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Operational Deception: Learning the Lessons of Midway and Desert Storm * Memories of the Aleutians Campaign, WWII * Aleutian Islands - The U.S. Army Campaigns of World War II * The Aleutians Campaign - June 1942 to August 1943 * World War II in Alaska In the summer of 1943, the United States and the Imperial Japanese Empire struggled violently over one of the most desolate pieces of ground in the Northern Pacific. The Aleutian chain of islands, part of the territory of Alaska, became the battleground for a dramatic conflict in the Second World War. The campaign for the Aleutians represented on both sides key strategic objectives and Interests, and eventually cost considerable lives. Alaska's role as battlefield, lend-lease transfer station, and North Pacific stronghold was often overlooked by historians in the post-war decades, but in recent years awareness has been growing of Alaska's wartime past. Six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese bombed the U.S. Dutch Harbor Naval Operating Base and U.S. Army Fort Mears, near Unalaska Island and occupied the Aleutian islands of Attu and Kiska. For many decades following the War, the prevailing understanding about the Japanese Aleutian operation was that it served as a mere diversionary measure from their Midway operation. Recent research, however, concludes that the Japanese had a broader and longer term strategy to establish and expand an eastern defensive perimeter. In response, U.S. military strategists knew that they could not risk leaving the Aleutians open as stepping stones for Japanese attacks on the United States mainland. In addition, the occupation was a significant propaganda victory for the Japanese-the affront could not go unanswered. Aleutian Campaign - Because planes departing
from Kodiak and Dutch Harbor did not have the nearly 1,400 mile range to engage the Japanese at Attu and Kiska, U.S. forces built bases on other Aleutian islands as refueling and maintenance stops, allowing them to strike further west. Pilots and ground troops soon realized they were facing a second enemy, Mother Nature. Weather along the Aleutian chain is some of the worst in the world, with dense fogs, violent seas, and fierce wind storms called williwaws. Aircraft lacking accurate navigational devices or consistent radio contact crashed into mountains, each other, the sea—simply finding the enemy was a life-and-death struggle. For soldiers in the Aleutians, contact with the enemy was infrequent and fleeting, but the weather was a perpetual adversary.

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between the Americans, the Japanese and the weather. Frozen puddles of oil could be lifted like boards. Servicemen turned summer clothing for fuel. Aircrews flew amidst icy rain, driven upside-down by gales. The eventual liberation of the island of Attu was second only to Iwo Jima in the percentage of American casualties. Brianarfield's book, never before published in the UK, is the definitive history of this 'Forgotten War'.

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The Storm on Our Shores- Mark Obmascik 2020-08-04
This “engrossing” (The Wall Street Journal) national bestseller and true “heartbreaking tale of tragedy and redemption” (Hampton Sides, bestselling author of Ghost Soldiers) reveals how a discovered diary—found during a
brutal World War II battle—changed our war-torn society’s perceptions of Japan. May 1943. The Battle of Attu—called “The Forgotten Battle” by World War II veterans—was raging on the Aleutian island with an Arctic cold, impenetrable fog, and rocketing winds that combined to create some of the worst weather on Earth. Both American and Japanese forces tirelessly fought in a yearlong campaign, with both sides suffering thousands of casualties. Included in this number was a Japanese medic whose war diary would lead a Silver Star–winning American soldier to find solace for his own tortured soul. The doctor’s name was Paul Nobuo Tatsuguchi, a Hiroshima native who had graduated from college and medical school in California. He loved America, but was called to enlist in the Imperial Army of his native Japan. Heartsick, wary of war, yet devoted to Japan, Tatsuguchi performed his duties and kept a diary of events as they unfolded—never knowing that it would be found by an American soldier named Dick Laird. Laird, a hardy, resilient underground coal miner, enlisted in the US Army to escape the crushing poverty of his native Appalachia. In a devastating mountainside attack in Alaska, Laird was forced to make a fateful decision, one that saved him and his comrades, but haunted him for years. Tatsuguchi’s diary was later translated and distributed among US soldiers. It showed the common humanity on both sides of the battle. But it also ignited fierce controversy that is still debated today. After forty years, Laird was determined to return it to the family and find peace with Tatsuguchi’s daughter, Laura Tatsuguchi Davis. Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist Mark Obmascik “writes with tremendous grace about a forgotten part of our history,
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Alaska at War, 1941-1945-Fern Chandonnet 2007-09-15

Over the course of the past two hundred years, only one United States territory has experienced foreign occupation: Alaska. Available for the first time in paperback, Alaska at War brings readers face to face with the North Pacific front in World War II. Wide-ranging essays cover the war as seen by Alaskan eyes, including the Japanese invasion of the Attu and Kiska islands, the effects of the war on Aleutian Islanders, and the American campaign to recover occupied territory. Whether you’re a historian or a novice student interested in this pivotal period of American history, Alaska at War provides fascinating insight into the background, history, and cultural impact of war on the Alaskan homefront.

Last Letters from Attu-Mary Breu 2009-11-05

Etta Jones was not a World War II soldier or a war time spy. She was an American school teacher who in 1941 who along with her husband, Foster agreed to teach the Natives on the remote Aleutian island of Attu. They were both sixty-two years old when they left Alaska's mainland for Attu against the advice of friends and family. Etta, and her sister moved to the Territory of Alaska in 1922. She planned to stay only one year as a vacation, but this 40 something year old nurse from back east met Foster Jones and fell in love. She married and for nearly twenty years they taught in remote Alaskan villages including their last posting on Attu Island at the far end of the Aleutian island chain. Etta's life changed forever on that Sunday morning in June 1942 when almost 2,000 Japanese military men invaded Attu Island and
Etta became a prisoner of war. She was taken from American soil to Japan and given up for dead. This is the story of a brave American, a woman of courage and resolve with inextinguishable spirit.

**Thousand-Mile War**-Brian Garfield 2010-04-15 The Thousand-Mile War, a powerful story of the battles of the United States and Japan on the bitter rim of the North Pacific, has been acclaimed as one of the great accounts of World War II. Brian Garfield, a novelist and screenwriter whose works have sold some 20 million copies, was searching for a new subject when he came upon the story of this "forgotten war" in Alaska. He found the history of the brave men who had served in the Aleutians so compelling and so little known that he wrote the first full-length history of the Aleutian campaign, and the book remains a favorite among Alaskans. The war in the Aleutians was fought in some of the worst climatic conditions on earth for men, ships, and airplanes. The sea was rough, the islands craggy and unwelcoming, and enemy number one was always the weather--the savage wind, fog, and rain of the Aleutian chain. The fog seemed to reach even into the minds of the military commanders on both sides, as they directed men into situations that so often had tragic results. Frustrating, befuddling, and still the subject of debate, the Aleutian campaign nevertheless marked an important turn of the war in favor of the United States. Now, half a century after the war ended, more of the fog has been lifted. In the updated University of Alaska Press edition, Garfield supplements his original account, which was drawn from statistics, personal
interviews, letters, and diaries, with more recently declassified photographs and many more illustrations.

**The U.S. Army Campaigns of World War II** - U. S. Army U.S. Army Center of Military History 2014-12-19 A series of 40 illustrated books that describe the campaigns in which U.S. Army troops participated during World War II. Each book describes the strategic setting, traces the operations of the major American units involved, and analyzes the impact of the campaign on future operations.

**Aleutian Sense** - 1944

**Stepping Stones to Nowhere** - Galen Roger Perras 2003
Galen Perras shows how that changed with the Japanese occupation of the western Aleutians, which climaxed in the horrendous battle for Attu during the Second World War.

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**Attu Boy**-Nick Golodoff 2015-05-15 In June 1942 the Japanese army invaded Attu, a remote island at the end of the Aleutian Chain. Soldiers occupied the village for two months before taking its Alaska Native residents to Japan, where they were held until the end of the war. After harassing American and Canadian forces for little over a year, the Japanese forces quietly withdrew. After the war, the Attuans' return to Alaska was not a joyful reunion. When they were released, the Attuans were not allowed to return to their home, but were settled instead in Atka, several hundred miles from Attu. Attu Boy is Nick Golodoff's memoir of his experience as a prisoner of war in Japan during World War II as a young boy. Nick was six years old when Japanese soldiers invaded his remote Aleutian village. Along with the other Unangan Attu residents, Nick and his family were taken to Hokkaido, Japan. Only 25 of the Attuans survived the war; the others died of hunger, malnutrition, and disease. Nick tells his story from the unique viewpoint of a child who experienced friendly relationships with some of the Japanese captors along with harsh treatment from others. Other voices join Nick's to give the book a broad sense of the struggles, triumphs, and heartbreak of lives disrupted by war.

**Weather As The Decisive Factor Of The Aleutian Campaign**-Lieutenant Commander Carol A. Wilder 2014-08-15 This study is an examination of historical data to
determine if weather was the decisive factor of the Aleutian Campaign. The campaign was carried out early in World War II along the over 1,000 miles of the archipelago. Island warfare made joint operations a necessity. Weather conditions disrupted all areas of battle; sea, air and ground, and made attempts at coordinated actions futile. The intense weather conditions of the North Pacific severely complicated operations over, near and on the Aleutian Islands. Weather and its effect on the Japanese raid on Dutch Harbor and the American response is examined. The role of the weather is also examined as the Americans attempt to bomb the Japanese out of Kiska and Attu. Finally, the influence of weather on the amphibious landings and ensuing ground action to eject the Japanese from the islands is reviewed. Though a dominant factor, weather was not the decisive factor at the tactical level of warfare during this campaign. The American ability to mass overwhelming combat power ultimately drove the Japanese from the region.

The Last Flight of Bomber 31-Ralph Wetterhahn
2006-01-12 Through meticulous research and unprecedented interviews with Japanese and American combatants, award-winning author Ralph Wetterhahn provides a breathtaking account of the nose-to-tail air war between American and Japanese flyers above the Bering Sea. Dubbed riders of the "Empire Express," American pilots stationed in the Aleutians flew nine-hour missions, 1,500 miles round-trip in subzero temperatures, to bomb Japanese installations in the Kuril Islands. While on his ongoing quest
to give a full account of MIAs and POWs, Wetterhahn investigated the crash sites of two Empire Express planes found in the Soviet Far East in 2000 and 2001, and here recreates their crews' daunting exploits. With unrivaled mastery of aviation, warfare, and military forensic evidence, Wetterhahn rescues from obscurity the final moments of U.S. Navy pilot Walt S. Whitman, who made a forced landing with his crew on the Kamchatka Peninsula. He also details the missions flown by Japan's pilots and the fate of Japanese captured by the Soviets and interned in Siberia. The Last Flight of Bomber 31 is a moving testament to the impulse to account for all servicemen left behind.

The War Against Japan - Kenneth E. Hunter 2001 A comprehensive document of the American contribution to World War II in the Pacific, including both defensive and offensive campaigns, and the surrender of Japan

Nisei linguists: Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service During World War II (Paperbound)

The Impact of Training and Equipment at the Battle of Attu, Aleutian Campaign - Historical Study and Current Perspective - Unprepared and Ill-Equipped World War II Cold Weather Debacle, Arctic Lessons - U. S. Military 2017-04-04 In the Aleutian Campaign of 1942-1943, the United States of America fought the only
land battle against an invading nation on American territory during the past 100 years at the Battle of Attu. The 7th Infantry Division based out of Fort Ord, California was tasked by the War Department for the main offensive element. Initial battle plans called for a three-day operation to retake the island; unfortunately for the soldiers, the battle lasted twenty-two days. During the prolonged battle, the cold injury and wounded-in-action rates were nearly identical. This study explores the impact of inadequate training and ineffective equipment on the 7th ID soldiers whose previous focus on North Africa shifted to the North Pacific with less than three months for preparation. This study will also discuss current relevance of the lessons learned regarding the United States Arctic Strategy. The Central Pacific Theater of World War II often overshadows the North Pacific Theater, contributing to its nickname of "forgotten" or "silent" war. During the Aleutian Campaign of 1942-1943 at the Battle of Attu, the United States of America fought the only land battle on American territory against an invading nation in the past 100 years. Japanese troops seized control of Attu Island on the morning of June 7, 1942. Nearly a year later, on May 11, 1943 the 7th Infantry Division, based out of Fort Ord, California began an assault to reclaim the remote island. The purpose of this study is to examine how training and cold-weather equipment impacted tactical operations for the 7th Infantry Division at the Battle of Attu. The staggering fact is that in twenty-two days of combat, the 7th Infantry Division sustained 3,829 casualties of which 1,200 (31 percent) were due to the cold. After the battle, leaders and planners who looked back on the operations concluded that the soldiers
were unprepared and ill-equipped for operations in the Aleutians. Upon reflection of the soldiers from the Battle of Attu, a naval officer stated, "Willing to fight but . . . poorly prepared, badly equipped, and just pitiful." The men who survived the battle described the harsh, severe weather conditions; their clothing and equipment proved unsatisfactory to this extreme environment. The clothing provided little warmth, was not windproof or waterproof, and the leather boots were totally inadequate; all contributed to soldiers' susceptibility to cold-weather exposure and trench foot during the Battle of Attu.


Alaska at War, 1941-1945-Alaska at War Symposium (1993 : Anchorage, Alaska) 1995

The Winter Army-Maurice Isserman 2019 "The epic story of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, whose elite soldiers broke the last line of German defenses in Italy's mountains in 1945, spearheading the Allied advance to the Alps and final victory."--Provided by publisher.

Beans, Bullets, and Black Oil-Worrall Reed Carter 1953
The Wind Is Not a River - Brian Payton 2014-01-07

The Wind Is Not a River is Brian Payton's gripping tale of survival and an epic love story in which a husband and wife—separated by the only battle of World War II to take place on American soil—fight to reunite in Alaska's starkly beautiful Aleutian Islands. Following the death of his younger brother in Europe, journalist John Easley is determined to find meaning in his loss. Leaving behind his beloved wife, Helen, he heads north to investigate the Japanese invasion of Alaska's Aleutian Islands, a story censored by the U.S. government. While John is accompanying a crew on a bombing run, his plane is shot down over the island of Attu. He survives only to find himself exposed to a harsh and unforgiving wilderness, known as “the birthplace of winds.” There, John must battle the elements, starvation, and his own remorse while evading discovery by the Japanese. Alone at home, Helen struggles with the burden of her husband's disappearance. Caught in extraordinary circumstances, in this new world of the missing, she is forced to reimagine who she is—and what she is capable of doing. Somehow, she must find John and bring him home, a quest that takes her into the farthest reaches of the war, beyond the safety of everything she knows.
Eastern Mandates—Burton Wright III 1993 CMH 72-23.
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**Forgotten Warriors**- D. Ralph Young 2016-05-19
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