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"I was nineteen years old and now had three major campaigns under my belt. I had been wounded three different times, and, in seniority, was one of the oldest of the old men..."

In 1945 the paratroopers of the 101st Airborne came staggering out of the frozen killing fields of Bastogne. Tired, ragged, and hungry, the Screaming Eagles had proven their valor from D-day through horrendous battles in France, Holland, and Belgium. Now it was time for a lethal strike against the Nazis, and an all-out assault on Germany itself.

This powerful memoir chronicles the death throes of World War II in Europe as witnessed by a young soldier grown old before his time. From daring night raids behind enemy lines to river crossings and assaults on die-hard pockets of resistance, Burgett recounts acts of courage, cowardice, and anger in the face of a splintered but still dangerous enemy. Most of all, *Beyond the Rhine* is an unforgettable portrait of war's aftermath. For as the Screaming Eagles fought on through sniper-infested towns, through the Black Forest in Bavaria to Hitler's famous mountaintop retreat, they would come face-to-face with the unspeakable horrors the Nazis left behind...**Beyond the Rhine.**

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Kirk Bower says

Donald Burgett gives first hand accounts of the Screaming Eagles movement to & through Germany. The sections on concentration camp liberations were quite moving.

Xon says

The final book of Burgett's Screaming Eagle series didn't disappoint. The only reason I couldn't give it 5 stars had more to do with a slow and passive time in the war. Even with the lack of significant battles and unbelievably heroic acts, the book is very interesting. Burgett is very honest. I have not come across many accounts that talk about the "legal looting" that American soldiers took part in quite like Burgett does. Burgett also describes the liberation of a Nazi concentration camp specializing in medical experiments. There are also several interesting stories about his interactions with Nazi soldiers after the fighting was officially over and one great story about being in a town when several Nazi soldiers were returning home. Interesting and unique, just like the books that preceded this one.

Kevin Andrew says

This is a really good war novel, and doesn't really sugar coat much. The Holocaust section, as mentioned by another user, is very graphic. My grandfather helped to liberate Auschwitz, and refused to talk about the details for over 50 years. After reading, it is easy to understand why someone who personally witnessed such things had such a hard time telling of their experiences. I've always been intrigued and fascinated by war, and Burgett does a great job of putting together mental images. I really liked the story because it was the story of the final leg of the war: Taking Germany. I also liked it because I usually hear about other famous battles and from people who were in bombers. This is the first book of Burgett's that I have read, and should definitely take the time for his others. I would recommend this book to who can handle a good and detailed story about a very awful war.

Jeremy Hunter says

Burgett's personal account of serving in the 101st Airborne Division is riveting. In this volume, he discusses his experiences from liberating concentration camps to being part of the occupation army. While Beyond The Rhine is interesting, it covers much of the same ground that Ambrose does in Band Of Brothers.

Read1000books says

Book 4 of 4 in Burgett's memoirs of his WW2 experiences as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division. This one takes you up through the end of the war in the European theater. Exciting, but not for the

squeamish as he cuts no corners in detailing what he saw: War as it actually is. NOTE: One section detailing what they found at a concentration camp is graphically horrific and may wish to be skipped by the reader.

Maud Van Keulen says

Ervaringen van een Amerikaanse soldaat in de Tweede Wereldoorlog.

Dit boek heeft een grote indruk op mij gemaakt, ik heb het in 2 dagen gelezen en ook al weet ik als student geschiedenis wat er allemaal gebeurt is. Hoe het hier beschreven is is nog gruwelijker dan ik me ooit had voor kunnen stellen.

Kurt says

Sadly, this was the last book in the series by Burgett. While I have thoroughly enjoyed reading a number of the other autobiographies of WWII troopers, the detail Burgett went into really took the telling of the experiences to a new level, and to a new level of respect from me. Without any unnecessary embellishment or overstated gory details, Burgett provides a glimpse into the horrors he experienced throughout the war; this time discussing the experience up to the end of the war. I would highly recommend this series for anyone who wishes to gain some level of understanding as to what the frontline soldiers witnessed and endured on a daily basis.

Belinda says

Burgett's descriptions of Bavarian concentration camps and the atrocities committed by the SS should be required reading, especially in this day and age. Never forget.

Frank Camp says

As dull as a report to HQ. I'm not a fan of first person narratives. Our view of the battlefield is myopic, at the platoon level. The only time the story even touches the Strategic picture is when soldiers discuss rumors that are no more than "neighborhood gossip." The book is a linear and dry report of the facts that might be found sitting on a General's desk. Here are some comments from well known WWII author Stephen Ambrose that are printed on or inside the cover....".....writes with unforgiving honesty..... carries you through a day or week in combat..... a deep desire for food, a yearning for sleep, praying for more ammunition, wondering if and when the doctors will arrive". In other words....DULL. The author views everything dispassionately. Even the horrors of the concentration camps they liberate are recorded as though he was comparing the specs of a standard Browning Automatic Rifle with a water-cooled .30 Cal HMG. If you're looking for Action and Drama you'd better get out your magnifying glass. The Best thing I can say for the book is it's ONLY 191 Pages.

Iain says

As par for the course, Burgett gets off to a slow start here. His hyperbole abounds, particularly when discussing events beyond his realm of experience. And yet, as the narrative progresses, his anecdotes come to the fore and we're reminded why this is the fourth book of his that we've enjoyed.

A must read for anyone who has read Burgett's accounts of more popular campaigns or those interested in the closing stages and immediate aftermath of world war II.
