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cutting edge case studies examine the partisan and anti partisan warfare which broke out across german occupied eastern europe during world war two showing how it was shaped in varied ways by factors including fighting power political and economic structures ideological and psychological influences and the attitude of the wider population

this book first published in 1962 was the first systematic study of partisan war investigating questions thrown up by the success of guerrillas in the second world war where they were never decisively beaten by regular armies drawing on lessons from soviet russia and china in particular areas with especially active and large partisan forces this book evolves a doctrine of guerrilla war in modern conditions with an analysis of partisans in post war malaya kenya cyprus vietnam algeria cuba and laos

dr heilbrunn has already established himself as a historian of irregular warfare but the subject is not merely a matter of past history because the so called nuclear stalemate which has made total warfare improbable has at the same time made limited warfare the only kind that the world can afford to risk one hopes naturally that the risk will be avoided but since even a conventional war of the traditional pre nuclear kind might easily lead unintentionally up to a total war between great powers and is therefore also likely to be avoided there remains the residual danger of what may be called sub conventional warfare in marginal areas which the great powers would be free to support or disown to fan up or suppress according to their immediate interpretation of their own interests such are the outbreaks which we have seen in recent years in malaya vietnam algeria cyprus cuba laos and elsewhere these are also if korea proves as we hope to have been the last conventional war between major powers the kinds of war we must expect to see renewed in the future the resistance during the second world war was the prelude to this new kind of warfare it was not of course a new invention between 1940 and 1945 one remembers on the contrary the spanish resistance during the napoleonic wars which gave us the word guerrilla to add to our language and the exploits of lawrence and others during the arab revolt of 1917 but these were side shows lawrence s own word in support of a major conventional war without which they would have achieved practically nothing since the second world war the corresponding outbreaks of irregular warfare have stood on their own as the major if not the only armed conflicts in their particular struggle not a side show in support of a major war elsewhere the spanish civil war of 1936 8 is their archetype irregular warfare has accordingly become more professional and highly organized it has had to acquire a sense of strategy not merely of tactics perhaps eventually it will drop the epithet irregular even by 1945 the partisans of southern europe and the balkans had ceased to so describe themselves and adopted instead the nomenclature of regular armies those who fought with the partisans of the second world war will find that already there have been profound changes in the evolution of partisan warfare since 1945 but thanks to dr heilbrunn s keen sense of the continuity of that evolution they will also recognize their own side shows as forming an integral part of the history of this fascinating subject he does us the honour of frequent quotation from our accounts of war time experience and it is encouraging to find that the lessons of that experience have been confirmed by later application elsewhere his book is perhaps the first comprehensive study of the theoretical aspects of partisan warfare at least in the english language it is firmly grounded in practice and likely to serve for a long time as a standard work

the german invasion conquest and occupation of europe sparked a civilian insurgency response never before witnessed in history understanding germany s military and political failure is crucial in today s world where unwelcome occupation forces often in the guise of peace keepers as well as invaders attempt to maintain order in a world gone mad this new book uses exclusive interviews with german and

allied soldiers and commanders as well as civilian irregulars who participated in irregular warfare either as partisans or guerrillas during world war ii these interviews prove pivotal in supporting the records of both sides separating fact from fiction and finally determining the actual causation of political nationalist or even personal actions that destroyed a continent

by the summer of 1943 the soviet partisan forces had grown from small disorganized groups into a formidable fighting force hitler still holding some advantages hoped to crush a red army salient near kursk and shorten the front lines with a localized offensive however the soviets anticipated the attack and built extensive defense lines to thwart it employing large numbers of partisans to disrupt german preparations the critical period of 1943 saw intense fighting behind german lines particularly during the battle for the rails in july and august stalin s partisans worked relentlessly to block the flow of german supplies and troops forcing the germans to contend with a growing insurgency dr antonio j muñoz s book examines these guerrilla operations using german maps to detail partisan movements and the german response which included increasing anti partisan operations the year 1943 marked a turning point in the war on the eastern front while stalingrad in 1942 revealed germany s inability to win in russia the failed battle of kursk in 1943 demonstrated the inevitable loss of the war the partisan efforts were so successful that by august 1943 only 80 of the trains carrying supplies reached army group centre s front lines

a study based on soviet and german archival sources of soviet partisan activities in the rear of the german army group north 1941 44

airpower and russian partisan warfare written by general der flieger a d karl drum and first published in 1962 is one of a series of historical studies written by or based on information supplied by former key officers of the german air force for the united states air force historical division the overall purpose of the series is threefold 1 to provide the united states air force with a comprehensive and insofar as possible authoritative history of a major air force which suffered defeat in world war ii 2 to provide a history of that air force as prepared by many of its principal and responsible leaders 3 to provide a firsthand account of that air force s unique combat in a major war with the forces of the soviet union this series of studies therefore covers in large part virtually all phases of the luftwaffe s operations and organization from its camouflaged origin in the reichswehr during the period of secret german rearmament following world war i through its participation in the spanish civil war and its massive operations and final defeat in world war ii

when italy surrendered in 1943 it sparked a resistance movement of anti german anti fascist partisans this book explores the tactics organizational structure and equipment of the brave italian resistance fighters beginning with low level sabotage and assassinations the groups continued to grow until spring 1944 when a remarkable unified partisan command structure was created working in close coordination with the allies they received british soe and american oss liaison teams as well as supplies of weapons the german response was ferocious and in autumn 1944 as the allied advance stalled the ss and italian rsi looked to eradicate the partisans once and for all but when the allies made their final breakthrough in the last weeks of the war the partisans rose again to exact their revenge on the retreating wehrmacht from an expert on italian military history in world war ii this work provides a comprehensive guide to the men and women who

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in nazi eyes the soviet union was the wild east a savage region ripe for exploitation its subhuman inhabitants destined for extermination or helotry an especially brutal dimension of the german army s eastern war was its anti partisan campaign this conflict brought death and destruction to thousands of soviet civilians and has been held as a prime example of ordinary german soldiers participating in the nazi regime s annihilation policies ben shepherd enters the heated debate over the wartime behavior of the wehrmacht in a detailed study of the motivation and conduct of its anti partisan campaign in the soviet union he investigates how anti partisan warfare was conducted not by the generals but by the far more numerous average germans serving as officers in the field what shaped their behavior was more complex than nazi ideology alone the influence of german society as well as of party and army together with officers grueling yet diverse experience of their environment and enemy made them perceive the anti partisan war in varied ways reactions ranged from extreme brutality to relative restraint some sought less to terrorize the native population than to try to win it over the emerging picture does not dilute the suffering the wehrmacht s eastern war inflicted it shows however that properly judging ordinary germans role in that war is more complicated than is indicated by either wholesale condemnation or wholesale exoneration this valuable study offers a nuanced discussion of the diversity of behaviors within the german army as well as providing a compelling exploration of the war and counterinsurgency operations on the eastern front

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some 60 million people died during the second world war millions more were displaced in europe africa and asia the war resulted in the creation of new states the acceleration of imperial decline and a shift in the distribution of global power despite its unprecedented impact a comprehensive account of the complex international experiences of this war remains elusive the peoples war offers fresh approaches to the challenge of writing a new history of the second world war exploring aspects of the war that have been marginalized in military and political studies the volume foregrounds less familiar narratives subjects and places chapters recover the wartime experiences of individuals including women children members of minority ethnic groups and colonial subjects whose stories do not fit easily into conventional national

war narratives the contributors show how terms used to delineate the conflict such as home front and battle front occupier and occupied captor and prisoner and friend and foe became increasingly blurred as the war wore on above all the volume encourages reflection on whether this conflict really was a peoples war challenging the homogenizing narratives of the war as a nationally unifying experience the peoples war seeks to enrich our understanding of the second world war as a global event

between 1941 and 1944 in the war on the eastern front soviet partisans fought a ruthless underground campaign behind the german lines during those three terrible years of occupation they spied on the germans disrupted their communications sabotaged road and rail routes and carried out assassinations and raids and thousands of these irregular soldiers lost their lives yet their exploits are frequently overlooked in general histories of the conflict and their experience of the war and their contribution to the soviet victory are rarely recognized that is why nik cornishs collection of photographs of the soviet partisans is a landmark in the field in a sequence of over 150 images most of them previously unpublished he gives a fascinating all round portrait of the lives of the partisans and their struggle to resist and survive in a war that was waged with almost unparalleled cruelty on both sides and in his commentary he outlines the history of the partisans their desperate chaotic beginnings in the wake of the german attack their increasing coordination daring and effectiveness as the war went on and the key role they played as the germans were forced back he also records through the photographs the merciless counter measures taken by the germans and the reprisals his book gives a compelling insight into one of the most important side shows of the second world war

this book provides a historical study of the theory and praxis of modern insurgencies and counterinsurgencies coin modern insurgencies and counterinsurgencies a global history shows that the insurgents can wage a variety of conflicts at times conventional war which lies at the high end of their spectrum and terrorism which is located at the lowest end of their scale when insurgencies reach a certain critical threshold the insurgents shift their strategy from guerrilla irregular war to conventional regular war and at that point the level of conflict escalates to the level of civil war when the insurgents face intense state repression they revert to terrorist activities when the insurgents wage guerrilla war they can be called guerrillas the variety of wars conducted by the insurgents is termed as unconventional war this volume demonstrates that the insurgents in the modern world had been motivated by a trinity greed grievances and ideology kaushik roy traces the origin of modern insurgencies and coin from the sixteenth century by focusing on regions outside western eurasia he also touches on the twin interrelated phenomena of modern insurgencies and coin metastasising into something new at the beginning of the information revolution at the end of the twentieth century this volume will be of interest to researchers and research students of history british empire imperial studies asian studies security studies strategic studies and war and conflict studies

set largely in eastern europe this is the history of one of the pivotal struggles of world war ii a story of action retaliation and reprisals that involved some two million people told from both side of the rifle sights

a unique visual exploration of partisan and anti partisan warfare in yugoslavia between 1941 and 1944 following the axis invasion and

occupation of yugoslavia in april 1941 a brutal insurgency based both on ethnic and political affiliations broke out in the german and italian occupied areas the result was a protracted multi partite struggle the key forces opposing the axis occupation were tito s communist partisans and initially draža mihailovic s royalist chetniks with allied allegiances shifting over time widespread ethnic cleansing and ideological warfare were waged by the occupiers and their internal allies under the anti partisan moniker in 1942 the first of seven major counter insurgency operations was carried out by axis forces these took place in every part of the country aiming to annihilate the main core of resistance with stunning artwork detailed maps and period images this book reveals the military cultures of the wide range of opposing forces involved it also covers the planning and execution of each operation from the autumn 1941 offensive against the republic of užice through to the final attack in western bosnia in spring 1944 the result is a unique visual exploration of one of the most complex and least studied offensives of world war ii

the german armies fighting to defeat the russian regular armies during world war ii faced a bitter war on two fronts behind the german lines bands of partisans waged an unforgiving war this fascinating overview draws on rare primary sources and combat reports to give insight to the war against the partisans in russia and the balkans

during world war ii nearly every wehrmacht soldier outside of germany came into contact either directly or indirectly with the nearly one million partisans throughout europe operations against these bandits usually fell outside the rules of war and those who fought saw image of incredible cruelty those german soldiers and police members who fought against the partisans were qualified to receive the anti partisan badge this concise book discusses the award s three grades and includes rare documents and war era photographs

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