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Sitting It Out David Westheimer, 2000-08 In 1941 Westheimer was in a B 24 that ditched off the coast of Italy It was the first American plane to be lost over Italy in the early days of WW2 Behind enemy lines the author and 6 other survivors were taken to a camp at Poggio Mirteto before being assigned to another Italian POW camp After 9 months in captivity the prisoners had a brief brush with freedom Retaken by advancing Germans before they could escape they were transported through the Alps to Stalag Luft III Westheimer spent 19 more months in German hands before he was finally liberated by American troops on April 29 1945 Westheimer wrote this book shortly after his release Photos The Enemy in Our Hands Robert C. Doyle, 2010-03-19 Revelations of abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison and the U.S. detention camp at Guant namo Bay had repercussions extending beyond the worldwide media scandal that ensued The controversy surrounding photos and descriptions of inhumane treatment of enemy prisoners of war or EPWs from the war on terror marked a watershed momentin the study of modern warfare and the treatment of prisoners of war Amid allegations of human rights violations and war crimes one question stands out among the rest Was the treatment of America's most recent prisoners of war an isolated event or part of a troubling and complex issue that is deeply rooted in our nation's military history Military expert Robert C Doyle's The Enemy in Our Hands America's Treatment of Prisoners of War from the Revolution to the War on Terror draws from diverse sources to answer this question Historical as well as timely in its content this work examines America's major wars and past conflicts among them the American Revolution the Civil War World Wars I and II and Vietnam to provide understanding of the UnitedStates treatment of military and civilian prisoners The Enemy in Our Hands offers a new perspective of U S military history on the subject of EPWs and suggests that the tactics employed to manage prisoners of war are unique and disparate from one conflict to the next In addition to other vital information Doyle provides a cultural analysis and exploration of U S adherence to international standards of conduct including the 1929 Geneva Convention in each war Although wars are not won or lost on the basis of how EPWs are treated the treatment of prisoners is one of the measures by which history s conquerors are judged Our Last Mission Dawn Trimble Bunyak, 2005-08-01 In this remarkable tale of courage historian Dawn Trimble Bunyak recounts the experiences of her uncle Lawrence Pifer a technical sergeant who survived fourteen months of internment as a prisoner of war in World War II Nazi Germany A radio operator and ball turret gunner on the American B 17 bomber Slightly Dangerous Pifer was shot down during a raid on March 4 1944 As he parachuted from the plummeting plane Pifer witnessed the deaths of two of his fellow crewmembers Captured by Nazi soldiers and taken to a series of German Stalag Luft camps Pifer and other servicemen mostly in their teens and twenties endured torture starvation disease and forced marches When British forces liberated Pifer's group he pushed his POW experiences deep into the recesses of his mind not to recall them in detail for decades Years later a POW group at a Veterans Administration hospital helped Pifer realize that he was ready to tell his story After forty hours of interviews with Pifer Dawn

Trimble Bunyak retells the enthralling story of an average enlisted man's struggle to survive in the face of hopelessness with only his strong faith and pride in country to sustain him In his foreword historian Arnold Krammer shows how popular views of the prisoner of war experience have changed dramatically over time yet how rare are such first person accounts as Pifer's Enhanced by numerous photographs and maps and an appendix of prisoners poetry Our Last Mission is one of only a few oral histories that details the daily experiences of one of the 94 000 American POWs in Europe during World War II of the Air MTI Donald L. Miller, 2024-01-23 A history recounting the events and experiences of the World War II bomber pilots of the U S Eighth Air Force the armed forces group that conducted daytime bombing of Germany in advance of the Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals ,1992 Allied soldiers arrival on the ground Honor Kay Sloan, 2008-12-01 Not Without Honor threads together the stories of three American POWs Carano his buddy Bill Blackmon who was also at Stalag 17 b and John C Bitzer who survived the brutal Death March from northern Germany to liberation in April 1945 At times the journal reads like a thriller as he records air battles and escape attempts Yet in their most gripping accounts these POWs ruminate on psychological survival The sense of community they formed was instrumental to their endurance This compelling book allows the reader to journey with these young men as they bore firsthand witness to the best and worst of human nature Texas in Poetry 2 Billy Bob Hill, 2002 And of course one poem about Texas that is magnificent in its awfulness Lasca with memorable lines like Scratches don t count In Texas down by the **In the Shadows of War** Thomas Childers, 2004-03 Publisher Description Discovering Texas History Rio Grande Bruce A. Glasrud, Light Townsend Cummins, Cary D. Wintz, 2014-09-09 Discovering Texas History is a historiographical reference book that will be invaluable to teachers students and researchers of Texas history Chapter authors are familiar names in Texas history circles a who s who of high profile historians Conceived as a follow up to the award winning but increasingly dated A Guide the History of Texas 1988 Discovering Texas History focuses on the major trends in the study of Texas history since 1990 In part one topical essays address significant historical themes from race and gender to the arts and urban history In part two chronological essays cover the full span of Texas historiography from the Spanish era to the modern day In each case the goal is to analyze and summarize the subjects that have captured the attention of professional historians so that Discovering Texas History will take its place as the standard work on the history of Texas history

Encyclopedia of Prisoners of War and Internment, 2006 This authoritative second edition provides a valuable overview of the history of prisoners of war and interned civilians from the earliest times to the present This edition offers new articles on Abu Ghraib Prison the Angolan Civil War the Iran Iraq War the Invasion of Tibet the War on Terror Guantanamo Detention Centre and U S Senator John McCain along with an extensive update of existing articles With 350 entries this edition is a full 30% larger than the previous edition Written by an international team of experts this fascinating and thought provoking volume covers a wide range of topics and themes including famous POWs concentration camps the two world wars the

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militar m s larga de la Segunda Guerra Mundial una guerra dentro de otra guerra Hasta que los soldados aliados entraron en Alemania en los ltimos meses de la guerra fue la nica batalla librada dentro de territorio germano Pero m s all de los aspectos militares Los amos del aire es un relato tremendamente humano de la vida en la Inglaterra del momento y en los campos de prisioneros alemanes donde decenas de miles de aviadores pasaron parte de la guerra y de las espeluznantes marchas del hambre que los aviadores capturados se vieron obligados a realizar a trav s del pa s que sus bombas destruyeron Elaborado a partir de entrevistas recientes historias orales y archivos estadounidenses brit nicos alemanes y de otros pa ses Los amos del aire es un relato autorizado y profundamente conmovedor de la primera y nica guerra de bombarderos de la historia

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