

American Dunkirk: The Waterborne Evacuation of Manhattan on 11/12 September 2001

On the morning of September 11, 2001, the world watched in horror as the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City were attacked by terrorists. The attacks caused the towers to collapse, killing nearly 3,000 people. In the aftermath of the attacks, the city was evacuated by land, sea, and air, in what became known as American Dunkirk.



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The waterborne evacuation of Manhattan was a major logistical challenge. The city's ferries were quickly overwhelmed, and the Coast Guard had to call in additional boats from around the country to help with the evacuation.

Despite the challenges, the evacuation was carried out successfully. By the end of the day, over 1 million people had been evacuated from Manhattan. The evacuation was a testament to the resilience of the city of New York and the bravery of the first responders who helped to save lives.

The Initial Chaos

The initial response to the 9/11 attacks was chaos. People fled their homes and offices in fear, and the streets were filled with smoke and debris. The city's infrastructure was damaged, and communications were down.

The waterborne evacuation of Manhattan began spontaneously. People started to gather at the ferry terminals and at the docks along the Hudson River. They were desperate to escape the island, and they were willing to take any boat they could find.

The Coast Guard's Response

The Coast Guard quickly realized that the city's ferries were overwhelmed and that they would need to call in additional boats to help with the evacuation. The Coast Guard sent out a call for help, and boats from all over the country responded.

The Coast Guard also set up triage centers at the ferry terminals and at the docks along the Hudson River. These triage centers were used to assess the injuries of the evacuees and to provide them with first aid.

The Evacuation

The evacuation of Manhattan was a massive undertaking. Over 1 million people were evacuated from the island, in a matter of hours. The evacuation was carried out by a variety of means, including ferries, boats, buses, and trains.

The ferries were the most important means of evacuation. The ferries were able to carry large numbers of people, and they were able to operate in the strong currents of the Hudson River.

The boats were also used to evacuate people from Manhattan. The boats were able to reach areas that the ferries could not, and they were able to transport people to safety.

The buses and trains were also used to evacuate people from Manhattan. The buses and trains were able to transport large numbers of people, and they were able to travel to distant destinations.

The Aftermath

The waterborne evacuation of Manhattan was a success. Over 1 million people were evacuated from the island, in a matter of hours. The evacuation was a testament to the resilience of the city of New York and the bravery of the first responders who helped to save lives.

The evacuation also had a lasting impact on the city of New York. The evacuation led to the development of new emergency evacuation plans, and it also led to the creation of new ferry terminals and docks.

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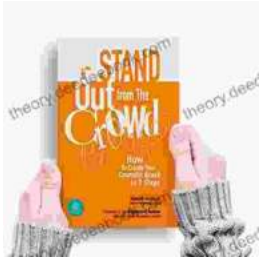
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