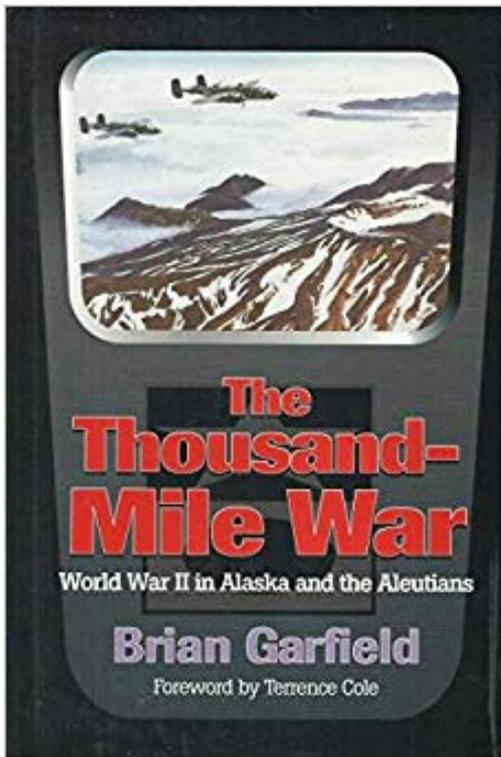


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A narrative of the only campaign of WWII fought on North American soil, based on US and Japanese records and personal stories from interviews, letters, and diaries of participants. This edition contains b&w photos, many previously classified, and new information on the Paramushiro raids and the Battle of the Pips. Paper edition (unseen), \$24.95. Annotation c. by Book News, Inc., Portland, Or.



## Reviews of the [The Thousand-Mile War: World War II in Alaska and the Aleutians \(Classic Reprint Series\)](#) by Brian Garfield

Sermak Light

I bought this to read during a trip to Alaska. This is one of the better books that I have read about WWII. The war in the Aleutians is mostly a forgotten part of the war. The author paints an

unvarnished picture of the war: the waste of man and material, the political infighting among American services, the mistakes made both by Americans and Japanese, and the botched attacks and defenses. He also calls out names of those that did well and those that did not - unvarnished and no rah-rah.

A constant theme throughout the book is the extreme difficulty that both sides experienced fighting a war in this hostile climate. Ground crews would drain the engine oil from returning aircraft, keep it heated, and return it to the engines before the next take-off - otherwise, the oil would thicken so much in the cold that the engines could not turn over. Living conditions were constantly cold and damp. Landings on the islands were hazardous as best. Planes were lucky if they could find the next island.

I highly recommend this book and I hope that you enjoy it.

VAZGINO

this book should be required reading for anyone studying world war II history. this is the mostly overlooked part of the war ... the part that took place in the aleutian islands in alaska on american soil. everyone always focuses on the european and south pacific theaters of the war, but what happened in alaska was also of utmost importance to america.

this book is fascinating and reads like any suspense novel, except that it's all true. i found this book years ago and only picked it up because my dad spent the war in the aleutians, and i wanted to know more about what happened there. much later i learned my dad had received the bronze star. i'm reading the book again...not only because of my family history...but because it is an important book that is beautifully written. it's a classic.

Mr Freeman

Have you ever heard of the northern north American front in WW II? Well I hadn't until I visited the Alaskan War Memorial this summer. Now having read this summary, I am in awe as to how much action took place, the significance of it, the possible exponential expansion of it and how close each side was to using this front to gain control over territory of the other. You also get the plus of the author's reviewing the work years after original writing as new documents have been released and comments for participants have been received. This book is a must to understanding the complete meaning of "World" in World War II.

Pooker

Fascinating book that, as a man who spent half his enlisted term of service in Alaska, kept me enthralled from page one to the end. Absolutely amazing account. The only problem with the Kindle edition is there are a lot of typos. Buckner's name is constantly misspelled as Bruenker. Other than, this is a favorite!

Coiron

Overall a very good book about a long-forgotten arena of World War II. The author does an excellent job of describing the not only the battles but also the conditions which soldiers, sailors, and airmen had to face besides the enemy. He also describes how Alaska had remained a neglected territory of the United States, and how the military and civilian authorities had to play a quick game of catch-up. I am docking the book one star because it would have been better if photographs were included, as well as better maps. All in all, a good read.

Prinna

A cousin of mine-my grandmother always told me-was killed in Alaska fighting the Japanese. Yes, Alaska was invaded by the formidable foe in WWII. Large Japanese garrisons were occupied Attu and Kiska Island and the Northern Pacific was under air raid threat from the Japanese Air Force.

Brian Garfield relates the tale of how the Americans fought back and re-won the Aleutians. It is a tale of cold weather, fog, logistical excellence, naval battles, and air raids with obsolete or second

hand aircraft. The scope of the campaign involves thousands of troops and a thousand miles of front over barren wilderness.

This is the definitive work on the Aleutians Campaign and a must read for anyone interested in the Pacific War.

Mr.jeka

I could actually feel the cold and hardship the soldiers faced during the Aleutian campaign. This is an excellent account of the battle that was forgotten by most historians. The author was nice to include a small mention of the airfield in McGrath. I used to live there and if you walk through the alders you can still see the support posts for the barracks. Of course this was not a book about the lend-lease program. It was an excellent account of the hardships of the soldier and the life of the officers, many of whom had their heads up their butts. The author makes a slight mention of the evacuation and internment of the Aleuts.

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