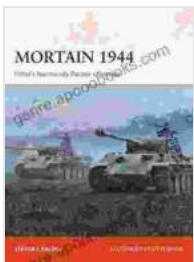


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The battle began on July 7, 1944, when the German army launched a surprise attack against the American lines near the town of Mortain. The Germans initially made some progress, but the Americans were able to hold them back. On July 12, the Allies launched a counter-offensive, and the Germans were forced to retreat.



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The German Plan

The German plan for the Battle of Mortain was to create a salient in the American lines and then cut it off, trapping the American forces inside. The Germans hoped that this would lead to a decisive victory that would allow them to retake Normandy.

The German plan was based on the assumption that the Americans would be surprised by the attack and that they would not be able to withstand the German offensive. However, the Americans were not surprised by the attack, and they were able to hold their ground.

The American Response

The American response to the German offensive was to launch a counter-offensive of their own. The American counter-offensive was led by General Omar Bradley, and it was supported by air power and artillery. The American counter-offensive was successful, and the Germans were forced to retreat.

The Aftermath

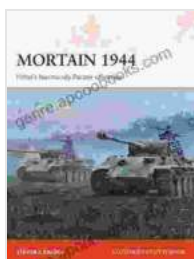
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The battle also had a significant impact on the German army. The German army lost a large number of men and equipment in the battle, and it was never able to recover from the losses.

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