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between 1775 and 1783 some 200 000 americans took up arms against the british crown just over 6 800 of those men died in battle about 25 000 became prisoners of war most of them confined in new york city under conditions so atrocious that they perished by the thousands evidence suggests that at least 17 500 americans may have died in these prisons more than twice the number to die on the battlefield it was in new york not boston or philadelphia where most americans gave their lives for the cause of independence new york city became the jailhouse of the american revolution because it was the principal base of the crown s military operations beginning with the bumper crop of american captives taken during the 1776 invasion of new york captured americans were stuffed into a hastily assembled collection of public buildings sugar houses and prison ships the prisoners were shockingly overcrowded and chronically underfed those who escaped alive told of comrades so hungry they ate their own clothes and shoes despite the extraordinary number of lives lost forgotten patriots is the first ever account of what took place in these hell holes the result is a unique perspective on the revolutionary war as well as a sobering commentary on how americans have remembered our struggle for independence and how much we have forgotten

danske dandridge s american prisoners of the revolution offers a meticulously researched glimpse into the harrowing experiences of captives during the tumultuous era of american independence with an impressive blend of poignant narrative and rigorous scholarship dandridge unearths the struggles endurance and tales of hope from those who found themselves imprisoned the book elucidates the broader historical context of the revolution providing a platform for stories often overshadowed by the more celebrated narratives of battle and nation building the literary style is both analytical and empathetic making it a captivating read for historians and literary enthusiasts alike danske dandridge a historian and poet brings a unique perspective to this work influenced by her profound interest in american history and her own familial ties to the revolutionary period dandridge delves deep into archival materials personal letters and diaries her dedication to preserving the memory of those who suffered during this critical period of history is evident in the painstaking detail and the poignant respect with which she treats her subjects recommended for both academic and general audiences american prisoners of the revolution serves as a crucial addition to the historiographical cannon of the american revolution its

unflinching examination of captivity narratives provides a fuller understanding of the human cost of war and revolution readers seeking a deeper more intimate understanding of the revolution s impact will find dandridge s work both enlightening and essential her ability to interweave scholarly research with human stories makes this book not only an important historical record but also a compelling tale of resilience and the indomitable human spirit

contrary to popular belief the american revolutionary war was not a limited and restrained struggle for political self determination from the onset of hostilities british authorities viewed their american foes as traitors to be punished and british abuse of american prisoners both tacitly condoned and at times officially sanctioned proliferated meanwhile more than seventeen thousand british and allied soldiers fell into american hands during the revolution for a fledgling nation that could barely afford to keep an army in the field the issue of how to manage prisoners of war was daunting captives of liberty examines how america s founding generation grappled with the problems posed by prisoners of war and how this influenced the wider social and political legacies of the revolution when the struggle began according to t cole jones revolutionary leadership strove to conduct the war according to the prevailing european customs of military conduct which emphasized restricting violence to the battlefield and treating prisoners humanely however this vision of restrained war did not last long as the british denied customary protections to their american captives the revolutionary leadership wasted no time in capitalizing on the prisoners ordeals for propagandistic purposes enraged ordinary americans began to demand vengeance and they viewed british soldiers and their german and native american auxiliaries as appropriate targets this cycle of violence spiraled out of control transforming the struggle for colonial independence into a revolutionary war in illuminating this history jones contends that the violence of the revolutionary war had a profound impact on the character and consequences of the american revolution captives of liberty not only provides the first comprehensive analysis of revolutionary american treatment of enemy prisoners but also reveals the relationship between america s political revolution and the war waged to secure it

relieve us of this burthen is the first book length study of continental soldiers officers and militiamen held as prisoners of war by the british in the south during the american revolution carl p borick focuses his study on the period 1780 82 when british forces most actively campaigned in the south he makes groundbreaking use of the revolutionary war pension and

bounty land warrant application files which have been underutilized to understand the history of prisoners of war borick's careful reading of the pension files reveals much about what men went through and how they endured in captivity

letters from the prisons and prison ships of the revolution offers a poignant and invaluable glimpse into the lives of american soldiers and citizens held captive by the british during the revolutionary war compiled and edited by henry reed stiles this collection presents a series of letters written by prisoners detailing their experiences hardships and unwavering patriotism these firsthand accounts reveal the harsh realities of imprisonment shedding light on the conditions within prisons and notorious prison ships through their own words the prisoners convey their struggles hopes and fears providing a powerful testament to the human spirit in the face of adversity this historical compilation serves as a vital resource for understanding the personal costs of the american revolution and the resilience of those who fought for independence a must read for anyone interested in american history and the revolutionary war this work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it this work was reproduced from the original artifact and remains as true to the original work as possible therefore you will see the original copyright references library stamps as most of these works have been housed in our most important libraries around the world and other notations in the work this work is in the public domain in the united states of america and possibly other nations within the united states you may freely copy and distribute this work as no entity individual or corporate has a copyright on the body of the work as a reproduction of a historical artifact this work may contain missing or blurred pages poor pictures errant marks etc scholars believe and we concur that this work is important enough to be preserved reproduced and made generally available to the public we appreciate your support of the preservation process and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant

in american prisoners of the revolution danske dandridge deftly navigates the often overlooked narratives of american patriots captured during the revolutionary war through meticulous research and engaging prose dandridge paints a vivid picture of the harrowing experiences faced by these individuals interweaving personal accounts with historical context to illuminate their struggles and resilience the book's literary style reflects a blend of narrative driven storytelling and analytical exposition creating an evocative depiction of a tumultuous era in american history that captivates both scholars

and casual readers alike. Daniel Dandridge, a distinguished historian and fervent advocate for the preservation of American history, drew on extensive archival research and firsthand accounts to craft this compelling work. His dedication to illuminating marginalized voices in the American narrative is evident throughout the book. Dandridge's own experiences growing up in a region steeped in revolutionary heritage undoubtedly fueled his passion for exploring the overlooked stories of these prisoners, thereby contributing to a more nuanced understanding of the American struggle for independence. Readers interested in the Revolutionary War, American history, or the human condition will find *American Prisoners of the Revolution* a profound exploration of courage amid adversity. Dandridge's ability to weave together personal narratives with broader historical themes offers an enriching experience, making this book an indispensable addition to any literary collection.

Far fewer people have heard of Wallabout Bay on the Brooklyn shore of the East River or know the terrible story of American sailors who were imprisoned there on wretched hulks like the *Jersey Hell* on the East River. *Wallabout Bay* uses the prisoners' own accounts to describe the agony of imprisonment, analyzes the number of deaths, examines the reasons for the tragedy, and describes the 100-year struggle to erect the present prison ship.

Some 37,000 soldiers from six German principalities, collectively remembered as Hessians, entered service as British auxiliaries in the American War of Independence. At times they constituted a third of the British army in North America, and thousands of them were imprisoned by the Americans despite the importance of Germans in the British war effort. Historians have largely overlooked these men, drawing on research in German military records and common soldiers' letters and diaries. Daniel Krebs places the prisoners on center stage in a generous and merciful way, portraying them as individuals rather than simply as numbers in casualty lists. Setting his account in the context of British and European politics and warfare, Krebs explains the motivations of the German states that provided contract soldiers for the British army. We think of the Hessians as mercenaries, but as he shows, many were conscripts, some were new recruits, others veterans. Some wanted to stay in the New World after the war. Krebs further describes how the Germans were made prisoners, either through capture or surrender, and brings to life their experiences in captivity from New England to Havana, Cuba. Krebs discusses prison conditions in detail, addressing both the American approach to war prisoners and the prisoners' responses to their experience. He assesses American efforts as a generous and merciful enemy to use the prisoners as economic, military, and propagandistic assets. In the process, he never

loses sight of the impact of imprisonment on the pows themselves adding new dimensions to an important but often neglected topic in military history krebs probes the origins of the modern treatment of pows an epilogue describes an almost forgotten 1785 treaty between the united states and prussia the first in western legal history to regulate the treatment of prisoners of war

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notwithstanding the long shadows cast by abu ghraib and quantnamo the united states has been generally humane in the treatment of prisoners of war reflecting a desire to both respect international law and provide the kind of treatment we would want for our own troops if captured in this first comprehensive study of the subject in more than half a century paul springer presents an in depth look at american pow policy and practice from the revolutionary war to the current wars in iraq and afghanistan springer contends that our nation s creation and application of pow policy has been repeatedly improvised and haphazard due in part to our military s understandable focus on defeating its enemies on the field of battle rather than on making arrangements for their detention that focus however has set the conditions for the military s chronic failure to record and learn from both successful and unsuccessful pow practices in previous wars he also observes that american pow policy since world war ii has largely sought to outsource pow operations to allied forces in order to retain american personnel for frontline service outsourcing that has led to recent scandals focusing on each major war in turn springer examines the lessons learned and forgotten by american military and political leaders regarding our nation s experience in dealing with foreign pows he highlights the indignities of the civil war the efforts of the united states and its world war i allies to devise an effective pow policy the unequal treatment of japanese prisoners compared with that of german and italian prisoners during world war ii and the impact of the geneva convention on the handling of korean and vietnamese captives in bringing his coverage up to the so called war on terror he also marks the nation s clear departure from previous practice american treatment of pows once deemed exemplary by the red cross after operation desert storm has become controversial throughout the world america s captives provides a long needed overarching framework for this important subject and makes a strong case that we should stop ignoring the lessons of the past and make the disposition of

prisoners one of the standard components of our military education and training

captured at sea a young man must choose between his country and his freedom the atlantic ocean 1781 james fortin is a free african american sailor on an american ship the royal louis during the revolutionary war after his ship is captured by the british he becomes a prisoner on the amphion james worries that he will be sold as a slave will james ever see his home again

it is with no desire to excite animosity against a people whose blood is in our veins that we publish this volume of facts about some of the americans seamen and soldiers who were so unfortunate as to fall into the hands of the enemy during the period of the revolution we have concealed nothing of the truth but we have set nothing down in malice or with undue recrimination it is for the sake of the martyrs of the prisons themselves that this work has been executed it is because we as a people ought to know what was endured what wretchedness what relentless torture even unto death was nobly borne by the men who perished by thousands in british prisons and prison ships of the revolution it is because we are in danger of forgetting the sacrifice they made of their fresh young lives in the service of their country because the story has never been adequately told that we however unfit we may feel ourselves for the task have made an effort to give the people of america some account of the manner in which these young heroes the flower of the land in the prime of their vigorous manhood met their terrible fate

this book is a collection of letters and documents relating to the treatment of prisoners of war during the american revolution it includes first hand accounts of life in british and american prison camps as well as reports from government officials and military officers the book also provides insights into the political and diplomatic considerations that influenced the treatment of prisoners on both sides of the conflict this book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of the american revolution and the evolving principles of international law this work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it this work is in the public domain in the united states of america and possibly other nations within the united states you may freely copy and distribute this work as no entity individual or corporate has a copyright on the body of the work scholars believe and we concur that this work is

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this is a collection of letters by elias boudinot who served as the first commissary general of prisoners dealing with the prisoner management of our men held by the british during the revolutionary war unlike current protocols during the revolutionary war each side was to provide food clothing and other aid to its own men while they were held by their adversary this book also includes a brief history of the commissary of prisoners a document chronology a list of further readings on boudinot and prisoners of war during the american revolution and a full name index

the most horrific struggle of the american revolution occurred just 100 yards off new york where more men died aboard a rotting prison ship than were lost to combat during the entirety of the war moored off the coast of brooklyn until the end of the war the derelict ship the hms jersey was a living hell for thousands of americans either captured by the british or accused of disloyalty crammed below deck a shocking one thousand at a time without light or fresh air the prisoners were scarcely fed food and water disease ran rampant and human waste fouled the air as prisoners suffered mightily at the hands of brutal british and hessian guards throughout the colonies the mere mention of the ship sparked fear and loathing of

british troops it also sparked a backlash of outrage as newspapers everywhere described the horrors onboard the ghostly ship this shocking event much like the better known boston massacre before it ended up rallying public support for the war revealing for the first time hundreds of accounts culled from old newspapers diaries and military reports award winning historian robert p watson follows the lives and ordeals of the ship s few survivors to tell the astonishing story of the cursed ship that killed thousands of americans and yet helped secure victory in the fight for independence

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