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Modern American History Block: \_\_\_\_

*Second World War*-Ardennes 1944-45

\**Band of Brothers* is an HBO Original mini-series that first aired in 2001. The story follows the training in the U.S. and European combat experiences of E Company, 506th Parachute Inf. Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. The soldiers of “Easy Company” had fought in D-Day in Normandy, France. This episode sees them six months later, near Bastogne, Belgium, on the frontier with Germany. The town of Foy has been held by German troops with panzers and heavy artillery. The men of Easy Company are cold, hungry, and reaching their breaking point. Yet they must take the town from the German occupiers.

Ep 7 Band of Brothers: the Breaking Point

**Characters (these are real names of real ppl):**

Lt./Capt. Richard Winters—exemplary WWII officer.

Lt. Ronald Speirs, cold-blooded killer of POWs?

Lt. Norman Dike—nicknamed “Foxhole Norman”--unfit to lead

Sgt. Carwood Lipton–perfect combat Sgt.-elevated to Lt. at Foy

Sgt. Bill Guarnere—soldier with funny laugh; highly decorated

Joe Toye—brave soldier; close friend of Guarnere; HIGHLY decorated

**Vocabulary:**

* Treeburst—*Germans would shell top of pine forest, to cause xtra shrapnel*
* ETO—*European Theatre of Operations, i.e. battlefields of Europe*
* 88 – *German long-barreled cannon that fired shells of 88mm in diameter pointed up for anti aircraft; pointed horizontal to shell tanks & men. The most feared German gun of Western Front. Shrapnel from 88 shell was deadly.*
* Bastogne/Foy/Noville/Ramaths—*locations where outnumbered Americans held up German counteroffensive. Hardest fighting of war on W. Front.*