

MARSHALL ISLANDS ASSAULT (first pictures)

The offensive spirit is ~~winning~~ ^{earning} magnificent dividends in the Pacific. Employing the biggest task force yet assembled the Americans drove straight at the heart of the enemy's island empire, the Marshall Islands, almost midway between Pearl Harbour and Tokio. Largest atoll in the world, Kwajalein was the major objective, simultaneous attacks being made on Roi and Namur, shown here at the top-right of the screen. These veterans of island warfare the Marines embarked on the hazardous venture with the confidence gained in the Gilbert Islands and Tarawa. Air cover was powerful and complete, as the crowded invasion barges went in.

Ashore they went, under cover of the naval guns.

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The coral rocks protected them as they inched their way inland. The terrific naval bombardment had silenced everything but machine-gun nests.

(thru glasses) The important landing ground at Roi was now taken. Covers were removed from drain-ditches and dynamite detonated, to discourage any Japs in hiding there.

Wrecked hangars and a ~~number~~ ^{litter} of smashed planes were all that was left on the aerodrome. Success was complete, ~~and very lightly won.~~ More than ten thousand Japs were killed, less than 400 Americans. In ~~Japanese~~ ^{their} headquarters many/ Japs lay dead. The few survivors in the battered pillboxes crawled out when the bombardment lifted and were ~~picked off~~ ^{soon dealt with.}

~~by machine guns.~~

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Of special significance was this conquest of The Marshall Islands: ~~all~~ ^{it} is the first actual Japanese territory ~~from~~ ^{from 13 captives} which the enemy has been dislodged; ~~and~~ and the comparative ease of ~~the~~ assault proves that the Japs are on the steep downgrade. ~~The Americans are now top dogs.~~

In mid-Pacific to Allies is now top dog.