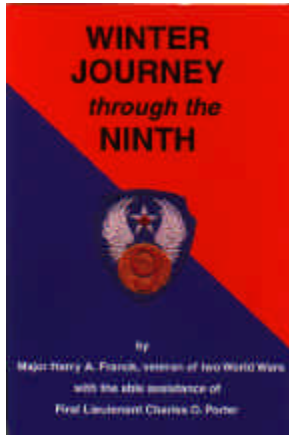


# Prince of the Road Press

8987 E. Tanque Verde #309-155 Tucson, AZ 85749

*For immediate release:*



**February, 2001, Tucson, Arizona.** During World War II, the Army Air Corps commissioned well-known travel author Harry A. Franck to write the story of the Ninth Air Force in the European Theatre of Operations. Major Franck's orders from the highest command gave him unprecedented access to the members of the Ninth—from Lt. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg on down. His book is full of insights into the day-to-day lives of warfighters and civilians alike. Major Franck interviewed and quoted over 200 airmen and ground crew in the book, and his ability to speak multiple languages allowed him to communicate with and draw material from French citizens, German prisoners and liberated concentration camp inmates. The resulting manuscript, Winter Journey through the Ninth was completed in 1945, but it is only now being published for the first time. Major Franck's "able assistant" during the mission, Lt. Charles O. Porter, served as a United States Congressman during the 1960s (D, Oregon), and he continues to practice law in his home-town of Eugene, Oregon.

Not satisfied with interviewing the pilots on the ground, 62-year-old Major Franck went on a bomb-run to better describe the experience. Slightly wounded by shrapnel during a ground skirmish, he reluctantly brought home a Purple Heart. Because this book was intended as a treatise on the modern use of tactical air power and the resulting need for close cooperation between the Air Force and the Infantry, Winter Journey also contains Major Franck's interviews with Infantry officers, including Generals Hodges, Simpson, and Patton.

*"This book is an absolute gem! Harry Franck's efforts cover the Ins and Outs of the largest Tactical Air Force ever conceived from Normandy to the end of the war in Europe. Here, one will find what the landscape offered, what the civilians, as well as the military thought about what they were doing and a series of detailed explanations of how Ninth Air Force was organized and operated. Franck pulls no punches in any of his observations and that is particularly valuable to scholar and buff alike in these days of political correctness. The reader will be rewarded with information that usually must be gleaned from multiple sources, including the intricacies of close air support, an art that had to be relearned over again in Korea and in Viet Nam! Franck's genius is his ability to give the reader the feeling of 'being there.' This is not a re-telling of how Germany was strategically pounded from the air, rather observations on the Air organization that moved with the ground troops and often died helping them push through to victory. This book is a Keeper!"*

Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Jr.  
Major General, USAF (Ret.)

320 pp., paperback

ISBN 0-9705948-0-1

Suggested retail \$21.95

Prince of the Road Press is a wholly owned subsidiary of P-N Designs, Inc. For further information, contact Brenda Huettner at [brenda@harryafranck.com](mailto:brenda@harryafranck.com) or (520)749-0747.