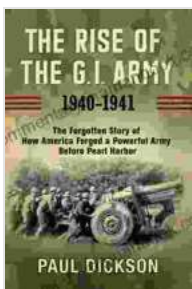


The Rise of the Army: 1940-1941

In the years leading up to World War II, the United States Army underwent a period of rapid expansion and modernization. This growth was driven by a number of factors, including the increasing threat of war in Europe and Asia, the need to defend the Western Hemisphere, and the desire to maintain a strong military presence in the Pacific.



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The Army's expansion began in 1940, when Congress authorized the activation of the National Guard and the Selective Service System. The Selective Service System was responsible for drafting men into the military, and by the end of 1941, over 1 million men had been inducted into the Army.

In addition to drafting new recruits, the Army also expanded its industrial production. In 1940, the Army placed orders for over \$1 billion worth of new equipment, including tanks, trucks, aircraft, and artillery. This equipment was essential to the Army's modernization efforts, and it helped to ensure that the Army was prepared for war.

The Army also invested heavily in training during this period. In 1940, the Army created the Army Ground Forces, which was responsible for training and equipping the Army's ground forces. The Army Ground Forces developed new training programs and manuals, and it also established new training facilities. These efforts helped to improve the quality of the Army's soldiers, and they played a key role in the Army's success in World War II.

The rise of the Army in the years leading up to World War II was a major factor in the United States' victory in the war. The Army's expansion and modernization efforts ensured that the United States had a strong military presence in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of war. The Army's soldiers fought bravely and effectively, and they played a key role in defeating the Axis powers.

Factors Contributing to the Army's Rise

A number of factors contributed to the Army's rise in the years leading up to World War II.

- **The increasing threat of war in Europe and Asia:** The outbreak of World War II in Europe in 1939 and the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 made it clear that the United States was facing a major military threat.

- **The need to defend the Western Hemisphere:** The United States had a long-standing commitment to defending the Western Hemisphere from foreign invasion. The rise of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan threatened this commitment, and it led to a significant increase in the Army's size and strength.
- **The desire to maintain a strong military presence in the Pacific:** The United States had a long-standing interest in the Pacific Ocean, and it was determined to maintain a strong military presence in the region. The rise of Japan as a major naval power threatened this interest, and it led to a significant increase in the Army's presence in the Pacific.

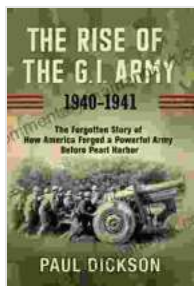
Impact of the Army's Rise

The Army's rise in the years leading up to World War II had a significant impact on the war effort. The Army's expansion and modernization efforts ensured that the United States had a strong military presence in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of war. The Army's soldiers fought bravely and effectively, and they played a key role in defeating the Axis powers.

In addition to its impact on the war effort, the Army's rise also had a significant impact on American society. The Army's expansion created new jobs and helped to boost the economy. The Army's training programs helped to improve the skills and knowledge of the American workforce. And the Army's emphasis on leadership and discipline helped to shape the character of the American people.

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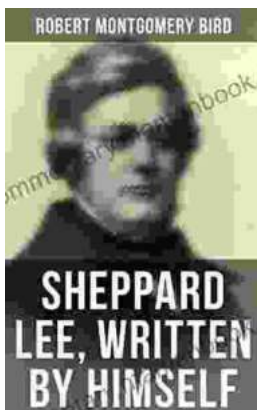


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