

CRESTING THE DIVIDE

Sun Tzu tells his Chinese readers that the best way to win wars is without fighting. The preliminary research examined herein indicates this probably was the case *after* all US services converged on Alaska to counter-attack the People's Liberation Army (PLA) there. Findings from this inquiry also point to the likelihood that China's true intent was the annexation of Taiwan and that Taipei's surrender without a fight was all but assured, as soon as the Pentagon focused all US armed services on the Alaskan theater.

Instead of revisiting the numerous excellent accounts of how the US military won such a decisive victory at Fairbanks, this monograph looks hard at the possibility that the People's Republic of China (PRC) suffered *only* a defeat of its secondary attack in a much larger scale operation. An impressive body of evidence reveals that the PLA conducted a wide turning movement, which achieved a stunning strategic surprise by attaining its main objective on Taiwan. It may have crossed an historic divide to a new watershed in which the very nature of warfare was changed.

For a very long time no one in the West and very few in China took the possibility of any invasion of Alaska seriously. The Seward Peninsula may have been only 50 sea miles from Russia, but "Why would anyone do so?" Thought most Americans. And, "how could it possibly succeed?" Thought others. The Pentagon saw the prospect of 100,000 troops walking 3,000 miles undetected for six months across non-belligerent territory as the stuff of fantasy – a "wild card" in its lexicon and easily dismissed as such. In fact, new information detailed in this study suggests that such a trek did occur. The earlier host of seemingly reasonable doubters had not reckoned with...