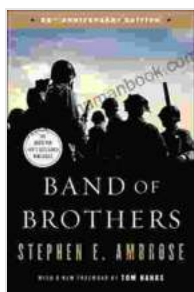


# 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment: From Normandy to Hitler's Eagle's Nest

The 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment is one of the most famous and decorated units in American history. It was activated on August 20, 1942, and fought in every major campaign of the Western Front during World War II, from Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge. The regiment's motto is "Currahee!", a Cherokee word meaning "We stand alone." This motto reflects the regiment's proud history of fighting against overwhelming odds.

The 506th was originally part of the 101st Airborne Division, which was one of the first airborne divisions in the world. The regiment was trained to parachute into combat behind enemy lines and capture key objectives. The 506th's first combat jump was into Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. The regiment fought in the hedgerows of Normandy and helped to liberate the city of Cherbourg.



## Band of Brothers: E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne from Normandy to Hitler's Eagle's Nest

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After Normandy, the 506th fought in Operation Market Garden, the airborne invasion of the Netherlands. The regiment was dropped behind enemy lines and fought its way to the bridge at Nijmegen. The regiment's heroic stand at Nijmegen helped to save the operation.

The 506th's most famous battle was the Battle of the Bulge, the last major German offensive of the war. The regiment was defending the town of Bastogne when it was surrounded by German forces. The 506th held out against overwhelming odds for weeks, and its heroic stand helped to turn the tide of the battle. The regiment was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its actions at Bastogne.

After the Battle of the Bulge, the 506th fought its way across Germany to the Eagle's Nest, Hitler's mountaintop retreat. The regiment captured the Eagle's Nest on May 5, 1945, just days before the end of the war. The regiment's capture of the Eagle's Nest was a symbolic victory for the Allies.

The 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment is one of the most decorated units in American history. The regiment's motto, "Currahee!", reflects its proud history of fighting against overwhelming odds. The regiment's legacy will continue to inspire generations of soldiers to come.

### **Notable Members of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment**

The 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment has produced a number of notable members, including:

- **Richard Winters:** Winters was the commanding officer of Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions at Normandy, Operation Market Garden, and the Battle of the Bulge.
- **Lewis Nixon:** Nixon was a lieutenant colonel in the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions at Normandy.
- **Don Malarkey:** Malarkey was a private first class in Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He was awarded the Silver Star for his actions at Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge.
- **Carwood Lipton:** Lipton was a paratrooper in Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions at Normandy and Operation Market Garden.
- **Buck Compton:** Compton was a paratrooper in Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He was awarded the Silver Star for his actions at Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge.

## **Legacy of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment**

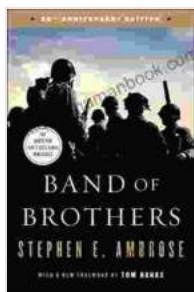
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The 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment is featured in the HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers*, which tells the story of Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment. The miniseries is based on the book of the same name by Stephen Ambrose.

The 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment is also featured in the video game Call of Duty: World at War.

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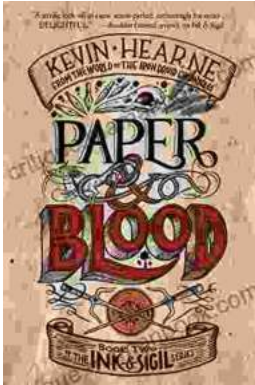
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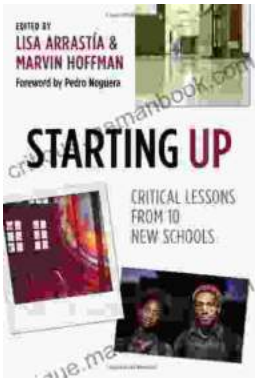
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