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15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Very Different and Very InterestingBy Iva BuchI bought this book not knowing too much about the bitter battles fought in Normandy and thought the title and brief description on sounded interesting.French publisher Heimdal have put together a massive volume on the battle for Tilly-Sur-Seulles in Summer 1944, which became one of the first villages in Normandy to be destroyed by heavy fighting.The town which changed hands 23 times, suffered 70% destruction of the buildings and caused the death of 10% of its civilian inhabitants, testified to the the fierce fighting for this town and neighbouring areas all over a period of ten days.From the back of the book - "Tilly was not the primary objective of the Allied advance as was the village of Villers Bocage,

but it became the cornerstone of the battle for Caen from June 9th - June 26th" The Tilly Front as it became known which included other towns as Lingevres, Cristot and Audrieu to name a few was defended by two crack German divisions namely the Panzer Lehr, and the 12th SS Panzer division Hitlerjugend. The attack spearheaded by units of the XXXth Corps would result in British battalions losing on average 200 men per day. The book in dual French/English takes a bit of getting used to with one half of page in French and the other side in English. It has no dustcover. The same goes for the captions of the very numerous and extremely interesting photographs, and sure there is the grammatical and spelling errors at times probably due to translation. But this does not detract from what I thought was an excellent book, which is printed on semi gloss paper for excellent photo reproduction. The photos alone are worth the money itself with then and now type shots, leading personalities, destroyed armour, action shots and many others. There are a number of colour photos of how the battlefield looks today. The authour who is the curator of the Museum for Tilly-sur-Seulles has also included photos of the museums artifacts such as shoulder flashes, uniforms, machinery and weapons. The battle is told from both sides using eye witness accounts and paints a bloody picture of the allied breakout from Normandy in what was some of the worst Bocage fighting. If you are familiar with the book "The Panzers and the battle of Normandy" again by Heimdal it is of a similar type. There are a number of simple maps throughout the book where you can follow the fighting. All in all an excellent effort and hopefully other books in French such as BATAILLE DE L'ODON: Les Ecossais face au II.SS-Pz-Korps TROIS JOURS EN ENFER: 7 - 9 June 1944 will be in English soon. A very interesting and different type of book which in my humble opinion is well worth buying. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By TERRY ROSA JR. Good Book just the French Wording was a bit too much.

Following on from the successful Heimdal books: Couloir de la mort, Bataille de l'Odon et de la Cote 112, here is a fourth volume on the small area engagements during the battle for Normandy. Tilly, located just south of Bayeux and a stronghold of the Panzer Lehr Division was the site of a bitterly fought battle. The engagement was so important in the way tanks were used that it has become a standard battle studied by professional military historians around the world. This huge book includes a great many personal memoirs from the veterans of the engagement as well as hundreds of photographs and other illustrations. Bilingual text in French and English.

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