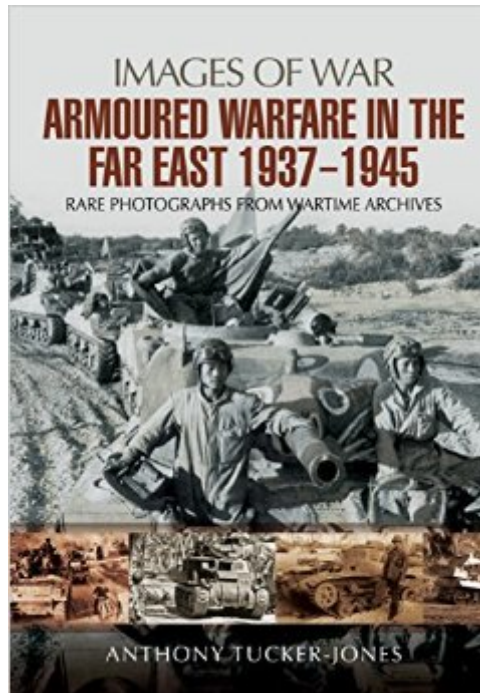


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Anthony Tucker-Jones's photographic history is a fascinating visual introduction to the armored battles of the Second World War in the Far East and Asia-Pacific regions, from 1937 to 1945. In contrast to the experience of the armies that fought in Europe and North Africa, in the Far East tanks remained an infantry support weapon, and their role is often neglected in histories of the conflict. Japanese armor confronted tanks deployed by the Chinese, Russians, British and Americans. Early in the war, against Chinese forces which lacked armor, the Japanese had some success, but their light and medium tanks were no match for their Allied counterparts. Later Japanese designs were better armed, but they were built in such small numbers that they could do little to stem the Allied advance. The role of armored vehicles in each theater of the war in the Far East is shown in a selection of over 150 rare wartime photographs that record armor in action in China, Manchuria, Mongolia, Malaya, Burma and during the battles fought for the Pacific islands.

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I've read several books in this "Images of War" series; this is the best of them I have read--or viewed since so much of the book is commentary and captions. The writing is excellent and the photos are quite good--I have seen few of them in other books. The sections include Japanese armor in China, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific, but note that it is not just Japanese, there are photos and some text on British, American, Australian and Soviet weaponry. Japanese tankettes feature in some books on the Pacific war, but this book makes plain that there was some variety,

and that anyway in the circumstances of China where there was little option, machines that would be out of date in Europe were useful. The Japanese had a variety of armored vehicles, including some formidable machines that never saw combat, produced for the anticipated American attack on the home islands. Japanese armor was not much of a problem early in the war save for the "incident" with Soviet forces in Mongolia, although it was a major problem in the August Storm Soviet attack in 1945. An additional factor was the inappropriateness of terrain for use of armor, particularly in China but also in Burma. There was some Japanese armor in the Pacific area of the war, used mostly as a kind of pillbox. There was not much in the way of tank battles of the kind that took place in Africa and Russia. Armor was a Japanese weak spot, although of no great importance given the war environments--save for the confrontations with the Soviets, who did use tanks on a sizable scale. There's also good commentary on American use of armor in the islands, and British in Burma. The book is short but nicely done. The photos are quite good.

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