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I Remember This... 16
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 these are the memoirs of those who remember exactly where they were and what they were doing on June 6, 1944. Some were slamming bottles 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
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 NCAUS and renowned military writer, describes what the rest of the U.S. armed forces were doing on June 6, 1944.

29th Let's Go!
"The division was a National Guard outfit, primarily from Maryland and Virginia... The Guard officers who had survived the Army's weed-out process were eager to show that they were good soldiers." The more it changes, the more it remains, Beyond the Beaufort, is about the 29th division's heroic efforts on D-Day at Omaha Beach.

Michigan's 107th Pioneered the Air War
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 Norman beaches for June 6, 1944. With a unit motto of "See to It We Know," there was no better unit to photograph the enemy from all the way to Berlin. On D-Day, the 107th flew 10-hour combat missions, without a single loss.

How U.S. Industry Geared Up
Postwar blues traditionally have affected the United States' military production, and the same can be said of the nation's defense. These years of World War II saw defense engineers make up for wartime production demands. Joan Marie Beale takes some steps back to the post-World War II period when an armament industry, which had been geared to a wartime production line, began to rebuild.

Special Edition Cover:
D-Day + 1. What the Vierville drew looked like on June 7, 1944. As so often has happened in the past, some soldiers were in the way of the assault. On D-Day, it was Guard soldiers and airmen from around 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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