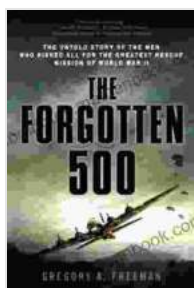


# The Untold Story of the Men Who Risked All: The Greatest Rescue Mission of World War II

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On September 26, the British and Polish forces were finally evacuated from Arnhem. The rescue mission was a success, but it came at a great cost. The Polish 1st Independent Parachute Brigade lost over 200 men in the operation.

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## **The Background to Operation Market Garden**

Operation Market Garden was a daring plan to liberate the Netherlands from Nazi Germany. The plan was conceived by British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery, and it was one of the most ambitious operations of World War II.

The operation was to be carried out in two phases. In the first phase, Allied paratroopers would be dropped behind enemy lines to capture key bridges and roads. In the second phase, an armored column would advance through the liberated areas to liberate the rest of the Netherlands.

The operation began on September 17, 1944, when the Allied paratroopers were dropped behind enemy lines. The paratroopers quickly captured several key bridges, but they were soon met with stiff resistance from the German forces.

The armored column was unable to advance as quickly as planned, and the British 1st Airborne Division was trapped in the town of Arnhem. The division was surrounded by German forces and facing annihilation.

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Operation Pegasus was a success, but it was a costly victory. The Polish 1st Independent Parachute Brigade lost over 200 men in the operation, and many of the survivors were wounded.

Despite the losses, Operation Pegasus was a major victory for the Allies. The rescue mission saved the lives of thousands of British soldiers, and it helped to liberate the Netherlands from Nazi Germany.

The legacy of Operation Pegasus lives on today. The operation is remembered as one of the most heroic episodes of World War II, and it is a testament to the courage and determination of the Polish people.

## **The Men Who Risked All**

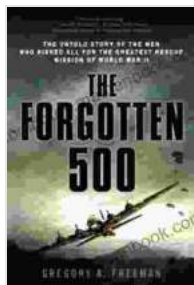
The men who risked their lives to save the British 1st Airborne Division were heroes. They were ill-equipped and outnumbered, but they were determined to save their comrades.

The Polish paratroopers who fought in Operation Pegasus were a diverse group of men. They came from all walks of life, but they were united by a common goal: to liberate their homeland from Nazi Germany.

Some of the men who fought in Operation Pegasus were veterans of the Polish Army. Others were civilians who had joined the resistance movement after the Nazi invasion of Poland.

No matter their background, the men who fought in Operation Pegasus were all heroes. They risked their lives to save their comrades, and they helped to liberate the Netherlands from Nazi Germany.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the men who fought in Operation Pegasus. Their courage and determination helped to win the war, and they deserve our eternal respect.



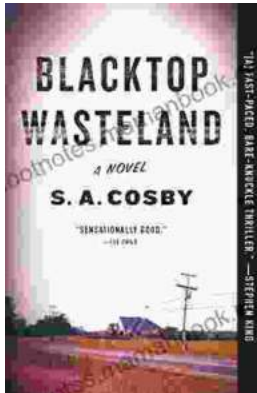
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