

WE WERE ONE

Shoulder to Shoulder with the Marines Who Took Fallujah

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The platoon included four pairs of best friends.
Each of the four would lose a best friend forever.

Five months after being deployed to Iraq, Lima Company's 1st Platoon became one of the first American forces to enter Fallujah, where they encountered some of the most intense hand-to-hand combat since World War II. Civilians were used as human shields or as bait to lure soldiers into buildings rigged with explosives; suicide bombers approached from every corner hoping to die and take Americans with them; radical insurgents, high on adrenaline, fought to the death. Award-winning author and historian Patrick O'Donnell stood shoulder to shoulder with Lima Company's 1st Platoon as they fought through the streets of Fallujah, their casualties mounting. This is their story.

"[O'Donnell's] most important accomplishment among many is to put a human face on the troops...[An] excellent book." —*New York Post*

"Read O'Donnell's excellent book and you will know that they are indeed, as were each preceding generation, 'The Greatest.'" —*New York Post*

"This is, being real, a more than harrowing tale." —*Roanoke Times*

"Clearly reflects valor and courage." —*Kirkus Reviews*

PATRICK K. O'DONNELL is the author of *Beyond Valor: World War II's Ranger and Airborne Veterans Reveal the Heart of Combat* and the creator of The Drop Zone, (www.thedropzone.org), the first virtual community for World War II veterans and the interested public dedicated to collecting and sharing stories of the war

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