# Lightning Joe



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General J. Lawton Collins

U.S. ARMY

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**Lightning Joe** J. Lawton Collins, 1994 Lightning Joe Joseph Lawton Collins, 1979-01-01 Den amerikanske general J Lawton Lightning Joe Collins erindringer fra 2 verdenskrig i Stillehavet og Europa Korea og Vietnam Allerede i Pearl Harbor tiden havde han markeret sig som en betydelig milit r leder og kom til at spille en afg rende rolle i USAs krigsanstrengelser genavnet erhvervede han under kampene p Guadalcanal The Crux Of The Fight: General Joseph Lawton Collins' Command Style LTC Theo K. Moore, 2014-08-15 This monograph examines General J Lawton Collins career and argues that his command style was characterized by technical and tactical competence the practical ability to lead from the front and sound judgment This monograph examines these key factors in three subsections General Collins gained his technical and tactical competence by theoretical preparation as a student and instructor He first demonstrated the ability to position himself at the critical point on the battlefield as the commander of the 25th Infantry Division during the Guadalcanal Campaign in January 1943 As the commander of the VII Corps during the Allies Campaign in northwest Europe from 1944 to 1945 he refined this ability Finally he developed sound judgment while performing key postings both during the interwar period and during the Second World War This monograph shows how General I Lawton Collins command style translated into Real Soldiering Brian McAllister Linn, 2023-06-23 What happens to action and made him such an effective combat leader the US Army after the battles are over the citizen soldiers depart and all that remains is the Regular Army In this pathbreaking work Brian Linn argues that in each decade following every major conflict since the War of 1812 the postwar army has undergone a long painful and remarkably consistent recovery process as it struggled to build a new model force to replace the Old Army that entered the conflict Departing from the Washington centric institutional histories of the past Linn sets his focus on soldiering in the field distilling the lived experiences of officers and troopers who were responsible for cleaning up the messes left in the wake of war Real Soldiering provides the first comprehensive study of the US Army s transition from war to peace It is both a wide ranging history of the army s postwar experience and a work detailing the commonalities of American soldiering over almost two centuries Linn challenges three common historical interpretations confusing Washington policy with implementation in the field conflating postwar armies with prewar armies and describing certain postwar eras as distinct and transformational Rather Linn examines the postwar force as a distinct entity worthy of study as a unique and important part of US Army history He identifies the common dilemmas faced by the service in the aftermath of every war These problems included such military priorities as defense legislation preparing for the next war and adapting to new missions But they also incorporated often overlooked but for those who lived through them more important consistencies such as officer acquisition and career management personnel turbulence insufficient personnel and equipment and many others Real Soldiering represents over four decades of research into the US Army and is deeply informed by Linn s experiences teaching and working with soldiers It breaks new ground in lifting out the similarities of each postwar army

while still appreciating their individual complexities It identifies the leaders and the methods the service employed to escape the inevitable postwar drawdowns Insightful and entertaining provocative and empathetic and a work of history with immediate relevance Real Soldiering will resonate with military historians defense analysts and those who have proudly worn the US Army uniform Omar Nelson Bradley Steven L. Ossad, 2017-12-19 When Omar Nelson Bradley began his military career more than a century ago the army rode horses into combat and had less than 200 000 men No one had heard of mustard gas At the height of his career Bradley known as Brad and The GI s General led 1 23 million men as commander of 12 Army Group in the Western Front to bring an end to World War II Omar Nelson Bradley was the youngest and last of nine men to earn five star rank and the only army officer so honored after World War II This new biography by Steven L Ossad gives an account of Bradley's formative years his decorated career and his postwar life Bradley's decisions shaped the five Northwest European Campaigns from the D Day landings to VE Day As the man who successfully led more Americans in battle than any other in our history his long term importance would seem assured Yet his name is not discussed often in the classrooms of either civilian or military academies either as a fount of tactical or operational lessons learned or a source of inspiration for leadership exercised at Corps Army Group Army Chief or Joint Chiefs of Staff levels The Bradley image was tailor made for the quintessential homespun American heroic ideal and was considered by many to be a simple humble country boy who rose to the pinnacle of power through honesty hard work loyalty and virtuous behavior Even though his classmates in both high school and at West Point made remarks about his looks and Bradley was always self conscious about smiling because of an accident involving his teeth he went on to command 12 Army Group the largest body of American fighting men under a single general Bradley s postwar career as administrator of the original GI Bill and first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Korean War ensures his legacy These latter contributions as much as Bradley s demonstrable World War II leadership shaped U S history and culture in decisive dramatic and previously unexamined ways Drawing on primary sources such as those at West Point Army War College and Imperial War Museum this book focuses on key decisions often through the eyes of eyewitness and diarist British liaison officer Major Thomas Bigland The challenges our nation faces sound familiar to his problems fighting ideologically driven enemies across the globe coordinating global strategy with allies and providing care and benefits for our veterans Marshall and His Generals Stephen R. Taaffe, 2011-10-18 General George C Marshall chief of staff of the U S Army during World War II faced the daunting task not only of overseeing two theaters of a global conflict but also of selecting the best generals to carry out American grand strategy Marshall and His Generals is the first and only book to focus entirely on that selection process and the performances both stellar and disappointing that followed from it Stephen Taaffe chronicles and critiques the background character achievements and failures of the more than three dozen general officers chosen for top combat group commands from commanders like Dwight Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur to some nearly forgotten Taaffe explores how and why

Marshall selected the Army's commanders Among his chief criteria were character including unselfish and devoted purpose education whether at West Point Fort Leavenworth or the Army War College and striking a balance between experience and relative youth in a war that required both wisdom and great physical stamina As the war unfolded Marshall also factored into his calculations the combat leadership his generals demonstrated and the opinions of his theater commanders Taaffe brings into sharp focus the likes of Eisenhower MacArthur George Patton Omar Bradley Walter Krueger Robert Eichelberger Courtney Hodges Lucian Truscott I Lawton Collins Alexander Sandy Patch Troy Middleton Matthew Ridgeway Mark Clark and twenty five other generals who served in the conflict He describes their leadership and decision making processes and provides miniature biographies and personality sketches of these men drawn from their personal papers official records and reflections of fellow officers Delving deeper than other studies this path breaking work produces a seamless analysis of Marshall's selection process of operational level commanders Taaffe also critiques the performance of these generals during the war and reveals the extent to which their actions served as stepping stones to advancement Ambitious in scope and filled with sharp insights Marshall and His Generals is essential reading for anyone interested in World War II and military American Military History Anonymous, leadership more generally American Military History ,1989 The Casualty <u>Issue in American Military Practice</u> Evan A. Huelfer, 2003-10-30 Huelfer examines the casualty issue in American military thought and practice during the years between the World Wars He argues that Americans exhibited a distinct aversion to combat casualties duirng the Interwar Period a phenomenon that visibly influenced the military establishment and helped shape strategic planning force modernization and rearmament for World War II In a broad topical approach Huelfer's main theme casualty aversion is woven into discussions about military strategy and policies doctrinal and technological development the military education system and how the American officer corps emerged from World War I and prepared for World War II As Huelfer makes clear aversion to combat casualties is not just a post Vietnam War phenomenon but rather has long been embedded within the American national heritage Conventional wisdom link today s exacerbated aversion to combat casualties as fallout from the Vietnam debacle In fact this Vietnam Syndrome has remained at the forefront of contemporary strategic thinking Huelfer shows that American political and military leaders have held lasting concerns about risking soldiers lives in combat even pre dating U S involvement in World War II The grim experiences of World War I had a profound impact upon the U S officer corps and how it viewed potential future conflicts The casualty issue permeated the officers strategic culture during the Interwar Period and colored their thinking about improving training doctrinal evolution force modernization and technological development Even though one cannot find the terms casualty issue casualty aversion or sensitivity to casualties directly stated in the speeches and writings of the era this awareness clearly emerged as a subtext for the entire American effort in preparation for World War II Huelfer highlights how casualty aversion shaped American strategy for World War II by incorporating ideas about the use of overwhelming force air power and mechanization all

designed to minimize losses **Our Vichy Gamble** William L. Langer, 2024-10-11 Dr Langer Coolidge Professor of History at Harvard is one of the foremost diplomatic historians of our day During the war he was head of the Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic Services While serving in this capacity he was invited by Secretary Hull to prepare an account of American policy toward France from May 1940 to the assassination of Darlan on Christmas Eve of 1942 Abundant though not complete documentation was placed at his disposal and he talked with many of the principals in the drama The exciting story as he so ably tells it is substantially a justification of the Roosevelt Hull policy vis vis Vichy and de Gaulle primarily on grounds of strategy Foreign Affairs Our policy towards Vichy France documented by an historian in considerable detail his material based on official papers of the U S government made available for the first time Here was the policy more criticized than any other largely on ideological liberal grounds He examines the development of our relations with France following its defeat through the Reynaud short lived resistance Laval s revolution and the Laval Hitler meetings the Gaullist movement and our inability to recognize de Gaulle as long as we did not want an overt break with Vichy the Giraud negotiations the North African landings and Giraud's failure Darlan's succession and assassination All this illustrates a policy of political and military expediency an opportunism which was sensible only inasmuch as it succeeded Kirkus Professor Langer effectively lists the gains from our Vichy policy It enabled us to keep contact with official France and loyal Frenchmen Our Vichy contacts were of inestimable value to our military intelligence service Our policy helped to save much of the French colonial empire It kept North Africa free from the Germans and opened the way to later Allied invasion The presence of Admiral Leahy in Vichy strengthened the hand of P tain in achieving these results None of these gains would have been forthcoming had we broken off diplomatic relations with France or wholeheartedly supported the de Gaulle faction We may fairly say that Professor Langer's volume puts to rout for all time the critics of our Vichy policy a work of notable scholarship courage and integrity The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science A monumental historical contribution It will probably remain an indispensable source for all students New York Herald Tribune A book of great importance excellently organized and surprisingly well written South Atlantic Quarterly This important volume presents a lot of vivid experience which will make any one interested in the realistic methods of statescraft do a lot of thinking World Affairs A n important contribution to the historiography of the Second World War Professor Langer had the almost unrestricted use of the files of both the State Department and the Office of Strategic Services which makes for the unusual interest of the book The American Journal of International Law Professor Langer's latest work maintains and indeed increases the high reputation earned by his scholarly volumes a fascinating and powerful work The American Historical Review An informed and judicious appraisal of United States foreign policy reaches the well considered conclusion that the State Department followed a wise and prudent course the effect is little short of sensational Middle East Journal An outstanding diplomatic historian here turns his hand to a readable much needed and sober account of the cause of the

hottest foreign policy controversy in recent years our relations with the tainted Vichy regime in France from 1940 to 1943 The American Political Science Review Sand & Steel Peter Caddick-Adams, 2019 Part of a trilogy covering the last year of fighting in the European theater of World War II and in time for the 75th anniversary of D Day Sand and Steel gives us the full story of the Allied invasion of France U.S. Army Divisions of the Pacific War Stephen R. Taaffe, 2024-08-14 A new narrative and analytic history of the twenty U S Army divisions that fought in the Pacific War Despite the prevailing view that the Marine Corps bore the brunt of the fighting in the Pacific War the men of the US Army played a decisive role in the conflict Indeed GIs did most of the war s heavy lifting on the ground by conducting more amphibious assaults and prosecuting more operations than the Marines By the end of the war there were 1 77 million U S Army troops in the Pacific and Asia compared to the USMC s 484 000 The Pacific was as much the Army s war as the fighting in the European theater The U S Army deployed twenty combat divisions to fight in the Pacific including famous ones such as the 1st Cavalry Division and the 25th Tropic Lightning Division Most were infantry and included Regular National Guard and draftee divisions The divisions were deployed and maneuvered by theater field army and corps commanders around the Pacific's geostrategic chessboard to battle and defeat the Japanese The Army may have wanted its divisions to be interchangeable and uniform but this proved impossible Their quality and performance depended upon their resources the geography and terrain on which they fought experience leadership and organizational culture Historians though have made little effort to examine their records in a systematic way before now In addition almost all of the Army's divisions some after admittedly rocky starts became units capable of winning their engagements Indeed not a single Army division fighting the Japanese during the American counteroffensive across the Pacific was completely destroyed in combat Whatever problems these divisions faced tended to grow out of the society that produced them not fundamental flaws in Army doctrine This is a tribute to the Army as a whole and to the twenty divisions that the Army deployed against the Japanese This new history uses a narrative approach to describe and analyze each division s history characteristics and battles during the conflict concluding with an assessment of their battlefield records taking into account the innumerable factors affecting their combat performance Forging the **Anglo-American Alliance** Tyler R. Bamford, 2022-07-06 The joint British and US campaigns in the European theater of operations during World War II rank among the most impressive examples of coalition warfare in history In just eighteen months the US and British armies integrated their planning intelligence and command structures more thoroughly than any previous alliance Millions of British and American soldiers fighting alongside one another liberated North Africa France Italy and western Germany How did these two armies come together so quickly How did they combine their forces to a degree never before seen among the services of sovereign nations And how did they sustain their alliance in the face of severe disagreements and battlefield setbacks In Forging the Anglo American Alliance Tyler Bamford answers these questions by presenting the first history of the two armies relations from 1917 to 1941 Great Britain and the United States emerged from

World War I as the strongest military powers in the world Forging the Anglo American Alliance examines why the armies of these two nations chose to view each other as their closest strategic partner instead of their greatest potential threat and illustrates the legacy that World War I had on the attitudes of the US and British armies toward one another and alliance warfare Through personal interactions and military education in the years leading up to World War II army officers shared large amounts of military intelligence and formed positive opinions of one another As the threat of Germany and Japan grew army officers were the first to anticipate the need for an alliance between their nations and to begin thinking about ways to structure their combined forces Using untapped archival sources official reports and officers personal papers Bamford presents an important and engaging new analysis of how this partnership grew out of the experiences and initiative of British and US Army officers and attach s during World War I and the two decades that followed **Army** ,1979 Against Time James Phinney Baxter III,2023-11-05 Winner of the 1947 Pulitzer prize in History Mr Baxter's history of the OSRD is a fine book obviously one of the most important documents written so far about the war The author has a reticent clear style admirably suited to pin down his refractory material His preoccupation with technical detail has not diminished his grasp of wartime science as a whole E B Garside The New York Times A readable mixture of history and science This volume covers the whole span of scientific development radar and radar countermeasures loran proximity fuses the Dukw and Weasel incendiaries and flame throwers military medicine including discussion of high altitude effects penicillin and insecticides and finally the Manhattan project and the atomic bomb This official history of OSRD should be required reading for admirals generals and all officers who ever expect some day to exist in the rarefied atmosphere of high level military and naval planning This volume is the triumphant battle cry of American men of science returning with their shields Earl W Thompson Proceedings of the US Naval Institute This is the official history of the remarkable achievements of the Office of Scientific Research and Development during World War II by the President of Williams College Robert Gale Woolbert Foreign Affairs An admirable book Richard E Danielson The Atlantic Here is one of the most significant books of World War II It is as Dr Vannevar Bush says in a foreword the brief official history of the Office of Scientific Research and Development It is the history of a rapid transition from warfare as it has been waged for thousands of years by the direct clash of hordes of men to a new type of warfare in which science becomes applied to destruction on a wholesale basis It marks therefore a turning point in the broad history of civilization The reader is constantly impressed by the valuable results obtained by the pooling of the work of British Canadian and American scientists Throughout the entire book one idea seems to stand out above all others namely that free men working as a team can outperform all the efforts of those who are driven by bureaucratic decrees John W Oliver The American Historical Review This is a book for which American scientists have been waiting it presents a clear detailed and yet stylistically most attractive account of the victory made possible by the civilian scientific research effort of our Nation during World War II It will be difficult for anyone to read this book and not become an advocate

of a strong federally supported science organization to continue the research necessary for our future military preparedness and for the solution of basic peacetime problems as well Leonard Carmichael Science D-Day, 1944 Theodore A. Wilson,1994 Readers may be astonished at how much scholarly digging and the release of once secret information have transformed the history of this campaign At times it seems like a whole new war New York Times Book Review

Frustrated Ambition Richard Bruce Meixsel, 2018-02-15 Vicente Podico Lim 1888 1944 was once his country's best known soldier The first Filipino to graduate from West Point and a graduate of the U S Army War College Lim figured in every significant military development in the Philippines during his thirty years in uniform Frustrated Ambition is the first in depth biography of this forgotten figure whose career paralleled the early twentieth century history of the Philippine military As independence seemed increasingly likely for the Philippines in the 1930s Lim positioned himself to take a leading role in developing armed forces for a sovereign nation But as Lim maneuvered behind the scenes Manuel L Quezon soon to be the commonwealth president revealed that he had invited General Douglas MacArthur to serve as military adviser to the Philippines Frustrated Ambition corrects the conventional historical narrative of events thereafter one that emphasizes the failure of the nascent Philippine military under MacArthur and inflates the general s heroic role in the defense of Bataan and Corregidor Richard Bruce Meixsel restores Lim as the then recognized leader of the opposition to MacArthur's mission and shows how Lim took the Philippine Army in a more tenable direction as MacArthur's military system foundered World War II brought Lim to the fore While MacArthur directed his troops from Corregidor Lim commanded a division on Bataan that may have suffered more combat losses at the battle of Abucay than did all American units on Bataan during the entire campaign When the U S high command turned its efforts to evacuating the Philippine Islands Lim began to prepare for the ensuing underground struggle against the Japanese a fight that cost him his life By recounting Vicente Lim's career Frustrated Ambition illuminates forgotten episodes in Philippine history offers new perspectives on military affairs during the American occupation and recovers the story of Filipino soldiers whose service changed the course of their country's military history

The Western European and Mediterranean Theaters in World War II Donal Sexton, 2011-10-06 The Western European and Mediterranean Theaters in World War II is a concise comprehensive guide for students teachers and history buffs of the Second World War With an emphasis on the American forces in these theaters each entry is accompanied by a brief annotation that will allow researchers to navigate through the vast amount of literature on the campaigns fought in these regions with ease Focusing on all aspects surrounding the U S involvement in the Western European and Mediterranean theaters including politics religion biography strategy intelligence and operations this bibliography will be a welcome addition to the collection of any academic or research library Routledge Research Guides to American Military Studies provide concise annotated bibliographies to the major areas and events in American military history With the inclusion of brief critical annotations after each entry the student and researcher can easily assess the utility of each bibliographic source

and evaluate the abundance of resources available with ease and efficiency Comprehensive concise and current Routledge Research Guides to American Military Studies are an essential research tool for any historian Pacific Blitzkriea Sharon Tosi Lacey, 2013-10-15 Pacific Blitzkrieg closely examines the planning preparation and execution of ground operations for five major invasions in the Central Pacific Guadalcanal Tarawa the Marshalls Saipan and Okinawa The commanders on the ground had to integrate the U S Army and Marine Corps into a single striking force something that would have been difficult in peacetime but in the midst of a great global war it was a monumental task Yet ultimate success in the Pacific rested on this crucial if somewhat strained partnership and its accomplishments Despite the thousands of works covering almost every aspect of World War II in the Pacific until now no one has examined the detailed mechanics behind this transformation at the corps and division level Sharon Tosi Lacey makes extensive use of previously untapped primary research material to re examine the development of joint ground operations the rapid transformation of tactics and equipment and the evolution of command relationships between army and marine leadership This joint venture was the result of difficult and patient work by commanders and evolving staffs who acted upon the lessons of each engagement with remarkable speed For every brilliant strategic and operational decision of the war there were thousands of minute actions and adaptations that made such brilliance possible Lacey examines the Smith vs Smith controversy during the Saipan invasion using newly discovered primary source material Saipan was not the first time General Howlin Mad Smith had created friction Lacey reveals how Smith s blatant partisanship and inability to get along with others nearly brought the American march across the Pacific to a halt Pacific Blitzkrieg explores the combat in each invasion to show how the battles were planned how raw recruits were turned into efficient combat forces how battle doctrine was created on the fly and how every service remade itself as new and more deadly weapons continuously changed the character of the war This book will be a must read for anyone who wants to get a behind the scenes story of the victory Pacific Blitzkrieg is not only a major contribution to our understanding of the Pacific War but is also a delight to read Lacey demolishes the belief widely held among students of the Pacific War that a deep gulf lay between the Marine Corps and the Army In every respect Pacific Blitzkrieg is what one should expect from a scholarly book well researched well argued and coherent Williamson Murray coauthor of A War to Be Won Fighting the Second World War This is a significantly fresh approach in that it goes beyond the Army Marine controversies best exemplified by Smith versus Smith It does so by explaining their genesis in institutional and personal terms then showing how both services marginalized the controversies during the war in the interest of resolving the real problem crossing the central Pacific with minimum cost and maximum effectiveness Dennis E Showalter author of Hitler's Panzers and Patton and Rommel Pacific Blitzkrieg is an exceptional analysis of U S joint amphibious operations against Japan during World War II Lacey clearly demonstrates that despite the heat of the Smith versus Smith controversy during the invasion of Saipan in fact U S Army and Marine units and commanders cooperated far better than the published historical record to date suggests A

must read for current and future joint force commanders and their staffs Peter R Mansoor author of The GI Offensive in Europe The Triumph of American Infantry Divisions 1941 1945 The Change in the European Balance of Power, 1938-1939: The Path to Ruin by Williamson Murray Williamson Murray, 2025-07-22 A thoroughly documented study of the years of Hitler's triumph which the author sees as anything but inevitable He emphasizes Germany's economic difficulties lack of raw materials and foreign exchange and sees an objectively weak but strong willed Germany challenge a strong but weak willed West with the British always relying on a worst case analysis of their military strength and a best case analysis of Hitler's intentions An important study that in many ways returns to an earlier view that the West would have been in a better position to fight a war in 1938 than in 1939 that appearement promoted what its proponents most feared German aggression leading to protracted war The author bolsters a familiar thesis with new evidence and great zeal Foreign Affairs Murray has mastered an impressive range of archival and published sources advances a robust revisionist thesis By a careful correlation of the economics of German rearmament with Hitler's foreign policy and strategy between 1933 and 1939 he makes a strong case that right up to the outbreak of war Germany was much less thoroughly prepared for a major war than most of her contemporary opponents imagined or than most historians have realized since Hitler began a wholesale effort at rearmament from the moment he became Chancellor Although this rearmament programme was immense when compared to other European states it was severely handicapped by Germany's heavy dependence on imported raw materials insufficient foreign credit and shortage of skilled labour The occupation of the Sudetenland brought few economic advantages but the seizure of the remainder of Czechoslovakia in March 1939 yielded an enormous benefit in raw materials industrial resources and immediately available guns ammunition and tanks a scholarly and powerfully argued study in particular all future students of the subject will have to grapple with Professor Murray's analysis of Germany's economic problems and military deficiencies The English Historical Review Williamson Murray s book applies a reality test to the policies of the great powers in the late 1930s The test rests on a simple assumption as irrefutable as it is commonly ignored military power is the hard cold cash of international life Hitler as Murray puts it more often than not made correct strategic decisions Chamberlain and associates made the wrong choice on almost every strategic and diplomatic question that they faced Catastrophe in 1940 was the result a work that is rich in archival knowledge sophisticated argument the occasional subtle dig and an uncommon sense of the difficulties and ambiguities that face those who must decide Murray's cogent presentation of the evidence and his uncompromising uncomforting conclusions are a devastating blow to the revisionist school on appearement an essential book for anyone who studies the interwar period or is seriously interested in either the interrelationship of policy and strategy or the nature of relations between states The Journal of Modern History Murray offers a masterful survey of the essentials which are background to decision making in Germany England and France which produced both the war and the catastrophe for the West in the war s first year This monograph is well researched fully documented and well written Political leaders

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