

CLEAN UP IN MARSHALL ISLANDS

Here come final pictures of America's biggest Pacific invasion to date - the subjugation of the strategically vital Marshall Islands. Air, sea and land forces worked as one.

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When the naval bombardment lifted, the army landed on Kwajalein, main atoll in the Marshalls group. The fanatical defenders were attacked without mercy.

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(34 G troops) Speaking in Japanese ~~the~~ a U.S. officer called on enemy survivors to surrender. This is the kind of summons the Japs are nowadays only too glad to obey. The time has passed when they would shoot themselves rather than show the white flag. If they can save their lives they don't miss the chance. One of them indicated by holding up ^{all fingers} ~~both hands~~ that there were ten more Japs in the dug out he'd just left.

(next scene) The Americans take no chances with these slippery gentry, making them strip, to rule out all possibility of concealed guns or explosives. Just how fortunate these prisoners were the Jap casualty figures show: only a hundred and sixty three were captured, nearly five thousand killed. The prisoners were taken to the compound quickly constructed to ~~house~~ accommodate them. As always with Japanese they were amazed that they were not going to be shot.

The name and prison number of each man was hung round his neck and then they all received prisoners-of-war uniform.

Native Kanakas, who'd been pressed into forced labour for the Japs, were overjoyed now that most of the oppressors lay dead. This is the end of Japanese rule in the Marshalls, mandated to them after the first World War.

The fighting was over. American wounded could now receive proper attention. The U.S. Forces in the Pacific are now veterans. Like the Russians they keep up the offensive and reap a rich harvest of ~~an~~ victory. The men who escaped injury could take it easy. They were naturally elated over a tough job well done. Local chicken went down very well.

On the scene himself Admiral Nimitz, U.S. Pacific Naval Commander, saw that the victory was complete. At far less than the anticipated cost the Marshall Islands were wrested from the enemy. ^{up went} ~~The emblem of Japan was~~ ~~displayed by~~ the Stars and Stripes. The ~~whole~~ Free World salutes America's triumph in the Pacific.