

GUADALCANAL CAMPAIGN

Historical essay

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The gripping tale of the strategy and tactics of the last decisive Pacific campaign. Six months of bloody air combat to stop the advance of the Japanese.



Synopsis

This new title by José Manuel Gutiérrez de la Cámara Señán presents an overview of the first strategically important victory of the allies in the Pacific scenario. Admiral Yamamoto was defeated at Midway and had to retreat with four aircraft carriers less without achieving his goal of occupying the atoll. From this important victory the Americans decided to attack the Japanese defensive perimeter, but from where? The solution arose when the Japanese began construction of an airfield in Guadalcanal that threatened maritime traffic allied with Australia.

For the Americans, controlling the island would prevent this threat and would constitute a starting point for future conquests. For the Japanese, the loss of this position would constitute a serious threat to their defensive perimeter that secured them the raw materials needed to continue war. No wonder the ferocity with which they undertook the defense of the island against inexperienced American forces who were still affected by the terrible jolt of Pearl Harbor.

How did both contenders act in this fierce struggle? Find out in this essay by José Manuel Gutierrez of de la Cámara Señán.

Biography

José Manuel Gutiérrez de la Cámara is a ship captain, a specialist in underwater weapons. He has taught Anti-Submarine Warfare in Navy ships and in to the Joint Chiefs of the Staff. He was secretary of the Institute of Naval History and Culture. He has published several articles and works related to naval issues such as "Combat Cruises in Action" (Navy Publishing Service, "A Vision of Spanish Maritime History" (Editorial Navantia). He is the author by this same publishing house of *Pacific War: the Battle of the Gulf of Leyte, The Battle of Midway and Underwater Warfare, and The Battle of the Atlantic*.



Sales pitch

- This work presents an overview of the first strategically important victory by allies in the Pacific scenario.
- It tactically analyses the decisions that commanders on both sides made during the contest.
- It may be understood by the general public, but in addition, the professional marine officer, the historian, and the analyst will find in this title some valuable information.
- Delve into the preparations that led towards this war: from the allied defeat at Pearl Harbour to the advances of both contenders in this confrontation. The work also explains Guadalcanal's impact on the whole of the contest.
- The work is completed with several annexes that combine several chronologies of the Pacific War, biographies of the commanders of both armies, detailed descriptions of the ships, and planes, that took part in the confrontation, as well as more than a hundred illustrations that will allow the reader to know this war campaign with precision.
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