



PRAESIDUS

LAUNCHING ON KICKSTARTER NOVEMBER 16TH

PRAESIDUS X VINCE SPERANZA
BATTLE OF THE BULGE A-11 WATCH

@praesidus.watch

f praesidus watches

www.praesidus.com

PRAESIDUS

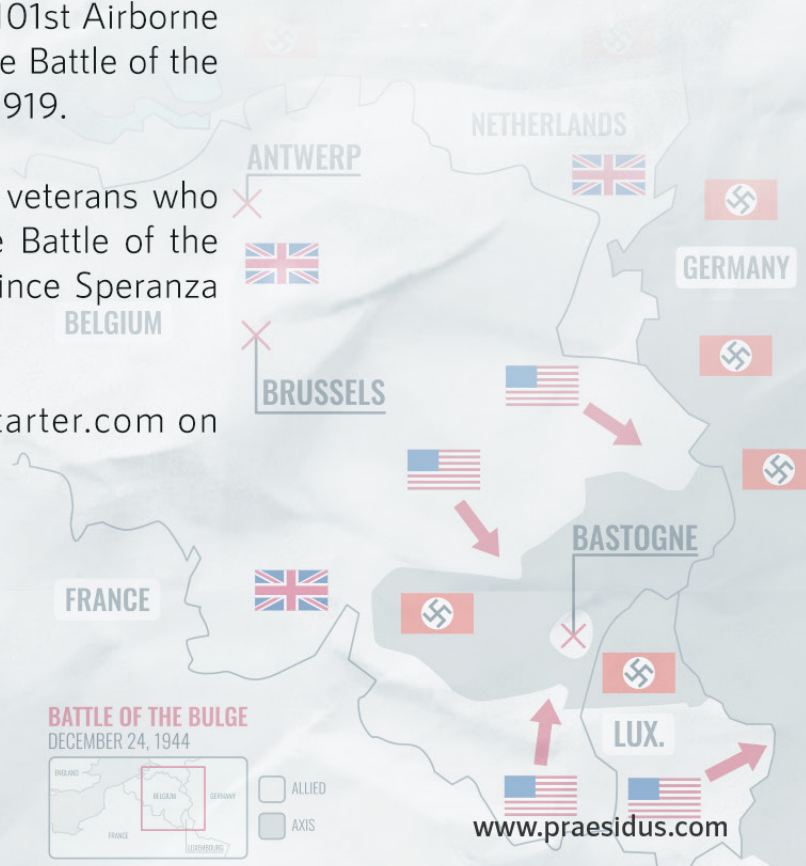


THE PROJECT

After the successful launch of our Tom Rice A-11 in 2019, we have continued our mission of working with veterans to share their legendary stories and experiences. This led us to Vince Speranza, a WW2 veteran of the 101st Airborne Division. He made a name for himself at the Battle of the Bulge as a machine-gunner, manning an M1919.

Created in honor of the fallen heroes and veterans who fought and resisted against all odds at the Battle of the Bulge, we are proud to present our A-11 Vince Speranza Edition.

This timepiece is set to launch on Kickstarter.com on November 9, 2021.



PRAESIDUS

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

This battle is the greatest American combat of WW2. The Allies managed to win over the German troops though their supplies and soldiers were insufficient. As the second bloodiest military campaign in US history, it was also considered the most significant in the Second World War.



DECEMBER 16, 1944,
(ARDENNES FOREST)

The German Army launched their biggest offensive in the dense forest of the Ardennes and attempted to break through the Allied Forces lines. The Wehrmacht's offensive seemed destined for success.



DECEMBER 21, 1944, (BASTOGNE, BELGIUM)

The German Offensive arrived at Bastogne and set siege to it. Inside, the 101st Airborne Division was found surrounded and low on supplies. When asked to surrender, all that was answered was "NUTS". 12,000 US soldiers were tasked with defending the city against 56,000+ German infantry and tanks. Amongst the American ranks was a young machine-gunner by the name of Vince Speranza.



DECEMBER 26, 1944, (BASTOGNE, BELGIUM)

Gen. Patton's 4th Armored Division broke through German lines and opened a corridor to Bastogne. The 101st Airborne Division held back from that point on, positioning the Germans on the back foot until the end of WW2.



INSPIRED BY THE LEGENDARY VINCE SPERANZA

NAME

Vince Speranza

BORN

23 March 1925 in Manhattan, New York

HIGHEST RANK

Private First Class

MILITARY SERVICE

Vince went to the draft board after he had turned eighteen. He was drafted into the United States Army on October 25, 1943 and officially entered the service on November 15, 1943. He was sent to Camp Upton in New York where he stayed until he was sent to Fort Benning in Georgia where he trained for the Infantry with the 87th Infantry Division. He volunteered for the Parachute Infantry and was sent back to Fort Benning for training. He was sent overseas with Company H, 3rd Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division from Camp Shanks on board the Queen Mary. His unit arrived in France and would later fight in the Battle of the Bulge.

AWARDS/DECORATIONS

Fourragère / Combat Infantryman Badge / Parachutist Badge / Bronze Star Medal / Purple Heart / Army Good Conduct Medal / American Campaign Medal / European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 2 campaign stars / World War II Victory Medal / French Croix de Guerre / Legion of Honour / Presidential Unit Citation with Oak leaf cluster / Honorary medal in bronze, gemeente (Municipality of) Nuenen, Gerwen en Nederwetten

THE EQUIPMENT

42 mm

Caliber 30m
Length 24m (610mm)

Power:
Seiko N4/35

Caseback
(Round for each 1
deep engraving)

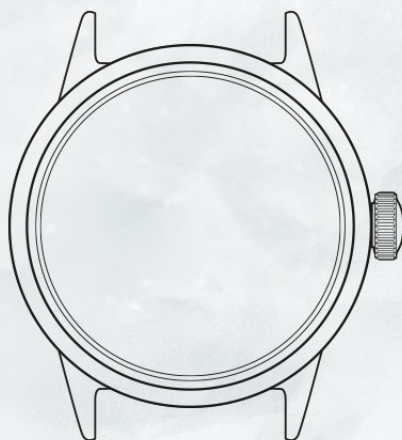
PRAESIDUS
TYPE AII-2
A 101st Airborne Division
Machine Gunner at Bastogne
Vincent J Speranza Watch Edition 001
"BATTLE OF THE BULGE"
December 16, 1944-January 25, 1945
Assembled in the USA with
Imported Parts

www.praesidus.com

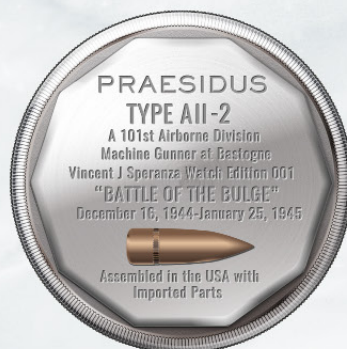
PRAESIDUS

ILFORD F74 PLUS

THE SPECS



Case: 42mm 316L
Stainless Steel



Movement:
Japanese Automatic
24 Jewels NH35A
Water Resistant:
10 ATM

Hands: Super Luminova



Dial: Applied Indexes
Lume: Super-Luminova
Indexes & hands



Glass:
Double Domed Scratch
Resistant Sapphire

PRAESIDUS

ILFORD

D. FP4

US

ILFORD

FP4

PLUS



THE COLLECTION



PRAESIDUS



Praesidus is a veteran-driven watch brand that aims to recreate the timepieces worn by WW2 veterans. Tom Rice and Vince Speranza are among the current war veterans we have collaborated with to create watches that celebrate and honor their incredible achievements.

Our mission is to bring the spirit of our soldiers to the new generation so they can continue telling untold stories about courage, heroism, and patriotism in the future. It is for this reason that we would like to partner with you and support your community.