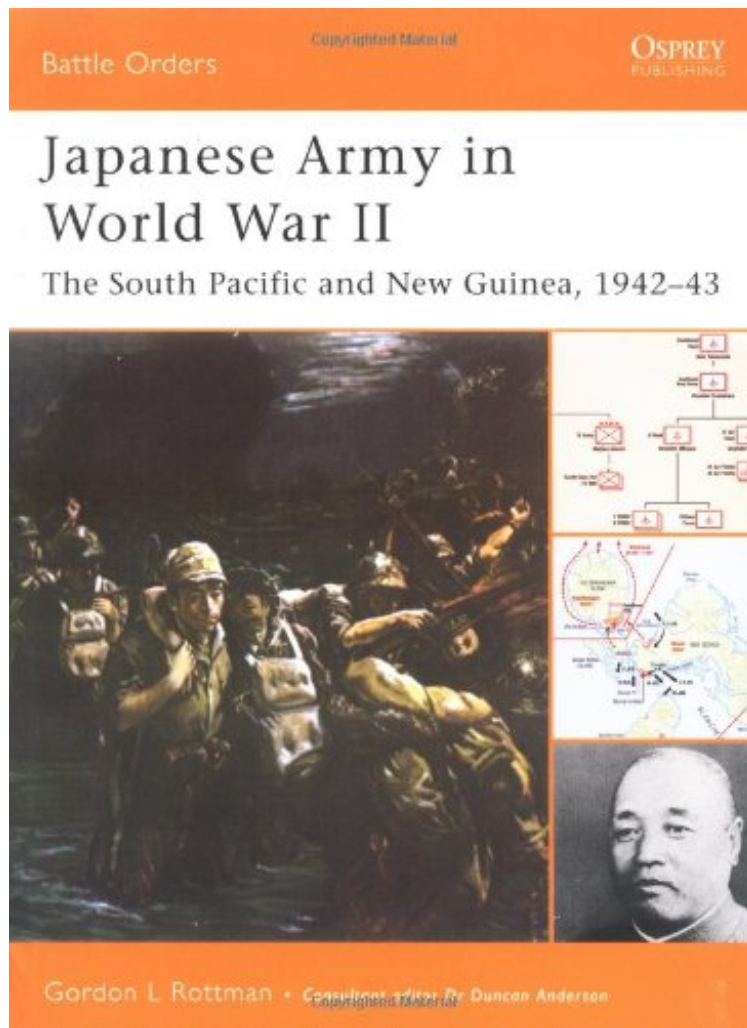


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. An excellent ReferenceBy Dave SchranckBattle Order books have different formats than the typical Osprey campaign series. Mr Rottman's book has the following chapter outline: Introduction ..... 2 pages Combat Mission ..... 6 pages Unit Organization ..... 15 pages Doctrine and Tactics ..... 8 pages Weapons and Equipment. .... 7 pages Command and Control ..... 7

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Combat Operations ..... 39 pages  
Lessons Learned ..... 2 pages  
Chronology ..... 2 pages

I found this book to be a wealth of useful information, far surpassing my expectations. From the above list, it can be gleaned Mr Rottman succinctly describes a creditable war profile of the Japanese during the war years. What's even more interesting is studying the trilogy the author has written, comparing the changes in the Imperial Army as the war progressed. Watching its star rise, crest then fall was a shattering experience for the Japanese command. There are many, easy to understand organization charts of the troop dispositions in this sector. The charts provide specific info on the different outfits and at different times. A table of special interest to me was the listing of all divisions in the covered area, providing a brief history of the unit, its commander and its happenstance at the end of the war. Combat Operations is the largest chapter and covers the key action on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, New Georgia and the northern coast of New Guinea where the heaviest fighting occurred. These summaries are good but due to space limitations are not comprehensive. In addition to the Army, Mr Rottman also covers the Army Air Force. In addition to the many charts, the author provides fifteen 2-D maps. Many of the maps involve New Guinea and Guadalcanal. They have good eye appeal but a few of them were generic, not showing specific unit designations. There is also a two page chronology that covers the two year range which showcases the key events. A Bibliography of secondary sources is provided as is an Index. If you're interested in the Pacific War, this book and its two companion books will make a good reference library for you. These books will definitely help your learning curve when you're reading the Campaign series. Mr Rottman also has written a trilogy for the American side. With all the charts, maps and base information of both series on your library shelf, you'll have a great foundation of WWII. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Essential reference

By Thomas E. Johnson  
Gordon has again nailed down a set of information not commonly found, and presented it in a very user friendly way. Most helpful if your looking to research for papers, or games.

The 1941 Japanese Pacific onslaught saw the defeat of Allied forces on all fronts, with the Philippines, Netherlands East Indies, and Commonwealth possessions falling under their control. During 1942-43, the Japanese consolidated their gains and redeployed forces in an attempt to break the Southern Lifeline between America and Australia. These plans were affected by the defeat at Midway, which forced the Japanese onto the defensive. This book examines Japanese forces employed in the follow-on conquests of 1942-43, and describes how unit organization, weaponry, and equipment were found lacking in the harsh environment of the Solomon Islands and on New Guinea.

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Definitive guides to the actions and evolution of fighting forces, these comprehensive studies on the organisation, strength, command, deployment and evolution of forces in key military encounters, use a highly detailed 'unit-by-unit' examination.

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