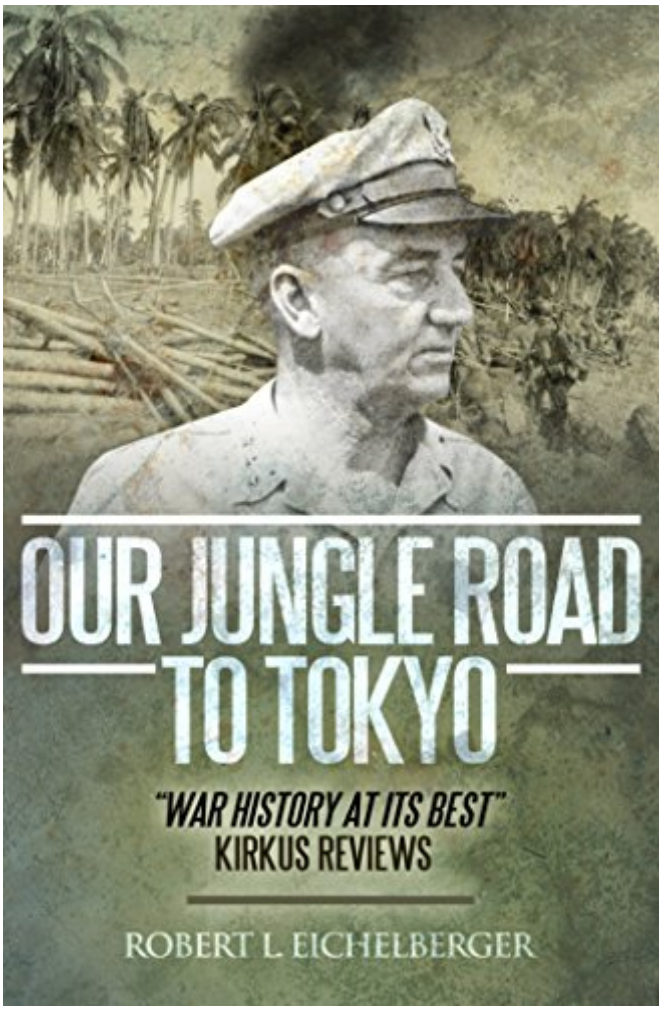
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Synopsis

Ã¢â ¬Å“War history at its bestÃ¢â ¬Â• Kirkus ReviewsOn 20 August 1942, Robert L. Eichelberger departed the United States for Australia to serve under General Douglas MacArthur in the war for the Pacific.He was thrown into the heat of the action, as within a matter of months, the Allied armies stormed the Japanese beachheads at Buna. Eichelberger stated that though the Buna campaign was the first Allied Ground Force victory in the Pacific Ã¢â ¬Å“it was bought at a substantial price in death, wounds, disease, despair, and human suffering.Ã¢â ¬Â•For the next three years, Eichelberger and the men that he led, fought bloody campaigns at Biak, Leyte, Mindanao, and elsewhere as they attempted to defeat the Japanese.Eichelberger and the Eighth Army conducted fifty-two separate D-days between the Battle of Leyte and the Japanese surrender. It is little wonder therefore that John C. Frederiksen in American Military Leaders stated that Eichelberger was Ã¢â ¬Å“The Pacific theaterÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most successful exponent of amphibious warfare.Ã¢â ¬Â•Our Jungle Road to Tokyo is not merely an account of military operations as Eichelberger also comments on Australian-American relations through the Pacific campaign, Mrs. RooseveltÃ¢â ¬â„¢s visit to the troops, the daily life of his men, how they survived the inhospitable jungles of the pacific islands, and the realities of the military occupation of Japan.Ã¢â ¬Å“a vital record on an important phase of the Pacific story.Ã¢â ¬Â• Kirkus ReviewsÃ¢â ¬Å“The wartime commander of the Eighth Army gives a straightforward and modest account of the campaigns of the Army ground forces from the Buna operation to the Philippines and victory.Ã¢â ¬Â• Henry L. Roberts, Foreign AffairsRobert L. Eichelberger was a lieutenant-general in the United States Army who commanded the Eighth United States Army in the Southwest Pacific Area during World War Two. After the end of the war he remained in Japan as part of the occupying army for three years. He retired at the end of this stint in 1948. Our Jungle Road to Tokyo was published in 1950. He lived the rest of his life in Asheville, North Carolina, and passed away in 1961.

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Lt. General Eichelberger was in the thick of the island battles in 1942-1945, as well as being a key comander under MacArthur in occupied Japan between 1945 and 1949. He describes in great detail the difficulties encountered--- and for the most part overcome --- by the American and Australian forces seeking to move the air and naval bases evr-closer to the Japanese home islands. The Pacific war was considerably different, and perhaps cruelest to the American soldiers, than was the war in North Africa and, later, Europe.

This book was published in 1950. My father fought the Japanese in the war in the Pacific, and I find it interesting that Japan has never been made to pay dime for all of the damage and murder as well as the torture that they committed against the nations against whom they waged war. Germany was made to pay war reparations to all the families that they destroyed, but the U.S. felt more fear from the Soviets and so gave Japan a "pass" and so Japan never had to pay a penny in war reparations. I disagree whole heartedly with U.S. policy towards Japan.

When you read a non fiction book that deal with huge historical events that was written by man so integral to the events, the page seem to turn themselves! I served in on an Admiral’s staff in Japan 12 years after the war ended and experienced first hand how General Eichenberger’s careful military acumen shaped history. In my humble estimation his efforts and intents were clear genius! I Thank him for writing this book and for his remarkable service to this country.

Although I have read many books on WW2, I never knew about the southwest Pacific campaign

(New Guinea). This book is a frank assessment of the campaign, the good and the bad during the planning and fighting. General Eichelberger was the commander of the eighth army who after New Guinea, finish the battle for the Philippines. This book would appeal to any person wanting to read about WW2 and especially the underfunded, underreported SW Pacific campaign

Very enlightening glimpse into the upper echelons of army planning and execution in the South Pacific during WWII. The General was yet another American officer who answered the call to duty during perilous times when he was already in his sunset years. General Holland Smith and so many others were in the same category, but they all did their best and succeeded where even much younger men might have failed. A good read and I recommend it.

Great US involvement in WWII Pacific history from the perspective of a high ranking commander. His statements on Communism and US involvement in post war reconstruction of Japan are truly stunning considering the time they were made and who made them. One of the best insider's view books from this period I've ever read. It's not a rifleman's story of life on the front lines and it's not someone with a political motive trying to sway your opinion. It IS an expert on military tactics describing how his units and commanders won one of the biggest most difficult conflicts of all time and what they all did after the victory too. This is a military guy who gave me a better understanding of what the true principles of this country are.

This is the first good book about the U.S Army in the Pacific area of Operations. It even mentions the Americal Division, which now has a number, The 23rd Inf. Div. I served in the Americal Division during Viet-Nam. R.G. A.

This really helped me understand the war in the Pacific. The Marines had many notable, tough assignments. But what about all the other Islands retaken? The Army did a lot of tough fighting, too. It is not often published in such detail. This book was well written and helped me understand what the Army contributed.

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