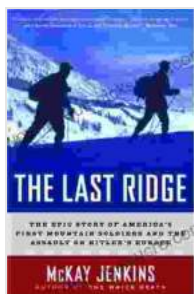


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The 10th Mountain Division was the first American unit to be trained in mountain warfare. They fought in Italy during World War II and played a key role in the assault on Hitler's mountain fortress.

Origins

The 10th Mountain Division was formed in 1943 at Camp Hale, Colorado. The division was made up of volunteers from all over the United States, including many skiers, mountaineers, and lumberjacks. The division was trained in mountain warfare techniques, including skiing, climbing, and ice climbing.



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Italy

The 10th Mountain Division deployed to Italy in 1944. They fought in the Italian Campaign, which included the Battle of Monte Cassino and the Battle of Anzio. The 10th Mountain Division played a key role in the capture of Monte Cassino, which was a key German defensive position.

Hitler's Mountain Fortress

In April 1945, the 10th Mountain Division was assigned the mission of capturing Hitler's mountain fortress at Berchtesgaden. The fortress was located in the Bavarian Alps, and it was heavily defended by German troops. The 10th Mountain Division launched their assault on the fortress on May 2, 1945. They fought their way through the German defenses and reached the fortress on May 7, 1945.

Surrender

The German garrison at Berchtesgaden surrendered to the 10th Mountain Division on May 7, 1945. The surrender of Berchtesgaden marked the end of the war in Europe. The 10th Mountain Division had played a key role in the defeat of Nazi Germany.

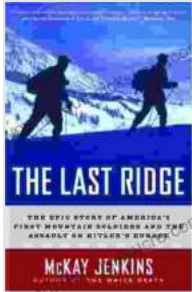
Legacy

The 10th Mountain Division was disbanded after the war, but its legacy lives on. The division's training and tactics were used by other American units in the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The 10th Mountain Division was also the inspiration for the creation of the modern-day U.S. Army Special Forces.

Further Reading

- 10th Mountain Division (United States)

- 10th Mountain Division: World War II
- 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry)

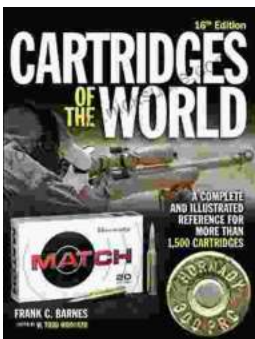


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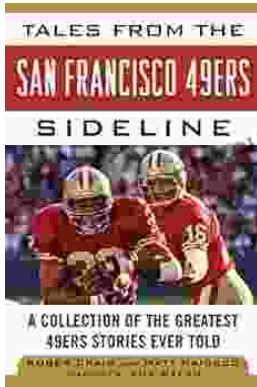
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