The Military Life and Times of General Sir Miles Dempsey: Monty’s Army Commander

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THE MILITARY LIFE AND TIMES OF GENERAL SIR MILES. Miles Dempsey, Commander of the British Second Army in the invasion of Europe 1944-45, is almost unknown to the general public. The Military Life and Times of General Sir Miles Dempsey (Peter Rostron, 2010) is a new book by Peter Rostron, the author of The Military Life and Times of General Sir Miles Dempsey: Monty’s Army Commander, which was published in 2010. The book is a comprehensive account of the military life and times of General Sir Miles Dempsey, Commander of the British Second Army in the invasion of Europe 1944-45, and provides a detailed account of his life and times. The book is available from Amazon and other online retailers.
General Sir Miles Dempsey, GBE, KCB, DSO, MC was a senior British military leader who played a significant role during World War II. He later commanded the Second Army during the Battle of Normandy. His career included returning to command the 1st Royal Berkshires, this time in command of A Company. He was a master of the Battlefield.
Miles Dempsey, Commander of the British Second Army in the invasion of Europe 1944-45, is almost unknown to the general public. Yet his part in Britain's contribution to that campaign was second only to Montgomery's in importance. Dempsey survived two and a half years of bitter fighting as an infantry officer on the Western Front before accompanying his beloved Royal Berkshire Regiment in the little-known North West Persia campaign of 1920-21. In six years he rose from Major to command over half a million men in the largest combined operation in history, and led them to victory.

General Sir Miles Christopher Dempsey, GBE, KCB, DSO, MC (15 December 1896 – 6 June 1969) was a senior British Army officer who served in both world wars. As a junior officer, he fought in France during the First World War, where he was wounded, and served throughout the difficult interwar period, travelling to various corners of the globe. He later commanded the Second Army during the Battle of Normandy and made rapid advances in the subsequent campaign in Northern France and Belgium and was the first British Army commander to cross the Rhine.