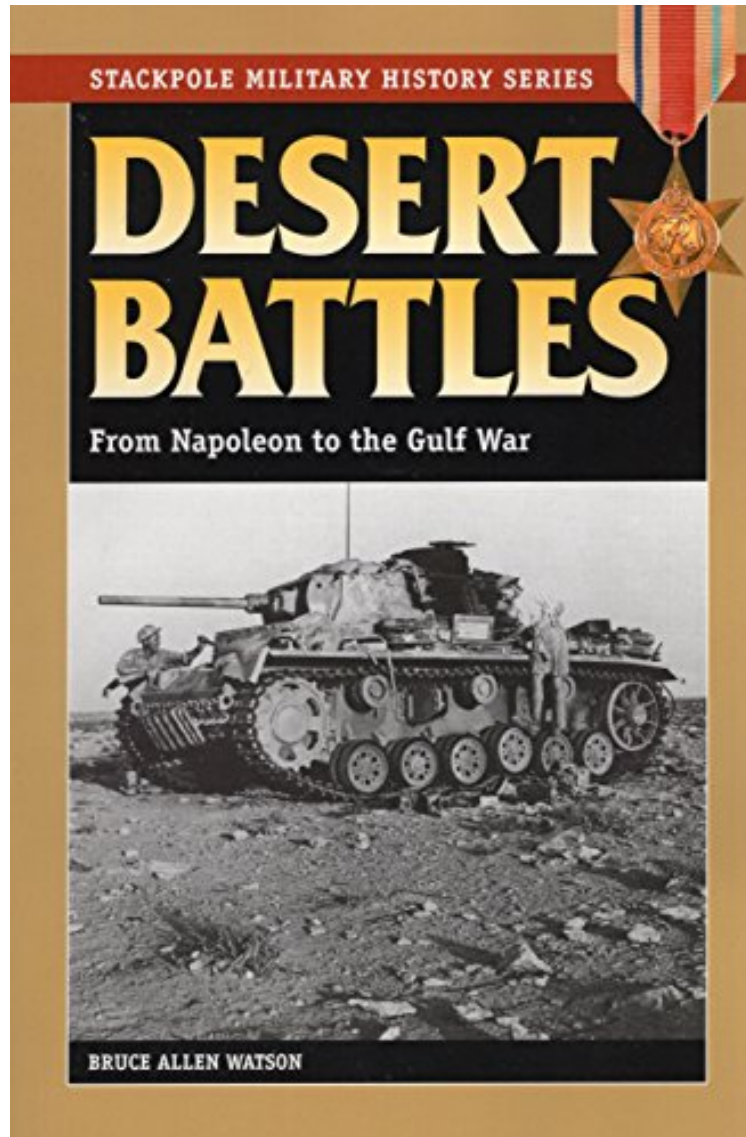


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"A solid military study that is well worth the read." About the Author Bruce Allen Watson is professor emeritus at Diablo Valley College and author of several books.