This book focuses on the systems used by the Axis powers for the governance of the countries that they occupied during the Second World War. It would be easy to assume that the administration of each country was carried out on a somewhat ad hoc basis, but streams of detailed orders and decrees were enacted to cover all aspects of everyday life... from finance to crime.

Dr Raphael Lemkin was a Polish émigré and the person who coined the term ‘genocide’ during his study of international law concerning crimes against humanity which he began in 1933 — the year that the Nazis assumed power in Germany.

Dr Lemkin’s much-acclaimed work *Axis Rule in Occupied Europe* was published in 1944 and extracts from it now form the framework on which we have built this ‘then and now’ coverage of the occupation of Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Norway, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Monaco, the Channel Islands, Greece, Yugoslavia, the Baltic states, the Soviet Union, Romania, Italy and Hungary.

Individual chapters also cover the most serious crimes committed by the occupier: the destruction of whole villages in Czechoslovakia, France, the Netherlands and Greece, and the genocidal acts carried out in Italy, Greece, Belgium, although nothing can equal the wholesale slaughter enacted in the Balkans and the USSR.

It has been estimated that the Axis occupation of Europe cost between 20 and 25 million civilian lives, apart from the deaths of at least 16 million servicemen and women who paid the ultimate price in trying to put Europe back together again. It is a debt that can never be repaid.
THE DESERT WAR THEN AND NOW
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A major strength of the book lies in the high quality of its photographs, not only in its 'then and now' views but the original actual combat across the battlefields.

Following Mussolini's declaration of war in June 1940, initially Italy faced only those British troops based in the Middle East but as the armed confrontation in the Western Desert of North Africa escalated, other nations were drawn in — Germany, Australia, India, South Africa, New Zealand, France and finally the United States to wage the first major tank-versus-tank battles of the Second World War.

When the Afrikakorps led by Rommel joined the battle in February 1941, the Germans soon gained the upper hand and recovered the theatre of operations. The campaign swung back and forth across the desert for another year until Rommel finally captured Tobruk in June 1942 and then moved eastwards into Egypt.

With the advance of Allied forces in North Africa, the Italian front melted away and became their lowest ebb, changes in command led to Montgomery launching his offensive at El Alamein the following November. This began the advance of the Eighth Army over a thousand miles to Tunisia, resulting in the final round-up of the German and Italian forces in May 1943. Jean Paul and his camera retraced the route just prior to the recent civil war in Libya and the uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt in 2011, so he was fortunate to capture the locations before yet another war in its trail of death and destruction.

The Battles for Cassino encompassed one of the few truly international conflicts of the Second World War. A strategic town on the road to Rome, the fighting lasted four months and cost the lives of more than 14,000 men from eight nations. Between January and May 1944, forces from Britain, Canada, France, India, New Zealand, Poland and the United States fought a resolute German army in a series of battles in which the advantage swung back and forth, from one side to the other. From fire-fights in the mountains to tank attacks in the valley; from river crossings to street fighting, the four battles of Cassino encompass a series of individual operations unique in the history of the Second World War.

Authors Jeff Plowman and Perry Rowe have spent several years studying the conflict together and walking the battlefield to take the hundreds of comparison photographs which are the raison d'être of all After the Battle publications. Photographs have been selected from archives and private collections around the world to present a balanced view, combined with maps, orders of battle, citations and detailed captions.

RÜCKMARSCH THEN AND NOW
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A magnificent collection of photographs . . . this volume is a masterpiece, it is a must buy . . . and a must read.

Following the successful landing by the Allied armies in Normandy in June 1944, Hitler's forces battled for two months to hold the line. However, when his last-ditch attempt to recover the initiative with Operation Lüttich — the counter-attack from Mortain on August 7 — failed, it was an implied admission that his armies in the West had been defeated.

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Gail Ramsey

The war of 1914-1918 – the ‘Great War’ as it was called at the time — left great swathes of northern France and western Belgium almost totally destroyed. The destruction wrought by shell-fire was immeasurable and the ground was churned into miles of water-filled shell-holes. Complete villages had been razed to the ground and every forest blown to pieces. The former rich arable land had not only been pulverised but was now contaminated with the detritus of war. Trenches . . . dugouts . . . thousands of miles of barbed wire . . . abandoned equipment . . . the carcasses of horses and men and the hidden threat of unexploded shells all created an indescribable landscape.

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When the United States entered the war, it was planned that a heavy bomber force to engage in the strategic bombardment of Nazi Germany would be established in the United Kingdom comprising 60 heavy bomber groups operating the B-17 Fortress and B-24 Liberator. Fifteen groups of medium bombers and 25 of fighters were also to be assigned so that the airfield requirements for this proposed force were formidable. The construction programme is said to have been one of the biggest civil engineering projects ever undertaken in Britain. In 1942, the peak period of construction, on average a new airfield was being started every three days, many for use by the American Eighth Army Air Force, the majority situated in East Anglia.

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Whereas on the Continent the Missing Research and Enquiry Unit left no stone unturned to try to trace the thousands of airmen who still remained missing, strangely enough no similar operation was carried out by the RAF on crash sites in the United Kingdom. Many of these still contained the mortal remains of pilots whose names had been added to the Memorial to the Missing unveiled at Runnymede in 1953. Perhaps, because the war in the air that followed the Battle of Britain had shifted its focus to Europe, it appeared to fade from people’s memory that a hard-fought battle had taken place over the United Kingdom in 1940.

It is difficult to understand today how it took so long for the realisation to sink in that aircraft wreckage still remained buried. When it did, there followed what can only be described as an unholy scramble to find crash sites and dig them up, heavy plant being employed to make it easier and quicker. At the height of this unfettered exploration period during the 1970s, there were over 30 ‘aviation archaeology’ groups, or loose affiliations of like-minded individuals at work, particularly in the counties of Essex, Kent and Sussex over which the main battle had been fought.

Unrecovered human remains were now being found which understandably raised criticism from some quarters but was defended by the argument that missing airmen should have been recovered by the authorities in former years. Inevitably order had to be restored and the Ministry of Defence stepped in with a ‘code of conduct’ for digging up crashed aircraft, a measure that was reinforced by an Act of Parliament in 1986. Thereafter a process was introduced whereby the Ministry issued licences before a wreck site could be excavated, and every licence application, whether granted or refused, is listed for the first time in this book.

In the end, after all the accessible locations had been exhausted, the exploration of wartime crash sites in Britain largely came to a close.