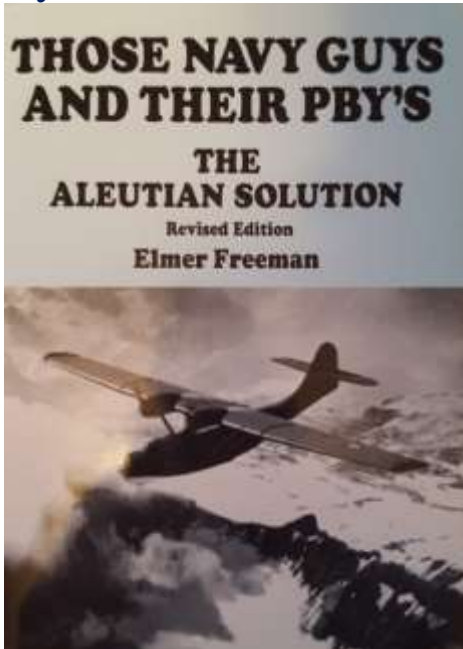


# Those Navy Guys and Their PBYS: The Aleutian Solution

By Elmer Freeman



This informative, educational, and entertaining book is Elmer Freeman's personal account of the little known and often overlooked war in Alaska's Aleutian Islands. Having enlisted in the Navy prior to America's entry into the war, he went to school to become an Aviation Machinist Mate. Early on he was in the beaching crew that retrieved his squadron's PBY seaplanes from the water. Gaining experience, he became part of a flight crew. During Freeman's advancement to senior enlisted man (plane captain) aboard the aircraft, the United States became involved in World War II. Operations shifted from the Seattle area to the Aleutians to prevent Japanese forces from establishing a presence in North America. That effort was not entirely successful, as the enemy did for a time occupy two islands in the chain.

This is not only Freeman's story, but that of all men of the Navy's Patrol Plane Squadrons that took part in the campaign. It also pays tribute to Army and Army Air Force personnel who played an equally important role.

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