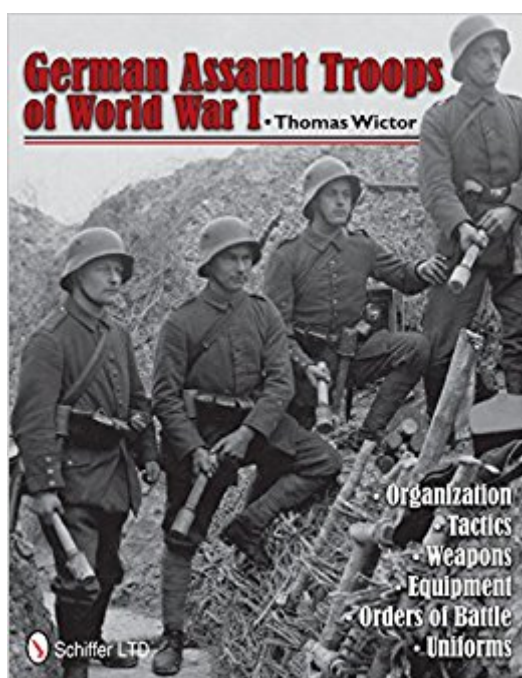


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German Assault Troops Of World War I: Organization Tactics Weapons Equipment Orders Of Battle Uniforms



Synopsis

This book covers the organization, tactics, weapons, equipment, orders of battle, and uniforms of official and unofficial units, from early raiding parties to formal assault battalions. Rare photos depict badges and insignia not previously known, while primary documents describing regulations and training are provided in their entirety. New information on the origin of shock tactics is presented, gleaned from German archives and not previously published in English. Specific operations on all fronts are included, along with extracts from German army manuals for shock-troop arms such as flamethrowers, mortars, machine guns, grenade launchers, assault artillery, and tanks.

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Thomas Wictor is the author of five books. A failed music journalist, failed military historian, failed novelist, failed ghostwriter, failed biographer, failed poet, failed essayist, failed rock musician, failed miniaturist, failed photographer, failed field representative for a document-retrieval service, failed delivery driver, failed temporary worker, failed voiceover actor, failed copyeditor, failed technical writer, failed editor of the world's first online newspaper, failed bartender, failed archivist, failed longshoreman, failed ladies' man, and failed ally, he is the planet's only expert on World War I flamethrowers. He lives happily by himself in Southern California.

Excellent book on a subject rarely touched on in the detail the author of this book has done.

Detailed descriptions of the units, uniforms and equipment. The collection of photos in this volume is one of the finest I have ever seen, worth the price of the book alone. I highly recommend this book

to anyone interested in WWI uniforms and equipment. Mr. Wictor, thank you for taking the time to document the history of these often overlooked WWI soldiers.

Genesis of the STORMTROOPER "German Assault Troops of World War I" by Thomas Wictor is a magnificent book and subject that has had limited detailed study with supporting documentation and photography. As stated in the description this mammoth book covers in extreme and concise detail the organization, tactics, weapons, equipment, order of battle, uniforms and insignia. As well this book briefly delves into some of the famous battles such as Verdun, Riga, Cambrai, but as the author states in the book that a certain level military and historical knowledge of the period is expected of the reader. However, this does not distract from this book at all and reader can find countless volumes about the period and the stated battles for further study or reference. Overall, this is by far one of the best books on the subject I have read to date and as a bonus this just a beautifully formatted and high quality publication.

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Thomas Wictor is the best source for real information about WWI.

As a collector of photographs from the Great War, I am interested in as much information about the uniforms, equipment and strategy of these soldiers as I can gather. This book on German assault troops provides a tremendous amount of information on all aspects of these soldiers.

Great photos, great information! I highly recommend this book to any and all WW1 historians as it provides newly released information about these units.

Best Book out there on WW 1 German Stormtroopers!

Fascinating history of the advent of specialized assault troops.

Published in 2012, *German Assault Troops of World War I* is far from the only book on Germany's Great War assault troops published, but it is certainly the most impressive which I have read. The book's production quality - large format, coated paper, high definition picture reproduction - is peerless. It is magnificently illustrated, offering at least one reproduction - and frequently two or three rare German photographs (officers, men, equipment and troops in action) on each text page. Author Thomas Wicker - who has also written two works on German flame troops in the Great War - deploys a highly impressive grasp of his complicated subject, of source material and understanding. As he (perhaps too courteously) notes: "Several outstanding books have been produced on the history of German Assault troops of World War I. This work is more a study of the organisation, tactics, weapons, orders of battle and uniforms of assault units. Anorak heaven then? No. Far more. This is a study of the topics written and presented with clarity which, quite apart from all else, shows the massive length and breadth of German assault troops' role and numbers in the German army. The fearsome German Storm troops, as they have been generically branded, have been judged a force which, while epitomising the abilities of such specialist troops, created an army of expensive and specialist over confidence and left a supporting rump of an army capable of only of defensive duties and lacking overall competence. Whilst the author stays clear of such arguments, he explains the training, development and role of the various assault specialists and the doctrines under which they operated - underlining they were not merely the booted, putteed leather knee patched infantrymen armed with camouflaged helmets and sharpened trench spades Western Front soldiers of common belief. Not least they included artillerists, machine gun companies and grenade launchers and integrated flame thrower units. They served in mountains, on the Eastern Front, in Italy and the Balkans. Whilst war writing is limited the author explains the role of assault troops in actions at Verdun, the Somme, at Caporetto - inevitably starring one Erwin Rommel, at Cambrai and in the German Spring Offensives - in antitank and defensive actions. Reviewers take their lives in their hands when they describe books as ground breaking. Someone always claims to know better. Nevertheless, Thomas Wicker's work on the German Assault Troops broke much new ground, informed me massively and impressed me mightily for its research, production and presentation. I highly recommend it to those with a sincere interest in the Germany Armies of 1914

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