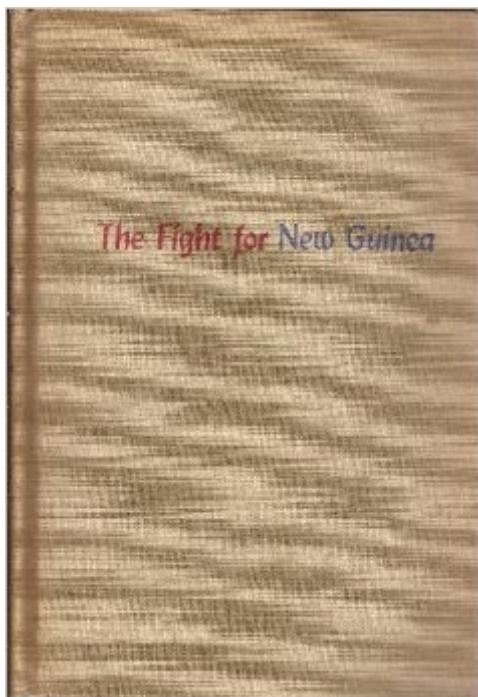


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I found the book both informative and interesting. I knew nothing about this aspect of WWII. I tried to learn more about the author and could not find anything. There are too many more famous people with the same name.

Robinson claims to have been the first American correspondent into New Guinea in 1942. Too bad it wasn't someone else. He served under MacArthur in WWI and by his own admission had reported on "nothing but sports for more than twenty years" before the International News Service asked him to go to Australia to cover the war. His lack of journalistic depth is painfully apparent. MacArthur is the beloved leader (read "coach"?) who can do no wrong and is in no way controversial. The heroic protagonists ("players") are now the General's handsome, brave, young pilots. Not until late in this book does Robinson recognize the infantry effort on New Guinea. The name Nimitz doesn't appear a single time, so don't expect any insights about the challenges of a split U.S. command in the Pacific theater. Only grudgingly can the reporter bring himself once to admit that Guadalcanal and the battle for the Solomons might have distracted a smidgin of Japanese resources and attention from New Guinea. What a shame. Random House was publishing some fine war writing by Richard Tregaskis and others at this same time. Robinson should have stayed home and covered the ball games.

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