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JOHN BROOKS.

## Partisan's Manual

GUERRILLA WARFARE, by Bert Levy. Penguin Books. 25c.

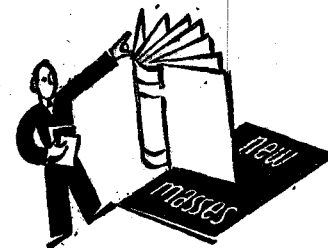
THIS excellent handbook was written by a Canadian soldier who fought in Spain, and it comprises one of the first popular treatments of an aspect of warfare in general that has come into greater prominence since June 22, 1941.

Guerrilla warfare is a time-honored tactic, but it has not been understood by the layman until recently. Too many people (military men as well) still think of it as "irregular" warfare; it has rarely been irregular in the sense generally used—haphazard, uncoordinated. Today on the Eastern Front, in China, on the Philippine Islands, partisan warfare (a better term) has come into its own—as a carefully organized arm of the regular combat forces.

Bert Levy starts with a brief history of partisan warfare, beginning 900 years ago with the Welsh resistance to William the Conqueror, and coming down through other great guerrilla operations under Robert the Bruce (fourteenth century), American Indian fighting and the behind-the-lines activity of Spanish guerrillas against Napoleon, the American Revolution, the retreat from Moscow in 1812, down to Spain, China, and the present war.

Most of the book deals with ways and means of conducting this type of war, which the author correctly evaluates as auxiliary to a major striking force. Its importance, however, in helping such a striking force win a war, cannot be underestimated, for partisan warfare is now directly coordinated with the necessities of the main command, and is frequently timed to meet the requirements of the main strategy. That has been apparent in many of the Red Army's moves.

"There are ways open to us," writes Levy, "which are closed to the Nazis. For we are men of democratic tradition, fighting for freedom, and guerrilla warfare is essentially the weapon of free men—a guerrilla band functioning efficiently under compulsion is inconceivable. . . . Free men, hating oppression, with freedom of initiative and arms in their hands—these make the ideal guerrillas."



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ALVAH BESSIE.

## Small Man's Saga

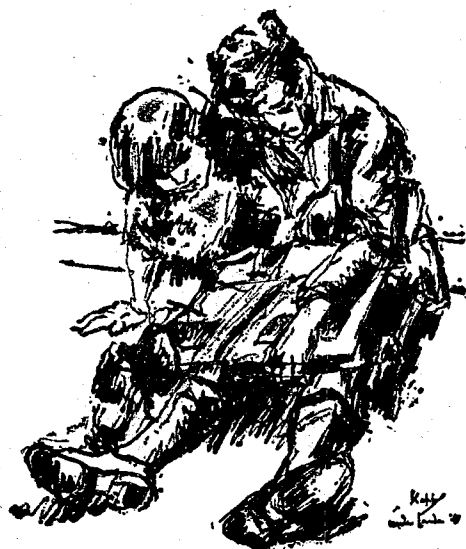
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