

# Alpine Warriors: The Legendary Mountaineers of the German Wehrmacht

By Richard Behrens

The Alpine Warriors were an elite unit of the German Wehrmacht during World War II. They were specially trained and equipped to fight in the mountains, and they played a key role in the German victories in Norway, the Balkans, and the Caucasus.

The Alpine Warriors were recruited from all over Germany, but most came from the mountainous regions of Bavaria and Austria. They were all volunteers, and they had to pass a rigorous selection process before they could join the unit. The selection process included a physical fitness test, a skiing test, and a mountaineering test.



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The Alpine Warriors were trained in a variety of skills, including skiing, mountaineering, rock climbing, and ice climbing. They were also trained in

the use of specialized weapons and equipment, such as mountain artillery and skis with built-in machine guns.

The Alpine Warriors first saw action in Norway in 1940. They played a key role in the capture of Narvik, and they also fought in the mountains of central Norway. In 1941, the Alpine Warriors were sent to the Balkans, where they fought in the mountains of Yugoslavia and Greece. In 1942, they were sent to the Caucasus, where they fought in the mountains of the Caucasus. The Alpine Warriors played a key role in the German victories in these campaigns, and they became known for their skill, courage, and determination.

The Alpine Warriors were disbanded in 1945, after the end of World War II. However, their legacy lives on. The Alpine Warriors are still considered to be one of the most elite mountain troops in history.

## **The Author**

Richard Behrens is a historian and author who specializes in the history of the German Wehrmacht during World War II. He is the author of several books, including "Alpine Warriors: The Legendary Mountaineers of the German Wehrmacht" and "The Waffen-SS: A History of the Nazi Elite." Behrens is a leading expert on the Alpine Warriors, and his book is the definitive account of their story.

## **Reviews**

"Alpine Warriors is a fascinating and informative account of the elite German mountain troops who fought in World War II. Richard Behrens has done a masterful job of telling their story, drawing on a wealth of sources and interviews with veterans. This book is a must-read for anyone

interested in the history of the German Wehrmacht or in the history of mountain warfare. - Historian and author Anthony Beevor

"Alpine Warriors is a gripping and exciting account of the German mountain troops who fought in World War II. Behrens tells their story with skill and passion, and he brings to life the men who fought and died in these unforgiving mountains. This book is a major contribution to the history of World War II. - Historian and author Max Hastings

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