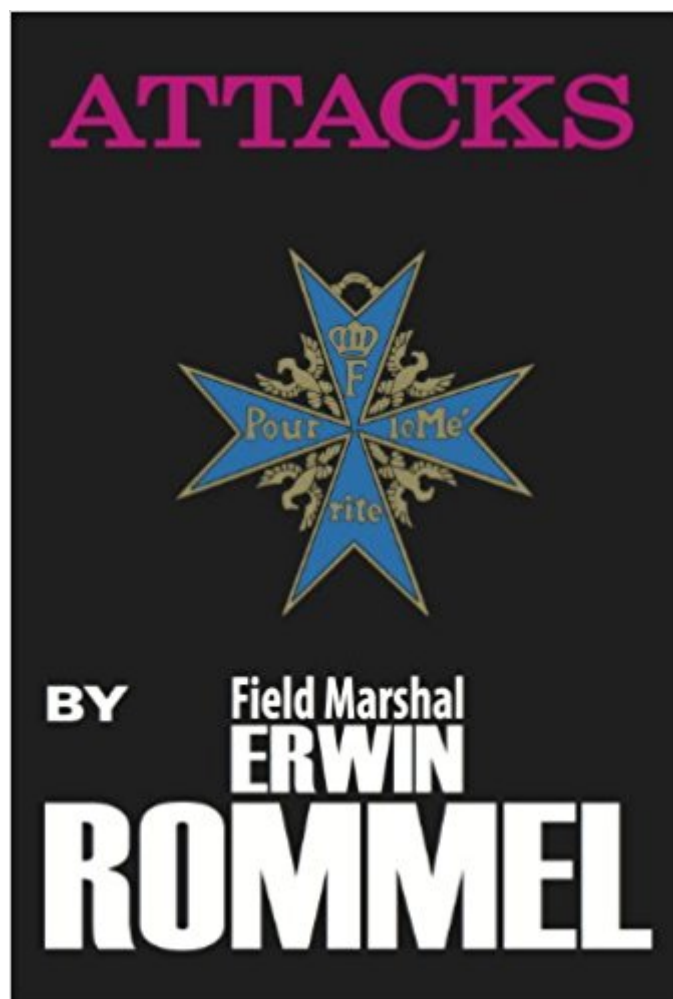


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Synopsis

Attacks is the most accurate English translation available today of Erwin Rommel's World War I military classic, *Infanterie Greift An*. Other publishers continue to reprint the 1944 US Army translation that was published under the title, *Infantry Attacks*, but those abridged editions are missing passages as well as a number of important drawings and sketch maps. The Army translation also suffered from a hurried wartime effort and contains numerous errors. Athena Press's *Attacks* is the only unabridged English edition that corrects these flaws with a revised translation and an improved collection of battle illustrations that are much easier to understand than the originals. As the autobiographical record of a Great Captain, *Attacks* is a book of historical interest and importance. In tracing Rommel's development from a green lieutenant to a confident, seasoned and singularly successful commander, it provides keen insight into his mind and character. It is, as well, an important treatise on combat leadership and psychology, and contains many valuable lessons for those who would raise and train armies. Prime among these lessons is the reminder that men are the key element in combat; that it is the will, spirit and skill of men, led by competent and courageous officers that win battles; that high morale is developed by the accomplishment of difficult tasks.

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An excellent firsthand account. Absolutely absorbing. Rommel's engagements become vivid images

in the readers mind because of the author's concise writing. This is the definitive edition. Don't get the abridged version. This edition has all the maps and sketches.

This book served me well as an officer in the Marines, and now is a wonderful book to stay sharp in the business world. Rommel was an outside the box thinker, and his intellectual quickness and insight is extremely useful for the tactician, the thinker, and the problem solver.

Rommel writes of his experiences in WWI fighting primarily in Rumania and what is now northern Italy. In each chapter, he details a specific operation, the problems they faced and how he solved them. He uses the stories to show how a commander should deal with certain common situations. For his leadership he won the "Blue Max" not bad for a junior officer! The illustrations are quite helpful as the descriptions he gives are very detailed. It's probably the finest military book I have ever read, well worth the price. A fine book by a true leader...Buy it!

This book is a timeless classic detailing some of the exploits of an impressive military officer's young career---the book goes into some interesting detail on various maneuvers and encounters Rommel had as a young company grade officer in WWI. As a student of military tactics, I can say that some of Rommel's lessons that he outlines based off his combat experience are highly applicable to today's world. If you've read Clausewitz and liked it; you will like this as well.

The contents of this volume are a modern translation of the full version of Rommel's book. The maps and graphics are crisp and clear. This is not the sloppy abridged WW2 US Army translation, renamed Infantry Attacks, which I have purchased many years ago. Re-reading this work, especially in this translation, has been a pleasure.

Very good if you are into military history. A little dry for those that want better cohesion in writing style and deeper story.

Great book

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