

# The World War II Odyssey of the 10th Mountain Division: America's Elite Alpine Warriors

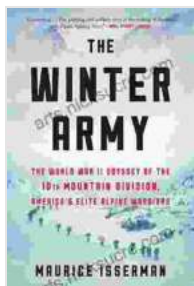


The 10th Mountain Division was an elite alpine unit of the United States Army that fought in World War II. The division was composed of skiers, climbers, and mountaineers, and was specially trained to operate in mountainous terrain. The 10th Mountain Division fought in the Italian Campaign, and played a key role in the Allied victory at the Battle of Monte Cassino.

## Formation and Training

The 10th Mountain Division was formed in 1943 at Camp Hale, Colorado. The division was composed of volunteers from all over the United States, and included many experienced skiers, climbers, and mountaineers. The

division was trained in mountain warfare tactics, and was equipped with specialized gear, including skis, climbing ropes, and ice axes.



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### Italian Campaign

The 10th Mountain Division deployed to Italy in early 1944. The division fought in the Italian Campaign, and participated in several key battles, including the Battle of Anzio and the Battle of Monte Cassino. The 10th Mountain Division played a key role in the Allied victory at Monte Cassino, which opened the way to Rome.

### Legacy

The 10th Mountain Division was disbanded after World War II, but its legacy lives on. The division's veterans went on to become leaders in the outdoor recreation industry, and the division's training methods are still used by mountain warfare units around the world. The 10th Mountain

Division is a reminder of the courage and determination of America's elite alpine warriors.

## Additional Information

- The 10th Mountain Division was the only American unit to fight in World War II that was specifically trained for mountain warfare.
- The division's motto was "Climb to Conquer."
- The division's insignia was a blue triangle with a white mountain goat.
- The 10th Mountain Division was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its actions at Monte Cassino.
- Many veterans of the 10th Mountain Division went on to become leaders in the outdoor recreation industry, including Warren Miller and Bill Briggs.



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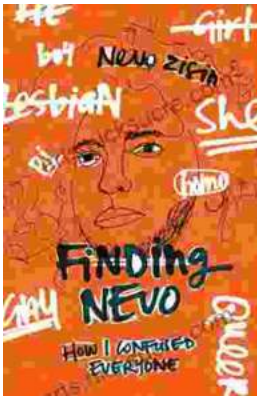
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