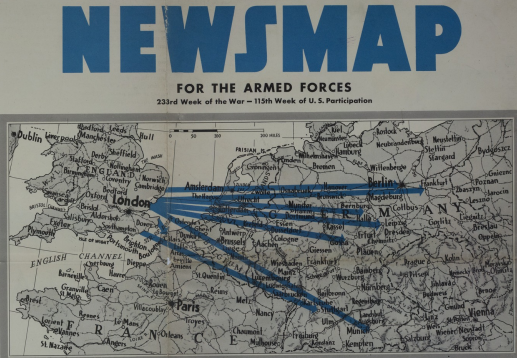


THE WAR FRONTS

CENTRAL PACIFIC: Operations against the Japanese coasted northward, and two losses were announced in the Marshall Islands only 1300 miles from Japan. The second Air Force bombed Honshu in the Caroline Islands, 14. Passage is 612 miles west of Kwajalein and only 414 east of Truk. It is the fourth largest among the Caroline Islands installations. Shortly after this mission was reported the Navy announced that on Feb. 4 two Liberators carrying 22 Marines on reconnaissance missions had been over the route. It was reported that the U.S. Navy also announced that the carrier force over the route has a single objective, had set a revolving two-day attack against Truk. One B-24 was shot down, destroyed 20 enemy planes and bombed and strafed installations and reservoirs. Seven more B-24s were listed as probably sunk. One loss was 17 planes and one ship damaged.

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The operation was a screening action for a landing on Eniwetok Atoll, west of the Marshalls and only 700 miles northwest of Truk. On Feb. 17, the 100th Infantry and 24th Marine established beachheads on Eniwetok, following a conventional naval bombardment that included the fire of heavy battleship guns. The enemy offered no resistance and American troops lost work but all of the soil. English Island at the northern end of the atoll, where the enemy carried a hoard of 100 tons of rice, was captured.

Pushing still deeper into the Japanese home territory, on Feb. 23, hundreds of American carrier-borne planes attacked Saipan and Tinian, which are Japanese bases in the northern end of the Mariana Islands. Truk also received many aerial bombardments in the same period. The carrier force in the Pacific was the most powerful in the history of the world. The Japanese are being driven from the island and are taking over all of the remaining islands of the Pacific.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC: In the first naval sortie against the two largest Japanese island centers in the Southwest Pacific, U.S. carrier forces bombarded Rabaul, New Britain, and Kavieng, New Ireland. One ship suffered no damage. Air attacks against both places continue daily and in great strength.

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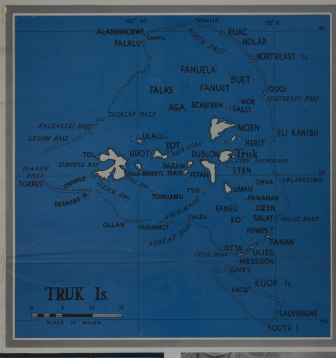
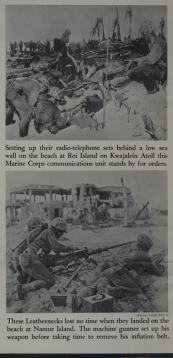
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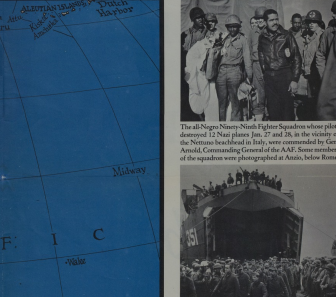
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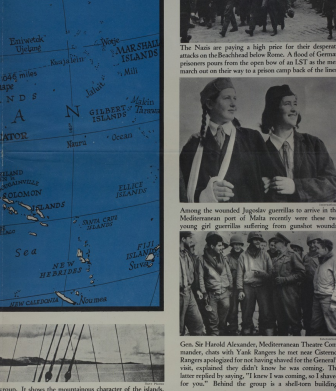
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