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his book:
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Victory in the Pacific

By Alexander Kiralfy. (John Day.)

A scholarly but fascinating analysis of the problems that must be solved in order to defeat Japan, this book is a "must" for those who would follow closely the progress of the war in the Pacific. It furnishes an excellent reference against which to check developments, such as the battles of Midway and the Coral Sea, as they occur.

The author, an American who has spent many years in studying naval tactics, regards the Pacific theater of the war as a second primary front in the global struggle. To defeat Japan requires strong offensive action, he believes, and scrapping of old theories of naval warfare which were shattered at Pearl Harbor.

The key to victory lies in the northern approach to Japan, Mr. Kiralfy asserts. He advocates seizure of bases to the north of Japan, in Sakhalin and Hokkaido, in concert with the use of Russian bases.

Further understanding is given the Japanese naval defeat in the Midway battle by the chapter describing Japan's Navy, which, Mr. Kiralfy says, was not intended for use in an all-out battle against America's full naval strength. The Japanese prefer to fight only when the odds are heavily in their favor. They had superiority in numbers of ships at Midway, but they ran into a devastating surprise in the form of the amazingly accurate American air bombing.

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