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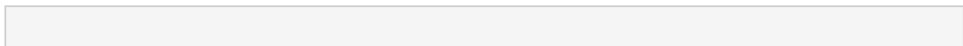
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About the Author

Cornelius Ryan joined the London staff of Reuters News Agency in 1941. In 1943, he joined the staff of the London *Daily Telegraph* as a war correspondent. He was at Normandy twice on D-Day, on a bomber flying over the beaches, and on a patrol boat that took him back after he landed in England. Upon the activation of Patton's 3rd Army in Normandy after D-Day, Ryan joined that force and covered its activities until the end of the war in Europe.

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"The war will be won or lost on the beaches. We'll have only one chance to stop the enemy and that's while he's in the water...struggling to get ashore. Reserves will never get up to the point of attack and it's foolish even to consider them...Believe me, Lang, the first twenty-four hours of the invasion will be decisive...for the Allies, as well as Germany, it will be the longest day." –German Field Marshal, Erwin Rommel, *The Longest Day*

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