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## The Filthy Thirteen: From the Dustbowl to Hitler's Eagle's Nest :The True Story of the 101st Airborne's Most Legendary Squad of Combat Paratroopers

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