

**FOR**  
**GRANDPA**

**"Who remembers the names  
of the beaches, of the  
towns, of the islands to  
be taken?**

**Who but those who were  
there.**

**Who remembers the names?  
Those who fought there,  
those who survived there."**

Henry Salomon  
Richard Hansen

Victory at Sea Volume XX:  
RETURN OF THE ALLIES:  
Liberation of The Philippines

# CARL R. THIEN



WAS BORN IN 1918. HE VOLUNTEERED TO JOIN THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN MAY 1941. DURING TRAINING AND THROUGHOUT THE WAR HE WAS CALLED "PICNIC" BY HIS CLOSE FRIENDS. HE PARTICIPATED IN THE LANDINGS AT HOLLANDIA, BIAK AND THE PHILIPPINES AS A PHOTOGRAPHER. FATHER OF FOUR, AND GRANDFATHER OF FOUR, CARL IS NOW

RETIRED AND LIVES IN FLORIDA. HE HAS WRITTEN THE BOOKS 56TH SIGNAL BATTALION AND PACIFIC ISLAND ODYSSEY. BOTH ARE HIS PERSONAL CHRONICLES OF LIFE IN THE ARMY.

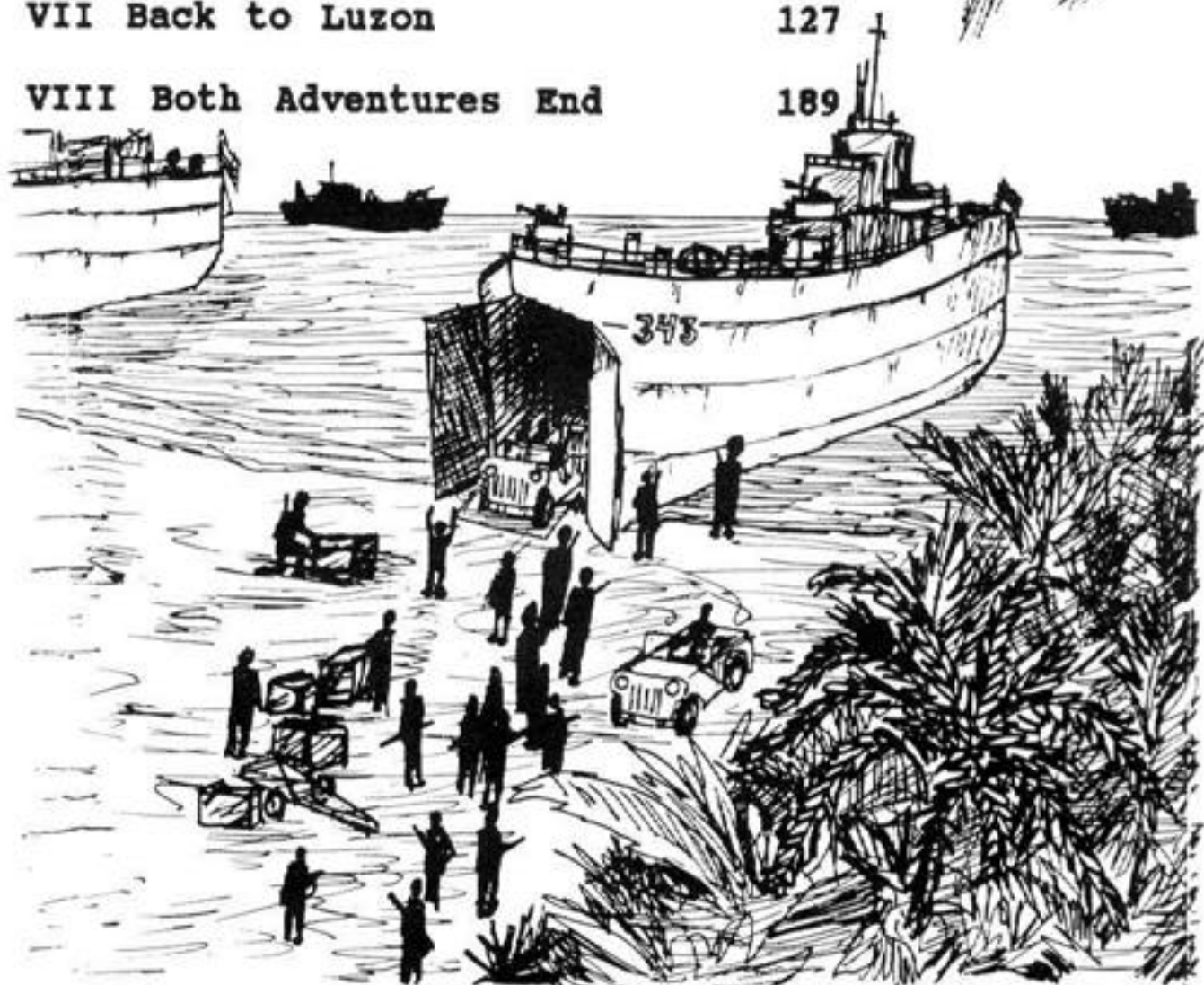
# JUSTIN R. TAYLAN

WAS BORN IN 1977, THE SON OF CARL'S DAUGHTER, LINDA. HE WAS INSPIRED TO CREATE NO PLACE FOR A PICNIC AFTER READING THE BOOK 56TH SIGNAL BATTALION AND ASKING HIS GRANDFATHER TO TALK ABOUT THE WAR.



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## **AUTHOR'S NOTE**

*The Japs were sinking too many of our ships.*

*We ran into a Jap patrol.*

*The Nips kept us from advancing over the hill.*

The scars of war flare up when words like "Jap" are used today. Names used to denote an enemy during war are forgotten amid peace. My grandfather, like other veterans, remembers the enemy by these names. Changing his words to fit modern context would be equivalent to changing the history he was part of. I hope the reader will be able to understand and respect this.



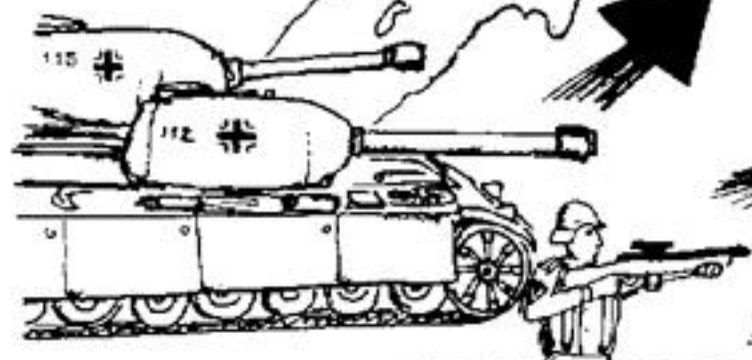
"THE WAR AGAINST RUSSIA... IS ONE OF IDEOLOGIES AND RACIAL DIFFERENCES AND WILL HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED WITH UNPRECEDENTED, UNMERCIFUL AND UNRELENTING HARSHNESS."  
-ADOLPH HITLER



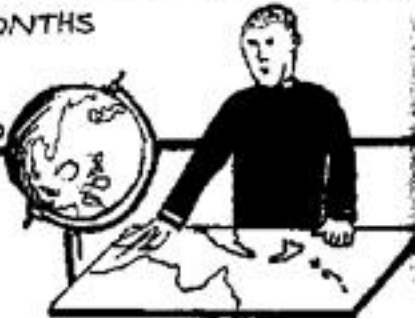
GERMAN FORCES PUSHED DEEPER INTO RUSSIA. THE CITIES OF LENINGRAD, MOSCOW AND STALINGRAD WERE ALL WITHIN REACH.

\* LENINGRAD

\* MOSCOW



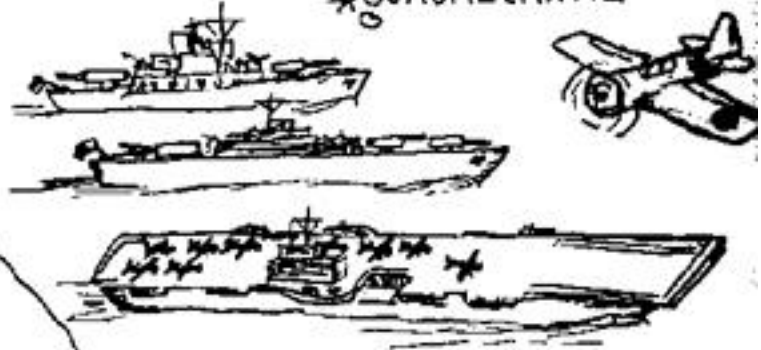
"I SHALL RUN WILD FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR, BUT I HAVE UTTERLY NO CONFIDENCE FOR THE SECOND OR THIRD YEAR..."  
-ISOROKU YAMAMOTO

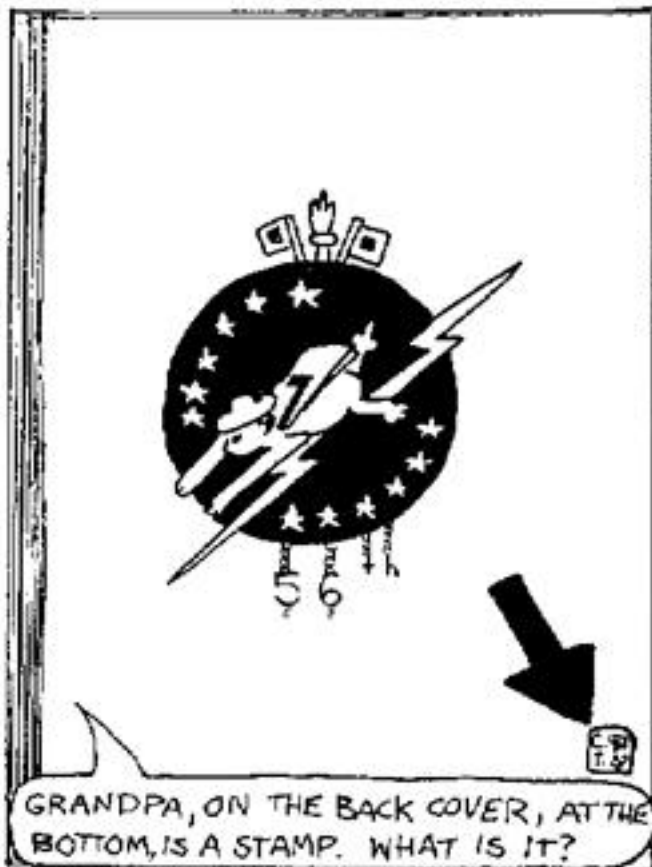
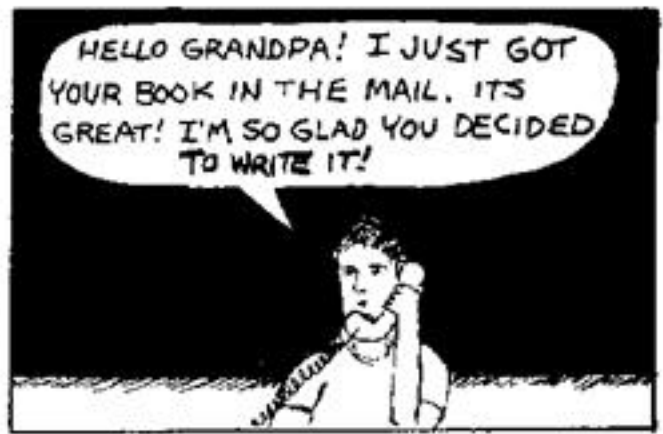


\* RABAU

\* GUADALCANAL

JAPAN'S TIME FOR RUNNING WILD WAS JUST ABOUT OVER. IN THE LATE SUMMER OF 1942, U.S. FORCES LANDED AT GUADALCANAL.







March 29, 1992

Dear Grandpa,

I want to congratulate you again on the completion of your book 56th Signal Battalion. I finished reading it the same day I received it in the mail. It has made me more curious about your overseas service and how you got the nickname "Picnic". Do you think we could talk about these subjects over the summer when I visit?

Love,  
*Justin*





