

## US SUBMARINE WAR IN THE PACIFIC 1941-45

### BIBLIOGRAPHY

Blair, Clay, Jr. *Silent Victory: The U.S. Submarine War Against Japan*, Naval Institute Press (Bluejacket Books), January 4, 2001. Also available in 2vols as a used book; J.B. Lippincott (NY, 1975).

This is still regarded as the best and most comprehensive work on the submarine war in the Pacific. He has a wealth of detail about the patrols and he summarizes each period of the war. I would highly recommend this book. It is not available in electronic format.

\*Feifer, George *The Battle of Okinawa: The Blood and The Bomb*. The Lyons Press (2001).

This book is hard to read; not because of the writing, which is excellent, but because of the detail of combat that the author uses. This is the strength of the book; but it makes it a hard read. A must read for anyone who is interested in the motivation for the use of the atomic weapons to end the war against Japan.

Fluckey, Eugene B. *Thunder Below: The USS Barb Revolutionizes Submarine Warfare in WWII*. University of Illinois Press (1997).

Another excellent first person narrative about sub warfare in WWII. Fluckey won the Congressional Medal of Honor for his exploits. The book is very well-written and shows the respect and admiration that a submarine captain had for his men. I would recommend this book, as well. It is not available in electronic format.

\*Keith, Don *The War Beneath the Waves: A True Story of Courage and Leadership Aboard a World War II Submarine*. (NAL Hardcover, 2010)

The events in this story were unknown for a number of years and only came to light in the last 10 years. It is a riveting story about the terrors of a depth charge attack and its effect on the men in command. Very revealing about the problems of identifying a good submarine skipper.

\*O'Kane, Richard *Clear the Bridge!: The War Patrols of the U.S.S. Tang*, Presidio Press (1996)

An excellent first person narrative of life aboard a WWII submarine, the exhilaration of a successful attack, the fear of a depth charge attack, and the terrors of being a POW. Well written, I would recommend this as an excellent first person narrative of submarine warfare in the Pacific.

\*O'Kane, Richard *Wahoo: The Patrols of America's Most Famous World War II Submarine*. Presidio Press (1996).

O'Kane was an officer on the *Wahoo* and eventually the Executive Officer under Mush Morton. He writes about the patrols that he was on and used his knowledge of Morton and the patrol reports from the other successful patrols to provide a very good view of those patrols. His theory for the eventual end of the sub and Mush Morton on the last patrol makes sense.

Roscoe, Theodore *United States Submarine Operations in WWII* United States Naval Institute (1949)

Very comprehensive book that was prepared shortly after the war for the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Hard to find as it is out of print and perhaps with more detail than most people would want. However, it remains one of the best sources for this subject.

\*Scott, James *The War Below: The Story of Three Submarines That Battled Japan*. Simon and Schuster (2013).

The author has used first party interviews, memoirs and patrol reports to follow three of the most successful submarines in the Pacific: *Silversides*, *Drum* and *Tang*. He covers the joys and terrors of a submarine patrol. His portrayal of life inside a Japanese POW camp is sobering. Very well-written and with a wealth of detail it is well worth the time to read it.

\*This book is available in electronic format. I have a Kindle and I don't know if they are available for the Nook; although I can see no reason why they would not be.