

OPERATION CASE BLUE

Caucasus 1942: Operation Edelweiss and the battle for Stalingrad.

The offensive of the III Reich for the last victory.

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Historical essay

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June 1942. Germany launched the final offensive against the Soviet Union. The fate of the World War II is focused on the Caucasus, in an apocalyptic battle that will finally lead to the defeat of the Third Reich

Synopsis

In the summer of 1942, the second world war was at its peak. When USA took part in the war they turned the conflict into a truly global war, but at that right moment, the fate of all the war was focused on the endless steppes of southern Soviet Union.

Facing the nightmare of having an open war on two fronts, Germany tried to put an end to this situation by concentrating most of its military resources in order to give a final blow. Hoping to annihilate economically the Soviet Union, and inducing it to sign the peace, the forces of the Third Reich, along with other large contingents of Romanian, Hungarian and Italian partners, embarked on the conquest of the South of the Soviet Union, one of the largest military operations in history.

In this work, the historian Juan Pastrana analyzes the starting point of the German offensive, their hopes and the errors that were made, as well as its impact on the Caucasus following the withdrawal of the troops belonging to the axis.

The reader will get to know an offensive that could have changed the course of the World War II, and in whose outcome we may find the germ of both; the Chechen nationalism, and the independence wishes of those current States that shape the Caucasus.

Biography

Juan Pastrana is PhD in History and owns a Master in World History by the Pompeu Fabra University. He is a leading member of the Spanish Association of Military History, expert in the Operation Case Blue, and has given lectures on military themes of world War II.

Has participated in several chapters of the collective works: «The Spanish Army in the Ifni-Sahara War». In: Puell of the Villa, Fernando and Viñas Martín, Ángel (eds.). «Military History Today: research and trends», Madrid, 2015 and «The Plan Madrid and the Ifni-Sahara War». In: Puell of the Villa, Fernando and Alda Mejías, Sonia (eds.). «The armies of the Francoism» (1939-1975), Madrid, 2014.



Sales pitch

-This essay describes rigorously and globally a vision of the Operation Case Blue, a German offensive that was held at the East front in order to conquer Stalingrad and the Caucasus in 1942. Other titles deal with this World War II Operation, but none with the rigor and the depth of this title.

-Unlike other publications about World War II that usually focus only on the events that took place in Stalingrad, this work gives a complete view of the tactical deployment that was developed in the Caucasus. It will also reveal little known facts, such as genocide and deportations to Siberian gulags.

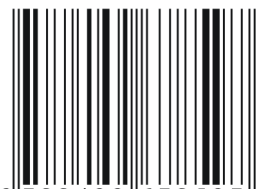
-The approach of the work is global, since it addresses the warlike part and besides from that the author performs a comprehensive analysis of the relationship between the Union Soviet and the allied states of the West.

-Operation Case Blue is richly illustrated with graphs, maps made ad hoc and explanatory tables.

-Its author, Juan Pastrana is PhD in History and owns a Master in World History by the Pompeu Fabra University. He is a leading member of the Spanish Association of Military History, expert in the Operation Case Blue, and has given lectures on military themes of world War II.



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