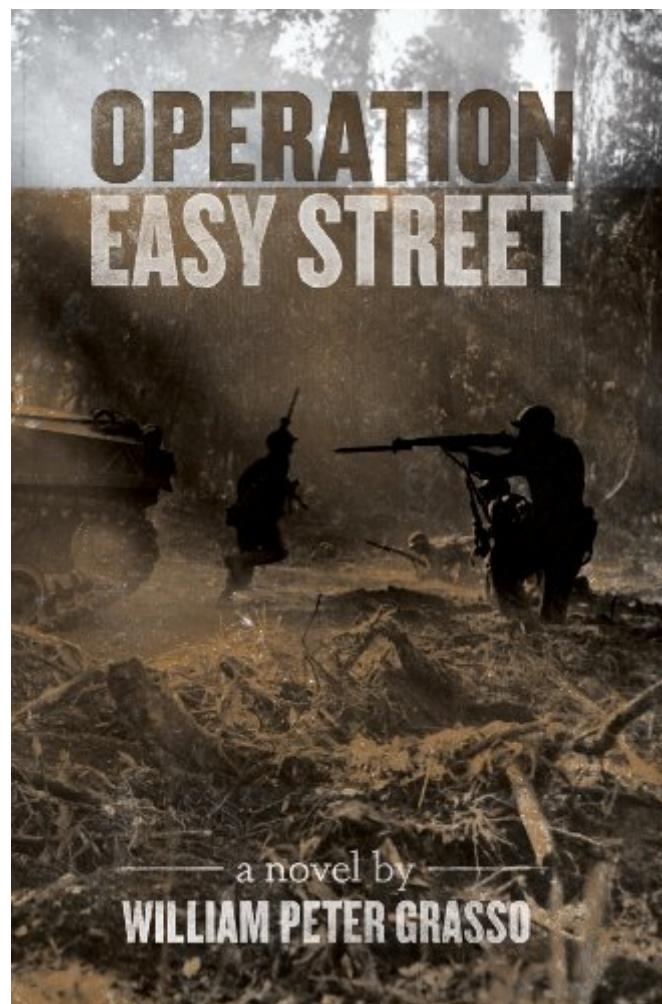


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# Operation Easy Street (Jock Miles WW2 Adventure Series Book 3)



## Synopsis

Port Moresby was bad. Buna was worse. The WW2 alternative history adventure of Jock Miles continues as MacArthur orders American and Australian forces to seize Buna in Papua New Guinea. Once again, the Allied high command underestimates the Japanese defenders, plunging Jock and his men into a battle they're not equipped to win. Worse, jungle diseases, treacherous terrain, and the tactical fantasies of deluded generals become adversaries every bit as deadly as the Japanese. Sick, exhausted, and outgunned, Jock's battalion is ordered to spearhead an amphibious assault against the well-entrenched enemy. It's a suicide mission "but with ingenious help from an unexpected source, there might be a way to avoid the certain slaughter and take Buna. For Jock, though, victory comes at a dreadful price. Jock Miles' WW2 adventures continue in Grasso's Operation Blind Spot.

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## Customer Reviews

"Operation Easy Street" continues the campaign on New Guinea, with the usual gap between the experiences of some of the GI's and the reality-impaired expectations of their higher echelons, especially Gen. MacArthur. Major Jock Miles has a good relationship with Col Molloy, but the two of

them are hard pressed by higher levels. Jillian makes another important contribution but gets in trouble. Mr. Grasso may be writing what he labels alternate history, but even if the particulars of the campaign are altered one comes away with the impression that these books must describe pretty accurately the agony experienced by the soldiers involved. A well-led outfit like Jock's was one thing, but Mr. Grasso does not shy away from also putting poorly led units into the picture, and it isn't a pretty one. There are heroes and cowards aplenty, simple mistakes and friendly fire, and sickness to contend with. The Japanese suffer from the American and Australian pressure, lack of supply, and the same illnesses, but do not seem to lack for courage. Neither side displays much mercy towards the other. Mr. Grasso devotes a few short sections to seeing things from the Japanese side, which is interesting in a minor way. And it should be noted that throughout the series he has been masterful in his use of dialects, whether American or Australian, and exceedingly careful to remain true to the period. In sum, this series is an important aid to understanding the experiences of the troops fighting in the New Guinea campaign.

The author does a wonderful job of taking you to and into the action. You feel a part of the action. One of the great things about it is that the book takes time to read and it is written with such detail that you don't want the book to end. Keep the series coming.

Mr Grasso presents plausible scenarios of the Pacific campaigns. As with his other Major Miles series the action moves swiftly. One thing needs to be stated that many of our fighting men were ill prepared for the carnage. Officers were often ill equipped to lead men. But thank God for the NCO's who watched over the shave tails. Keep them coming please.

Another great read of the "What if" genre. World War II has happened and we're sort of losing it in the Pacific because our leadership are portrayed as bigger fools than they were in our "real time" but not by much. Bug-out Doug was portrayed as the ass he really was. Amazing that President Truman didn't fire him sooner. The hero & his best friend in the story each gets their girl and the story goes on. A must read for anyone that likes a good War adventure story with an unpredictable outcome.

This is the third novel describing mainly one unit's tactics against the Imperial Japanese Army in the Buna area of New Guinea in World War 2, with a good smattering of character development. Mr. Grasso does a fine job describing the thought processes and actions of senior enlisted personnel

and officers as well, particularly West Pointers. As a grad, I can attest that he has done quite well developing the characters and leadership styles as well, and his understanding of senior enlisted NCOs show he writes from personal experience. I've already purchased the next two books in the Jock Miles series and look forward to reading them! It is a rare yet valuable talent for an author to leave his readers with a feeling of "family" with his characters. Mr. Grasso does so magnificently.

Once again, I do like the book and the series thus far. I'm hoping, though, that this book isn't a true indicator of the ride down the slippery slope towards un-originality and repetition. This book, taken on its own, offers a pretty good concoction of characters, story and action. I just can't think too hard about, "is this or that the same as it was in book #2?" I'll keep reading, at least until it becomes boring. It's the stuff I like to read.

this is another great read by Mr.Grasso- jock does all he can do in the face of stupid senior officers that want the land taken or don't come back alive !! To bad the Generals dont stand up to their own advice. Lets hope that Jill comes out of this one and finds jock safe.

This reviewer was a little disappointed in this addition to the Jock Miles saga, Maybe because I was a Marine and had an uncle that actually served under MacArthur on New Guinea, I found the senior brass in this book to be cardboard cutouts of the real leadership our GI's had during WW-II. I also thought Mr. Grossos's portrayal of the Japanese was totally inaccurate, based on what really happened during the New Guinea, and other places during the war. The Japanese just did not retreat. This reviewer also found the author's constant sending the heroine, Jillian, into situations where she was likely to be killed or captured, over and over to be way outside the realm of reality, in 1942 or today. I just expected more from this book, and it failed to deliver. It is like giving a star to a man lowers his IQ by 40 points. And besides, MacArthur of all US generals should and would have known the fighting ability of the Japanese soldier after losing the Philippines.

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