WORLD WAR II PERSONAL MEMOIRS

D-Day, June 6, 1944 is a date that inspires memories of gallant fighting men doing the impossible to help end World War II. We need to be reminded of what was faced by these heroes. The stories in these books, recordings, and videos from infantrymen, Marines, paratroopers, and sailors, make the excitement, confusion, and sheer terror of the war in Europe and in the Pacific come alive on the page.

The listed books and video and sound recordings are available at the Newton Free Library. The Newton Free Library, as well as the Minuteman Library Network, has many other items about all aspects of World War II. Readers may also wander among the book shelving in the “New Books” Room or on the second floor to browse among the Dewey Decimal 940.53 books. The listed Web sites can also be very useful and informative. Ask a librarian, if you need help.

(See Also these two companion bibliographies “Oral Histories of World War II Heroes” and “The Congressional Medal Of Honor: America’s Honor For Our Greatest Heroes”)


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INTERNET RESOURCES

You can use an Internet search engine to find many professional and personal Web sites that provide memoirs and pictures of World War II events. Type in "World War II memoirs" and then look down the list of available sites. An outstanding example is the following Web site:


http://home.att.net/~steinert/ “This website is dedicated to the brave men of the World War II Medical Corps and Naval Hospital Corps who risked ... their lives in the aid of a wounded or sick comrade... to share information on the history, equipment and combat experiences of the World War II combat medic.


www.history.navy.mil/index.html  Web site of the US Naval Historical Center

www.history.usmc.mil/  Web site of the United States Marine Corps History Division.

www.seabee.navy.mil/  Web site of the US Naval Construction Force (Seabees)

www.ussubvetsofworldwarii.org/  Web site for the promotion of historic facts about the role of the US Navy submarines and their crewmen during World War II.

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