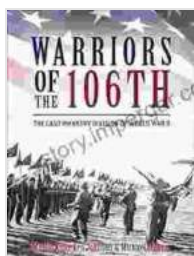


The Last Infantry Division of World War II: An Unforgettable Story of Sacrifice and Resilience



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The 71st Infantry Division was activated on January 15, 1943, at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. The division was made up of soldiers from all over the United States, including many who had previously served in the National Guard or the Army Reserve.

The division trained for over a year before being deployed to the Pacific Theater in April 1944. The 71st Infantry Division first saw combat in the Battle of Leyte in the Philippines. The division then participated in the Battle of Okinawa, which was one of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific War.

The 71st Infantry Division suffered heavy casualties during the Battle of Okinawa. Over 7,000 soldiers were killed or wounded. However, the division played a key role in the American victory on Okinawa.

The 71st Infantry Division was deactivated on December 15, 1945. The division's legacy lives on, however, in the many books and articles that have been written about it. The division's story is a reminder of the sacrifice and resilience of the American soldiers who fought in World War II.

The Red Circle Division

The 71st Infantry Division was nicknamed the "Red Circle" division because of the red circle that was painted on the division's shoulder patch. The red circle was a symbol of the division's determination to fight to the death. The division's motto was "No Retreat, No Surrender."

The Red Circle division lived up to its motto during the Battle of Okinawa. The division fought against overwhelming odds and never gave up. The

division's soldiers earned the respect of their enemies and the admiration of their countrymen.

The Battle of Okinawa

The Battle of Okinawa was one of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific War. The battle lasted for three months and resulted in the deaths of over 100,000 Japanese and American soldiers.

The 71st Infantry Division played a key role in the American victory on Okinawa. The division fought in some of the most intense fighting of the battle, including the Battle of Sugar Loaf Hill.

The Battle of Okinawa was a turning point in the Pacific War. The American victory on Okinawa paved the way for the invasion of Japan and the end of the war.

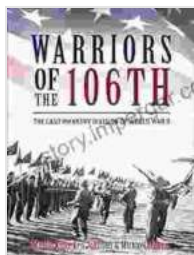
The Legacy of the 71st Infantry Division

The 71st Infantry Division was one of the most decorated divisions in the U.S. Army during World War II. The division received two Presidential Unit Citations and six campaign streamers.

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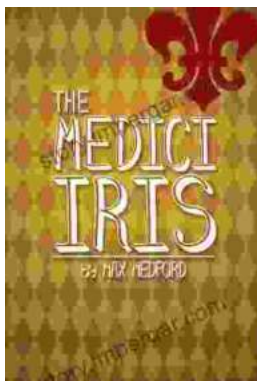


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