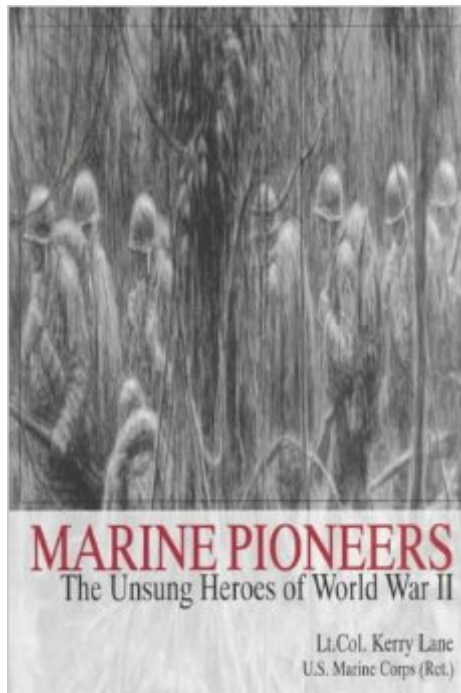


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Marine Pioneers: The Unsung Heroes of World War II is a personal history of a young Marine during World War II. This book tells a powerful story that has never been told before and documents a rare look into a "Pioneer Unit", integrated with an infantry u

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An excellent first-person account of USMC elite in the Big War. Lately, I've grown tired of the general histories of WWII and its various subjects, and have been seeking personal accounts in the style of "Company Commander." In this book, Lane does not disappoint. His narrative is very compelling and well illustrated from his personal collection. If you are interested in WWII, the Pacific island-hopping campaigns, or the USMC from one who lived through it, this is a must have. Semper Fi

There are many books written about recognized Marine heroes. There were many. There were many men that were not singled out, Units that were not considered Elite as we might classify them today. They were the "Everyman's Marine" that performed as part of a team so the goal of victory could be met. These men unloaded the supplies, drove the trucks, resupplied the combat units, constructed roads and causeways that permitted heavy weapons to be utilized. This is the book that gives them a voice. Col Lane was a SSGT in the Pioneer and Engineer Battalions of the First Marine Division in the South Pacific. Doesn't sound very glamorous, Heh? Tell that to the tank commander that went

across "Suicide Creek" on Cape Gloucester after SSGT Lane was shot from the seat of a bulldozer(as several Marines were)attempting to build a path for the tank to cross while under intense enemy fire.Another Marine finished the job so the tanks could be brought into action against the Japanese troops.I have a feeling that the Marines in those tanks had a different perspective on heroism than most of us have gained by our previous reading.Col Lane unselfishly describes the events and lauds the actions of these comrades that most of us have never read about.Now their time has come in Marine Pioneers-The Unsung Heroes Of World War Two. A story too long in waiting to be told. He has spoken for men that would not or could not speak for themselves, and I thank him for this.An excellent read, written as I would have like to have heard it through my Father's words. He too was a Pioneer that served with Col Lane from Guadalcanal through Cape Gloucester and New Britain.A unique view of uncommon men.

Thrilled to have found this book as the story of the Marine Pioneer Battalion on Guadalcanal is seldom mentioned in most books on the campaign. My father was a young Captain who commanded Company B of the Pioneers and rarely spoke of the war. The stories told by Colonel Lane give detail to our family that we never knew from my own father.

I want to say that this book was exceptional. My grandfather, Alfred Myers, Jr. was mentioned in this book and I personally knew Col. Lane myself. From the stories my Grandfather told me as a child growing up as my bedtime stories, I understood a lot of what was written. Col. Lane has a very unique way of really describing the atmospheres of the South Pacific to make it feel like you were there yourself fighting along side of him. Sometimes it makes you feel like you are one of the journalists of that day following the soldiers on foot and describing what you are seeing, hearing and feeling. This book helped me to understand from another perspective just what my Grandfather had endured at such a young age, and what the harsh realities of that war truly was.If you want an honest perspective, read this book.My gratitude to Col. Lane for his service and for his memoir of this war.HOORAH!

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