

Download Pacific Time On Target Memoirs Of A Marine Artillery Officer 1943 1945

The gritty combat memoir of a Marine Corps artilleryman and forward observer As a married man and Stanford graduate student nearing thirty, Christopher Donner would likely have qualified for an exemption from the draft. This particular book was of interest to me because my father was also a Marine artillery officer in the South Pacific during the war. I could give the book a higher rating, but it reads as it was originally recorded from personal memoirs, and as such, is a bit disjointed. As a historical record, I find it fascinating to read any personal account of the war, and I did find this work to be enjoyable. He served as a Marine officer in the Pacific Theater during World War II, later retiring as a Major in the Marine Corps Reserve. After the war, Donner resumed his academic endeavors, serving as a high school teacher and university and college professor for many years. He died at age 99 in 2012. Besides providing a candid, moving contemporary record of the combat experiences of a Marine Corps officer, Pacific Time on Target is an invaluable account of the harrowing life of an artillery forward observer, as few of these men survived to tell their stories. It will appeal to military historians and general readers alike.