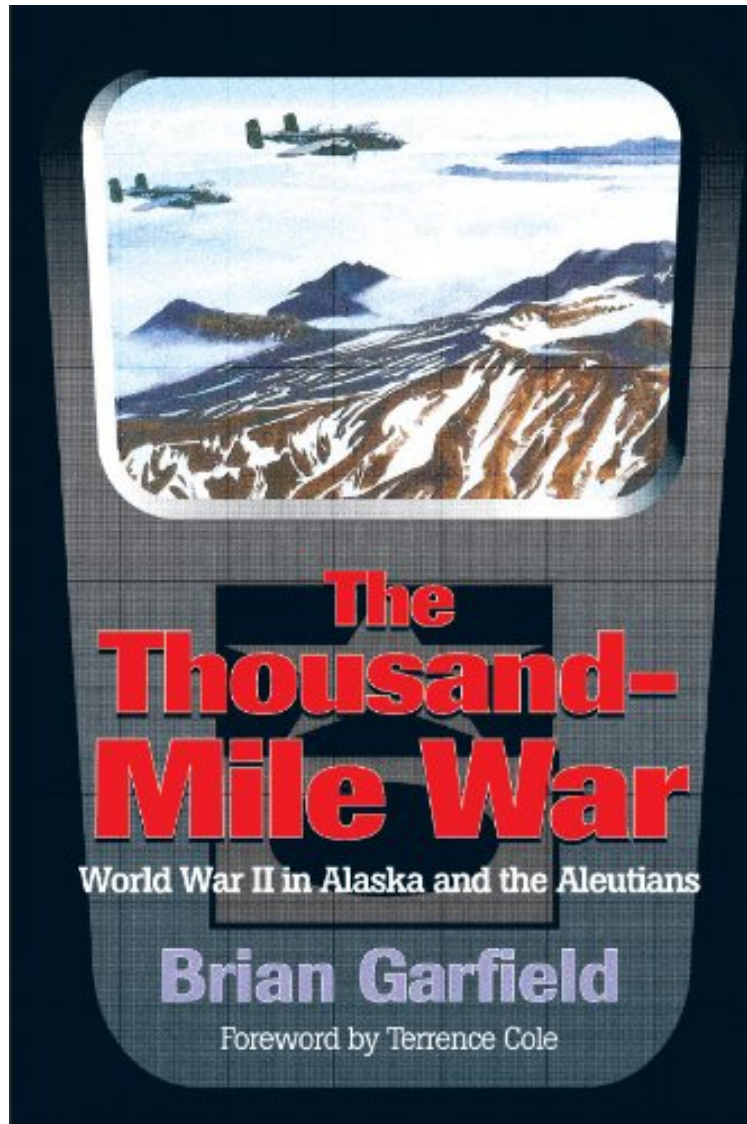


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Von Brian Garfield : Thousand-Mile War: World War II in Alaska and the Aleutians (Classic Reprint Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Thousand-Mile War: World War II in Alaska and the Aleutians (Classic Reprint Series):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Comprehensive, accurate portrayal of the Aleutian CampaignVon Ein KundeHaving spent three years in peace-time

on various Aleutian Islands I was keenly aware of the many relics of war (old quonset huts, hangars, runways, etc.) scattered throughout the chain. What I was not aware of at the time was that actual battles had been fought there. Brian Garfield's "The Thousand Mile War" brought to life the tremendous effort required to remove the enemy from American soil. Having experienced this unique area, it was not hard to match Garfield's descriptions with what I knew of the area. The book is clearly based on considerable research and benefits from interviews with military personnel from both sides of the war. I have collected quite a few books on the Aleutians; this one is by far the best written, most comprehensive and accurate portrayal of events related to the Aleutian Campaign.

KurzbeschreibungThe 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.