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AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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To my devoted wife Rita, who has been subjected to my frequent, painful flashbacks and periodic surgeries for more than fifty-five years. She encouraged me to go to medical school, write my books, and speak about D-Day.

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Preface

In 1994 and 1999, the first and second editions of *Eyewitness on Omaha Beach* were written. Those editions were released to coincide with the fiftieth and fifty-fifth anniversaries of D-Day. After many sold-out printings and reprintings, I was going to retire from book writing. However, a small voice inside me kept saying, “Once you are gone, the true story of D-Day will be lost.” Thus, I decided to write a third, more complete, and autobiographical book.

Over five years, I have amassed, with the help of friends, a tremendous amount of information about D-Day. This information must be shared. God saved me on D-Day to be the spokesman for those true heroes who perished on the sand and bloody-red, swirling waters of Dog Green Sector of Omaha Beach. They must never be forgotten.

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