment of Germany at Versailles, and apathy because what was happening in Germany was in a sense none of their business. But remember all those ethnic German majorities bordering the new Germany? Hitler wanted them back, and that meant taking the territory back. However, this was followed by claims on the Sudetenland and the border areas of Czecho-Slovakia, which both held German majorities. This was a bit more difficult, as Czechoslovakia was overwhelmingly Czech and Slovak, and they were unwilling to simply give up their border areas which not-coincidentally held all its fortifications and military bases. Czechoslovakia notably being absent from negotiations. Czechoslovakia would be forced to give up the Sudetenland. Less well known, Czechoslovakia was also forced to give a slice of territory to Hungary and a scrap to Poland. But Europe and her dependencies breathed a sigh of relief - war had been avoided. British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in famously announced, "I believe it is peace for our time. Not only was this followed up by an invasion and annexation of what was left, but Hitler then started making claims on Poland. Well, we all know what happened next. World War II officially begins on Sept. Poland tries to fight, but is simultaneously invaded by the Soviet Union from the east, and collapses in a couple of weeks. Next comes a weird eight-month pause variously nicknamed the Phony War, the Sitzkrieg Sitting War , or the Bore War a pun on the Boer War , in which the British and French sit quietly and do nothing while Germany does much the same, with a brief spurts of vigor allowing them to conquer Denmark and Norway. Hitler orders his panzers to stop short of totally destroying the BEF, believing he can cut a deal with Britian, allowing the BEF to evacuate and avoid capture the "miracle of Dunkirk" , but the triumphant

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German army then turns south and attacks the now badly-outnumbered French, who surrender. The whole campaign takes about six weeks. As France collapses, Benito Mussolini decides to imitate his buddy Hitler and attack France too, and the Italian army does badly, despite greatly outnumbering the French. They had just lost nearly an entire generation of young men on the battlefields of the First World War, and neither their soldiers nor their civilian population were at all eager to fight a second. This meant that not only did the Allies do little more than wait to be attacked as Hitler conquered Poland, Denmark, and Norway, but when they were finally attacked themselves and suffered initial defeats helped by their own strategic blundering the French, unenthusiastic in the first place, were so stung by defeatism and fatalism that it decisively affected their ability and willingness to wage an effective defense. Britain now stands alone against the might of Nazi Germany and Italy too, not that they count for much. Their army is shattered and in no condition to resist an invasion, but they have the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force, and the English Channel to protect them. The Germans lack adequate preparations for an invasion and have no way of decisively countering the Royal Navy, establishing supply-lines for invasion forces, or even establishing aerial superiority for any meaningful length of time; they conclude that they need to knock the Royal Air Force out of the skies before an invasion of Britain can begin. In what will become a repeated pattern, Nazi leadership meddles in the operation, forcing changes in tactics and targets at the first signs of resistance in order to keep the "victories" coming. Bombing priorities are switched between RAF airfields and British urban centers at the crucial moment so that both suffer, but neither one is dealt a decisive blow. The Germans also fail to knock out the crucial radar installations that give the RAF the ability to detect the incoming waves of planes before they arrive, giving their pilots crucial time to get airborne and intercept. Luftwaffe Commanders had boasted they expected a victory in as little as two weeks, but after three months of fighting fails to win air superiority, the Germans back down in the face of mounting losses. Operation Sea Lion, the German invasion plan which was never taken all that seriously to begin with, is cancelled. Still, the Germans remain the masters of Fortress Europe. The British have no hope of defeating them unless help arrives. Despite greatly outnumbering the Finns in almost every conceivable way, the Soviets perform horribly. After six months, the Russians have taken only a few miles of land beyond the border. The Finns had neither the population nor the economy to prosecute the war, so they eventually surrendered and gave up some territory that was mostly worthless, but only after they had inflicted incredibly disproportionate losses on their much larger opponent. The Finns subsequently dub their improvised petrol bombs, of the type used by desperate infantrymen trying to take out tanks in China and Spain, "Molotov cocktails". Mussolini feels left out of all this conquest, so the Italians promptly invade the Balkans and Greece -- only to get in over their heads, losing battles, and forcing Germany to divert precious resources to bailing them out. The Wehrmacht then proves their success in France was no fluke by blitzing through Greece and capturing most of the Mediterranean. Only the plucky island of Malta manages to hold on despite near-starvation, an act that gets the entire island awarded the George Cross. Mussolini is humiliated, and Hitler is provided with a whole raft of snide remarks for future cocktail party conversations. The battle shifts to North Africa, where the British and the Germans not all that much helped by the increasingly poorly led and supplied Italians wage vital battles for control over the Suez Canal and access to the priceless oil supplies of the Middle East. On February 14, , the newly promoted Major General Erwin Rommel formerly commander of the 7th Panzer Division, notable for its stunning maneuvers in the Battle of France, which earned it the nickname "The Ghost Division". Leading what is dubbed the "Deutsches Afrikakorps", Rommel finds himself both undermanned and under-equipped. But does that stop him? He orders his troops to begin moving as quickly as possible, plowing through British positions in Egypt. Only a desperate counterattack drives Rommel back, showcasing how the war in Africa will be fought for the next year. Nevertheless, the African Front will come to be known as the most humane and romanticized combat zone of the war, where Rommel becomes a well-respected commander earning praise from Winston Churchill himself. However, the war in Africa is only seen as a sideshow for the true campaign, where the bulk of German troops and equipment will be used depriving Rommel of much-needed reinforcement for his offensives. After failing to bring Britain

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down, Hitler looks east to his old enemy -- the Soviet Union. In , the Germans and Soviets had entered into the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact , in which they agreed not to fight each other, secretly agreed to divide up Poland between them, and Germany licensed the Soviets to build their copy of a BMW motorcycle. Finally on June 22, , exactly one year after the fall of France, Hitler launches Operation Barbarossa.

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### Chapter 6 : s (decade) - Wikipedia

*The mission assigned the three reconnaissance forces of the 3d Armored Division had been to close up to the Liège-Bastogne highway (with the crossroads as an objective), but it had not been carried out.*

Edit After the breakout from Normandy at the end of July and the landings in southern France on 15 August , the Allies advanced toward Germany more quickly than anticipated. While the supply situation improved in October, the manpower situation was still critical. General Eisenhower the Supreme Allied Commander and his staff chose the Ardennes region, held by the First United States Army, as an area that could be held by as few troops as possible. The Ardennes were chosen because of a lack of operational objectives for the Allies, because the terrain offered good defensive positioning, the road network was minimal, and the Germans were known to be using the area within Germany to the east as a rest-and-refit area for their troops. The only deep-water port the Allies had captured was Cherbourg, near the original invasion beaches, [15] but the Germans had thoroughly wrecked and mined the harbor before it could be taken. It took the Allies many months to build up its cargo-handling capability. The Allies captured the port of Antwerp, Belgium, fully intact, in the first days of September, but it was not operational until 28 November, when the estuary of the Scheldt River , which controls access to the port, was cleared of both German troops and naval mines. The extensive destruction of the French railway system prior to D-Day , successful in hampering German response to the invasion, proved equally damaging to the Allies, as it took time to repair the system of tracks and bridges. A trucking system known as the Red Ball Express brought supplies to front-line troops, but transportation took five times as much fuel to reach the front line near the Belgian border as was delivered. By early October the Allies suspended major offensives to improve their supply lines and availability. Eisenhower, however, preferred a broad-front strategy. As a result, by the end of October the supply situation had eased somewhat. Despite a lull along the front after the Scheldt battles, the German situation remained dire. The Allies were slowly pushing towards Germany , but no decisive breakthrough was achieved. The Western Allies already had 96 divisions at or near the front, with an estimated ten more divisions en route from the United Kingdom to the battle zone. Additional Allied airborne units remained in England. The Germans could field a total of 55 divisions. The extremely swift operation ended only when the advancing Red Army forces outran their supplies. By November it was clear that Soviet forces were preparing for a winter offensive. The converse was equally damaging; daytime movement of German forces was almost instantly noticed and interdiction of supplies combined with the bombing of the Romanian oil fields starved Germany of oil and gasoline. One of the few advantages held by the German forces in November was that they were no longer defending all of Western Europe. Their front lines in the west had been considerably shortened by the Allied offensive and were much closer to the German heartland. This dramatically reduced their supply problems despite Allied control of the air. Additionally, their extensive telephone and telegraph network meant that radios were no longer necessary for communications, which lessened the effectiveness of Allied Ultra intercepts. Although he realised nothing significant could be accomplished in the Eastern Front , he still believed an offensive against the Western Allies, whom he considered militarily inferior to the Red Army, would have some chances of success. After the war ended, this assessment was generally viewed as unrealistic, given Allied air superiority throughout Europe and their ability to continually disrupt German offensive operations. Even the encirclement and destruction of entire Soviet armies, an unlikely outcome, would still have left the Soviets with a numerical superiority. Several senior German military officers, including Field Marshal Walter Model and von Rundstedt, expressed concern as to whether the goals of the offensive could be realized. They offered alternative plans, but Hitler would not listen. The plan banked on unfavorable weather, including heavy fog and low-lying clouds, which would minimize the Allied air advantage. In the west supply problems began significantly to impede Allied operations, even though the opening of the port of Antwerp in late November improved the situation somewhat. The positions of the

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Allied armies stretched from southern France all the way north to the Netherlands. German planning for the counteroffensive rested on the premise that a successful strike against thinly-manned stretches of the line would halt Allied advances on the entire Western Front. A first plan for an encirclement maneuver called for a two-pronged attack along the borders of the U. Ninth Army and leave the German forces back in control of the excellent defensive grounds where they had fought the U. A second plan called for a classic blitzkrieg attack through the weakly defended Ardennes Mountainsâ€”mirroring the successful German offensive there during the Battle of France in â€”aimed at splitting the armies along the U. Hitler chose the second plan, believing a successful encirclement would have little impact on the overall situation and finding the prospect of splitting the Anglo-American armies more appealing. The disputes between Montgomery and Patton were well known, and Hitler hoped he could exploit this perceived disunity. If the attack were to succeed in capturing Antwerp, four complete armies would be trapped without supplies behind German lines. Both plans centered on attacks against the American forces. Hitler believed the Americans were incapable of fighting effectively, and that the American home front was likely to crack upon hearing of a decisive American loss. At the same time they felt that maintaining a purely defensive posture as had been the case since Normandy would only delay defeat, not avert it. The two field marshals combined their plans to present a joint "small solution" to Hitler, who rejected it in favor of his "big solution". The French name for the operation is Bataille des Ardennes. The battle was militarily defined by the Allies as the Ardennes Counteroffensive, which included the German drive and the American effort to contain and later defeat it. The phrase "Battle of the Bulge" was coined by contemporary press to describe the way the Allied front line bulged inward on wartime news maps. Army issued the Ardennes-Alsace campaign citation to units that took part in operations in northwest Europe. The citation covered the Ardennes sector where the actual battle took place and units further south in the Alsace sector. The southern units held the line in their region but were not involved in the battle except for elements they sent north as reinforcements. While the Ardennes Counteroffensive is the correct term in Allied military language, the official Ardennes-Alsace campaign reached beyond the Ardennes battle region, and the most popular description remains simply the Battle of the Bulge.

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### Chapter 7 : Napoleon - Wikipedia

*The Third War for Armageddon that began in M41 was a massive conflict between the Imperium of Man and the largest Ork WAAAGH! ever raised, led by the Greenskin Warlord Ghazghkull Mag Uruk Thraka.*

All of the attacks resulted from the leadership of authoritarian ruling elites in Germany and Japan. World War II began after these acts of aggression were met with an official declaration of war or armed resistance. Meanwhile the power of the Soviet Union threatened to eclipse them both as industrialization spread to this massive country. World War I had been a preemptive war by Germany against the precursor to the Soviet Union, the Russian Empire , [1] but it ended in catastrophe for the Germans, with millions dead, the loss of some peripheral territory, and economic hardships. Molotov signs the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact in Moscow. Behind him are Shaposhnikov , Ribbentrop , and Stalin. He railed against Communists and ethnic minorities, such as Jews. After taking power, he prepared Germany for another war with large political rallies and speeches. He remilitarized the Rhineland , and increased the size of the German army, navy, and air force. The British and French governments followed a policy of appeasement in order to avoid a new European war, out of concern for perceived war-weariness of their populations due to the huge death tolls of the first World War. In exchange for this, Hitler gave his word that Germany would make no further territorial claims in Europe. Hideki Tojo of Imperial Japan. The failure of the Munich Agreement showed that negotiations with Hitler could not be trusted, as his aspirations for dominance in Europe went beyond anything that the United Kingdom and France would tolerate. Poland and France pledged on May 19 , to provide each other with military assistance in the event either was attacked. The British had already offered support to Poland in March. The Pact included a secret protocol that would divide Central Europe into German and Soviet areas of interest, including a provision to partition Poland. Each country agreed to allow the other a free hand in its area of influence, including military occupation. The deal provided for sales of oil and food from the Soviets to Germany, thus reducing the danger of a British blockade such as the one that had nearly starved Germany in World War I. Hitler was then ready to go to war with Poland and, if necessary, with the United Kingdom and France. He claimed there were German grievances relating to the issues of the Free City of Danzig and the Polish Corridor , but he planned to conquer all Polish territory to incorporate it into the German Reich. The signing of a new alliance between the United Kingdom and Poland on August 25 did not significantly alter his plans. The United Kingdom brought with it the huge British Empire , and most members of the British Commonwealth joined the war soon after. Cause of war in Asia Main articles: Showa Era , Militarism-Socialism in Showa Japan , Japanese nationalism Following the policies adopted after the Treaty of Versailles by occidental powers toward the recognition of Japan as a colonial power, many politicians and militarist leaders such as Fumimaro Kono and Sadao Araki brought back the concept of hakko ichiu and promoted the right of Japan to conquer Asia and unify it under the rule of emperor Showa , the offspring of Amaterasu Omikami. Japan invaded Manchuria in and China in to bolster its meager stock of natural resources, to relieve Japan from population pressures and to extend its colonial realm to a wider area. This invasion became a "holy war" seisen and was followed by a harsh occupation with many atrocities against civilians Nanking massacre , sanko sakusen. The United States and the United Kingdom reacted by making loans to China , providing covert military assistance , pilots and fighter aircraft to the Chinese Kuomintang and instituting after broad natural resource embargoes against Japan. The embargoes could have ultimately forced Japan to give up its newly conquered possessions in China or find new sources of oil and other resources. Japan was faced with the choice of withdrawing from China, negotiating some compromise, developing new sources of supply, buying what they needed somewhere else, or going to war to conquer the territories that contained oil, bauxite and other resources in the Dutch East Indies , Malay and the Philippines. Japan thus proceeded with its plans for the war in the Pacific , and invaded and conquered nations and colonial possessions throughout Asia and the Pacific. This, they claimed, would be a co-operative league of Asian

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nations, freed by Japan from European imperialist domination, and liberated to achieve autonomy and self-determination. In practice, occupied countries and peoples were completely subordinate to Japanese authority. Germany declared war on the United States on December 11,

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### Chapter 8 : MSN Deutschland | Nachrichten, Sport, Wetter, Hotmail & Outlook Login

*The white-robed man's inner qi seemed to have been raised to a whole different level at this moment and he was like a crazed tiger trying to break out of the encirclement. "Trap him! He used a forbidden art to forcefully raise his inner qi, and it will not last for long!"*

This treaty effectively ended the era of the Old China Trade, giving to the rise of the United States as an emergent power. This treaty stipulated, among other terms, that along with Britain, France, and Russia, the United States would have the right to station administrative offices in Beijing, which was closed prior to the war. Taiwan[ edit ] Some Americans advocated for the annexation of Taiwan from China. Burlingame toured the country to build support for equitable treatment for China and for Chinese emigrants. The Burlingame Treaty embodied these principles. In 1872, the Chinese Educational Mission brought the first of two groups of Chinese boys to study in the United States. They were led by Yung Wing, the first Chinese man to graduate from an American university. During the California Gold Rush and the construction of the transcontinental railroad, large numbers of Chinese emigrated to the U. After being forcibly driven from the mines, most Chinese settled in Chinatowns in cities such as San Francisco, taking up low-end wage labor, such as restaurant and cleaning work. With the post-Civil War economy in decline by the 1880s, anti-Chinese animosity became politicized by labor leader Denis Kearney and his party, as well as by the California governor John Bigler. Both blamed Chinese coolies for depressed wage levels. In 1882, the first significant restriction on free immigration in U. Those revisions allowed the United States to suspend immigration, and Congress acted quickly to implement the suspension of Chinese immigration and exclude Chinese skilled and unskilled laborers from entering the country for ten years, under penalty of imprisonment and deportation. The ban was renewed a number of times, lasting for over 60 years. Morgan and Andrew Carnegie, sought to provide the American capital and management that would generate a rapid industrialization of China. It started building the Hankow-Canton Railroad, to link central and southern China. It only managed to finish 30 miles of line. Americans soon grew disillusioned, and sold out to a rival Belgian syndicate. Standard Oil did succeed in selling kerosene to the China market, but few others made a profit. Boxer Rebellion US troops in China during the Boxer Rebellion In 1900, a movement of Chinese nationalists calling themselves the Society of Right and Harmonious Fists started a violent revolt in China, referred to by Westerners as the Boxer Rebellion, against foreign influence in trade, politics, religion, and technology. The campaigns took place from November to September 7, 1900, during the final years of Manchu rule in China under the Qing dynasty. The insurgents attacked foreigners, who were building railroads and violating Feng shui, and Christians, who were held responsible for the foreign domination of China. Diplomats, foreign civilians, soldiers, and Chinese Christians were besieged during the Siege of the International Legations for 55 days. The multinational forces were initially defeated by a Chinese Muslim army at the Battle of Langfang, but the second attempt in the Gaselee Expedition was successful due to internal rivalries among the Chinese forces. The Chinese government was forced to indemnify the victims and make many additional concessions. Subsequent reforms implemented after the rebellion contributed to the end of the Qing dynasty and the establishment of the modern Chinese Republic. The United States played a secondary but significant role in suppressing the Boxer Rebellion, largely due to the presence of US ships and troops deployed in the Philippines since the American conquest of the Spanish-American and Philippine-American War. The Chinese paid indemnities to each of the powers. A number of schools were established in China, such as Tsinghua College in Peking. They supported missionaries in 1870, more than in 1880, and in 1890. By they opened 16 American universities, six medical schools, and four theology schools, together with middle schools and a large number of elementary schools. The number of converts was not large, but the educational influence was dramatic. Punch Aug 23, 1900, by J. Pughe In the 1900s the major world powers France, Britain, Germany, Japan, and Russia began carving out spheres of influence for themselves in China, which was then under the Qing dynasty. The United States demanded this practice to end

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so that all nations could trade on an equal footing. Secretary of State John Hay sent diplomatic letters to these nations, asking them to guarantee the territorial and administrative integrity of China and to not interfere with the free use of treaty ports within their respective spheres of influence. Hay took this as acceptance of his proposal, which came to be known as the Open Door Policy. Japan also presented a further challenge to the policy with its Twenty-One Demands in made on the then- Republic of China. Japan also made secret treaties with the Allied Powers promising Japan the German territories in China. In , Japan invaded and occupied Manchuria. The United States along with other countries condemned the action, leading to U. China was reunified by a single government , led by the Kuomintang KMT in Buck , whose Nobel lecture was titled The Chinese Novel. They discovered the demand for Western education was much stronger, and much more elite, than the demand for Christianity. Programs were set up to fund Chinese students In American colleges. Roosevelt , and Winston Churchill at the Cairo Conference in A series of Neutrality Acts had been passed in the US with the support of isolationists who forbade American aid to countries at war. Because the Second Sino-Japanese War was undeclared, however, Roosevelt denied that a state of war existed in China and proceeded to send aid to Chiang. American public sympathy for the Chinese was aroused by reports from missionaries, novelists such as Pearl S. Roosevelt demanded an apology and compensation from the Japanese, which was received, but relations between the two countries continued to deteriorate. Congress amended the Chinese Exclusion Act and Roosevelt moved to end the unequal treaties by establishing the Treaty for Relinquishment of Extraterritorial Rights in China. China Hands such as Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell "who spoke fluent Mandarin Chinese" argued that it was in American interest to establish communication with the Communists to prepare for a land-based counteroffensive invasion of Japan. The Dixie Mission , which began in , was the first official American contact with the Communists. In , successfully demanded that Stilwell be recalled. Chinese Military forces under Chiang Kai-shek went to the island of Taiwan to accept the surrender of Japanese troops, thus beginning the military occupation of Taiwan. American general George Marshall spent most of the years in China trying to broker a truce between the Republic of China and the Communist Party of China in , but he failed. Such a dissipation of U. With President Chiang Kai-shek, the U. Eisenhower waved hands to crowds during his visit to Taipei , Taiwan in June That the provisional capital of the Republic of China has been at Taipei, Taiwan Formosa since December ; that the Government of the Republic of China exercises authority over the island; that the sovereignty of Formosa has not been transferred to China; and that Formosa is not a part of China as a country, at least not as yet, and not until and unless appropriate treaties are hereafter entered into. Formosa may be said to be a territory or an area occupied and administered by the Government of the Republic of China, but is not officially recognized as being a part of the Republic of China. Trade continued and the U. Instead, the US maintained diplomatic relations with the Republic of China government on Taiwan, recognizing it as the sole legitimate government of China. An enemy of the Chiang family, K. Wu , was removed from his position as governor of Taiwan by Chiang Ching-kuo and fled to America in Chiang placed Sun under house arrest in Kuomintang party activities were propagated throughout the military. Sun Li-jen opposed this action. Chinese warnings for the UN forces to not venture too close to their border were ignored, and in November , a massive Chinese counterattack was launched. The Chinese army struck in the west along the Chongchon River and completely overran several South Korean divisions, successfully landing a heavy blow to the flank of the remaining forces. The defeat of the US Eighth Army resulted in the longest retreat of any American military unit in history. In late March , after the Chinese army had moved large numbers of new forces near the Korean border, US bomb loading pits at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa were made operational. On April 5, the US Joint Chiefs of Staff released orders for immediate retaliatory attacks using nuclear weapons against Manchurian bases to prevent new Chinese troops from entering the battles or bombing attacks originating from those bases. Since then, a divided Korea has become an important factor in US-China relations. The United States lost 58, troops in the Vietnam War. The Chinese presence in North Vietnam was well-known to US officials, and can explain a number of factors surrounding American strategy in the conflict. Whatever Chinese plans might have been, the

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Johnson Administration was unwilling to tempt fate and so ground troops never crossed into North Vietnam. Johnson considered preemptive attacks to halt its nuclear program. He ultimately decided the measure carried too much risk and it was abandoned. For most of the 22 years between and , Sino-US relations were uniformly hostile, with Mao Zedong frequently referring to the United States as "the most dangerous imperialist power", [ This quote needs a citation ] and the U. President Kennedy believed that US policy towards China was "nonsensical", [ This quote needs a citation ] and he considered reestablishing diplomatic ties in his second term. Beginning in , the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission established the China Claims Program, in which American citizens could denominate the sum total of their lost assets and property following the Communist seizure of foreign property in . For China, when American president Johnson decided to wind down the Vietnam war in , it gave China an impression that the US had no interest of expanding in Asia anymore while the USSR became a more serious threat as it intervened in Czechoslovakia to displace a communist government and might well interfere in China. The PRC was diplomatically isolated and the leadership came to believe that improved relations with the United States would be a useful counterbalance to the Soviet threat. Zhou Enlai , the Premier of China , was at the forefront of this effort with the committed backing of Chairman Mao Zedong. In , the United States initiated measures to relax trade restrictions and other impediments to bilateral contact, to which China responded. However, this rapprochement process was stalled by the Vietnam War where China was supporting the enemies of the United States. Communication between Chinese and American leaders, however, was conducted through Romania , Pakistan [59] and Poland as intermediaries. In the United States, academics such as John K. Doak Barnett pointed to the need to deal realistically with the Beijing government, while organizations such as the National Committee on United States-China Relations sponsored debates to promote public awareness. Many saw the specter of Communist China behind communist movements in Vietnam , Cambodia , and Laos , but a growing number concluded that if the PRC would align with the US it would mean a major redistribution of global power against the Soviets. Nixon mentioned in his inaugural address that the two countries were entering an era of negotiation after an era of confrontation. Although Nixon during his presidential campaign had vociferously supported Chiang Kai-Shek, by the second half of the decade, he increasingly began to speak of there "being no reason to leave China angry and isolated". He also worried that one of the Democrats would preempt him and go to the PRC before he had the opportunity. In , an unexpectedly friendly encounter between the American and Chinese ping-pong athletes called Glenn Cowan and Zhuang Zedong in Japan opened the way for a visit to China, which Chairman Mao personally approved. The smooth acceptance of this so-called " ping-pong diplomacy " gave confidence to both sides. In July , Henry Kissinger feigned illness while on a trip to Pakistan and did not appear in public for a day. He was actually on a top-secret mission to Beijing to negotiate with Zhou Enlai. Kissinger and his aides did not receive a warm welcome in Beijing, and the hotel they stayed in was equipped with pamphlets excoriating US imperialism.

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### Chapter 9 : Shaykh Maraghi's Mission to the Hijaz, | Martin Kramer on the Middle East

*The Battle of the Bulge (16 December - 25 January ) was a major German offensive campaign launched through the densely forested Ardennes region of Wallonia in Belgium, France and Luxembourg on the Western Front toward the end of World War II in Europe.*

Wonderful Acting Chapter The rest of you are to spread out and form a large circle. We must not let this fellow get away! The assassin was already surrounded by almost a hundred men, and it was impossible for him to escape! DongFang XingChen regained his composure and roared, "Catch him! This crown prince will rip him into shreds! If anyone lets him off, he will be punished for the same crime as the assassin! This crown prince is truly foolish to the extreme! Is he trying to force the assassin to escape? If he truly wants to escape, this situation would only take a turn for the worse and they would definitely have to pay a heavy price! The thing that they should be doing now is to demoralize their enemy and try to capture him without exchanging any blows. However, this crown prince of theirs had actually done the complete opposite! To think that their wise emperor would give birth to such a foolish son! With two clanging sounds, DongFang Hen had exchanged two sword blows with the white-robed man. All of a sudden, he looked at the white-robed man and said in a mellow tone, "Friend, it seems like you are here on orders from someone. Why do you have to throw your life away? If you can tell me who the mastermind is, this old man can help plead to the crown prince to spare your life. What do you think about that? This white-robed man is already trapped in such a perilous situation, but his comrades have not rushed out to rescue him. The eyes that were revealed blinked with hesitation, and a trace of fear could be seen. However, he did not stop in the slightest and tried charging out of the encirclement. Seven to eight guards immediately brandished their swords to force him back into the encirclement. You no longer have any hope of escaping. Even if you were to grow a pair of wings now, it would be impossible for you to escape. It is best for you to wise up lest you suffer from endless physical pain. Thankfully, he was not wounded in the slightest and he cursed coldly, "Nonsense! This daddy here was indeed sent by DongFang JingTian! The one who sent me here was First Master DongFang! However, a hole was still stabbed in his shirt but despite things being so dangerous, the white-robed man was still not injured! How could this white-robed man be so lucky? Like a cat chasing after a mouse, his sword was brandished around the white-robed man but he grew weary after a while. However, he only specializes in assassination and is utterly incapable in a frontal battle. The white-robed man clenched his teeth but did not say another word. Like a crazed tiger in a cage, he charged towards the left and right but was unable to charge out of the encirclement. The mastermind behind the assassin was undoubtedly DongFang JingLei! It was only that his means were far too clumsy. Could it be that they thought that this crown prince was an idiot? With a plan in his heart, DongFang Hen no longer showed any mercy and roared, "Go all out! Being caught off guard, the white-robed man tried his best to avoid the attacks and his white robe seemed to have turned into white butterflies, flying out in all directions. At the same time, a few bloody wounds also appeared and the white-robed man was finally injured! DongFang Hen raised his sword and charged forward aggressively with a powerful gust of wind whooshing behind him. His sword then slashed down mercilessly towards the white-robed man like the rushing winds in a thunderstorm and rapid currents of a river. The attack was loud like thunder but yet silent like a virgin. Every single action he took was filled with a carefree heroism, and he had the demeanor of an unparalleled expert. The guards by the side were also unwilling to be outdone. How would they give up the opportunity to beat the white-robed man when he was down? They charged forward with valor and their battlecry shot through the clouds with the atmosphere of victory in the midst! This was killing an assassin and the huge merit of saving their crown prince! It was as though a pile of gold had appeared in all of their eyes. The white-robed man shouted out flusteredly and spat out a mouthful of blood. He used a forbidden art to forcefully raise his inner qi, and it will not last for long! Try to drag on the battle and avoid frontal confrontations! Tire him to death! He was immediately elated and began roaring out commands to his

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subordinates. Afraid that something might go amiss, DongFang Hen dashed forward and chased behind the white-robed man. Being blocked from the left and right, the white-robed man suddenly shot towards the sky and tried charging out in an almost suicidal manner. In just an instant, he appeared in front of the white-robed man and slashed down fiercely! At the same time, he gathered his inner qi in his left palm and struck out without hesitation. He was certain that the white-robed man would lose the ability to resist after this sword and palm strike! The white-robed man then shouted out miserably and another mouthful of blood shot out from his mouth. All of a sudden, he spun around in the sky and after lifting his left hand up, a rope shot out from his sleeves and coiled onto the branch of a tree forty feet away. Tugging hard on the rope, the white-robed man borrowed the force from the rope and shot away like a shooting star. No one imagined that the assassin would have such a trump card left, and the sudden event had stunned them all into silence. At the same time, he shot off in the direction that the white-robed man disappeared and gave chase. Thinking about that, DongFang Hen was both enraged and embarrassed. He then disappeared into the dense forest like a puff of green smoke. As for the guards giving chase to him from behind, even if they chased after him with their fastest possible speed, they were still forty to fifty feet away from Ling Tian when he picked Xiao YanXue up. This resulted in them rummaging around the jungle like headless flies trying to find a buried corpse. Upon thinking about the hilarious scene of them doing so, Ling Tian could not help but snicker evilly. The previous battle made Ling Tian frustrated to the point he felt like dying. It was like a burly grown man accompanying a bunch of preschoolers in a fighting game. Despite having ten portions of strength, he was only allowed to use one to two portions of it. However, Ling Tian was extremely pleased with his acting and was sure that he deserved a trophy if he was in his previous life. While the mission was tough, he had finally completed it beautifully. If he rushed back, he would probably be able to enjoy the show in Southern Zheng as well. Of course, he also missed his parents and family members! At that time, he could command his army into battle with one eye and watch the internal struggle of Eastern Zhao with his other eye. It was truly turning the rivers and mountains into painting with his words, watching a beautiful show silently from the side. Themes of heroism, of valor, of ascending to Immortality, of combat, of magic, of Eastern mythology and legends. Updated with awesome new content daily. Come join us for a relaxing read that will take you to brave new worlds! A paradise for readers!