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Sword and Swastika: The Story of Hitler's March of Conquest, by Telford Taylor

The story of the march of conquest has now been told in an extraordinarily competent fashion by Telford Taylor, the author of Sword and Swastika. It is a detailed, carefully documented, yet admirably clear, and immensely readable piece of work. As wartime intelligence officer with the U.S. Army, and as chief counsel for the prosecution at Nuremberg in 1946, Taylor had ample opportunity to become familiar with the German side of the story. And it is a remarkable feature of his book--remarkable even for a book dealing with German conquest--that it is based largely on the rich harvest of German documentary material garnered in the closing days of the war. He has of course made use of the flood of memoirs, biographies, and specialized studies which the press have produced since 1940; and he has profited from such valuable items as the U.K. official histories. But his principal source has been the captured German documents, the files of the German high command, and the Nuremberg records. Like others writing in this field he has made excellent use of the informative diary kept by Franz Halder, the Chief of Staff at OKH, and he has also made use of the remarkable souvenir prepared for Hitler, Der Feldzug in Frankreich, which contains maps showing the daily dispositions of the German divisions in the west from May 10 to June 25. These records provide the substance of the extensive appendices, rank lists, orders of battle and soon, as well as the wealth of biographical detail, so that names do not merely flit in and out of the story but come to present real persons. It is the reliance on the German documentary sources which enables Taylor to prick the legends propagated by a Winston Churchill or a Desmond Young, to deal effectively with conflicts of testimony in the published versions of the main participants, and, above all, to convey throughout the work an air of impressive solidity. Only occasionally do new or startling facts emerge. But the value of the book lies rather in the wealth of detail, carefully integrated into a smoothly flowing narrative, and subjected to an extraordinarily balanced and skilled analysis. No one writing or lecturing on the events of the spring and summer of 1940 will be able to neglect it. The essential theme of Taylor's book is the contrast between the planlessness of the German conquest and its technical brilliance. "From Warsaw to Compiegne," he writes, "German grand strategy was as dull as German tactics were brilliant." The Wehrmacht could and did win brilliant victories. It did not know how to exploit them. After Poland, German leadership faltered. Hitler's proposal for an autumn assault in the west brought him into bitter conflict with his generals, which only ended when bad weather and the compromising of the intentions forced its postponement. Woes and bung, the next venture, was a striking instance of technical and tactical skill. Yet, though the conquest of Norway and Denmark brought Hitler increased prestige at home and heightened respect abroad, strategically it was a failure. It was launched after Anglo-French plans for intervention in Finland had been abandoned, and it resulted in naval losses so severe as to limit further the range of strategic alternatives when the Battle of France came to an end. Hitler may not, as Chamberlain said, have missed the bus; but it seems clear that he was on the wrong route. Equally brilliant technically was the planning and execution of the assault on France and the Low Countries. Yet there again the Germans did not think in strategic terms, as had Schlieffen before 1914. The plan was neither a modified version of Schlieffen's Entscheidungsschlacht, by which the war would be ended in a single campaign, nor yet exclusively the product of Manstein's genius, as Guderian...
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"I've really done it! And how remarkably easy it has all been! Now I'm a real conqueror." So Hitler confided on June 17, 1940, when word of Pétain's appeal for an armistice reached the Wolfsschanze. It had indeed been a remarkable and, in a sense, an easy feat. Only seventy days earlier Western Europe had seemed heartless, expedient, but still intact. The Netherlands and Norway had been overwhelmed in a daring sea-air offensive. The garrisons of Narvik were not yet silent when the Nazi war machine rolled westward, swamping Holland in five days, crashing the Belgians, driving the British into or over the sea, bringing France to her knees. In a little over two months, with the bulk of the springing season still before him, Hitler had made himself master of Western Europe from the Pyrenees to the North Cape. It was an achievement for which there was no precedent in recent European history.

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