Red Christmas: The Tatsinskaya Airfield Raid 1942

The Raid

On the night of December 24-25, 1942, a group of Soviet cavalrymen and paratroopers launched a surprise attack on the German airfield at Tatsinskaya, deep behind enemy lines. The raid was led by Lieutenant Colonel Vasily Filippovich Margelov, a veteran of the Winter War and a future Hero of the Soviet Union. The Soviet force consisted of approximately 600 cavalrymen and 1,200 paratroopers.



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The Germans were completely unaware of the impending attack. The Soviet force approached the airfield under cover of darkness and fog. They then launched a coordinated assault from multiple directions, using a combination of cavalry charges, infantry attacks, and artillery fire. The Germans were quickly overwhelmed and routed. The Soviet force

destroyed over 100 aircraft, including dozens of Messerschmitt Bf 109 fighters and Junkers Ju 87 Stuka dive bombers. They also killed or wounded hundreds of German personnel.



The Aftermath

The Tatsinskaya Airfield Raid was a major victory for the Soviet Union. It forced the Germans to withdraw from the Caucasus and helped to turn the tide of the war in the east. The raid also demonstrated the effectiveness of Soviet cavalry and paratroopers, and it helped to boost the morale of the Soviet people.

The Tatsinskaya Airfield Raid is a fascinating story of courage, determination, and sacrifice. It is a must-read for anyone interested in military history or the Second World War.

The Book

Red Christmas: The Tatsinskaya Airfield Raid 1942 is a gripping account of the raid, based on extensive research and interviews with survivors. The book provides a detailed account of the planning and execution of the raid, as well as its aftermath. It is a thrilling and inspiring story that will appeal to readers of all ages.

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