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PACIFIC CLOSE-UP.

Naval guns "pour it on" during the preliminary day and night bombardment which reduced KWAJALEIN and ROI in the Marshalls to a battered ruin.

The invasion of the Marshalls has already been told in an earlier edition of Pathe Gazette. But here are "follow-up" pictures which take us inland with the Marines and Seventh Army veterans as they move forward. White patches on the backs of the uniforms are for identification by low flying American planes. The Japs have been massacred by the devastating bombardment, but it is typical of the little maniacs that those who survive make a fight to the finish.

Many lie low feigning death. The Marines can take no chances - - - Flame throwers are employed in this grim battle of hide and seek.

There's a tense atmosphere as a party of Japs are prevailed on to surrender. Note the type of semi-nude soldiers employed in this garrison on the KWAJALEIN ATOLL. Interrogation is difficult. One Jap uses sign language to tell an Officer that there were ten in his pillbox.

Total count of prisoners was 163. Four thousand six hundred dead were counted when invasion was complete.

These are Native Karakas... men and women forced to labour for the Japanese.

Every living Jap is registered as a prisoner of war. Labels are put round their necks, and for once they wear clean clothes.

With the Island won, and fighting at an end, the Mess Sergeant celebrates with KWAJALEIN chicken.

Admiral NIMITZ, Pacific Fleet Commander, has high praise for the U.S. Marines - - the men who say: "The difficult we do immediately; the impossible takes a little longer".