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Colonel Ed Shames is that rare man who can call himself a true warrior. A member of Easy Company of *Band of Brothers* fame, Shames saw combat in some of the most ferocious battles of World War II. From jumping behind the lines of Normandy on D-Day with the 101st Airborne Division, to the near victory of Operation *Market Garden*, to the legendary stand at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, Shames fought his way across Europe and into Germany itself.

In *Airborne* Shames and writer Ian Gardner (*Tonight We Die As Men*) tell the gripping true story of what it was like to be at the spear point of World War II in Europe. Neither the book nor TV series of *Band of Brothers* ever showed the real Ed Shames. Although he started as a private, combat soon forged Shames into a tough and inspired leader who would win a battlefield commission in Normandy. Seeming always to be where the fighting was, his two goals were to prevail in each fight against the Germans, and to keep his men alive. "Shames, you are the meanest, roughest son of a bitch I've ever had to deal with. But you brought us home," was what he considered to be the highest compliment he received from one of his men.

Even though he was wounded in the Ardennes, Ed Shames never stopped fighting until Germany surrendered and the war was won. He has never stopped being a warrior.

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