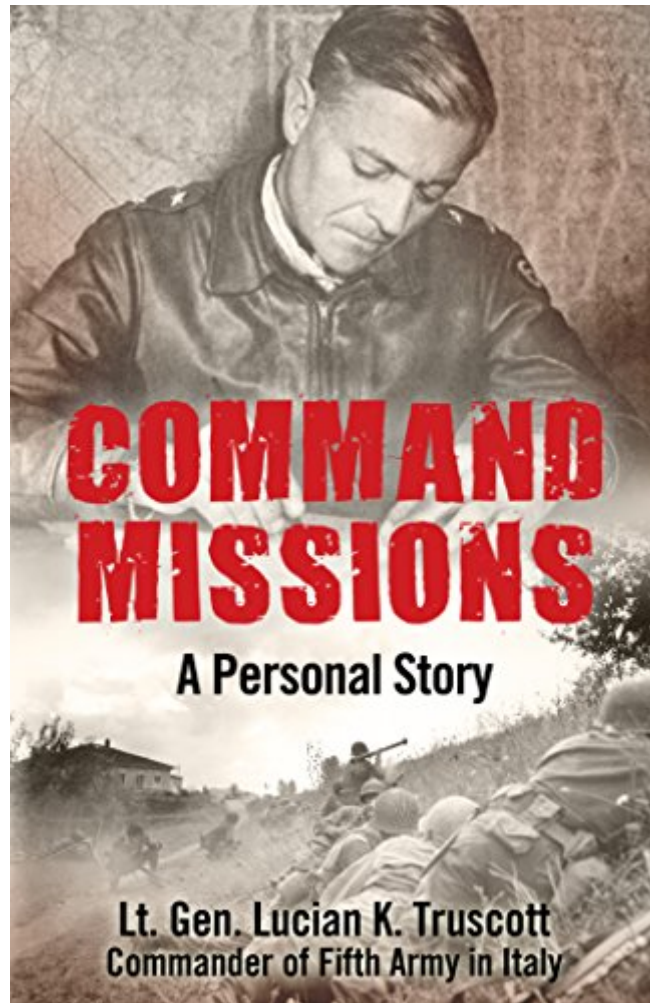




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Command Missions: A Personal Story



Synopsis

Lucian K. Truscott and his men fought through some of the toughest operations of World War Two: Torch, Husky, Shingle, and Dragoon. From North Africa, through the length of Italy, into Southern France and eventually into occupied Germany, he led his troops onward to repel the Axis powers. *Command Missions* is a fascinating account of Truscott's journey through the Second World War, in which he recounts his fellow soldiers' exploits, the co-operation and at times tense relationships between various Allied commanders, as well as intricate details of the battles that the American forces were engaged in. Although he had little battle experience prior to the beginning of the war he quickly impressed his superiors. By 1945 he had commanded many different troops as he rose through the ranks during the course of the war including the 3rd Infantry Division in Sicily, the VI Corps at Anzio and in Southern France, and finally the Fifth Army from the Apennines to the Alps. Truscott's memoir provides brilliant insight into how commanders planned operations and reacted swiftly to the ever-changing situations of their troops on the ground. It was only through this combination of strategic preparation and quick thinking that the Allied armies were able to overcome their German and Italian enemies. Drawing upon his own personal experiences, letters and orders from other generals like Patton and Eisenhower, as well as the notes and recollections of aides and other soldiers allow Truscott to create a vivid history of the Allied invasion of Italy. *Command Missions: A Personal Story* is essential reading for anyone interested in the military campaigns of World War Two as well as the leaders that commanded their troops to victory. Lucian K. Truscott was a highly decorated officer of World War Two. He was one of the few U.S. officers to command a division, a corps, and a field army on active service during the war. He published this work in 1954 and passed away in 1965.

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Customer Reviews

It is a generally well written story by Lucian Truscott. The role of the individual soldier is mentioned but more is spent on higher echelons and staff work. This will appeal to those interested in the Mediterranean Theatre in WW2. It demonstrates division and higher command and staff activity. Lucian Truscott wrote this and is frank and open about he observed. That will surprise many in the current politically world.

I was particularly interested in this author because he was my father's Corp Commander in Italy during WW2 and I wanted as much information about what happened in Italy during the war. It covers Truscott's time in England, Africa, Italy, and Southern France. An added bonus was his experiences after the war with the war's aftermath and administration of a defeated people and a desolated country. His experience with displaced persons was particularly interesting. I recommend this book for the historian or those interested in WW2 historian.

To me he is a well known military leader. All of the books I have read , speak highly of him. He reveals more about himself in his book than I have read before. A lot of the places he served in Germany after the war I have been too myself. It was good to hear about those places again. I highly recommend this book to all who read about WW II.

This is an excellent first person about what is required to successfully conduct combat infantry operations. It also illustrates how to deal tactfully with superior officers with whom you professionally disagree. It also provides a subscription of combat operational command at the division, corps and army levels as well as with inter service joint and allied joint commands. It also illustrates the importance of moral judgement and integrity in the exercise of command. It is an absolute must read

for every military professional and should be required reading on the Army Professional Development Reading List.

Really enjoyed the book. Prior to reading this the only mention I'd heard of General Truscott was a scene in the movie "Patton" with Generals Patton, Bradley and Truscott while fighting in Sicily. Turns out he was a very important figure in WW2 who hasn't got the press or notoriety of some of the other key leaders in that war. General Eisenhower and others above him recognized his abilities and used his talents to great effect. The book cover calls him Lt. General but in retirement he was awarded a 4th star because of the level of command and responsibility he had during the war.

This book is loaded with typos....about every 2nd or 3rd page on my Kindle. Obviously, the text was copied from a printed book using an optical code reader. It produced words that were created from misread letters, that a spell checker would miss. A person not reasonably familiar with history or military terms would miss many of the points the author tried to make or report. Poor performance!!

A very interesting read but I found it to drag in some places when he got too far into the weeds. The scanning quality is of poor quality as there are quite a few spelling errors but these did prevent you from understanding what was happening or being explained.

A thoughtful writing by a good thoughtful leader of WWII. He played a number of critical roles that were outside of bright lights of the War. Their role was critical in winning the War. This gentleman would be a great role model for a future leader.

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