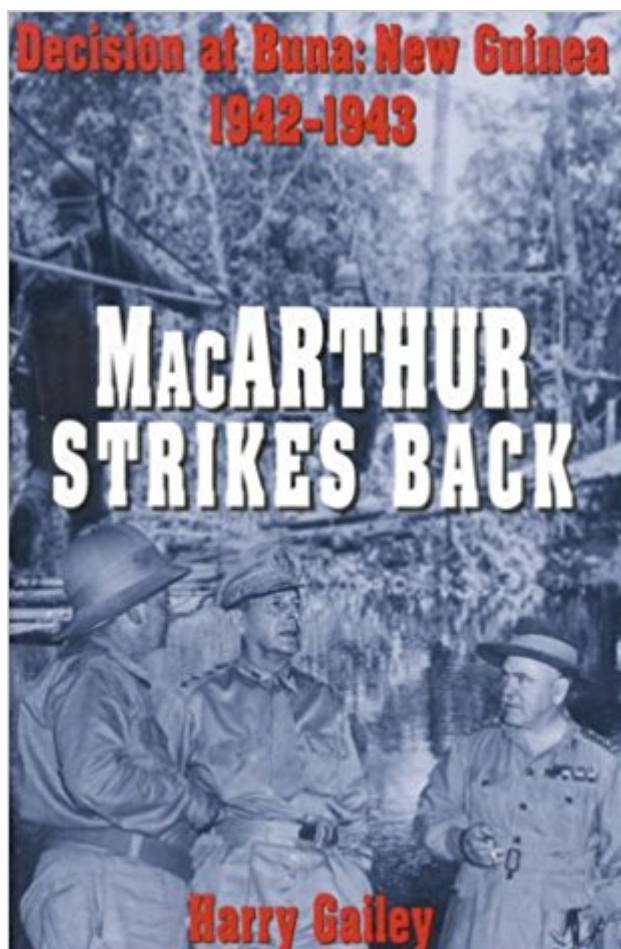


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# MacArthur Strikes Back



## Synopsis

MacArthur at Buna is the first book-length treatment of this vitally important campaign.

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## Customer Reviews

My expectations were not so high; therefore this book exceeded them. I knew little about the battles on the Kokoda trail but on a trip to Papua, I learned this was hallowed ground for Australians. It gave insight into the British use of the best Aussie units in Europe and the struggle to get them back to protect Australia. It also reinforced the fact that MacArthur was a pompous ass whose solutions weren't to help units with weapons and materials but just to relieve the person in charge. A bit too much on line maneuvers but it should be enjoyed by infantry officers.

The book was as described and was delivered in a timely manner! I am happy with the purchase.

As noted this book is not only about the Buna-Gona period in late 1942-early 1943. It includes a good review of the Milne Bay and earlier battles to hold the Kokoda Trail. Gailey does an excellent job of discussing the leadership battles, the operational and logistical issues, tactical moves and the related sea/air fights. A solid book that is worth a read and re-read.

Harry Gailey's account of the battles in eastern Papua New Guinea covers the whole period from the Japanese invasion to the Kokoda trail and the Allied counteroffensive up to the fall of Buna - Sanananda fortified area, with many details of the battles, very good maps and no errors. The book

is easily read and the commanders' decisions are analysed in depth.

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