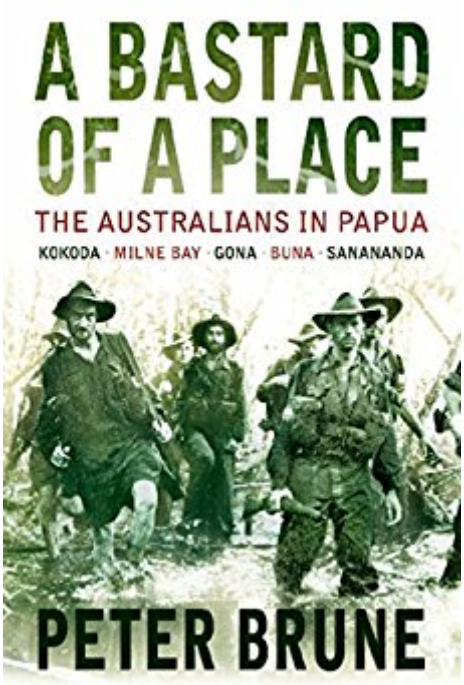
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Peter Brune is an informed and excellent writer. It is important all Australians develop a strong knowledge of the Papua New Giunea campaign given the significance of our involvement. It has become apparent to me that unless we, as Australians, develop this awareness we will never as a nation know given the revisionism that characterises the remembering of military history. An important read as a part of our striving to know, remember and identify.

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This is a comprehensive and well-written account of Australian involvement in the battle against Japan in New Guinea during World War II. Peter Brune is an excellent writer and historian.

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