

**Sunday – December 7, 1941**  
**Pearl Harbor**

**1. Washington, D.C.:**

**A) 14<sup>th</sup> part of the Japanese coded message arrives:**

**I. Intercepted and decoded by the Americans.**

**II. It breaks off negotiations.**

**B) Ambassador Kurusu gets another message to deliver the 14<sup>th</sup> part message to the Americans at precisely 1:00 in the afternoon Washington time:**

**I. This will be 30 minutes before the attack on Pearl Harbor.**

**C) Due to a poor typist in the Japanese Embassy:**

**I. The warning will be delivered too late!**

**D) The warning from the “Magic” Staff reaches Pearl Harbor too late because:**

**I. It is sent by commercial wire, NOT military wire!**

**2. Because the Aircraft Carriers are not in Pearl Harbor:**

**A) The Battleships now become the primary targets!**

- 3. The Japanese air attack is to be led by Commander Mitsuo Fuchida:**
  - A) Will survive the war and become a Protestant Minister.**
  
- 4. The Japanese pilots have a breakfast of rice balls and green tea:**
  - A) All are issued new clothing:**
    - I. All wear the white Hashimaki:**
      - (1) White headband symbolizing the readiness and willingness to die!**
  
- 5. 6:00 – Morning - The Japanese fleet is now 220 miles north of Oahu:**
  - A) Fuchida takes off from the deck of the Akagi:**
    - I. Within 15 minutes – 43 fighter planes, 49 high level bombers, 51 dive bombers, and 40 torpedo bombers are airborne:**
      - (1) 183 planes in the first Japanese attack wave (353 total will take part in the attack).**
  
- 6. 6:40 – Morning – Outside Pearl Harbor:**
  - A) The U.S.S. “Ward” sinks a Japanese Midget 2-Man Submarine:**
    - I. Even though war is not declared – These will be America’s 1<sup>st</sup> shots of World War**

**II.**

**B) Short time later:**

- I. Another 2-Man Midget Submarine is rammed, depth-charged, and sunk by the U.S.S. "Monaghan."**

**7. Pearl Harbor is completely unprepared:**

- A) Men are sleeping.**  
**B) Men are at breakfast.**  
**C) Flag raisings.**

**8. 6:45 – Morning – Northern tip of Oahu:**

**A) Army Mobile Radar Station:**

- I. Manned by Privates Joe Lockard and George Elliot.**

**B) Pick up huge blips on the screen:**

- I. Unknown to them - It is the Japanese planes!**

**II. 7:02 – Morning – They report it by phone to Lt. Kermit Tyler:**

**(1) He tells them to forget it!**

**(2) He believes it to be a flight of 12 B-17 Bombers due in from California.**

**C) NO alarm is given!!!**

**9. In Pearl Harbor:**

**A) 96 ships total:**

- I. 70 are warships.**

**B) On Battleship Row are 8 Battleships anchored in pairs side by side, all in a row:**

- I. Nevada.**
- II. Arizona.**
- III. Tennessee.**
- IV. West Virginia.**
- V. Maryland.**
- VI. Oklahoma.**
- VII. California.**
- VIII. Pennsylvania.**

**C) Also:**

- I. 5 Cruisers.**
- II. 26 Destroyers.**

**D) 1/3 of the crews are on shore leave.**

**10. 394 Army, Marine, and Navy airplanes at various fields:**

**A) Lined up in the middle of the fields, wing tip to wing tip:**

- I. Ideal targets!!!**

**11. 7:15 – Morning – 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Japanese planes take off:**

**A) 80 Dive Bombers, 54 High Level Bombers, and 36 Fighters:**

- I. 170 total.**

**12. 7:30 – Morning – Kimmel is about to leave his**

**home to play golf with Short:**

**A) Phone call:**

- I. "Ward" has sunk a Midget Submarine.**
- II. Kimmel decides it had better be checked out.**

**B) 7:35 – 2<sup>nd</sup> call:**

- I. About the 2<sup>nd</sup> Midget Submarine sunk.**
- II. Long conversation:**
  - (1) Attack will occur during this call!**

**13. 7:40 – Morning – Fuchida's planes of the 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Wave cross the shoreline of Oahu:**

**A) His High Level Bombers each carry a 1,600 pound armor-piercing bomb!**

**B) His Dive Bombers each carry a 500 pound bomb:**

**I. Later in the war the Americans hang nicknames on the Japanese planes:**

- (1) Torpedo Bombers.....Kates.**
- (2) High Level Bombers.....Bettys.**
- (3) Fighters.....Zeros.**

**C) 7:49 – Morning – Fuchida gives the verbal signal:**

**I. "Tora, Tora, Tora":**

**(1) Attack!!!**

**D) The 1<sup>st</sup> wave is committed:**

**I. Catch the Americans totally by surprise!**

**14. 7:55 – Morning – 1<sup>st</sup> Japanese bombs hit Ford Island:**

**A) Hit the Seaplane Ramp.**

**B) From Ford Island – Commander, Logan Ramsey, sends his famous message:**

**I. “Air raid Pearl Harbor! This is no drill, this is no drill!”**

**15. The “Oklahoma” is hit by 3 torpedoes in rapid succession:**

**A) Then she is hit by 2 more!**

**B) She rolls over:**

**I. 1<sup>st</sup> Battleship “to die.”**

**16. The “Maryland” is hit by 2 bombs.**

**17. The “West Virginia” is hit by 2 bombs and 7 torpedoes:**

**A) Sinks upright.**

**18. The “Tennessee” is on fire.**

**19. A bomb has blown up in the magazine of the “California”:**

**A) She is sinking.**

**20. 8:10 – Morning – “Arizona” is hit – Blows up:**

**A) 100’s of men are trapped inside of her!**

**21. 8:20 – Morning – Every single Battleship has been hit!**

**22. The “Nevada” is hit:**

**A) BUT, she is moving – Trying to get out of the Harbor:**

**I. Hit again!**

**II. Is intentionally run aground so she will not block the entrance to the Harbor.**

**23. The “Pennsylvania” – In dry-dock:**

**A) Suffers one severe bomb hit.**

**24. Most of the 29 Navy Bombers on Ford Island are demolished!**

**25. 45 of the 47 Marine Planes at Ewa Field are destroyed!**

**26. 2/3's of the Army Planes at Wheeler Field are destroyed!**

**27. Only 4 of the Army Bombers at Hickam Field will survive.**

**28. 14 American Fighters will get off the ground:**

**A) From Wheeler Field – Lt.'s George Welch and Ken Taylor:**

- I. Shoot down 3 Japanese Planes.**
- II. land – Reload – Back up.**
- III. Shoot down a total of 11 Japanese Planes.**

- 29. The B-17 flight from California land in the middle of the attack:  
A) All land in various places successfully.**
- 30. 18 Dive Bombers from the “Enterprise” arrive during the attack:  
A) 13 will land successfully.**
- 31. 8:25 – Morning – 1<sup>st</sup> Wave attack ends!**
- 32. 8:45 – 1<sup>st</sup> wave meets up 20 miles northwest of Oahu:  
A) Head back for the Japanese Carriers.**
- 33. 8:50 – Morning – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave hits Pearl Harbor!**
- 34. 8:55 – Morning – Hawaii time – Washington, D.C.:  
A) Japanese Ambassadors, Nomura and Kurusu, tell Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, of the impending attack:  
I. It is 1 hour too late!**



- 35. 9:45 – Morning – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave attack ends.**
- 36. Has been 1 hour and 50 minutes of “Hell on Earth!”**
- 37. 10:00 – Morning – Fuchida’s 1<sup>st</sup> Wave reaches the Carriers:**
- A) 12:00 – Noon – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave reaches the Carriers.**
  - B) Fuchida pleads with Nagumo to launch the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave:**
    - I. Denied!**
    - II. Nagumo decides to retreat!**
- 38. 12:40 – Afternoon – Kimmel gets a telegram from Washington:**
- A) Warning of a possible Japanese attack!!!!!!**
- 39. 1:30 – Afternoon – Nagumo signals for the fleet to head northeast:**
- A) HE BLOWS A BIG OPPORTUNITY!**
- 40. 5 ships have been lost:**
- A) Battleships: “Arizona” & “Oklahoma.”**
  - B) Destroyers: “Cassin” & “Downes.”**
  - C) Target Ship: “Utah.”**
- 41. 13 ships have been damaged:**

- A) All will be salvaged and repaired.**
- B) All will live to fight another day.**

**42. 188 American Planes have been destroyed:**

- A) 159 have been damaged!**

**43. 2,485 Americans have been killed:**

- A) Almost ½ of them on the U.S.S. "Arizona."**
- B) 1,198 Americans have been wounded.**
- C) Total American casualties are.....3,683!**

**44. Japanese losses:**

- A) 55 men killed.**
- B) 29 Planes lost.**
- C) 1 large Submarine sunk.**
- D) 5 Midget Submarines sunk.**
- E) 70 Planes damaged.**

**45. The fatal "flaws" of the Japanese attack:**

- A) Miss the Aircraft Carriers!**
- B) Miss the oil tanks!**
- C) Miss the repair installations!**

**46. December 8, 1941:**

- A) Japan declares war on the United States.**
- B) 12:20 – Afternoon – President FDR addresses a joint session of Congress:  
I. 6 minute speech.**

**II. “Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live in infamy. The United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked.....”**

**(1) In less than an hour – Vote to go to war!**

**C) 4:10 – Afternoon – President FDR – Signs – Declaration of War against Japan!**

## **December 8-13, 1941**

### **The Fall of Guam**

- 1. Guam is defended by 424 Americans:**
  - A) 153 Marines & 271 Navy personnel:**
    - I. Commanded by Marine, Colonel, William McNulty.**
  
- 2. December 8<sup>th</sup> – 8:27 – Morning:**
  - A) Japanese bombers hit the Island.**
  
- 3. December 10<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 – Morning:**
  - A) 5,700 Japanese troops land.**
  - B) Fighting:**
    - I. 19 Americans are killed and 42 wounded.**
  - C) After 2 hours of fighting the Americans start surrendering.**
  
- 4. December 13<sup>th</sup> – The last Americans surrender!**

# **December 8-23, 1941**

## **The Fall of Wake Island**

- 1. Wake Island is made up of 3 Islands in the 2,600 acre Atoll:**
  - A) Is actually the top of a submerged volcano.**
  - B) Elevation is 21 feet.**
  - C) Has a 20 mile coastline.**
  - D) Is an American Aircraft Carrier base.**
  - E) Commander is Marine, Major, James Devereux:**
    - I. Has 388 Marines.**
    - II. 211 Marine Fighter Pilot personnel.**
    - III. 68 Navy personnel.**
    - IV. 5 Army personnel.**
    - V. 70 Pan-American Airways employees.**
    - VI. 1,146 contract employees.**
      - (1) Total.....1,888 people.**
    - VII. 63 Marine artillery pieces and 50 machine guns.**
  
- 2. December 8<sup>th</sup> – 11:58 – Morning – Japanese bomb for 10 minutes:**
  - A) Destroy 7 fighter planes on the ground.**
  - B) Kill 10 civilians and 23 Marine aviation personnel.**
  - C) Wound 11.**

**3. December 9<sup>th</sup> – Bomb again:**

**A) Kill 4 Marines and 55 civilians.**

**B) Hit:**

**I. Ammo dump.**

**II. Barracks.**

**III. Radio station.**

**IV. Machine shops.**

**V. Hospital (Totally destroyed).**

**C) Marines shoot down 12 Japanese planes!**

**4. December 10<sup>th</sup> – Bombed again:**

**A) Kill 1 Marine and wound 4.**

**5. December 11<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 – Morning – Japanese ships open fire on the Island:**

**A) 6:10 – Morning – At a distance of 4,500 yards – Marines fire back:**

**I. Sink the Destroyer “Hayate”:**

**(1) 1<sup>st</sup> Japanese surface craft to be sunk in World War II!**

**B) 4 Marine Fighter Planes go up:**

**I. Chase the Japanese ships.**

**II. 7:42 – Morning – 36 year old Captain Henry Elrod sinks the Destroyer**

**“Kisaragi”:**

**(1) No survivors!**

**(2) 500 Japanese killed!**

- 6. December 13<sup>th</sup> – A relief force under Rear Admiral Frank Fletcher heads for Wake:  
A) Aircraft Carrier “Saratoga” – 9 Destroyers – 3 Cruisers – 1 Oiler – and 1 Transport.**
  
- 7. December 20<sup>th</sup> – A Navy PBY lands with instructions to evacuate Major Walter Baylor, a Marine ground/air communications expert:  
A) He is needed at Midway.  
B) He becomes the famous “Last Man off Wake.”**
  
- 8. December 22<sup>nd</sup> – The last of the Marine planes on Wake are destroyed!!!  
A) Fletcher’s force is less than 560 miles from Wake:  
I. Refuel.  
II. Get orders to return to Pearl Harbor!!!**
  
- 9. December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2:25 – Morning – Japanese Rear Admiral Sadachimi Kajioka lands 1,500 troops in 4 different places:  
A) Bitter fighting!  
B) Captain Elrod is killed:  
I. 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aviator in World War II to win the Congressional Medal of Honor.  
C) Japanese suffer 300 casualties in the day’s fighting!**

**D) Americans surrender:**

**I. Have lost 49 Marines killed.**

**II. 3 Navy men killed.**

**III. 70 Civilians killed:**

**(1) Total of.....122 killed.**

**IV. 44 wounded.**

**V. 1,616 prisoners.**

**E) Japanese losses:**

**I. 820 killed.**

**II. 333 wounded.**

**III. 4 ships sunk.**

**IV. 4 ships damaged.**

**V. 21 planes lost.**

**10. January 12, 1942 – Prisoners are boarded on ships and head for Shanghai:**

**A) Starved.**

**B) Beaten.**

**C) 2 Marine Sgt.'s and 3 Navy men are beheaded!**



# **December 8, 1941 thru May 6, 1942**

## **The Fall of the Philippines and The**

### **Bataan Death March**

#### **1. Commander of the Philippines:**

**A) 61 year old, Army General, Douglas MacArthur:**

- I. Commands all U.S. forces in the far east.**
- II. His Philippine Division Commander is Major General, Jonathan Wainwright.**

#### **2. American force in the Philippines:**

- A) Army.....18,000.**
- B) Marines.....2,500.**
- C) Filipino Army.....60,000.**
- D) Filipino Scouts.....12,000.**
- E) Total forces are.....92,500!**

#### **3. The Philippines get a 10 hour warning after Pearl Harbor:**

**A) BUT, the Planes will be caught on the ground!!!**

#### **4. December 8, 1941:**

- A) 12:05 – Afternoon – Japanese planes hit:**
  - I. Destroy 1/3 of the Fighters and 1/2 of the Bombers ON THE GROUND at Clark**

## **Field.**

### **5. December 10, 1941:**

**A) Japanese troops under General Masaharu Homma start landing on Luzon.**

### **6. December 12, 1941:**

**A) Japanese control the air in the Philippines!**

**B) They have destroyed the Navy Yard at Cavite.**

### **7. By December 22, 1941 – Japanese have landed 90,000 troops.**

### **8. December 23, 1941:**

**A) MacArthur decides to evacuate Luzon and move to the Bataan Peninsula:**

**I. Makes his headquarters on 3 ½ mile long, Corregidor in Manila Bay:**

**(1) Called “The Rock.”**

**B) MacArthur averts immediate defeat:**

**I. Will delay the Japanese timetable by 4 months.**

### **9. January 2, 1942:**

**A) Manila falls to the Japanese.**

**B) General Akira Nara is given the job of taking the Bataan Peninsula.**

**10. January 10, 1942:**

**A) The Battle of Bataan starts:**

- I. Japanese artillery bombardment combined with aerial bombings for days.**

**11. January 22 & 23, 1942:**

**A) The first 900 Japanese troops land on Bataan.**

**12. March 12, 1942:**

**A) By orders of President FDR:**

- I. MacArthur, his wife, his son, and 18 others leave Corregidor in 4 PT Boats.**

**B) MacArthur turns over command to Wainwright:**

- I. "I shall return."**

**C) MacArthur will be flown to Australia - Arriving on March 17, 1942:**

- I. Takes command of the allied forces in the Southwest Pacific.**

**D) MacArthur:**

- I. Ego.**

- II. Corregidor - Most of the time in the Malinta Tunnel - Thus, "Dugout Doug."**

- III. Rarely visits the front lines.**

- IV. Always "I" - "I".**

- V. Indifferent to troops.**

- VI. Is concerned with personal comforts.**

## **VII. Conceited.**

### **13. April 3, 1942:**

**A) Japanese open the offensive on Bataan.**

### **14. April 9, 1942:**

**A) Bataan falls having held out for 3 months.**

**B) 76,500 men surrender.**

**C) Wainwright and a handful of men escape to Corregidor.**

### **15. April 1942 – The Bataan Death March:**

**A) Prisoners are marched from Bataan to Camp O'Donnel at San Fernando:**

**I. 70 miles.**

**II. Heat.**

**III. No food.**

**IV. No water:**

**(1) Forced to drink out of Caribou wallows or ditches!**

**V. No medical attention.**

**VI. Will take 9 days.**

**B) Any prisoner found with Japanese money or items is beheaded!**

**C) Weak are beaten, bayoneted, shot, or beheaded!**

**D) If you fall down – Beaten, bayoneted, shot, or beheaded!**

- E) Japanese practice mutilations and sometimes cannibalism on the prisoners!**
  - F) Some prisoners are actually dissected alive!**
  - G) One prisoner is tied to a tree:
    - I. Japanese doctor and 4 students:
      - (1) Remove his fingernails.**
      - (2) Open his chest – Remove his heart while alive!!******
- H) 20 year old Filipino girl who tries to give water to the prisoners:
  - I. Stripped.**
  - II. Held down by soldiers.**
  - III. Japanese officer cuts her breasts off with a sword – Cuts her womb open – Leave her to die!****
- I) Filipino boy – Tied to a tree:
  - I. Testicles and penis are cut off.**
  - II. Stuffed in his mouth.**
  - III. Left to bleed to death!****
- J) Filipino soldier:
  - I. Crucified to the ground with 6 inch nails driven through his wrists.**
  - II. A 6 inch nail is driven into the base of his skull!****
- K) Live prisoners are used for bayonet “practice.”**
- L) Over 6,500 men are murdered or die on the**

**march!!**

**16. April 10, 1942...The siege of Corregidor starts:**

**A) Will hold out for 27 days.**

**B) May 3, 1942...The last to be evacuated from Corregidor are taken out by submarines:**

**I. Most are nurses.**

**17. May 6, 1942...General Jonathan Mayhew "Skinny" Wainwright surrenders Corregidor along with the 12,000 American and Filipino defenders:**

**A) Wainwright:**

**I. Born...August 23, 1883...Fort Walla Walla, Washington.**

**II. 1906...Graduates...West Point.**

**III. Moro Revolt – WW I.**

**IV. Will be in a prison camp until August 1945.**

**V. Congressional Medal of Honor – Distinguished Service Medal – Bronze Star.**

**VI. August 1947...Retires.**

**VII. September 2, 1953...San Antonio, Texas...Dies at age 70.**

**VIII. Buried in Arlington.**

# **December 1941**

## **The “Flying Tigers”**

### **1. Fighter squadron in China:**

#### **A) Start flying for the U.S. when the war breaks out:**

**I. Have been fighting for China since 1940.**

**II. Fly Curtiss P-40's.**

**III. Are ALL volunteers.**

**IV. 63 Navy & 38 Army Pilots.**

**V. Will be in existence for 7 months.**

**VI. Shoot down 229 Japanese planes for sure and most probably 482.**

**VII. Lose 12 Planes in the air and 61 on the ground.**

**VIII. Lose 26 Pilots killed.**

#### **B) Commanded by Major General, Claire Chennault:**

**I. Born – 1890.**

**II. Called “Old Leather Face.”**

**III. Chiang Kai-Shek's Air Advisor.**

## **Events thru December 1941**

### **1. December 11, 1941:**

**A) Germany & Italy declare war on the United States:**

**I. The U.S. declares war on both countries.**

### **2. December 12, 1941:**

**A) Rumania declares war on the United States.**

### **3. December 13, 1941:**

**A) Bulgaria declares war on the United States.**

### **4. December 17, 1941:**

**A) Admiral Chester Nimitz replaces Husband Kimmel as Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.**

### **5. December 20, 1941:**

**A) The Draft Act is passed:**

**I. Ages 18 to 65 to register:**

**(1) 18 to 45 year olds will be taken.**

### **6. December 23, 1941:**

**A) The Japanese Pearl Harbor Task Force arrives back in Japan:**



**I. Japan's biggest mistakes:**

**(1) Involving the U.S. while the war in China is unresolved and Southeast Asia is unoccupied!**

**\*\*\*Like Hitler attacking Russia before he defeats England!**

**(2) The sneak attack on Pearl Harbor has aroused and united the people of the United States.**

**B) Japan will lose 2,318 vessels in World War II:**

**I. 71 of that figure are warships!**

**II. Japan will lose 60% of her 2,318 at the hands of the Americans.**

## **U.S. Industry & Homefront in the War**

### **1. Industry will produce:**

- A) 47 million tons of ammunition.**
- B) 12,573,000 rifles.**
- C) 37,701,000 bombs.**
- D) 54,000 torpedoes.**
- E) 372,431 pieces of artillery.**
- F) 631,873 Jeeps.**
- G) 84,027 tanks.**
- H) 87,620 warships.**

### **2. Americans donate 13 million pints of blood.**

### **3. Americans build 13,000 B-17 Flying Fortress Bombers:**

- A) Designed in 1939 by the Boeing Company of Seattle, Washington.**
- B) Is the first all-metal, 4 engine, monoplane, bomber:**
  - I. Can fly 300 miles per hour.**
  - II. Can fly at 25,000 feet.**
  - III. Has 12 to 13 machine guns.**
  - IV. Carries two 2,000 pound bombs or four 1,000 pound bombs.**
  - V. 10 man crew:**
    - (1) Pilot.**
    - (2) Co-Pilot.**

**(3) Navigator.**

**(4) Flight Engineer.**

**(5) Wireless Radio Operator.**

**(6) Bombardier.**

**(7) Tail Gunner.**

**(8) 2 Waist Gunners.**

**(9) Belly Gunner (Sits in what is called  
"The Morgue").**

**C) 5,000 of the 13,000 will be lost in the war.**

# **U.S. Armed Forces at the Start Of the War and Distinctive Units**

## **1. U.S. Army:**

### **A) 750,000 men:**

- I. Division.....16,000 men.**
- II. Regiment.....3,100 men.**
- III. Battalion.....870 men.**
- IV. Company.....225 men.**
- V. Platoon.....76 men.**

### **B) Ranks:**

- I. General of the Army.**
- II. General.**
- III. Lt. General.**
- IV. Maj. General.**
- V. Brig. General.**
- VI. Colonel.**
- VII. Lt. Colonel.**
- VIII. Major.**
- IX. Captain.**
- X. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.**
- XI. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.**
- XII. Sgt.**
- XIII. Corporal.**
- XIV. Private.**

## **2. U.S. Navy:**

- A) 350,000 men.**
- B) 29 Cruisers.**
- C) 9 Battleships.**
- D) 6 Aircraft Carriers.**

**3. U.S. Air Corps:**

- A) 348,000 men.**
- B) 807 Combat Airplanes:**
  - I. 159 of these are 4 engine-bombers.**

**4. U.S. Marine Corps:**

- A) 70,000 men:**
  - I. Brigade.....16,000 men.**
- B) In World War II, Man-for-Man, the most feared, efficient troops on either side!!!**
  - I. NOT because they are braver, or "have God on their side":**
    - (1) BECAUSE, from day one in the Corps they are convinced they are part of a select, elite, group!**
    - (2) BECAUSE, from day one in the Corps they are part of the tradition and loyalty of the Marines!**
    - (3) BECAUSE, from day one in the Corps they learn to rely on their fellow Marines!**
    - (4) BECAUSE, they feel it is better to die than let fellow Marines down!**

## **5. Paratroopers:**

**A) Idea.....Colonel Billy Mitchell.**

**B) June 23, 1940 – Ft. Benning, Georgia – 1<sup>st</sup> American Paratroopers.**

**C) 82<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Units are organized:**

**I. 1<sup>st</sup> jump in war – Oran, North Africa.**

**II. 1<sup>st</sup> Paratrooper killed in the War – Pvt. John MacKall.**

**III. Line of jumpers are called “A Stick.”**

**IV. “Geronimo” – Sgt. Aubrey Eberhardt – From a Western Movie “The Geronimo Kid.”**

**D) Jumps in World War II:**

**I. Oran – North Africa.**

**II. Sicily.**

**III. New Guinea.**

**IV. Normandy – D-Day – France.**

**V. Holland – Operation Market-Garden.**

**VI. Corregidor – Philippines.**

## **6. U.S. Army Rangers:**

**A) April 26, 1942 – Proposal submitted by Colonel Lucian Truscott:**

**I. Create a unit like the British Commandos.**

**II. Truscott selects the name “Rangers”:  
(1) After “Roger’s Rangers” in the French and Indian War.**

- B) June 7, 1942 – Rangers are formed in Ireland.**
- C) Picked to be their leader is West Point graduate, Captain William Orlando Darby:**
  - I. Later promoted to Major, Lt. Colonel, and then Colonel.**
  - II. Called “El Darbo.”**
  - III. Men come to be called “Darby’s Rangers.”**
  - IV. Captain Herman Dammer:**
    - (1) Darby’s “right hand man.”**
  - V. Darby and Dammer will mold the Rangers:**
    - (1) Dammer is the better planner.**
    - (2) Darby tends to be more emotional.**
- D) Group undergoes Commando training in Scotland:**
  - I. Is way above and beyond ordinary Army training.**
  - II. Trained in:**
    - (1) Physical fitness.**
    - (2) Weapons.**
    - (3) Small unit tactics.**
    - (4) Speed marching.**
    - (5) Obstacle courses.**
    - (6) Shooting.**
    - (7) Hand-to-hand combat.**
  - III. Youngest Ranger is 17 – Oldest is 35:**

**(1) Average age is 25.**

**IV. Men are all volunteers.**

**V. Trained in the expert use of:**

**(1) M-1 Garand – Accurate for 500 yards  
– 20 rounds per minute.**

**(2) .45 Pistol.**

**(3) Thompson .45 caliber Submachine  
Gun – “Tommy Gun.”**

**(4) Grenades.**

**(5) Bayonet.**

**(6) Knife.**

**E) Ranger Scroll (Patch) is worn on the left  
shoulder:**

**I. Designed by Ranger, Anthony Rada.**

**F) June 19, 1942 – Rangers are activated!**



# **January 15, 1942 thru June 1942**

## **The Battle of the Atlantic**

### **1. January 15, 1942:**

**A) German submarines start massive operations in the Atlantic against Allied vessels:**

**I. Called "Wolfpacks."**

**II. Sink 568 Allied Ships.**

**III. Sink 14 million tons of Allied shipping.**

### **2. Will eventually be won by the Allies:**

**A) 632 German submarines will be sunk at sea:**

**I. Another 48 will be destroyed:**

**(1) Total.....780.**

**January 23-28, 1942**  
**Battle of Macassar Strait**

- 1. American & Dutch Naval and Air Forces attack and defeat a Japanese convoy over a 5 day period of time.**

**February 3, 1942**  
**Santa Barbara, California**

**1. Oil Refinery.**

**2. Shelled by a Japanese submarine.**

**February 27, 1942**  
**Battle of The Java Sea**

**1. U.S. Naval force is badly defeated by a Japanese fleet:**

**A) Americans lose 5 Cruisers and 6 Destroyers!**

**April 18, 1942**  
**Doolittle's Raid on Tokyo**

- 1. Commander and Leader is Lt. Colonel James "Jimmy" Doolittle.**
  
- 2. Force:**
  - A) 80 men.**
  - B) 16 B-25 Mitchell Bombers:**
    - I. Weigh 25,000 pounds each.**
  - C) To be transported by the Aircraft Carrier "HORNET" to within 400 miles of Tokyo.**
  
- 3. Plan:**
  - A) Doolittle will take off first:**
    - I. His and 12 more Bombers will hit Tokyo with incendiary bombs.**
  - B) 3 other Bombers will hit Kobe, Yokohama, and Nagoya.**
  - C) Planes will then make a run for India.**
  
- 4. April 1, 1942 – The "Hornet" leaves San Francisco:**
  - A) 600 miles from Tokyo.....Spotted!!**
  - B) Bombers will be forced to take off 10 hours early:**
    - I. Will drastically affect their fuel supply!**

**5. April 18, 1942:**

**A) Is the 167<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Paul Revere's ride!**

**B) Bombers take off:**

**I. Takes 1 hour to get them all off.**

**6. 15 of the 16 Bombers will hit their targets:**

**A) All 4 targets are hit!**

**I. Hit a tank factory!**

**II. Hit a shipyard!**

**III. Hit some docks!**

**IV. Hit some railroad yards!**

**V. Hit a steel plant!**

**VI. Hit a power plant!**

**VII. Hit a gunpowder factory!**

**B) None of the Bombers are shot down!**

**7. What happens to the Bomber Crews??**

**A) 3 men are killed crash-landing in China.**

**B) 1 man is killed bailing out.**

**C) 7 men are injured crash-landing or bailing out.**

**D) One Bomber will crash 40 miles from Vladivostock in Northern Russia:**

**I. Crew are taken as prisoners of war.**

**II. Will escape.**

**E) 8 men of two of the Bombers become Japanese prisoners of war:**

**I. Taken to Tokyo – Kept in solitary  
confinement for 18 days.**

**II. Tortured and starved.**

**III. Interrogated daily.**

**IV. August 20, 1942 – Trial:**

**(1) Farce!**

**(2) All sentenced to death!**

**(3) 5 commuted to life!**

**V. October 3, 1942 – The 3 are beheaded!**

**VI. 1 of the men dies of starvation!**

## **May 4-8, 1942**

### **Battle of The Coral Sea**

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Naval engagement fought between ships totally out of sight of each other:**
  - A) Fought entirely by Naval Aircraft.**
  - B) 30 hours of fighting.**
  - C) American Carrier "Yorktown" is damaged.**
  - D) American Carrier "Lexington" is sunk.**
  - E) 2 other American ships are sunk.**
  - F) 543 Americans are killed or wounded.**
  - G) Japanese losses:**
    - I. Light Carrier "Shoho" is sunk in 10 minutes.**
    - II. 2 other large Carriers are sunk.**
    - III. Japanese force turns back:**
      - (1) Has stopped the Japanese from taking Port Morsby on the south coast of New Guinea.**



# **June 3-5, 1942**

## **Battle of Midway**

### **1. American fleet is under Admiral Chester Nimitz:**

#### **A) 3 Aircraft Carriers:**

- I. "Yorktown."**
- II. "Hornet."**
- III. "Enterprise."**

#### **B) 14 Destroyers.**

#### **C) 7 Heavy Cruisers.**

### **2. Japanese Fleet is commanded by Admiral Chuichi Nagumo:**

#### **A) 4 Aircraft Carriers:**

- I. "Akagi."**
- II. "Kaga."**
- III. "Soryu."**
- IV. "Hiryu."**

#### **B) 7 Battleships.**

#### **C) 1 Destroyer.**

#### **D) Cruisers and Light Cruisers.**

### **3. June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00 – Morning:**

#### **A) BECAUSE of breaking the Japanese code.**

#### **B) Ensign, Jack Reid, spots the Japanese Fleet.**

- C) Both sides launch planes from their Carriers.**
- D) Planes from the “Hiryu” sink the “Yorktown.”**
- E) American Dive Bombers sink the “Hiryu.”**
- F) An American Destroyer is sunk.**
- G) In 6 minutes American planes sink:
  - I. “Akagi.”**
  - II. “Kaga.”**
  - III. “Soryu.”****

**4. American losses:**

- A) “Yorktown.”**
- B) A Destroyer.**
- C) 124 Planes.**
- D) 303 men.**

**5. Japanese losses:**

- A) 4 Aircraft Carriers.**
- B) 322 Planes.**
- C) 4,800 Men.**

**6. Turning point of the war in the Pacific!**

- A) Breaks the back of the Japanese Navy:
  - I. Combined with the Battle of the Coral Sea.....stops the advance of the Japanese in the Pacific!****

## **June 3, 1942 – August 15, 1943**

### **The Aleutians**

**1. Where – Alaska.**

**2. Japanese Admiral, Yamamoto, is gambling that an invasion will:**

**A) Demoralize the Americans.**

**B) Drain U.S. forces from the Pacific Theatre of the war.**

**3. June 3, 1942:**

**A) Dutch Harbor on Amaknak Island in the Aleutians – Less than 10 miles from Anchorage, Alaska:**

**I. Japanese planes bomb military targets for 2 days:**

**(1) Over 100 soldiers and civilians are killed or wounded.**

**B) Government censors news of the attacks to the American people:**

**I. So as not to panic Americans in the 48 states of an attack!**

**4. June 7, 1942 – Japanese troops invade Kiska:**

**A) Take the U.S. Navy Weathermen prisoner.**

- 5. Japanese troops invade Attu – Only 75 miles from the Japanese Kurile Islands.**
- 6. June 12, 1942 – U.S. Planes bomb Kiska.**
- 7. June 22, 1942 – Mouth of the Columbia River in Oregon:
  - A) Japanese Submarine attacks an American Destroyer.****
- 8. March 26, 1943 – Battle of Komandorskies – West of Attu:
  - A) Naval battle.**
  - B) To prevent Japanese supplies from reaching the Aleutians.**
  - C) American ships are outnumbered 2 to 1.**
  - D) U.S. wins!!!****
- 9. May 11, 1943 – U.S. forces invade Attu – Defended by 2,500 Japanese troops:
  - A) Fighting.**
  - B) Freezing mud in the tundra:
    - I. American leather boots are no protection against frostbite!!!**
    - II. LARGE numbers of feet have to be amputated!****
  - C) May 29<sup>th</sup> – Japanese attack:
    - I. Repulsed!******

**II. 500 Japanese troops commit suicide by holding grenades against their bodies!**

**D) Only 29 Japanese troops are taken prisoner!**

**E) 2,350 Japanese are killed!**

**F) May 31<sup>st</sup> – Ends – American losses:**

**I. 549 killed.**

**II. 1,148 wounded.**

**III. 1,200 cases of frostbite!**

**10. August 15, 1943 – American Troops invade Kiska:**

**A) Deserted!!!!**

**June 21, 1942**  
**Coast of Oregon**

**1. Shelled by a Japanese submarine.**

**August 7, 1942 – February 9, 1943**  
**Guadalcanal**

**1. Guadalcanal:**

- A) Western Pacific.**
- B) 1,000 miles northeast of Australia.**
- C) Part of the 560 mile long chain of Solomon Islands.**
- D) Old volcanic island.**
- E) Heavy rains – Dense jungles.**
- F) Rugged terrain.**
- G) VERY humid and hot.**
- H) Breeding ground for malaria, typhus, and dysentery.**
- I) Eventually, it will be defended by 42,000 Japanese Troops.**

**2. Targets:**

- A) Large Island of Guadalcanal.**
- B) Smaller Island of.....Tulagi:
  - I. 20 miles from Guadalcanal.**
  - II. 2,300 Japanese on the Island:
    - (1) 1,500 are laborers.******
- C) Smaller Island of.....Gavutu:
  - I. 500 yards long – 300 yards wide.****
- D) Smaller Island of.....Tanambogo:
  - I. Few miles west of Tulagi.****

**II. Is joined with Gavutu by a causeway.  
E) Smaller Island of.....Florida.**

**3. Called "Operation Cactus":**

- A) America's 1<sup>st</sup> offensive operation of the War!**
- B) America's 1<sup>st</sup> advance towards Japan!**
- C) America's 1<sup>st</sup> offensive ground action of the war!**
- D) America's 1<sup>st</sup> amphibious assault in the Pacific!**
- E) Will be the longest battle in U.S. Marine Corps history!**

**4. Invasion force:**

- A) 19,000 men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division and U.S. Army Raiders.**
- B) 89 ships.....Troop Transports, Cargo Ships, Destroyers, Cruisers, and Carriers.**
- C) Amphibious Force Commander.....Rear Admiral, Richmond Kelly Turner.**
- D) 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Commander.....Major General, Alexander Vandegrift:  
I. Tough.....Soft-spoken.....Intelligent.....and Sensible.**

**5. Plan:**

- A) Largest force to hit Guadalcanal.**



**B) Commander of the Tulagi, Tanambogo, Gavutu, and Florida targets is Marine Brig. General, William Rupertus.**

**C) 6,000 Marines will hit Tulagi:**

**I. Commanded by Colonel Merritt "Red Mike" Edson:**

**(1) Born – April 25, 1897 – Rutland, Vermont.**

**(2) Short.....Tough.....Soft-spoken.**

**D) Battalion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marines will hit Florida.**

**E) Marine Parachute Battalion will hit Gavutu.**

**F) Marine Parachute Battalion will hit Tanambogo.**

**6. The invasion will catch the Japanese totally by surprise!!! Why??**

**A) Bad weather has interfered with Japanese air reconnaissance.**

**B) Japanese headquarters does not think the U.S. is ready for a full-scale amphibious assault!**

**7. Friday – August 7, 1942:**

**A) 6:14 – Morning – Bombardment of the Islands by the U.S. ships and dive bombers.**

**B) 7:50 – Morning - Marines land on Florida.**

**C) 8:00 – Morning – Marines land on Tulagi:  
I. Quickly cross the Island.**

**II. Run into snipers in dugouts and caves:**

**(1) Each is reduced systematically.**

**(2) Will kill 200 Japanese and take 1 prisoner.**

**D) 9:11 – Morning – Marines hit Guadalcanal:**

**I. Unopposed.**

**II. No shots fired.**

**III. Quickly advance and secure the 3,600 foot long airstrip abandoned by the Japanese:**

**(1) Will be named “Henderson Field.”**

**(2) In honor of Major Lofton Henderson:**

**a. Killed crashing his plane into a Japanese warship at Midway.**

**IV. Secure the grassy knoll to the south which commands the airstrip:**

**(1) The airstrip will have to be held for them to survive!**

**E) 11:55 – Morning – Tulagi:**

**I. Lt. Samuel Miles, young Navy Doctor, is killed while attending 3 wounded men:**

**(1) 1<sup>st</sup> American killed in the South Pacific Offensive!**

**F) 12:00 – Noon – Major Robert Williams and the Marines land on Gavutu:**

**I. Heavy fire on the beaches.**

**II. Williams is hit.**

**III. Major Charles Miller takes command.**

**IV. Move inland.**

**V. By mid-afternoon – Have taken Hill #148, the highest point on the Island.**

**VI. Snipers, caves, and dugouts are reduced one by one.**

**G) Evening – American Destroyers run in close to Tanambogo and bombard it with 5 inch guns:**

**I. Dive Bombers hit it.**

**II. Marines attempt to land in Higgins Boats:**

**(1) Withering fire.**

**(2) Only 3 boats land their troops.**

**(3) Others retreat toward Gavutu.**

**(4) The Marines are forced to re-board the boats and retreat.**

**H) By nightfall – 11,000 Marines are ashore in the Operation.**

**I) Night – Tulagi:**

**I. 4 “Banzai” charges against the Marines:**

**(1) Fighting is hand-to-hand.**

**(2) Bloody.**

**(3) Firearms.....Knives.....Bayonets.....and Grenades.**

**II. All of the charges are defeated!**

**J) Marine losses for the day are 108 killed and 140 wounded.**

**8. Saturday – August 8, 1942:**

**A) Dawn – Tulagi:**

**I. Marines counterattack.**

**II. By nightfall.....secured.**

**B) Dawn – Marines under Lt. Colonel Robert Hunt land on Gavutu to help take Tanambogo:**

**I. While Marines cross the causeway others land in Higgins Boats on Tanambogo.**

**II. All under heavy fire.**

**III. 2 Tanks under Lt. Robert Sweeney land and start inland to support the attack:**

**(1) 50 Japanese soldiers swarm the 2 Tanks.**

**(2) Many are killed by the Tank's guns.**

**(3) Keep charging.**

**(4) Sweeney opens the turret to direct fire.....he is hit in the forehead!**

**(5) Japanese stop 1 Tank by placing a crowbar in the treads:**

**a. Set it on fire with a “Molotov Cocktail.”**

**b. Tankers are forced to come out 1 by 1 to fight the fire.**

**c. Attacked by the Japanese.**

**d. Marines rush up and open fire on the Japanese.**

**e. Private Kenneth Koon starts picking off the Japanese one by**

**one.**

**f. Japanese throw a grenade inside the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tank.....Explodes.....Kills all of the crew but 2.**

**h. Driver emerges.....Shot through the head and killed.**

**i. Private Eugene Moore emerges – he is grabbed by the Japanese – He is stabbed with pitchforks and beaten.**

**j. Meanwhile, Koon is still firing.....He kills 42 of the Japanese!!!**

**k. Moore will survive!**

**IV. Mid-Day – Communications Sergeant Albert Bradley is on the balcony of the Lever Brothers Plantation Store:**

**(1) Forward observer for a Mortar Platoon.**

**(2) Japanese sniper bullet hits him in the throat.....Shatters his larynx .....Blood gushes.....Can't talk.**

**(3) A Corpsman and a Doctor arrive.**

**(4) Bradley makes a writing motion.**

**(5) Is given a pencil and paper.**

**(6) Writes: “Will I live?” – Dr. nods!**

**(7) Writes: “Will I speak again?” – Dr. nods!**

**(8) Writes: “Well, what the hell's the use**

**in worrying?"**

**V. Night – 2/3 of the Island is taken.**

**C) Meanwhile – During the day – Transports are being unloaded:**

**I. News.....Flight of Japanese planes are on their way to bomb the fleet.**

**II. Noon – 1<sup>st</sup> Japanese wave hits – BUT, the Americans are ready.**

**III. 12 of the Japanese bombers are shot down.**

**IV. Only one American ship is hit.**

**V. 2<sup>nd</sup> wave hits.**

**VI. American fighters from the “Wasp” are waiting.**

**VII. Shoot down 18 of the Japanese bombers.**

**VIII. Japanese retreat.....Have lost 30 of their 45 planes!**

**IX. Only 1 American ship is lost.**

**D) Meanwhile – At noon – A Japanese fleet of 7 Cruisers and 1 Destroyer under Rear**

**Admiral Gunichi Mikawa enters “The Slot”:**

**I. The sea corridor that runs 450 miles from Bougainville to Guadalcanal.**

**II. Is a passage 55 miles wide between the 2 lines of Solomon Islands.**

**III. Late night – Japanese Fleet sneaks in among the American fleet off Savo**

## **Island.**

### **9. Sunday – August 9, 1942:**

#### **A) The Battle of Savo Island:**

- I. 1:47 – Morning – Japanese Fleet opens fire at almost point blank range.**
- II. Lasts 46 minutes.**
- III. Japanese Fleet leaves.**
- IV. The American Cruisers “Vincennes” – “Astoria” – and “Quincy” are sunk!**
- V. The Australian Cruiser “Canberra” is sunk!**
- VI. 2 other American ships are damaged.**
- VII. 1,023 Americans have been killed.**

#### **B) Results of the Battle:**

- I. American fleet withdraws!**
- II. Have only unloaded 1/2 of the supplies!**
- III. Leave the Marines isolated and on their own!!!!**
  - (1) Will be in this shape for 4 months!**
  - (2) Very little supplies!**
  - (3) Henderson Field will be their key to survival!**

#### **C) During the day - Tanambogo falls:**

- I. 1,500 Japanese defenders on Gavutu and Tanambogo have been killed.**

**10. American position in/around Henderson Field:**

- A) Around the Field.....7 miles long and 4 miles wide.**
- B) 9,600 yards of defensive perimeter.**
- C) Right flank.....Teneru River to the east.**
- D) Left flank.....Kukum Hills to the west.**
- E) American arms:**
  - I. Light artillery.**
  - II. Some tanks.**
  - III. Mortars.**
  - IV. Grenades.**
  - V. Hand weapons.**
- F) Will be the scene of violent, brutal, bloody fighting.**

**11. At this point Guadalcanal becomes a defensive battle for the U.S. forces!!**

**12. Wednesday – August 12, 1942:**

- A) A Japanese Naval officer is captured:**
  - I. Says some of his comrades west of the Matanikau River wish to surrender.**
  - II. Lt. Colonel Frank Goettge volunteers to take a patrol and get them.**
  - III. 26 men total.**
- B) Leave by Higgins Boats after dark.**
- C) Night – Arrive – Set up a perimeter 20 yards inland just opposite the village.**



- D) Few men start forward to scout:**
  - I. Ambushed and cut to pieces at point blank range.**
  - II. Goettge is shot in the face and killed instantly.**
  - III. Surgeon, Lt. Commander, Malcolm Pratt is killed.**
  - IV. Sergeant Custer is killed.**
- E) Marines are now pinned down and can't move.**
- F) Thursday – August 13, 1942:**
  - I. 1:00 – Morning – Sergeant Charles “Monk” Arndt volunteers to swim for help.**
  - II. Reaches the Marine base camp at dawn.**
  - III. Is cut to pieces by the coral.**
  - IV. Back to the trapped Marines:**
    - (1) Can't hold out any longer.**
    - (2) 2 Marines swim for it!**
    - (3) As they look back at the beach they see the Japanese cutting the Marines to pieces with swords!**
    - (4) 23 of the 26 Marines have been killed!**

- 13. Night after night – Japanese ships come down “The Slot” – Pound Henderson Field:**
  - A) Leave at dawn.**
  - B) Japanese Submarines surface between**

**Tulagi and Guadalcanal:**

- I. Use deck guns to sink any small American craft.**

**14. Saturday – August 15, 1942:**

- A) Night – 1<sup>st</sup> planes with supplies land at Henderson Field.**

**15. Japanese high command gives the job of re-taking Guadalcanal from the Americans to Lt. General Haruyoshi Hyakutate:**

- A) He orders Colonel Kiyono Ichiki to take 2,000 soldiers and take it back!!**

**16. Tuesday – August 18, 1942:**

- A) Night – Colonel Ichiki and 950 crack Japanese Troops land at Taivu Point:
  - I. 20 miles east of Henderson Field.****
- B) Ichiki doesn't wait for the rest of the force:
  - I. Sends out a patrol to lay communication wire.****

**17. Wednesday – August 19, 1942:**

- A) 12:15 – Afternoon – Marine patrol under Captain Charles Bush runs into the Japanese communication patrol:
  - I. Battle for an hour.**
  - II. 32 Japanese are killed.....Only 3 escape.****

**III. 3 Marines have been killed and 3 wounded.**

**B) Night – Marine position on the Tengeru River:**

**I. Bloody mess of a man enters the position.**

**II. He is Melanesian Sergeant Major Vouza of the Solomon Island Police Force:**

**(1) Captured by the Japanese.**

**(2) Tortured.**

**(3) Sword run through his chest twice.**

**(4) Throat slashed with a sword.**

**(5) Mouth slashed with a sword.**

**(6) Left for dead.**

**III. Tells the Marines of the approaching Japanese force.....Vouza will survive!!!**

**C) Japanese attack the Marines for an hour to probe out their positions.**

**18. Thursday – August 20, 1942:**

**A) American ships sneak in and deliver 120 tons of rations.**

**B) 2 Marine squadrons of Fighters and Bombers arrive at Henderson Field.**

**19. Friday and Saturday - August 21 & 22, 1942 – The Battle of the Tengeru River:**

**A) Marines have 200 men, 2 Machine Guns, and 2 .37mm Anti-tank Guns to defend the river.**

**B) 1:18 – Morning – Almost total darkness – Japanese attack across the sandbar at the mouth of the river:**

**I. Rifles....Grenades....Mortars....Machine Guns....Bayonets....Knives....Machetes.**

**II. Private Johnny Rivers, Indian – Killing many Japanese with his heavy Machine Gun:**

**(1) Japanese machine gun “stitches” him in the chest and face.**

**(2) In death he freezes on the trigger getting off 200 more rounds.**

**III. Private Al Schmidt takes the place of Rivers:**

**(1) Japanese grenade lands in his foxhole....Explodes....Blinds him.**

**IV. .37mm Anti-tank gun is firing canister into the Japanese:**

**(1) Japanese grenade lands in the position....Explodes....Kills the crew.**

**(2) Marine riflemen jump in the pit....Put the gun back into action!**

**V. 3 Japanese charge the foxhole of Corporal Dean Wilson:**

**(1) His BAR jams.**

**(2) Grabs a machete....Lays the belly of the 1<sup>st</sup> wide open....Guts fall out!**

**(3) Charges the other 2 with a knife –**

**Kills both!!**

**VI. Japanese soldier jumps into Corporal Johnny Shea's foxhole:**

**(1) Bayonets Shea twice in the leg.**

**(2) Shea kicks him down....Blows his head off with his Thompson.**

**VII. Fighting is now hand-to-hand everywhere.**

**VIII. Dawn – Japanese survivors try to flee:**

**(1) Are cut to pieces!**

**IX. Marines counterattack....All over:**

**(1) Marines have lost 32 killed and 74 wounded.**

**(2) Japanese have lost 810 killed.**

**(3) Japanese commander, Ichiki, in disgrace will commit suicide!**

**20. Monday – August 24, 1942:**

**A) Marine fighter pilots of “The Cactus Air Force” operating out of Henderson Field:**

**I. Shoot down 9 Japanese Zeros and 10 Japanese Bombers.**

**II. Marines lose 3 planes.**

**B) Same day – American Carrier Planes sink a Japanese light Cruiser, light Carrier, Destroyer, and shoot down 90 Japanese Planes.**

**21. Tuesday – August 25, 1942 – The Battle of Cape Esperance:**

- A) A Japanese convoy is sighted north of Guadalcanal.**
- B) Cactus Air Force fighters take off from Henderson Field:
  - I. Are followed by bombers.****
- C) Pilot, Lt. Larry Baldinus spots the Escort Cruiser “Jintsu”:
  - I. Drops a 500 pound bomb on it!!!**
  - II. “Jintsu” is burning badly....Forced to turn for home.****
- D) Planes attack the Transport “Kinryu Maru” and Destroyer “Mutsuki”:
  - I. Both hit badly.**
  - II. Both become dead in the water.**
  - III. Flying Fortress Bombers follow up and sink both ships.****
- E) The rest of the Japanese fleet turns back for Rabaul.**

**22. Sunday – August 30, 1942:**

- A) Major John Smith....In a few minutes time:
  - I. Shoots down 4 Japanese Zeros.****

**23. Sunday - September 6, 1942:**

- A) A Japanese force under Major General Kiyotake Kawaguchi lands at Taivu Point.**

**24. Monday - September 7, 1942 – The Japanese force starts for Henderson Field:**

**A) Leave 1,000 Troops behind at the village of Tasimboko to guard and protect supplies.**

**25. Tuesday - September 8, 1942 – Battle of Tasimboko:**

**A) 850 Marine Raiders under Edson land near the village.**

**B) Advance.**

**C) Route the Japanese in the village:**

**I. Kill 27 Japanese and destroy the supplies.**

**II. Edson loses 2 killed and 6 wounded.**

**III. Marines head back for Henderson Field.**

**26. Key to the defense of Henderson Field is a low ridge 1 mile to the south:**

**A) Is 1,000 yards long.**

**B) Runs northwest to southeast.**

**C) Guards the back door to the beachhead.**

**D) Whoever holds the ridge, controls Henderson Field!**

**E) Whoever controls Henderson Field, controls Guadalcanal!**

**F) The position will become famous as “Bloody Ridge!”**

**27. Thursday - September 10, 1942:**

- A) Vandegrift positions 8 Companies of Marine Raiders and Paratroopers along the ridge!**
- B) Same day....The area is bombarded by Japanese artillery!**

**28. Friday - September 11, 1942:**

- A) 24 Navy Fighters arrive at Henderson Field.**

**29. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday - September 12,13,&14, 1942 – The Battle of Bloody Ridge:**

**A) Saturday - 12<sup>th</sup>:**

**I. Marines spend the day preparing:**

- (1) Set up Machine Guns.**
- (2) Barbed wire.**
- (3) Mortars.**
- (4) Etc.**

**II. Japanese planes bomb the ridge and Henderson Field.**

**III. 9:30 – Night – A Japanese Cruiser and 3 Destroyers bombard the ridge with 5 and 8 inch shells for 20 minutes.**

**IV. 9:50 – Night – 3,450 Japanese Troops assault the ridge:**

- (1) Hit the southern and middle portions of the ridge.**
- (2) Push the Marines back.**
- (3) Split the American line in half.**



- (4) Cut the American communications.**
- (5) All night is hand-to-hand and small group fighting.**

**B) Sunday – 13<sup>th</sup>:**

- I. Dawn – Japanese have retreated into the jungle.**
- II. 400 Marines now hold an 1,800 yard line:  
(1) 1 Marine for every 5 yards!**
- III. 6:30 – Evening – 1<sup>st</sup> Japanese attack:  
(1) Creates a gap in the Marine lines.  
(2) Japanese are pushed back.**
- IV. 9:00 – Night – 2<sup>nd</sup> Japanese attack:  
(1) Fighting is individually and in small groups.  
(2) Hand-to-hand.  
(3) Private Jimmy Corzine spots 4 Japanese soldiers setting up a Machine Gun:
  - a. Charges them.**
  - b. Bayonets the leader.**
  - c. The other 3 run.**
  - d. He turns their own Machine Gun on them.**
  - e. Kills all 3.**
  - f. Keeps firing the gun until he himself is killed.****
- V. All night – 12 total Japanese attacks are beaten back!**

**VI. 11:45 – Night – main Japanese attack hits:**

- (1) Edson orders a retreat to a small knoll....Orders a fight to the last man!**
- (2) Edson calls in the artillery!!**
- (3) 105mm Howitzers start firing a mile to the rear!**
  - a. Shells start hitting the Japanese 200 yards in front of the Marine lines killing them in groups!**

**C) Monday – 14<sup>th</sup>:**

- I. Dawn – Battle is over!**
- II. Japanese have retreated.**
- III. 600 Japanese dead!**
- IV. Marines have lost 40 killed and 104 wounded.**

**D) Congressional Medals of Honor:**

- I. Colonel Merritt “Red Mike” Edson:**
  - (1) For commanding the ridge.**
- II. 31 year old, \*Major Kenneth Bailey, of Pawnee, Oklahoma:**
  - (1) Personally holding and commanding the area of most severe fighting despite a serious head wound.**
  - (2) Personally leading the hand-to-hand fighting.**
    - a. He is killed!!**

**30. Tuesday – September 15, 1942:**

**A) American fleet is in the Coral Sea between Guadalcanal and Espiritu Santo:**

**I. Carriers: “Wasp” and “Hornet.”**

**II. Battleship: “North Carolina.”**

**III. 7 Cruisers.**

**IV. 13 Destroyers.**

**B) Attacked by Japanese Submarines:**

**I. “O’Brien” is sunk.**

**II. “Wasp” – Hit by 3 torpedoes – Sinks.**

**III. “North Carolina” is damaged.**

**31. Friday – September 18, 1942:**

**A) Pre-dawn – 7<sup>th</sup> Marine regiment is landed on Guadalcanal:**

**I. There are now 23,000 Marines on the Island.**

**32. 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September 1942:**

**A) Japanese start running Troops down “The Slot” and landing them on Guadalcanal.**

**33. Sunday – September 27, 1942 – Point Cruz, Guadalcanal:**

**A) Congressional Medal of Honor to 23 year old, U.S. Coast Guardsman, Signalman 1<sup>st</sup> Class, \*Douglas Munro:**

**I. In charge of 24 Higgins Boats evacuating**

**trapped Marines on a beach under heavy Japanese Machine Gun fire:**

- (1) Signals the other boats to load.**
- (2) Places his craft between them and the Japanese to protect the loading Marines.**
- (3) Just as loading is completed he is killed by a burst of Machine Gun fire!**
- (4) He has enabled the evacuation to succeed.**

**34. End of September 1942 – Congressional Medal of Honor:**

**A) Pilot, Major John Smith from Lexington, Oklahoma – Member of the Cactus Air Force:**

- I. Operating out of Henderson Field.**
- II. In less than 1 month he has shot down 16 Japanese planes.**

**35. End of September 1942 – Congressional Medal of Honor:**

**A) Pilot, Major Robert Galer of Seattle, Washington – Member of the Cactus Air Force operating out of Henderson Field:**

- I. In 29 days he has shot down 11 Japanese planes.**

**36. October 3, 1942 – 11 Japanese Zeros attack Henderson Field:**

**A) Marine pilots shoot down 9 of the 11.**

**37. October 11 & 12, 1942 – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Cape Esperance:**

**A) Late night of 11<sup>th</sup>:**

**I. American fleet of 4 Cruisers and 5 Destroyers under Rear Admiral Norman Scott.**

**II. Runs into a Japanese fleet of Cruisers and Destroyers under Rear Admiral Arimoto Goto.**

**III. Fight into the early hours of the 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**B) “Duncan” is sunk.**

**C) 3 Japanese ships are sunk....One of them is Goto’s flagship:**

**I. Goto is killed.**

**D) 12<sup>th</sup> – early morning:**

**I. Planes from Henderson Field catch the fleeing Japanese fleet:**

**(1) Sink 2 more Japanese Destroyers!**

**38. October 13, 1942:**

**A) 164<sup>th</sup> Army Infantry regiment lands reinforcing Guadalcanal.**

**B) Noon:**

**I. 24 Japanese Bombers with Zero escorts**

**hit Henderson Field.**

**C) 2:00 – Afternoon:**

**I. 15 more Bombers hit the field.**

**D) Late afternoon:**

**I. Japanese Army opens an artillery bombardment on the field with 150mm Howitzers.**

**39. October 14, 1942:**

**A) 1:30 – Morning – Japanese fleet of 2 Battleships, 3 Cruisers, and 6 Destroyers under Vice Admiral Takeo Kurita, anchors off Guadalcanal:**

**I. Start shelling Henderson Field with 16, 14, 8, and 5 inch guns.**

**II. In an hour and 20 minutes they fire 700 rounds:**

**(1) Henderson Field is demolished!**

**(2) 41 Americans have been killed!**

**(3) 48 of the 90 Planes have been destroyed!**

**B) The Japanese now have at LEAST 20,000 Troops on the Island!**

**40. October 16, 1942:**

**A) 19 Wildcats and 7 Dauntlesses arrive at Henderson Field:**

**I. Commanded by 34 year old, Marine, Lt.**

**Colonel Harold "Joe" Bauer, from  
Woodruff, Kansas.**

**B) Bauer spots a squadron of Zeros attacking  
the "McFarland":**

**I. Bauer....Alone....Short of fuel.**

**II. Attacks the entire squadron!!!**

**III. Shoots down 4!!**

**IV. rest flee!!!**

**V. Congressional Medal of Honor.**

**41. October 17, 1942:**

**A) Night – Japanese ships pound Henderson  
Field with 752 rounds!**

**B) Same night – Plane delivers Hyakutate to  
Guadalcanal to take personal command of  
the Japanese ground Troops!**

**42. October 23, 24, 25, & 26, 1942 – The Battle of  
Henderson Field:**

**A) 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

**I. Night – Japanese attack Bloody Ridge.**

**II. Run into 10 batteries of the Marine  
Artillery, interlocking fields of Marine  
Machine Guns and automatic weapons.**

**III. Japanese Tank....Over Private Joe  
Champagne's foxhole....He....Grenade to  
tracks....BOOM!**

**IV. 10:00 – Night – Japanese retreat.**

**B) 25<sup>th</sup>:**

**I. 12:30 – Morning – 1,000's Japanese charge again.**

**II. Charge is directly at Lt. Colonel Lewis "Chesty" Puller's position....2,000 yards south of Henderson Field.**

**III. Repulsed by Puller's men!**

**IV. 2<sup>nd</sup> charge....Repulsed!**

**V. 3<sup>rd</sup> charge....Repulsed!**

**VI. 25 year old, Marine, Sergeant John "Manila John" Basilone from Buffalo, New York:**

**(1) In charge of 2 heavy machine gun positions.**

**(2) Under heavy grenade and mortar fire.**

**(3) One crew is knocked out of action.**

**(4) He moves the extra gun into position and starts firing it.**

**(5) Under heavy fire he repairs the other gun and personally mans it!**

**(6) Ammunition runs low.**

**(7) Under heavy fire he gathers ammunition and returns to the guns.**

**(8) He fires one stacking up Japanese dead!**

**(9) Congressional Medal of Honor:**

**a. 1<sup>st</sup> enlisted Marine on World War II to be awarded the Medal!**



**VII. 7:00 – Morning – Ends – Japanese dead are everywhere!**

**VIII. 10:00 – Morning – 3 Japanese Destroyers shell Henderson Field:**

**(1) Fire from Marine shore batteries forces the ships to retreat.**

**IX. 2:30 – Afternoon – Japanese Fighters and Bombers hit Henderson Field:**

**(1) Marine pilots battle them.**

**(2) Marine pilots shoot down 26**

**Japanese planes and sink 1 Cruiser.**

**X. 11:15 – Night – Japanese attack again in massive human “Banzai” wave charges.**

**C) 26<sup>th</sup>:**

**I. 2:00 – Morning – Japanese attack at the position defended by Marine, Sergeant Mitchell Paige from Charleroi, Pennsylvania:**

**(1) Japanese break through.**

**(2) He continues to direct fire.**

**(3) Fights alone until his Machine Gun is destroyed.**

**(4) He moves from gun to gun firing.**

**(5) Leads a bayonet charge against the Japanese.**

**(6) Carries a Machine Gun in his arms firing it!**

**(7) Blisters arms!!**

**(8) Congressional Medal of Honor.**

**II. Daylight – All over:**

**(1) Japanese have lost 3,500 killed in the assaults on the Ridge during the 4 day battle!**

**43. October 1942 – The Battle of the Matanikau River:**

**A) 3 days of fighting.**

**B) Marines lose 65 killed and 125 wounded.**

**C) Japanese lose 700 killed.**

**44. Japanese – Month of October 1942 – Have lost 5,000 killed!**

**45. October 26, 1942 – Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands:**

**A) 300 miles east of Guadalcanal.**

**B) American fleet is commanded by Rear Admiral Thomas Kincaid.**

**C) Will be a sea and Carrier based plane battle.**

**D) “Hornet” and 1 Destroyer are sunk by Japanese Submarines.**

**E) “Enterprise” is hit and damaged.**

**F) 76 American Planes are lost.**

**G) Japanese lose 100 Planes plus 2 Carriers and a Heavy Cruiser damaged.**

- 46. November 2, 1942 – Japanese land more Troops at Koli Point.**
- 47. November 3, 1942 – Marines under Lt. Colonel Herman Hanneken attack the Japanese at Koli Point:**
- A) Japanese artillery and a counterattack will force the Marines back.**
  - B) Same day – Point Cruz:
    - I. 5<sup>th</sup> Marines ambush 300 Japanese.**
    - II. Using the bayonet primarily.....Kill nearly all 300!****
- 48. November 10, 1942 – Marines ambush a large Japanese force:**
- A) Vicious fighting.**
  - B) 350 Japanese killed.**
  - C) Marines lose 40 killed and 120 wounded.**
  - D) Japanese flee westward:
    - I. Will be chased for 30 days by Carlson's Raiders using hit and run guerrilla tactics.**
    - II. Kill 494 Japanese Soldiers while losing 17 Marines killed and 17 wounded.****
- 49. November 11, 1942 – The 182<sup>nd</sup> Infantry regiment is landed on Guadalcanal.**
- 50. November 12, 1942 – Afternoon - 32**

**Japanese Torpedo Bombers and Fighters  
attack the American Fleet:**

**A) All but one are shot down by the  
Americans.**

**51. Friday – November 13, 1942:**

**A) American Fleet of 5 Cruisers and 8  
Destroyers, commanded by Rear Admiral  
Daniel Callaghan intercept a Japanese Fleet  
of 2 Battleships, 1 Cruiser, and 14  
Destroyers under Vice Admiral Hirotake  
Abe:**

**I. Japanese are headed to destroy  
Henderson Field.**

**B) 2:00 – Morning – Callaghan: “Commence  
firing, give ‘em hell boys.”**

**C) Searchlights....Star shells....Torpedos:**

**I. Slugfest!**

**II. 15 minutes of pure hell!**

**III. All but 1 American ship is hit!**

**IV. Callaghan is killed!**

**V. 6 American ships are sunk!**

**VI. 2 Japanese ships are sunk!**

**VII. One Japanese Battleship is badly hit.**

**VIII. Japanese retreat:**

**(1) Henderson Field is saved!**

**(2) 700 American Sailors are dead!**

**D) Daylight – Marine Planes catch the**

**damaged Japanese Battleship:**

**I. Bomb her all day!**

**II. Night – Japanese scuttle her!**

**E) 11:45 – Night – 6 Japanese Cruisers and 6 Destroyers shell Henderson Field for 37 minutes:**

**I. Fire over 1,000 shells!**

**II. Destroy only 2 Planes!**

**III. Daylight – Leave.**

**52. Saturday – November 14, 1942:**

**A) Japanese Fleet under Commander Tadashi Yamamoto is headed for Guadalcanal:**

**I. 11 Transports carrying 12,000 Troops.**

**II. 12 Destroyers.**

**B) 12:15 – Afternoon – American Planes out of Henderson Field, the “Enterprise”, and Espiritu Santo attack:**

**I. Bomb....Strafe....Torpedo!**

**II. Japanese are slaughtered.**

**III. Goes on all day until dark.**

**IV. Japanese survivors turn and run!**

**C) Japanese lose:**

**I. 3 Cruisers.**

**II. 1 Submarine.**

**III. 7 Transports:**

**(1) Less than 5,000 of the 12,000 troops survive!**

**E) "Joe" Bauer is killed!**

**53. Sunday – November 15, 1942:**

**A) Japanese Fleet of 1 Battleship, 2 Heavy Cruisers, 2 Light Cruisers, and 9 Destroyers, under Vice Admiral Nobutake Kondo:**

**I. Headed to Guadalcanal to bombard Henderson Field.**

**B) Intercepted by Rear Admiral Willis Lee with 2 Cruisers and 4 Destroyers.**

**C) 1:16 – Morning – Battle starts:**

**I. 3 American Ships are sunk!**

**II. 1 Japanese Ship is sunk and 2 badly damaged.**

**III. Japanese turn and run!!!**

**54. In 3 days the Japanese have lost:**

**A) 2 Battleships.**

**B) 4 Cruisers.**

**C) 1 Light Carrier.**

**D) 11 Destroyers.**

**E) 7 Transports.**

**F) 6 Submarines.**

**G) Over 150 Aircraft.**

**55. November 30, 1942 – Japanese win a sea battle off Tassafaronga.**

**56. December 9, 1942 – Marines are relieved by the Americal Division, the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division under Major General Alexander Patch.**

**57. January 15, 1943 – Marine Pilot, Captain Joe Foss from Sioux Falls, South Dakota:**

**A) Shoots down Japanese Planes number 24, 25, and 26.**

**B) “America’s Ace of Aces in World War II.”**

**C) April 1943....Congressional Medal of Honor.**

**D) After the War....1954....Governor of South Dakota.**

**58. January 1943 – Japanese decide to evacuate Guadalcanal!**

**A) February 1943 – The 12,500 Japanese troops are evacuated.**

**59. February 9, 1943 – Guadalcanal is secured after 6 months and 2 days of brutal, violent, bloody combat!**

**60. American losses:**

**A) 1,634 killed:**

**I. 1,152 are Marines – 651 of these are 1<sup>st</sup> Division Marines.**

**B) 4,063 wounded:**

- I. 2,098 are Marines.**
- C) 5,800 cases of Malaria.**

**61. Japanese losses:**

- A) 24,550 dead from combat, wounds, starvation, and disease:**
  - I. Among the dead are 600 CRUCIAL pilots!**

**62. 9 Marines....Congressional Medal of Honor:**

- A) One is Major General Alexander Vandegrift from Virginia:**
  - I. For commanding and holding Guadalcanal.**

**63. Marine grave on Guadalcanal:**

**“And when he gets to heaven, to St. Peter he will tell: One more Marine reporting Sir, I’ve spent my time in hell!”**



# **August 16 & 17, 1942**

## **The Makin Raid**

- 1. Makin....An Atoll in the Gilbert Islands.**
- 2. Purpose of the raid:**
  - A) Distract the Japanese from the Guadalcanal landings!**
- 3. To be carried out by 219 men of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Battalion called "Carlson's Raiders."**
- 4. Commander....46 year old, Lt. Colonel, Evans Carlson:**
  - A) Born....1896....Sidney, New York.**
  - B) 1922....U.S.M.C.**
  - C) Nicaragua....Navy Cross.**
  - D) Likes to quote the Bible.**
  - E) Introduces the Chinese phrase "Gung Ho" to the Marine Corps:**
    - I. Means: "Work Together."**
  - F) Later....WW II....Wounded on Saipan.**
  - G) 1946....Brig. General....Retires.**
  - H) May 27, 1947....Portland, Oregon....Dies.**
- 5. Raiders:**
  - A) Trained to be efficient killers.**

- B) Trained in hit and run fighting.**
- C) Trained in guerrilla tactics.**
- D) Trained to fight behind enemy lines.**
- E) Trained to kill and maim.**
- F) Trained to avoid a “fair fight.”**

**6. August 16, 1942 – Night – Landed by 2**

**Submarines:**

- A) Kill 168 of the Japanese garrison:
  - I. Survivors flee.****
- B) Destroy the newly completed Seaplane facility.**
- C) Marines lose 21 killed and 9 captured by the fleeing Japanese.**

**7. The 9 captured Marines:**

- A) Vice Admiral Koso Abe orders them beheaded!
  - I. After the war he is tried for this atrocity and hanged!****

# **August 19, 1942**

## **The Dieppe Raid**

**1. Where?.....France.**

**2. 6,100 Allied Troops:**

**A) Mostly British and Canadian Commandos.**

**B) 50 of Darby's Rangers will take part.**

**C) Disaster.**

**D) 5,000 make it ashore.**

**E) Only 1,500 make it out:**

**I. Rest are killed or captured!**

**II. Rangers lose 6 killed, 7 wounded, and 4**

**Captured:**

**(1) Learn valuable lessons for later.**

# **November 8, 1942 – May 13, 1943**

## **North Africa**

### **1. November 8, 1942 – Operation Torch – Invasion of North Africa:**

**A) 500 Troop Transport Ships escorted by 350  
Warships:**

**I. Land 400,000 Allied Troops.**

**B) West – Casablanca:**

**I. 35,000 American Troops.**

**II. Under Major General George Patton Jr.**

**C) Center – Oran:**

**I. 39,000 American Troops.**

**II. Under Major General Lloyd Fredenall.**

**III. Darby's Rangers hit the Arzew**

**Beachhead:**

**(1) At night.**

**(2) Destroy artillery positions.**

**(3) Suffer only light casualties.**

**D) East – Algiers:**

**I. 10,000 American and 23,000 British  
Troops.**

**II. Under British Lt. General, Kenneth  
Anderson.**

### **2. The German Afrika Korps is commanded by Field Marshal General, Erwin Rommel:**

**A) Called “The Desert Fox.”**

**3. February 6, 1943 – Dwight Eisenhower is made Commander in Chief of all the Allied Forces in North Africa.**

**4. Saturday night – February 14, 1943 – The 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of the Kasserine Pass:**

**A) America’s 1<sup>st</sup> night battle in World War II.**

**B) Americans are totally defeated!!!**

**I. 6,500 Americans killed, wounded, or captured.**

**II. 200 Armored Vehicles lost!**

**III. 200 Artillery Pieces lost!**

**IV. 500 Trucks and Jeeps lost!**

**C) Teaches the Americans:**

**I. That their troops are too inexperienced!**

**II. That American armor is too light!**

**III. That the Allied command structure is too slow and cumbersome!**

**D) Results of the defeat:**

**I. Fredenall is relieved of command.**

**II. Replaced by Patton!!!**

**5. March 1943 – Darby’s Rangers make a 12 mile night march across the Mountains above El Guettar:**

**A) Capture the heights and clear the pass for**

**Patton's Army:**

**I. Take 200 prisoners.**

**II. Hold against a series of counterattacks.**

**6. April 19, 1943 – The Allied Offensive starts:**

**A) 6 months after landing the entire North African coast is secured!**

**I. 2,715 Americans have been killed.**

**II. Axis losses are 340,000 killed or captured.**

**7. May 13, 1943 – The last German and Italian Troops in North Africa surrender.**

## **Other Events of 1942**

- 1. Singapore – Hospital – Japanese atrocity:**
  - A) All are bayoneted to death!**
  - B) Including:**
    - I. A surgeon, an anesthesiologist, and patient in the operating room!**
  - C) Entire hospital is massacred!!!**
  - D) One patient:**
    - I. Eyes gouged out!**
    - II. Tongue cut out!**
    - III. Ears cut off!**
    - IV. Nose cut off!**
  
- 2. January 25, 1942:**
  - A) Thailand declares war on the United States.**
  
- 3. March 10, 1942:**
  - A) General Joe “Vinegar Joe” Stillwell is made Chief of Staff of the Allied Armies in the Chinese Theatre of Operations:**
    - I. March 19, 1942 – Burma – He takes command.**
  
- 4. May 1942:**
  - A) Prague, Czech. – Czech. Agents – Assassinate Reinhard Heydrich!!!**

- 5. Summer 1942 – China – Japanese atrocities:**
  - A) 3 different towns:**
    - I. All inhabitants are tied up.**
    - II. Forced to kneel along ditches.**
    - III. Machine gunned!**
    - IV. Any survivors are bayoneted too death!**
    - V. 2,700 are murdered!!!**
  
- 6. June 5, 1942:**
  - A) The U.S. declares war on Hungary, Bulgaria, and Rumania.**
  
- 7. June 25, 1942:**
  - A) Major General Dwight Eisenhower is appointed:**
    - I. Commander of all U.S. Troops in the European Theatre of the War!**
  
- 8. August 1942:**
  - A) The American 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force starts daylight bombing of Germany.**
  
- 9. August 17, 1942:**
  - A) The 1<sup>st</sup> All-American bombing of German arsenals in France takes place.**
  
- 10. October 24, 1942:**
  - A) Vice Admiral William “Bull” Halsey is**



**appointed Allied Commander in the South Pacific.**

**11. November 13, 1942:**

**A) The Teenage Draft Act is passed in America:**

**I. Amendment to the Selective Service Act.**

**II. 18 and 19 year olds are now subject to be drafted.**

**12. End of 1942 – Germany controls:**

**A) Norway.**

**B) Belgium.**

**C) France.**

**D) Holland.**

**E) Luxembourg.**

**F) Yugoslavia.**

**G) Greece.**

**H) Poland.**

**I) Czechoslovakia.**

**J) Ukraine.**

**K) Large areas of Russia.**

# **The Japanese/American Internment**

## **1. Start of World War II – 127,000**

### **Japanese/Americans in the United States:**

- A) 2/3's – Born in the United States.**
- B) "Nisei".....children of immigrants.**
- C) "Sansei".....grandchildren of immigrants.**

## **2. February 19, 1942 – Executive Order #9066:**

### **A) 114,490 are to be forcibly moved from the west coast inland to relocation camps in 6 western states and Arkansas:**

- I. Tule Lake, California.**
- II. Minidoka, California.**
- III. Manzanar, California.**
- IV. Gila River, Arizona.**
- V. Poston, Arizona.**
- VI. Granada, Colorado.**
- VII. Topaz, Utah.**
- VIII. Heart Mountain, Wyoming.**
- IX. Jerome, Arkansas.**
- X. Rohwer, Arkansas.**

### **B) Most have only 48 hours to get their affairs in order!**

### **C) Most are held for 3 years!**

### **D) One in the name of "military security":**

- I. BULLSHIT!**

### **E) Wholesale invasion of their property!**

**F) Wholesale disenfranchisement!**

**G) 99.9% are totally loyal to the United States!!!**

**H) Government will compensate only a fraction for stolen or vandalized property!**

**3. 8,000 volunteer for military duty:**

**A) Become the 442<sup>nd</sup> Nisei Regimental Combat Team:**

**I. All Japanese/Americans.**

**II. "The Nisei Battalion."**

**III. Slogan: "Go For Broke!"**

**IV. Fight in the European Theatre of the war.**

**V. America's most decorated unit in the War!**

# **The Holocaust**

## **1. January 1942 – The Wannsee Conference:**

**A) Berlin, Germany.**

**B) Discuss and implement “The Final Solution”:**

**I. Extermination of the Jews and other undesirable races in Europe!**

**C) Hitler & The Nazi’s targets:**

**I. Jews.**

**II. Gypsies.**

**III. Slavs.**

**IV. Jehovah’s Witnesses.**

**V. The Disabled.**

**VI. Homosexuals.**

**VII. The Mentally Retarded.**

## **2. Primary Concentration Camps:**

**A) Vught.**

**B) Natzweiler.**

**C) Neuengamme.**

**D) Bergen/Belsen.**

**E) Buchenwald.**

**F) Flossenburg.**

**G) Mauthausen.**

**H) Theresienstadt.**

**I) Sachsenhausen.**

**J) Ravensbruck.**

**K) Gross/Rosen.**

**3. The Death Camps are located in Poland:**

**A) Stutthof.**

**B) Chelmno.**

**C) Sobibor.**

**D) Maidanek.**

**E) Belzec.**

**F) Birkenau.**

**G) Treblinka:**

**I. 33 acres in size.**

**II. Near Warsaw, Poland.**

**III. 870,000 people murdered here!!!**

**H) Auschwitz:**

**I. Commandant is Rudolph Hess.**

**II. Very cruel camp.**

**III. Camp "Dr." is Gestapo/SS member, Fritz Mengele.**

**IV. Camp is set up to kill and burn 12,000 people per day!!!**

**4. Camps require 40,000 SS personnel to maintain and run!**

**5. Camp laborers are stripped, tattooed, and dressed in prison garb:**

**A) Literally worked to death!**

## **6. Arrival at the Death Camps:**

- A) Packed in railroad cars.**
- B) “Sorted” by Nazi Officers and “Dr.’s”!**
- C) Stripped.**
- E) Give up glasses, jewelry, ALL belongings.**
- F) “Showers” – Gassed:**
  - I. Rat poison – “Zyklon B” – Cyanide compound.**
  - II. First experimented with in 1939 on handicapped children and mental patients!**
  - III. Will also use Carbon Monoxide.**
- G) Pyramid of dead – Dragged out:**
  - I. Women’s hair cut off (Mattresses, Pillows, Wigs, Etc.).**
  - II. Body cavities are searched for hidden valuables.**
  - III. Gold teeth are pulled out with pliers.**
  - IV. Dentures are removed to be used by Germans.**
  - V. Burnt!**
- H) Prisoners who work the Gas Chambers and Crematoriums are usually worked for 4 months:**
  - I. Then shot and burnt!**

## **7. “Doctors” – On live patients (In the Camps and Mental Institutions) – Practice:**

- A) Euthanasia!**
- B) Abortions!**
- C) Miscarriages!**
- D) Sterilization!**
- E) Taking "Spare Body Parts"!**
- F) Re-attachment of limbs!**

**8. Lamp Shades from.....Baby Skins!!!!**

**9. Starvation – Shootings – Hangings – Suicides on the electric wire – Suicides jumping into burning pits.**

**10. Deaths of Jews and others in the camps:**

- A) Auschwitz.....1,600,000!**
- B) Treblinka.....870,000!**
- C) Belzec.....600,000!**
- D) Majdanek.....360,000!**
- E) Chelmno.....320,000!**
- F) Sobibor.....250,000!**
- G) Ravensbruck.....92,700!**
- H) Mauthausen.....71,000!**
- I) Stutthof.....65,000!**
- J) Buchenwald.....43,000!**
- K) Bergen-Belsen.....42,500!**
- L) Gross-Rosen.....40,000!**
- M) Dachau.....31,500!**
- N) Sachsenhausen.....30,000!**

**I. Total in camps.....4,372,700!!!!**

**II. Total killed in Europe.....5.9 million!!!**



## **Events of 1943**

### **1. January 2, 1943:**

#### **A) Buna in New Guinea:**

- I. Falls to the Allies after 2 weeks of fighting.**

### **2. January 14-24, 1943 – The Casablanca Conference:**

#### **A) President FDR and Winston Churchill.**

#### **B) Policy and goals established:**

- I. Anti-Submarine campaign.**
- II. Bombing of Germany.**
- III. The Invasion of Italy.**
- IV. The Invasion of Europe in 1944.**
- V. The Unconditional Surrender of the Axis Powers.**

### **3. January 27, 1943:**

#### **A) American bombers hit Wilhelmshausen in Germany:**

- I. 1<sup>st</sup> All-American daylight bombing of German soil.**
- II. 51 of the 93 Bombers reach their targets and drop their bombs.**

### **4. June 21, 1943 – American Troops start landings on New Georgia in the Solomon**

## **Islands.**

### **5. July 25, 1943 – Italy:**

**A) Benito Mussolini is removed from power and forced to resign!**

### **6. August 1943 – Ploesti, Rumania – Daylight bombing raid:**

**A) Targets are the Nazi oil fields and refineries:**

**I. 177 Bombers attack.**

**II. 54 shot down.**

**III. Knock out 42% of the oil capacity.**

### **7. August 17, 1943 – Schweinfurt, Germany:**

**A) Ball bearing plants are bombed:**

**I. 376 Bombers.**

**II. 60 shot down.**

**B) Bombed again on October 14<sup>th</sup>:**

**I. 291 Bombers.**

**II. 60 shot down.**

**III. 648 men are killed or wounded.**

### **8. December 24, 1943:**

**A) General Dwight Eisenhower is named Supreme Allied Commander for the Allied invasion of France in 1944 called “D-Day.”**

## **February 3, 1943 – “The 4 Chaplains”**

**1. Off the coast of Greenland – U.S. troop transport  
– “Dorchester”:**

**A) Torpedoed by a German Submarine.**

**B) On board are 4 Chaplains:**

**I. Rabbi, Alexander Goode – Jewish.**

**II. Father, John Washington – Roman Catholic.**

**III. Reverend, George Fox – Methodist.**

**IV. Reverend, Clark Poling – Reformed Church.**

**C) Help men into life jackets and rafts.**

**D) No more life jackets:**

**I. Each gives up his own!!!**

**II. The 4 link arms as ship goes under.**

**III. Pray until gone!**

**2. Today – Temple University – Philadelphia, Penn.  
– “Chapel of the Four Chaplains” – Interfaith  
Memorial.**

**March 2-5, 1943**  
**The Battle of The Bismarck Sea**

**1. Off Lae.**

**2. Japanese convoy of 18 ships with 15,000**

**Troops:**

**A) Headed for New Guinea.**

**3. Liberators and Flying Fortresses sink 8  
Transports and 4 Destroyers.**

**4. Rest of the Japanese Fleet turns back.**

**April 18, 1943**  
**The Killing of Admiral Yamamoto**

**1. Americans intercept and decode a Japanese message:**

**A) Admiral Yamamoto and his Staff are going to leave Rabaul:**

**I. Are to inspect the Solomon Islands.**

**II. They will be in two "Betty" Bombers escorted by 9 "Zero" Fighters.**

**2. 14 P-38 Lightnings under Major John Mitchell:**

**A) Take off from Henderson Field on Guadalcanal:**

**I. To intercept!**

**II. 9:35 – Morning – Both Bombers are shot down killing Yamamoto and his entire Staff.**

**July 10, 1943 – August 17, 1943**  
**The Invasion of Sicily**

- 1. Operation Husky.**
- 2. American Commander is Lt. General George Patton Jr. – Commands the 7<sup>th</sup> Army.**
- 3. Patton since the end of World War I:**
  - A) March 1919 – Friendship with Lt. Colonel Dwight Eisenhower starts:**
    - I. Both believe in the Tank and Armor in warfare.**
  - B) 1923 – 3<sup>rd</sup> child born – Son – George W. Patton III.**
  - C) 1925 – Stationed in Hawaii:**
    - I. Meets Eisenhower's West Point classmate, Omar Bradley:**
      - (1) GREAT baseball player.**
      - (2) COULD have played Major League Baseball!**
  - D) 1926 – “Steps on toes”:**
    - I. Criticizes a Brig. General.**
  - E) June 10, 1926 – Father dies.**
  - F) January 1928 – Leaves Hawaii:**
    - I. reports to Washington.**
  - G) March 1, 1934 – Promoted to Lt. Colonel.**

- H) March 1935 – Assigned to Hawaii again:**
- I. Wife, Bea, suspects him of having an affair:**
    - (1) With Jean Gordon.**
    - (2) Daughter of Bea's 1/2 sister!**
- I) June 13, 1937 – Ordered to report to Fort Riley, Kansas:**
- I. July 25<sup>th</sup> – Horse kicks him:**
    - (1) Breaks both bones in his right leg.**
    - (2) Takes 6 1/2 months to recover due to a blood clot.**
- J) General of the Army, George Marshall, is not fond of Patton:**
- I. Patton tries to “butter him up.”**
  - II. Marshall believes Patton to be a braggart!**
  - III. Marshall believes Patton's wife makes him worse!!**
  - IV. BUT, Patton is the only officer Marshall will ever call by their first name!!!**
- K) July 6, 1940 – Sent to Fort Benning, Georgia:**
- I. Takes command of one of the newly created Armored Divisions.**
  - II. HATES the MP's because they enforce the speed limits!**
    - (1) Makes his driver go faster.**
    - (2) Has the MP's relieved of traffic duties!**

- L) End of August 1940 – Wife leaves him:**
  - I. She goes home.**
  - II. He writes her many letters begging for forgiveness!**
  - III. Late September she will return to him.**
- M) October 1, 1940 – Promoted to Brig. General.**
- N) By January 1941:**
  - I. Becoming a National figure.**
- O) 1941 – At Fort Benning:**
  - I. Bradley will personally evaluate Patton:**
    - (1) Finds him to be:**
      - a. Fiercely ambitious.**
      - b. Strange.**
      - c. Too hard on his men.**
      - d. Finds his men respect BUT hate him.**
      - e. Too profane.**
      - f. Voice lacks command authority...is almost comical!**
- P) Characteristics:**
  - I. Brash.**
  - II. Impetuous.**
  - III. Unconcerned.**
  - IV. Autocratic.**
  - V. Hates authority.**
  - VI. Can be a bore.**
  - VII. Braggart.**



**VIII. Religious:**

**(1) Prays every morning and evening  
and before important meals.**

**IX. Racist – Very prejudiced:**

**(1) Hates Jews.**

**(2) Hates Japanese:**

**a. EXCEPT for the Samuuri Warriors.**

**(3) Hates Supreme Commanders.**

**(4) Believes each ethnic group  
possesses established  
characteristics and can only slightly  
be modified by the environment.**

**X. Extraordinary leader.**

**XI. Very cultured.**

**XII. Genius for war.**

**XIII. Drives himself to physical exhaustion.**

**XIV. Drives himself to mental exhaustion.**

**XV. Good tactical commander.**

**XVI. Has the ability to visualize an entire  
battlefield.**

**XVII. Front line General.**

**XVIII. Endures the cold, wet, rain, etc. of his  
men.**

**XIX. Gets his men the best food and  
medical attention possible.**

**XX. Tactless!**

**XXI. High strung.**

**XXII. Profane.**

### **XXIII. Almost “juvenile” at times!**

#### **Q) Facts:**

##### **I. Never votes in his life:**

**(1) Can't vote against his Commander in Chief.**

##### **II. Firmly believes in the family motto:**

**(1) “You do your best, for if you don't, you're better off dead!”**

##### **III. Before battles:**

**(1) Shortness of breath.**

**(2) Vomiting.**

**(3) Prayer.**

**(4) Puts his faith in God.**

##### **IV. Believes pets are part of a Family:**

**(1) At one time has:**

**a. 17 dogs.**

**b. 2 rabbits.**

**c. 6 cats.**

**d. 29 white mice.**

**e. Fish.**

**f. Canaries.**

**g. Crows.**

**h. Turtles.**

**i. Kangaroo Rats.**

**j. Coyote puppies.**

**k. A White Duck.**

##### **V. Reporters will give him the nickname**

**“Old Blood and Guts”:**

**(1) He HATES it!**

**VI. Is never a scholar:**

**(1) His education is military.**

**VII. During World War II he always carries Julius Caesar's Commentaries with across France:**

**(1) Caesar used the terrain!**

**(2) He will do the same!!**

**(3) He will follow Caesar's routes to cross rivers, etc.!**

**VIII. What he accomplishes in 391 days of combat.....13 months.....has taken:**

**(1) Alexander the Great.....a decade!**

**(2) Napolean.....a decade!**

**(3) Grant and Lee.....4 years!**

**R) Views on death:**

**I. Believes it is a privilege to die in war:**

**(1) NOT SO with a natural death!!**

**II. Wants to die from the last bullet, of the last battle, of the last war!**

**III. Believes in an afterlife for the brave:**

**(1) A warrior's Valhalla.**

**IV. Believes that death in battle brings reincarnation and immortality:**

**(1) Neglect of duty brings damnation!!**

**S) Believes in reincarnation:**

**I. Uses the belief as a means of controlling fear.**

**II. May 27, 1922 – Writes a poem:**

- (1) “Through a Glass Darkly.”**
- (2) About a soldier being reborn.**

**III. Believes he has lived previous lives as:**

- (1) Greek fighting the Persians.**
- (2) Chariot Driver in the Roman Legions:**
  - a. Talks about it in his poem “A Dream.”**

**(3) Hannibal’s Army.**

**(4) English Army fighting the French in 1346.**

**(5) Cavalryman with Napoleon’s Army:**

- a. 1934 – Tells his wife of the retreat from Moscow as if he were there!**
- b. Describes the dead in the carts.**
- c. Tells of taking the dead so the Russians would not know their losses.**
- d. Tells of the cold.**
- e. Tells of the blood in the snow turning brown.**

**(6) Tanker in World War I:**

- a. All of these “men” have died violent deaths and been reborn EXCEPT for the World War I tanker.**

**T) 1942 – Best Tank Man in the Army:**

**I. Reads Erwin Rommel’s book on Tank Warfare:**

**(1) Rommel – To U.S. – Studies – Civil War  
– Stonewall Jackson’s tactics –  
Shenandoah Valley.**

**(2) Tactics to Tanks!!**

**U) Patton picks his Chief of Staff:**

**I. Major Hobart Gay.**

**V) 1942 – Prepares for North Africa:**

**I. Heads up the Desert Warfare Training  
Center.**

**II. 90 miles wide and 180 miles long.**

**III. From the Colorado River in the east to  
Desert Center, California in the west.**

**IV. From Searchlight, Nevada in the north to  
Yuma, Arizona in the south.**

**V. He and his wife live in Indio.**

**VI. Tells his officers: “I cannot see any  
reason for taking any prisoners alive!”**

**W) August 1942 – London, England:**

**I. Meets with Eisenhower.**

**II. Told of Operation Torch – North Africa.**

**III. Told to leave Indio and bring his Troops  
east.**

**IV. Commands the 33,500 men and 250  
tanks that land at Casablanca on the  
Atlantic Coast of Morocco.**

**X) February 3, 1943 – Meets Eisenhower in  
Algiers:**

**I. “Ike” warns him to stop criticizing**

**Bernard Montgomery and the British Army:**

**(1) Patton HATES Montgomery!!!!**

**Y) Is promoted to Lt. General.**

**Z) "Ike" replaces Lloyd Fredenall with Patton as the II Corps Commander in North Africa:**

**I. Harsh disciplinarian:**

**(1) \$50.00 fines for no helmet or leggings on!**

**(2) Long sleeved, wool shirts, have to have sleeves rolled down and buttoned!**

**(3) Collars buttoned up and ties on!**

**(4) Mess halls close at 6:00am and 6:00pm.**

**II. Asks "Ike's" Chief of Staff, Bedell Smith, to make Major General, Omar Bradley, his Deputy:**

**(1) "So there won't be any goddamned spies."**

**(2) Done!**

**AA) April 1, 1943 – North Africa – Bradley goes to the front lines to observe:**

**I. Patton's personal aide, Lt. Richard "Dick" Jensen goes with Bradley:**

**(1) Patton has known family for years.**

**(2) Comes to Patton at Ft. Benning fresh out of O.C.S.**

**(3) Is loyal.**

**(4) Great sense of humor.**

**(5) Patton truly cares for him.**

**II. Position is bombed – Jensen is killed!**

**III. Patton cries hard:**

**(1) Lock of hair to mom.**

**BB) June 1943 – Previous to the invasion of Sicily:**

**I. Patton – Speech to Army:**

**(1) Don't take any chances with the enemy!**

**(2) Kill the enemy!**

**(3) Hints.....prisoners or those attempting to surrender should be killed!**

**(4) Kill the enemy wherever you find them!**

**CC) When Sicily ends:**

**I. Patton will be criticized by "Ike."**

**II. He will be challenged by Bradley.**

**III. Will be outmaneuvered by Montgomery.**

**4. July 10, 1943 – Wee minutes – Invasion of Sicily is started by American and British paratroopers dropping in:**

**A) The 1,375 ships start sending in Troops at 2:45 in the morning.**

**B) Darby's Rangers insure the landings at Gela and Licata.**

**C) 180,000 Allied Troops land.**

**D) Opposing them are:**

**I. 315,000 Italian Troops & 90,000 German Troops.**

**5. July 12, 1943 – Canicatti Massacre – Central Sicily:**

**A) Shortage of food.**

**B) Many citizens gather in protest.**

**C) A Lt. Colonel orders 14 MP's to open fire on them:**

**I. They refuse!**

**II. The officer opens fire on the crowd with his .45:**

**(1) Fires 21 shots.**

**(2) 1 small child and 6 men are killed!**

**D) Entire affair is “hushed up” for 60 years!**

**6. July 13, 1943 – Comiso Airfield:**

**A) A load of German prisoners and 60 Italian prisoners are shot with a heavy machine gun:**

**I. Only 3 survivors!**

**B) Reporters tell Patton:**

**I. On the 15<sup>th</sup> he issues orders to stop shooting prisoners!**

**7. Meanwhile – July 14, 1943 – Biscari Airfield**



**Massacre – Southeastern Sicily:**

- A) Captain John Compton orders a firing squad of 24 men to shoot 40 “snipers”:**
  - I. Are actually Civilians and Uniformed Italian Soldiers!!!**
- B) Sgt. Horace West using a Thompson Submachine Gun:**
  - I. Kills 34 Italian and 2 German prisoners!**
- C) Both men are Court Martialed:**
  - I. Patton’s speeches previous to the invasion are used in their defense!**
  - II. Compton.....acquitted!**
  - III. West.....Life!!!!**
    - (1) November 1944 – Freed.**
    - (2) Back to duty as a Private.**
- D) Irony:**
  - I. November 1943.**
  - II. Compton goes out to talk to a German under a flag of truce:**
    - (1) He is shot and killed!**

**8. If “Ike” and/or George C. Marshall had of known of the 3 incidents:**

- A) Patton, Major General Lucian Truscott Jr., and Colonel Don Carleton would have been fired!**

**9. 11 days after landing – Patton takes Palermo:**

*July 22nd*

- A) Cuts Sicily in half.**
- B) Americans suffer heavy casualties.**
- C) Bradley doesn't approve of Patton's actions:
  - I. "Georgie's scheme to grab headlines."****

**10. August 3, 1943 – Sicily – Evacuation Hospital:**

- A) Patton talks to 350 wounded.**
- B) Pvt. Charles Kuhl is crying:
  - I. "I just can't take it any longer."**
  - II. Patton calls him a coward.**
  - III. Curses him out.**
  - IV. Orders him out of the hospital.**
  - V. Slaps the man's face with his gloves.**
  - VI. Grabs him by the collar of his shirt:
    - (1) Jerks him to his feet.**
    - (2) Pushes him out of the tent.**
    - (3) Kicks him in the ass.******
- C) Story does not leak to the press!**
- D) Patton brags to Bradley of the incident:
  - I. "One louse."**
  - II. "Unhurt."**
  - III. "Told me he was unable to take it."**
  - IV. "Slapped his face with my gloves."**
  - V. "Wanted to make him mad enough to become a man and fight."**
  - VI. "There's no such thing as shell-shock. It's an invention of the Jews."****

**E) Doctors report the incident!**

**F) Kuhl's record:**

**I. Has been ordered to the hospital twice.**

**II. 3<sup>rd</sup> time for dysentery and malaria.**

**11. August 10, 1943 – 93<sup>rd</sup> Evacuation Hospital –**

**1:30 – Afternoon – Patton is visiting:**

**A) Sees Pvt. Paul Bennett – Crying – “It’s my nerves”:**

**I. “You dirty, no good, son of a bitch, you cowardly bastard! You’re a disgrace to the Army, and you’re going right back to the front to fight, although that’s too good for you. You ought to be lined up against a wall and shot! In fact, I ought to shoot you myself right now, goddamn you.”:**

**(1) Reaches for his pistol.**

**(2) Pulls it out and waves it!**

**(3) Strikes Bennett across the face.**

**(4) “I want you to get that man out of here right away. I won’t have these other brave boys seeing such a bastard babied.”**

**II. Starts out of the tent – Bennett starts crying:**

**(1) Rushes back.**

**(2) Strikes Bennett a 2<sup>nd</sup> time knocking**

**his helmet off and out of the tent.**

**B) Later says of the incident:**

**I. "I saw another alleged nervous patient. Really a coward. He started to cry. I cursed him until he shut up. I may have saved his soul, if he had one."**

**C) Bennett's record:**

**I. Enlisted – NOT drafted!**

**II. Has served 4 years.**

**III. Has served in Tunisia and Sicily.**

**IV. Has requested to stay at the front.**

**V. The Doctors have ordered him hospitalized!!!**

**12. Patton is obsessed with beating Montgomery to Messina:**

**A) Irritates Bradley!**

**13. August 13, 1943 – Algiers – "Ike" learns of the slapping incidents:**

**A) Makes up his mind to discipline Patton:**

**I. Would rather do that than Court Martial him.**

**14. August 17, 1943 – Patton takes Messina – 39 days after landing – Sicily is secured:**

**A) Darby's Rangers are instrumental in the taking of the city!**

**B) 39 day losses:**

- I. 17,279 Allied wounded.**
- II. 5,532 Allied dead.**
- III. 3,267 of the dead are Americans.**
- IV. 137,796 Axis Troops killed.**
- V. 122,204 Axis Troops captured.**

**C) BUT, BUT.....70,000 Italian Troops, 40,000 German Troops with 10,000 Vehicles escape to Italy!!!**

**15. Same day:**

**A) "Ike" orders Patton to apologize to all the individuals, units, etc.!!!**

**16. August 21-30, 1943 – Patton "apologizes":**

- A) Is NOT sincere about it!**
- B) Is a pathetic attempt to justify his actions!**
- C) Is terrible!**

**17. September 6, 1943 – Patton learns that Bradley has been promoted over him:**

**A) Will lead the invasion of France.....D-Day!**

# **September 3, 1943-End of the War**

## **The Italian Campaign**

### **1. Operation Avalanche:**

**A) American Commander is General Mark Clark.**

**B) Opposing him is German Field Marshal, General Albert Kesselring.**

### **2. September 3, 1943:**

**A) Americans start landing.**

**B) Same day – Italy signs a secret armistice – Surrendering!**

### **3. September 9, 1943:**

**A) Darby's Rangers land at Salerno:**

**I. Fight off 8 German counterattacks.**

**II. Rest of the American Troops land.**

### **4. October 1, 1943 – Naples is taken.**

### **5. January 1944 – The Rapido Disaster:**

**A) Rapido River sits at the base of Monte Cassino.**

**B) Job of crossing and holding it is given to the 36<sup>th</sup> Division, Texas National Guard, “T-Patchers”:**

**I. Should never even be attempted!**

**II. Terrible defeat!**

**III. Slaughter!**

**IV. 518 killed – 663 wounded – 680 captured.**

**V. After the war:**

**(1) Attempt by Texas to prosecute Clark!**

**(2) Fails.**

**6. January 22, 1944 – The Anzio Landings:**

**A) 31 miles south of Rome.**

**B) 65 miles behind German lines!**

**C) American Commander is 54 year old, Major General, John Lucas.**

**D) Night attack by Darby's Rangers is the spearhead:**

**I. Establish a beachhead 15 miles long and 7 miles deep.**

**7. January 30, 1944 – Night – Darby's Rangers hit the Germans at Cisterna:**

**A) 5 miles behind the German lines:**

**I. Rangers are ambushed.**

**II. Surrounded.**

**III. Point blank fighting.**

**IV. Fight till all ammunition is gone.**

**V. 12 killed – 36 wounded – 767 captured:**

**(1) Only 6 return!**

**(2) Are disbanded after this tragedy!**

**8. February 16, 1944 – Germans counterattack at Anzio:**

**A) Americans will be pinned down until May 23, 1944.**

**9. Monte Cassino:**

**A) “Monastery Hill 516.”**

**B) Abbey of St. Benedict is on Monte Cassino.**

**C) Germans turn it into a fortress.**

**D) May 18, 1944:**

**I. Entire fortress, town, and Monastery are taken.**

**10. May 23, 1944 – Americans launch an attack off the Anzio Beachhead.**

**11. June 4, 1944 – American Army enters Rome.**

**12. April 30, 1944 – Artillery shell fragment kills 34 year old, Colonel William Darby:**

**A) Posthumously promoted to Brig. General.**

**13. Fighting in Italy continues until the war in Europe ends!**



# **September 16, 1943**

## **Major Gregory "Pappy" Boyington**

- 1. September 16, 1943 – Guadalcanal:**
  - A) Boyington's famous "Black Sheep Squadron" flies their 1<sup>st</sup> mission.**
  - B) Boyington:**
    - I. Born – December 4, 1912 – Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho.**
    - II. With "The Flying Tigers" in China – 6 Kills.**
    - III. Guadalcanal – Age 31 – Called "Pappy" by his men.**
    - IV. 14 kills in 32 days.**
    - V. January 3, 1944 – 26<sup>th</sup> kill:**
      - (1) He is shot down.**
      - (2) P.O.W.**
      - (3) August 1945 – Liberated.**
    - VI. Total of 28 kills.**
    - VII. Congressional Medal of Honor.**
    - VIII. August 1, 1947 – As a Colonel – Retires.**
    - IX. January 11, 1988 – Fresno, California – Dies.**

# **November 1, 1943-March 1944**

## **Bougainville**

- 1. In the Solomon Islands:**
  - A) Largest of the Islands.**
  - B) Northernmost of the Islands.**
  - C) 130 miles long – 30 miles wide.**
  - D) Defended by 15,000 Japanese Troops.**
  
- 2. November 1, 1943 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division invades:**
  - A) Commanded by Lt. General Alexander Vandegrift.**
  
- 3. December 27, 1943 – Army relieves the Marines.**
  
- 4. March 1944 – Secured:**
  - A) Japanese losses:**
    - I. 2,500 killed – 25 captured.**
  - B) American losses:**
    - I. 423 killed – 1,418 wounded.**
  - C) 3 Marines.....Congressional Medal of Honor.**

1943

**November 20-24, ~~1942~~**  
**Tarawa**

**1. Tarawa – Part of the Gilbert Islands:**

**A) Gilberts:**

- I. 400 miles in length.**
- II. Run southeast to northwest.**
- III. Has 16 different Island groups.**

**B) Tarawa is a Coral Atoll consisting of 25 small Islands:**

- I. Is 2,475 miles south of Pearl Harbor.**
- II. The 25 Islands are 24 miles long from north to south:  
(1) Are 18 1/2 miles wide from east to west.**
- III. The Islands are triangular in shape.**

**C) Main Island of Tarawa is....Betio:**

- I. Is the southwestern most Island of the group.**
- II. Is 2 1/4 miles long and 1/2 mile wide (less than a square mile in size).**
- III. 291 acres in size.**
- IV. Less than 1/2 the size of New York City's Central Park.**
- V. No place on the Island is more than 300 yards from the beaches.**
- VI. Surrounded by a Coral reef that runs 700**

**to 1,150 yards out into the sea.**

**VII. Has a long pier that runs 500 yards out into the ocean.**

**2. Betio is the main Japanese stronghold in the Central Pacific:**

**A) Has the only airfield in the Island group.**

**B) Japanese Admiral, Tomanari Saichiro is an excellent engineer:**

**I. Turns Betio into a fortress.**

**3. Japanese defenses:**

**A) Blockhouses:**

**I. Concrete and steel reinforced walls....4 to 5 feet thick.**

**II. Surrounded by coconut logs reinforced with angle iron and railroad ties.**

**III. Some sit 17 feet above the sand.**

**IV. Tops are covered with several feet of sand and coral.**

**V. All of them have interlocking fields of fire.**

**B) Bunkers and Pillboxes:**

**I. Smaller version of the Blockhouses.**

**II. Double thickness of 8 inch thick coconut logs:**

**(1) Hooked together with steel spikes and upright logs driven deeply into**

**the sand.**

**(2) Walls filled with sand.**

**III. Tops are covered with sand.**

**IV. Connected by a network of trenches that contain fighting compartments.**

**V. North beach has three of these (each is 50 feet long) and 9 smaller ones....all connected by trenches.**

**VI. West beach has them situated 10 feet apart....connected by trenches.**

**C) Foxholes.**

**D) Rifle Pits:**

**I. Empty gasoline drums sunk in the ground with a lid cover.**

**E) Machine gun nests:**

**I. "Y" shaped.**

**II. Half sunken.**

**III. Coconut log fortress covered with sand.**

**F) Anti-Tank ditches:**

**I. Located at each end of the airstrip.**

**G) Airstrip:**

**I. Is covered by rifle pits, pillboxes, and machine gun nests.**

**H) Beaches are mined.**

**I) Barbed wire obstacles:**

**I. 50 to 100 yards offshore.**

**II. Double aproned.**

**J) Steel and concrete Tetrahedrons:**

**I. 50 to 100 yards offshore.**

**K) Beaches are surrounded by a coconut log seawall:**

**I. 3 to 5 feet high....Stapled together with steel spikes.**

**II. Sits 20 feet inland from the water at low tide.**

**III. Totally covered by fire!!**

**IV. To stick your head above it if attacking is suicide!**

**L) Everything has an interlocking field of fire!!**

**I. Everything is designed to stop the Americans from reaching the beaches!**

**II. Japanese believe they can stop an invasion at the water's edge.**

**M) Japanese Commander....Rear Admiral Keiji Shibasaki:**

**I. He is determined to defend Betio to the last man.**

**N) Japanese force and armaments:**

**I. 4,836 men:**

**(1) 3,589 are Soldiers.**

**(2) 1,247 are Korean Laborers.**

**II. 10 Light Tanks:**

**(1) Have 37mm guns.**

**(2) Most are buried and reinforced in the sand.**

**III. 20 Heavy Artillery Pieces:**

**(1) Range from 80 mm to 8 inches(4 of them).**

**IV. 27 Light Artillery Pieces:**

**(1) 9....37mm Anti-Tank Guns.**

**(2) 6....70mm Guns.**

**(3) 8....75mm Guns.**

**(4) 4....5 inch Guns.**

**V. 106 Machine Guns!!!!**

**(1) 62 Heavy Machine Guns:**

**a. 13mm – 87 pounds – 4 man crew – 800 rounds per minute – Bullet travels 2,210 feet per second!**

**(2) 44 Light Machine Guns:**

**a. 7.7mm – Belts of 30 rounds of ammunition – 450 to 500 rounds per minute – Bullet travels at 2,400 feet per second.**

**VI. Mortars.**

**4. Yard for yard....Betio is the best defended Island in the Pacific:**

**A) Shibasaki: “The Americans cannot take Tarawa with a million men in a hundred years!”**

**5. Spring 1943:**

**A) American Commander of the Pacific Fleet, Admiral Chester Nimitz, submits a plan to**

**Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Ernest King:**

**I. Offensive to capture the Marshall Islands.**

**II. To do this they will have to be approached from the south through the Gilbert Islands.**

**III. Airfields in the Gilberts will bring the Marshalls within easy reach of land-based Planes.**

**6. July 20, 1943 – The Joint Chiefs of Staff give approval to take the Gilberts!**

**7. Summer 1943 – American Planes discover a 4,000 foot airstrip on Betio:**

**A) This becomes the American target!**

**8. Nimitz code names the invasion: “Operation Galvanic”:**

**A) Turns it over to his Chief of Staff, Vice Admiral Raymond Spruance:**

**I. Overall Commander.**

**II. Will plan it all out.**

**9. The Invasion Commanders and Force:**

**A) Rear Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner:**

**I. Primary Amphibious Commander.**

**II. From Oregon.**



**III. Drives his men hard.**

**IV. Is very determined and aggressive.**

**V. Called "Terrible Turner."**

**VI. Hard drinker.**

**VII. Has commanded the Guadalcanal operation.**

**VIII. Is a master of amphibious operations.**

**B) Rear Admiral, Harry Hill:**

**I. Will command the southern Tarawa amphibious force.**

**C) Invasion force...2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division.**

**D) In charge of the landings...Marine, Major General, Holland McTyeire "Howlin' Mad" Smith:**

**I. Born...April 20, 1882...Seale, Alabama.**

**II. Auburn University.**

**III. March 20, 1905...Marine 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.**

**IV. Philippines.**

**V. Panama.**

**VI. Dominican Republic.**

**VII. WW I...Gets the nickname "Howlin' Mad."**

**VIII. Haiti.**

**IX. "The Father of Amphibious Training" for U.S. armed forces!**

**X. Commands the 5<sup>th</sup> Amphibious Corps.**

**XI. 6 feet 1 inch tall.**

**XII. Gray hair.**

**XIII. Large nose.**

**XIV. Round, wire-framed, bifocals.**

**XV. Looks like a "Grandfather."**

**XVI. Good leader.**

**XVII. Believes in high combat efficiency.**

**XVIII. Will serve the United States for 41  
years.**

**XIX. Will be awarded 11 medals.**

**XX. May 15, 1946...At age 64...Retires to La  
Jolla, California.**

**XXI. Long illness in San Diego.**

**XXII. January 12, 1967...At age 84...Dies.**

**XXIII. Buried...Ft. Rosecrans Cemetery in  
San Diego.**

**E) Marine, Major General, Julian Smith:**

**I. 58 years old.**

**II. From Maryland.**

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**III. Shy.**

**IV. Soft-spoken.**

**V. Sensitive.**

**VI. Kind.**

**VII. Served in Veracruz.**

**VIII. Served in Haiti.**

**IX. Served in Nicaragua.**

**X. Served in Santo Domingo.**

**XI. Commands the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division.**

**F) Colonel Merritt "Red Mike" Edson:**

**I. Husky.**

**II. Blonde haired.**

**III. Soft-spoken.**

**IV. Slightly stoop-shouldered.**

**V. Guadalcanal....Congressional Medal of Honor.**

**VI. HATES Japanese!**

**VII. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division Chief of Staff.**

**G) Lt. Colonel David Shoup:**

**I. Will be the Assault Combat Team Commander....Shore Commander.**

**II. 38 years old.**

**III. From Tippecanoe, Indiana.**

**IV. 1926 – Graduates - De Pauw University.**

**V. Joins Marines.**

**VI. Small and "stocky."**

**VII. Slightly "red-faced."**

**VIII. Is a loner.**

**IX. Extroverted.**

**X. Writes poetry.**

**XI. Loves to play Poker.**

**XII. Every other word from him is profanity!**

**XIII. Will win the Congressional Medal of Honor.**

**H) Army, Major General Ralph Smith:**

**I. Commands the Army Reserve Force.**

**I) 16,692 Marines and 1,396 Sailors will take part:**

**I. Total....18,088 men.**

**10. Will be the first time....:**

**A) American forces will land and cross a reef in the face of opposition.**

**B) Amphibious Tractors will be used to transport troops to shore.**

**C) Tanks will be used in an Amphibious Operation.**

**D) Both Naval and Air fire will support a landing.**

**11. September 17 & 18, 1943:**

**A) American Planes bomb Makin and Tarawa.**

**12. November 18, 1943:**

**A) American Carrier Planes drop 115 tons of bombs on Betio.**

**13. During the planning Julian Smith is concerned with the tides and the Coral reef:**

**A) The Higgins Boats carrying the 4<sup>th</sup> Wave will have to let the Marines out to wade in over the reef!!!**

**I. Smith: "The only armor those Marines will have is their khaki shirt."**

**(1) He asks to be absolved of the decision to take Betio, BEFORE, taking the other Islands!!**

**B) Marines want to wait for 5 weeks to get the high tide:**

**I. Can be taken in over the reef right up to the seawall:**

**(1) Turner will not listen!!!!**

**a. Result....100's of Marines will die wading in over the reef!**

**14. Beaches to be hit:**

**A) Both sides of the Pier running out into the Lagoon:**

**I. 1 to the left of it.**

**II. 2 to the right of it.**

**B) Are code named:**

**I. Red #1:**

**(1) 700 yards from the northwest tip of the Island to about midway to the Pier.**

**II. Red #2:**

**(1) From the end of Red #1, 600 yards to the Pier.**

**III. Red #3:**

**(1) From Red #2, 800 yards from the east side of the Pier to a point opposite the end of the airstrip.**

**15. Shibasaki issues orders to his men:**

- A) Defend to the last man!**
- B) Destroy the enemy at the water's edge!**

**16. Friday – November 19, 1943:**

- A) Carrier based Planes drop 69 tons of bombs on Betio.**
- B) 3 Cruisers and 2 Destroyers fire 250 tons of shells onto the Island.**
- C) The American Fleet off Betio:**
  - I. 3 Battleships.**
  - II. 5 Cruisers.**
  - III. 5 Escort Carriers.**
  - IV. 9 Destroyers.**
  - V. 17 Transports and Cargo Ships.**

**17. Saturday – November 20, 1943 – Day #1:**

- A) Early – Marines eat a breakfast of steak, eggs, potatoes, and coffee.**
- B) 3:30 – Morning:**
  - I. Marines start loading into the landing**

**craft.**

**II. Will be 3 waves of Marines – Each 300 yards apart:**

**(1) 1,436 Marines in the 3 waves.**

**III. 1<sup>st</sup> Wave is carried in by 42 Amtracs.**

**IV. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave is carried in by 24 Amtracs.**

**V. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave is carried in by 21 Amtracs.**

**VI. The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Waves will be taken in by Higgins Boats:**

**(1) They are not going to be able to cross the Reef!**

**(2) Will have to drop off their Marines to wade in!**

**(3) They will be butchered!!!!**

**C) The Landing Craft:**

**I. LCM....Landing Craft Mechanized:**

**(1) To carry a vehicle or a Tank.**

**(2) Weighs 20 tons.**

**(3) 45 feet long – 14 feet 1 inch wide.**

**(4) Has two 100 horsepower engines.**

**(5) Speed....7 1/2 knots.**

**(6) Crew of 4.**

**(7) Has two 50 caliber Machine Guns.**

**II. LST....Landing Ship Tank.**

**III. LVT....Landing Vehicle Tracked:**

**(1) Amphibious Tractor – Can carry 4,500 pounds.**

**(2) Weighs 27,500 pounds.**

**(3) 23 feet long – 9 feet 10 inches wide.**

**(4) 6 cylinder engine.**

**(5) 146 horsepower.**

**(6) 12 miles per hour on land – 7 knots in the water.**

**(7) 3 man crew.**

**D) 4:55 – Morning – Japanese open fire at the ships.**

**E) 5:05 – Ships open fire on Betio – Will last for 80 minutes:**

**I. Fire 2,500 tons of shells.**

**II. Range from 16 inch (Weigh more than a ton per shell) to 5 inchers(Weighing just over 50 pounds per shell).**

**III. All of it does very little damage! Why??**

**(1) Trajectory....Too flat!**

**(2) Not firing shells designed to penetrate before exploding!**

**IV. 3 BIG hits:**

**(1) Destroys the Island's main generator.**

**(2) Destroys the communication wires between Shibasaki's headquarters and his commanders!**

**a. BIG key in the outcome of the battle.**

**(3) 16 inch shell hits the Island's ammunition bunker:**

**a. Kills 100's of Japanese soldiers!**



**b. Blows up 100's of tons of Japanese ammunition.**

**F) Planes drop 900 tons of bombs on the Island:**

- I. Does little damage!**
- II. Not armor piercing!**
- III. Trajectories are too flat!**

**G) The Pier is the dominant obstacle of the area to be taken:**

**I. Job is given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Scout-Sniper Platoon:**

**(1) 34 men....From 18 different states.**

**(2) Commanded by 30 year old, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.**

**William Deane Hawkins:**

- a. At age 21....Leaves home.**
- b. Accidentally is badly burned....Bad scars.**
- c. Because of scars....Army and Navy refuse to take him....Marines accept him!**
- d. Has a premonition of his own death!**
- e. HATES war!**
- f. Is a quiet, serious man.**
- g. Called: "Hawk."**

**II. The men in the Platoon are all expert riflemen.**

**III. Will approach the Pier in 3 boats:**

**(1) 1<sup>st</sup> boat....Hawkins.**

**(2) 2<sup>nd</sup> boat....Gunnery Sergeant Jared Hooper.**

**(3) 3<sup>rd</sup> boat....Has the demolitions and flamethrowers....Lt. Alan Leslie.**

**H) 8:55 – Morning – Hawkins and his men step onto the Pier:**

**I. 1<sup>st</sup> men to land on Betio.**

**II. Start taking the Pier.**

**III. Is kill or be killed.**

**IV. Start clearing out Japanese Machine Guns and Snipers.**

**V. Rifles – Grenades – Flame Throwers – Bayonets.**

**VI. Hawkins and 5 others destroy 3 Japanese positions.**

**VII. Hawkins wipes out 1 by himself.**

**VIII. Take the Pier:**

**(1) Prevents the Japanese from pouring a flanking fire into the assault waves!**

**IX. Re-board their boats and rejoin the assault wave!**

**I) At 3,000 yards – The Japanese open fire on the Amtracs:**

**I. At 1,500 yards their fire becomes very deadly.**

**II. Boats are blown apart.**

**III. Men are blown apart.**

**IV. Boats sink.**

**V. Boats spin out of control.**

**VI. Out of the 87 Amtracs in the first 3 waves 53 will reach shore:**

**(1) Of the 500 men driving and handling the Amtracs....323 will be killed!**

**J) 9:13 – Morning – The 1<sup>st</sup> Wave hits Betio – By 9:22 Marines will be on all 3 beaches:**

**I. At Red #1....Marines are cut to pieces.**

**II. Red #2 is a butcher shop:**

**(1) Lt. Colonel Herbert Amey is cut down by Machine Gun fire and killed.**

**(2) Lt. Colonel Walter Jordan reaches the beach and takes command.**

**III. Red #3 is the “easiest”:**

**(1) Major Henry “Jim” Crowe reaches the beach and takes command.**

**K) 9:58 – Morning – Shoup reaches Red #2 and takes overall command.**

**L) Waves 4, 5, and 6 are trying to wade in:**

**I. BUTCHERED!!!**

**M) Place is a nightmare of death, destruction, and chaos:**

**I. Marines wading toward shore are butchered by Machine Gun fire!**

**II. Landing craft are being blown up!**

**III. The Marine dead and dying are**

**everywhere!**

**IV. Pieces of bodies everywhere!**

**V. Bodies of the dead are floating in the Lagoon!**

**VI. Screams of the wounded and dying!**

**VII. The Marines are hugging the seawall:**

**(1) The Japanese are killing them behind the wall with Mortars, Snipers, and Grenades.**

**N) Assault Engineer, Staff Sergeant William Bordelon:**

**I. 22 years old from San Antonio, Texas.**

**II. His Amtrac approaches the beach:**

**(1) Gets a direct hit.**

**(2) He and 3 others are the only survivors to reach the beach.**

**III. He prepares demolition satchel charges.**

**IV. Alone – Charges a Pillbox with a Satchel Charge:**

**(1) Blows it up!**

**V. Same for a 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

**VI. Same for a 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

**(1) Is wounded by Machine Gun fire.**

**VII. Returns to the beach for more explosives.**

**VIII. Using a rifle he provides covering fire for Marines coming in over the seawall.**

**IX. Refuses aid from a Medic.**

**X. Spots a drowning Marine:**

**(1) Wades out and pulls him ashore.**

**XI. Goes back into the water and rescues a 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine.**

**XII. Prepares another Satchel Charge.**

**XIII. Charges a 4<sup>th</sup> Pillbox:**

**(1) Cut down by Machine Gun fire and killed:**

**a. Congressional Medal of Honor.**

**O) Corporal John Spillane:**

**I. Youngster.**

**II. Major League throwing arm:**

**(1) Yankees and Cardinals have talked to his father.**

**III. 1<sup>st</sup> Wave – Amtrac hits the seawall.**

**IV. Japanese start lobbing grenades into the Amtrac.**

**V. He grabs them and throws them back.**

**VI. Does so with 5.**

**VII. Grabs the 6<sup>th</sup>....Throws it....It explodes:**

**(1) Knocks him to his knees.**

**(2) Shrapnel dents his helmet.**

**(3) Shrapnel enters his right side, hip, and neck.**

**(4) Blows his right hand off!!**

**VIII. He will survive.**

**P) Lt. Colonel David Shoup is wounded in both legs by mortar fragments:**

**I. Continues to Command.**

**Q) Pillbox by Pillbox, yard by yard, the Marines advance:**

**I. Grenades – Satchel Charges – Flame Throwers – Rifles.**

**R) Western end of the Island – Area code named “Green Beach”:**

**I. Major Mike Ryan and 250 Marines attack.**

**II. This single factor will turn the tide of the battle.**

**S) Afternoon:**

**I. Burst of Naval gunfire kills Shibasaki and his staff:**

**(1) Will also alter the battle! Why?**

**a. He would have counterattacked at dark and decimated the Marines.**

**T) Late afternoon:**

**I. Hawkins is wounded by a Mortar shell:**

**(1) He ignores the wound and continues to set up the defenses for Red Beach #2.**

**U) Night:**

**I. 3,500 Marines are ashore.**

**II. 1,500 have been killed or wounded.**

**III. Marines hold only 1/10 of their objective:**

**(1) An area 700 yards wide and 300 yards deep....Less than 1/10 of a square mile.**

**IV. Ammunition, Artillery, Tanks, and other**

**supplies are landed.**

**V. Emergency Hospital is set up in a captured Japanese Bunker:**

**(1) Using flashlights for light.**

**(2) Navy Doctor, Lt. Herman Brukhardt, assisted by 3 Navy Corpsmen, performs 125 operations:**

**a. Only 4 Marines die!!!**

**V) No Japanese counterattack....Why??**

**I. Shibasaki is dead!....So, no orders to do so!**

**18. Sunday – November 21, 1943 – Day #2:**

**A) Dawn – All hell breaks loose.**

**B) 6:00 – Morning - Waves of reinforcements start in:**

**I. Butchered!**

**C) Destroyers shell the airstrip.**

**D) 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William Hawkins assaults a Japanese Pillbox containing 5 Machine Guns:**

**I. Fires into the opening at point blank range – Throws in grenades – Kills all inside:**

**(1) Wounded a 2<sup>nd</sup> time – This one is in the chest:**

**a. Corpsman tries to evacuate him.**

**b. Hawkins: “I came here to kill Japs.**

**I didn’t come here to be evacuated.”**

**II. He has killed more of the enemy than any other Marine on Tarawa.**

**III. Continues to fight.**

**IV. Wipes out 3 more Pillboxes.**

**V. Attacks another Pillbox:**

**(1) Heavy Machine Gun fire tears his shoulder wide open down into the chest.**

**(2) Blood gushing – Hospital – Too late.**

**(3) Loaded with morphine to ease pain!**

**(4) He will die that night from the wound!**

**VI. Congressional Medal of Honor.**

**E) 7:30 – Morning – Marine reinforcements continue to come in:**

**I. Are shot to pieces by Japanese Machine Guns and Snipers hidden in an old wrecked freighter, the “Saida Maru”:**

**(1) Finally, a group of Marines will blast them out!**

**F) Several Tanks reach Red Beach #3.**

**G) Fighting is exactly the same as the 1<sup>st</sup> day:**

**I. Marines start finding Japanese who have committed suicide:**

**(1) 17 in one dugout!**

**(2) Rifle in mouth....Toe to trigger!**

**(3) Hold Grenade to head!**

**(4) Disembowel themselves with a bayonet!**



**H) 12:00 – Noon – Ryan’s battalion crosses the western end of the Island:**

**I. The 800 yard beach is now in the hands of the Americans.**

**I) 2:30 – Afternoon – Amtracs bring in supplies and take out the wounded.**

**J) More Tanks arrive:**

**I. Start blasting the Pillboxes at point blank range.**

**K) 4:30 – Afternoon – Ryan holds the entire western end of the Island:**

**I. The 6<sup>th</sup> Marines land:**

**(1) Start down the southern shore.**

**L) 6:03 – Evening – First 2 Jeeps land on the Pier:**

**I. Are towing two 37mm Howitzers.**

**M) 8:30 – Night – Colonel Merritt “Red Mike” Edson takes over command for the wounded Shoup:**

**I. Shoup....Congressional Medal of Honor:**

**(1) Only recipient to survive the battle.**

**19. Monday – November 22, 1943 – Day #3:**

**A) Dawn – Marines attack:**

**I. Major William Jones, at the southwestern tip of the Island, attacks:**

**(1) Takes heavy casualties but continues on.**

- B) 6:00 – Morning – Destroyers move in close to the Island:
  - I. Open fire on the tail-end of the Island at the concrete bunkers.****
- C) 6:30 – Morning – 200 Planes bomb and strafe the same area.**
- D) Light and Heavy Tanks go into action.**
- E) Armored Half-Tracks with 75mm guns and carrying Marines hit the Pillboxes.**
- F) Flame Throwers continue roasting the Japanese alive inside and outside the Pillboxes.**
- G) Bulldozers are used:
  - I. Scoop sand over slits in Pillboxes:
    - (1) Buries those inside alive!******
- H) Destroyer shell hits the Japanese oil dump in the middle of the Island.**
- I) Due to the stench of the dead - Massive burial of Marine bodies starts:
  - I. In large, long trenches.****
- J) Marines pour gasoline down the air slits of Bunkers and Pillboxes:
  - I. Drop grenade in!!!****
- K) 10:30 – Morning – Captain John O'Neill brings in the first 5 prisoners:
  - I. They are Korean Laborers!****
- L) 30 year old, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Alexander Bonnyman:
  - I. Princeton graduate.****

**II. Leads an assault on the largest Bunker on the Island:**

- (1) Japanese counterattack.**
- (2) He holds the position until he is hit.**
- (3) From his knees, he continues to fire.**
- (4) Japanese retreat.**
- (5) He collapses and dies.**

**III. Congressional Medal of Honor.**

**M) 6:30 – Evening – 7,000 Marines control 2/3's of the Island.**

**N) 7:30 – Night – 50 Japanese – Suicide “Banzai” charge:**

**I. By 8:30 – Repulsed – All 50 are dead.**

**O) 11:00 – Night – Southern area of the Island:**

**I. 300 Japanese counterattack in a suicidal “Banzai” charge:**

- (1) Hand-to-hand fighting.**
- (2) Repulsed – Over 200 killed!**

**20. Tuesday – November 23, 1943 – Day #4:**

**A) 4:00 – Morning – Suicidal “Banzai” charge:**

- I. Hand-to-hand fighting.**
- II. Repulsed – Over 315 are killed.**

**B) 8:00 – Morning – Marines attack:**

**I. Burning – Blasting – Shooting – Burying alive.**

**C) Most useful weapons:**

**I. Browning .50 caliber Machine Gun:**

- (1) Weighs 84 pounds.**
- (2) 65 inches long.**
- (3) 560 rounds per minute.**
- (4) Bullet travels 2,930 feet per second.**

**II. Thompson .45 caliber Sub-Machine Gun:**

- (1) Weighs 10 pounds 12 ounces.**
- (2) 33 & 3/4 inches long.**
- (3) 20 to 30 round magazines.**
- (4) 600 to 725 rounds per minute.**
- (5) Bullet travels 920 feet per second.**

**III. Colt .45 Semi-Automatic Pistol:**

- (1) Weighs 2 & 1/2 pounds.**
- (2) 8 & 3/4 inches long.**
- (3) 7 round magazine.**
- (4) Bullet travels 830 feet per second.**

**D) 12:00 – Noon – 1<sup>st</sup> Plane lands on the airstrip:**

- I. Has been named “Hawkins Field.”**

**E) 1:12 – Afternoon – Island is secured:**

- I. Has been 76 hours and 17 minutes of pure “Hell” since the first Marine has landed on the Island.**

**21. Japanese losses:**

**A) Prisoners taken:**

- I. 129 Korean Laborers.**
- II. 17 Japanese Soldiers.**
- III. Total....146!**

**B) Dead:**

**I. 4,675:**

- (1) Bodies are buried in mass graves or taken out to sea and dumped overboard.**

**22. American losses:**

**A) Wounded:**

**I. 2,263.**

**B) Killed:**

**I. 1,115:**

- (1) 27 of the dead are Corpsmen.**
- (2) 1,085 of the dead are Marines.**

**C) Total casualties.....3,378....19%!!!!**

**23. 4 Marine Congressional Medals of Honor:**

**A) Lt. Colonel David Shoup – Only survivor:**

**I. Becomes Commandant of the Marine Corps from 1959 to 1963:**

**(1) 1983 - @ age 78 – Dies:**

- a. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery.**

**November 23, 1943**

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**1. Makin....Part of the Gilbert Islands:**

**A) Part of Operation Galvanic.**

**B) In charge....Army, Major General Ralph Smith:**

**I. Will use the 165<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry.**

**C) Island is taken easily:**

**I. 270 Japanese are killed.**

**II. 51 Americans are killed and 152 Wounded.**

**2. November 24, 1943 – Just off the Island:**

**A) Escort Cruiser, “Liscome Bay”, is torpedoed and sunk by a Japanese Submarine:**

**I. Torpedo hits the magazine!!**

**II. Sinks in 23 minutes!**

**III. 644 Americans are killed.**

**IV. 272 Americans survive.**

**November 1943**

**Apamama**

- 1. Apamama....In the Gilbert Islands....85 miles south of Tarawa....Part of Operation Galvanic.**
  
- 2. Island is taken by 30 Marine Scouts under Captain Jim Jones:**
  - A) 28 members of the Japanese garrison commit suicide.**
  - B) 1 Marine is killed.**

# **November 1943**

## **Bairiki and Abaokora**

- 1. Both....Part of the Gilbert Islands....Both are part of Operation Galvanic.**
  
- 2. American forces land on Bairiki:**
  - A) 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the 6<sup>th</sup> Army Infantry.**
  - B) Light resistance.**
  - C) Japanese flee to Abaokora:**
    - I. Northernmost Island in the Atoll.**
    - II. Marines pursue them.**
    - III. Japanese fight to the last man....175 are killed!**
    - IV. Marines lose 29 killed and 66 wounded.**
  - D) Islands are taken.**



# **December 26, 1943-April 1944**

## **Cape Gloucester**

- 1. On New Britain – In the Bismarck Islands – Northwest of Bougainville:**
  - A) 370 miles long – 45 miles wide.**
  - B) Thick jungles – Rugged mountains.**
  - C) 9,500 Japanese Soldiers defend it:**
    - I. Commanded by General Iwao Matsuda.**
  
- 2. December 26, 1943:**
  - A) 6:00 – Morning – Naval Bombardment starts.**
  - B) 7:00 – Morning – Bombers hit it!**
  - C) 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division lands:**
    - I. Little resistance.**
  
- 3. April 1944 – Last clash:**
  - A) American losses:**
    - I. 310 killed – 1,083 wounded.**

## **Events of January 1944**

### **1. January 16, 1944:**

#### **A) Eisenhower arrives in England:**

##### **I. Takes up duties as Supreme Allied Commander for "Operation Overlord":**

**(1) The re-conquest of Europe!**

**(2) D-Day!!**

**a. "D-Day" stands for nothing!**

**b. Simply a landing or start of an Allied event against the enemy.**

### **2. January 17, 1944:**

**A) Eisenhower names General Omar Bradley to command the U.S. Invasion Force for Operation Overlord.**

### **3. January 22, 1944:**

**A) Patton is ordered to Algiers and from there to England.**

**B) January 29<sup>th</sup>:**

**I. Patton reaches 3<sup>rd</sup> Army headquarters in England.**