

BOOKS REVIEWED

CRUSADE IN EUROPE. By Dwight D. Eisenhower. Doubleday & Co., Inc. \$5.00

No book about World War II by an American military figure has received as much notice and publicity as has "Crusade in Europe" by General of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower. Probably no one's story is more worth telling to the American people, for Gen. Eisenhower, from the time he joined General Marshall's staff in the War Plans Division during December, 1941, until he received the German surrender in May, 1945, was directly concerned with the planning and execution of our major moves against the Axis enemy in Europe. As Supreme Commander of Allied Expeditionary Forces during the invasion of the European continent and the conquest of Germany, Gen. Eisenhower commanded more American troops than had ever been assembled in our history. His story of the employment, the problems, and the successes of these powerful forces should be of great interest to veterans and their families.

No little part of Gen. Eisenhower's success as a soldier and as commander of the Allied forces has been due to his unusual ability to express himself in a clear and articulate manner. One has only to hear the general speak, and now, to read his most lucid style of writing to realize how he was able to continually impress the state and military leaders of the war years with his ideas and simple logic. Even that master of rhetoric, Winston Churchill, often met his match in the clearly expressed reasoning of Gen. Eisenhower.

This simple and forthright manner of Eisenhower's did much to endear him to the Allied press representatives and so in turn often resulted in a more sensible and logical interpretation of the news for the American public.

Because of these characteristics Gen. Eisenhower was a happy choice for the role he had to fulfill. From the beginning, his was a problem of combining foreign nationals into unified combat teams and staffs, and of satis-

fying or soothing the national prides of the several Allied countries with which he dealt. He also had to answer to the press and the people for the actions of such top-flight combat leaders as General Patton. At the same time he had to build armies, plan operations, execute invasions, and destroy the German armed forces. All the while he tried to keep in close touch with his men in the ranks.

Gen. Eisenhower's successes in war, his post-war popularity, his current prestige are all evidence of how well this great soldier and citizen executed these duties.

"Crusade in Europe" is his personal story told in simple language that reveals the magnitude of his accomplishments and of his greatness. —J.A.D., Jr.



MY GREATEST DAY IN FOOTBALL. By Murray Goodman & Leonard Lewin. A. S. Barnes & Co. \$3.00

A YEAR ago Barnes came out with "My Greatest Day in Baseball," a grand sports tome written by John Carmichael of the *Chicago Daily News*. All the readers no doubt wondered, as did the reviewer, "Great stuff, wonder when they'll do the same with football?"

Well, it's here! And it's every bit as good as the baseball book.

The authors have taken 37 of football's greats—coaches as well as players—and recounted for the sport lover, those individual's personal accounts of their greatest day in football. A short enlightening biographical sketch of each of the personalities is included.

There are many surprises, such as Paul Brown's eventful day. Here is a man who gained fame as a coach of

Ohio State and later the great Cleveland "Browns" pro club. Yet he reaches back to the days when he coached Massillon, Ohio, High School. Similar is the case of Glenn Dobbs, one of the greatest all around backs ever seen in the Southwest and later in professional ball. He, too, picks a high school game, one in which his team lost and in which he participated for only three minutes.

Eddie Anderson, and Harry Stuhldreher, coaches of Iowa and Wisconsin, respectively passed over their playing days at Notre Dame where they were both All-Americans, and selected days when they defeated their Alma Mater with well-coached aggregations.

Frank Leahy, Notre Dame's famous coach, thinks the day he was selected as head coach of the South Bend school transcends anything he accomplished on the gridiron before or since.

The Grand Old Man of Football, Amos Alonzo Stagg, thinks that every day of his 62 years as a coach are his greatest.

Earl Blaik, who mentored the great Blanchard-Davis elevens at West Point, goes back to his years at Dartmouth for his day.

Bob Zuppke, the Wily Dutchman of Urbana, passes over the thrill packed days in the early 20s when Red Grange was piling up yardage for the Illini, to select a day in 1916 when he upset a great Minnesota team, using only 11 iron men.

Mal Hein, all time All American center, who played 15 years with the New York Giants after leaving Washington State, selects a losing game as his greatest.

There are many others, Sammy Baugh, Lou Little, Sid Luckman, Bill Dudley, Davis and Blanchard, ad infinitum. Their reasons for selecting these games or events are most interesting and indicate that some games which have sent the spectators home muttering to themselves unintelligible garble about "greatest game I ever saw," is to them just another ball game.

There's always room for another like this on your sport shelf. —S.D.G.