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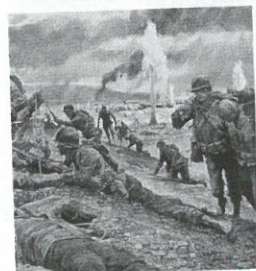
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Where were you on D-Day? Throughout this special issue, personal vignettes tell the worldwide story of D-Day. Too often, the moment and the emotion are lost to the world. But there are so many who remembered exactly where they were and what they were doing on June 6, 1944. Some were swimming ashore and others were wringing their hands in despair hoping that their loved ones did not die. It was a day to remember.

The World at War 22
On June 6, 1944, while the great drama was unfolding on the now-fabled invasion-beaches, literally millions of men and women were deployed around the world doing battle or getting ready to do so in the cause of the United States and its wartime Allies. MG Bruce Jacobs (ret.), the chief historian of the NGAUS and renowned military writer, describes what the rest of the U.S. armed forces were doing on June 6, 1944.

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"The division was a National Guard outfit, primarily from Maryland and Virginia.... The Guard officers who had survived the Army's weeding out process were eager to show that they were good soldiers." The more it changes... Joseph Balkoski's article, from his book *Beyond the Beachhead*, is about the 29th division's heroic efforts on D-Day at Omaha Beach.

Michigan's 107th Pioneered the Air War 54
Michigan's Red Devils, the 107th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, were the eyes of First Army. These pioneers of air power developed the picture of the Normandy beaches for June 6, 1944. With a unit motto of *Videre Est Scire*, meaning "To See Is To Know," there was no better unit to photograph the enemy terrain all the way to Berlin. On D-Day, the 107th flew 19 two-ship combat missions, without a single loss.

How U.S. Industry Geared Up 62
Postwar blues traditionally have affected the United States' military production, and the same can be said of the nation's build down after World War I. To gain an appreciation for the way our defense partners geared up for wartime production demands, Jean Marie Beall takes some steps back to the post World War I period when an antiwar feeling persisted, which affected the military and the defense industry. The defense industry came to the nation's defense to build up again.



Special Edition Cover:

D-Day+1—What the Vierville draw looked like on June 7, 1944. As so often happened in the past, citizen-soldiers were in the van of the assault. On D-Day, it was Guard soldiers and airmen from across the country. The editors dedicate this issue to all the Guard members who served on the Longest Day. Cover, Dennis and Sackett Design.

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