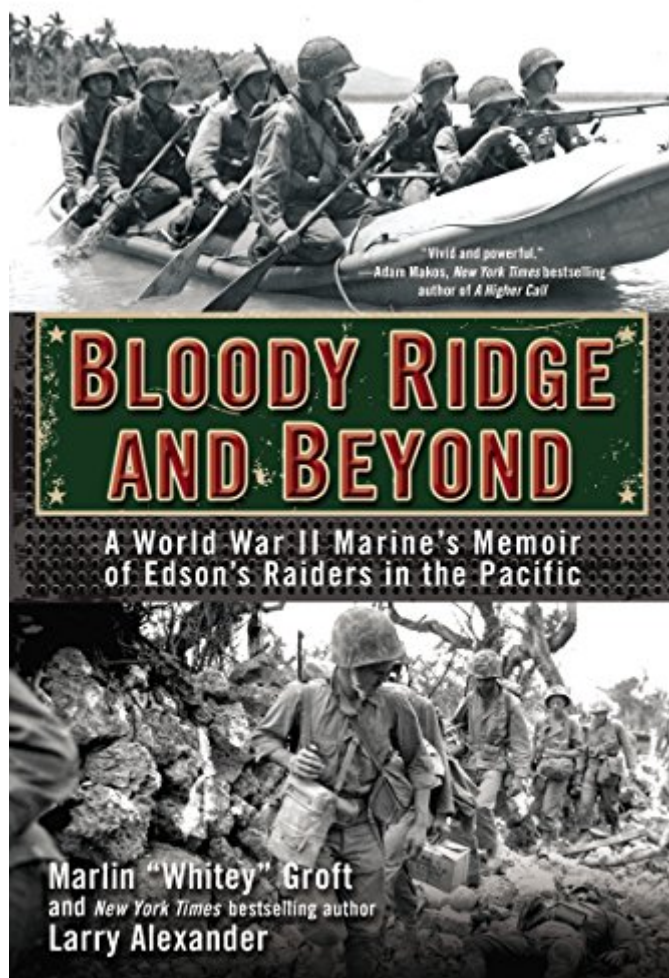


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# Bloody Ridge And Beyond: A World War II Marine's Memoir Of Edson's Raiders In The Pacific



## Synopsis

By a veteran of Lt. Col. Merritt A. Edson's battalion, and author of the Dick Winters biography *Biggest Brother* and coauthor of *A Higher Call* On the killing ground that was the island of Guadalcanal, a 2,000-yard-long ridge rose from the jungle canopy. Behind it lay the all-important air base of Henderson Field. And if Henderson Field fell, it would mean the almost certain death or capture of all 12,500 marines on the island. . . But the marines positioned on the ridge were no normal fighters. They were tough, hard-fighting men of the Edson's Raiders; an elite fighting unit within an already elite U.S. Marine Corps. Handpicked for their toughness, and submitted to a rigorous training program to weed out those less fit, they were the Marine Corps's best of the best. For two hellish nights in September 1942, about 840 United States Marines commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Merritt Austin "Red Mike" Edson fought one of the most pivotal battles of World War II in the Pacific, clinging desperately to their position on what would soon be known as Bloody Ridge. Wave after wave of attacking Japanese soldiers were repelled by the Raiders, who knew that defeat and retreat were simply not possible options. But in the end, the defenders had prevailed against the odds. *Bloody Ridge and Beyond* is the story of the 1st Marine Raider Battalion, which showed courage and valor in the face of overwhelming numbers, as told by Marlin Groft, a man who was a member of this incredible fighting force.

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I bought the MP3 edition and loved it. For those of you who enjoy 1st person military history...this is your book. Marlin "Whitey" Groft fought through many of the bloodiest battles in the South Pacific and came home safely. A brave Marine and a great book. Buy it!!

Whitey's book about my good friend William (Wild Bill) Waltrip, USMC Msgr Sgt. Retired. Bills memory is crisp at age 97 as he recounts the events of the 1st Marine Raiders and this nations first assault on Japanese held territory. August 7 1942.

This Marine was in the toughest fighting of World War II. Bloody Ridge on Guadalcanal, New Briton, and much more. He saw but was not changed by the horrors of up close Infantry combat. A great read!

Most authentic account of hand to hand combat I have ever read. Graft somehow survived 4 of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific War where two thirds of his comrades died. He was only 18 at Bloody Ridge and was present 4 years later for the surrender of the Japanese at Tsingtao. I would like to know how he processed this total immersion in violence and the random deaths of beloved comrades during the rest of his life.

In the middle of reading this book as I write this review. An excellent book and fills in a lot of info about the Pacific side of WWII.

This is a very good and personal account of this man's time in the raiders and beyond. I have read lots of books about Guadalcanal this is one of the best

A definite must read for any person interested in WWII.

Very clear gripping account World War 2 in the Pacific. Unknown details of battles within larger

campaigns by someone who was there.

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