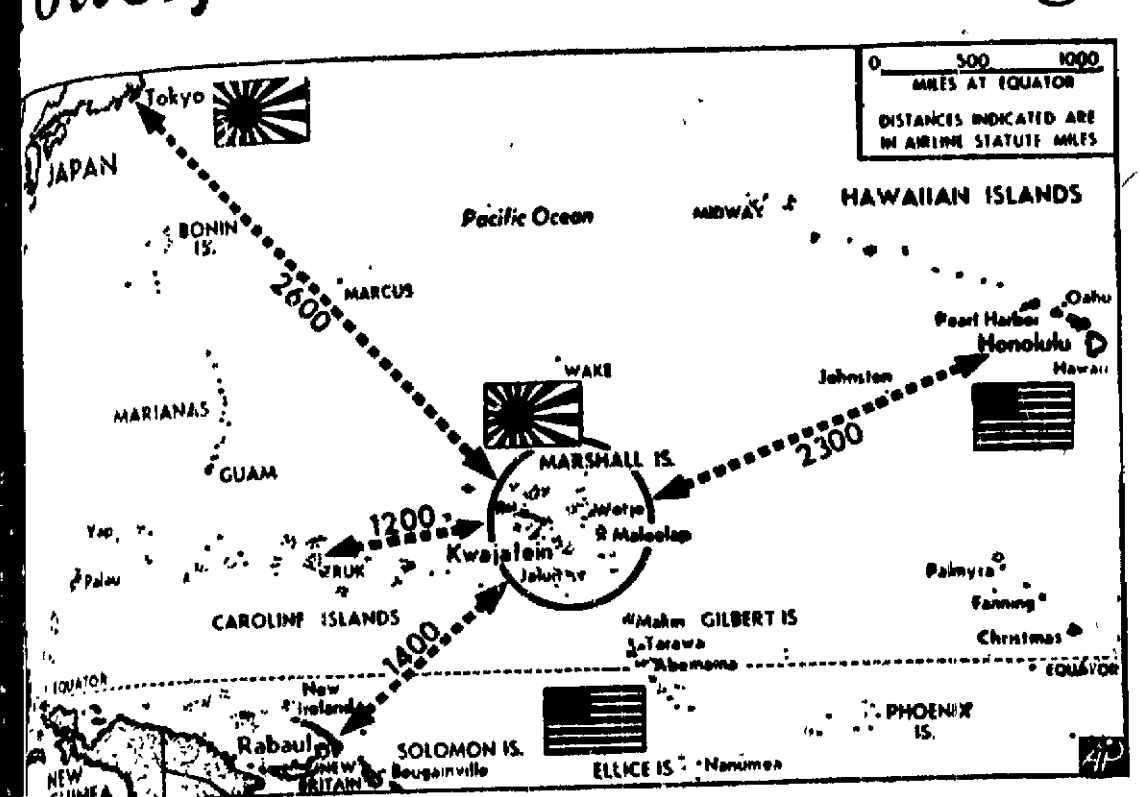


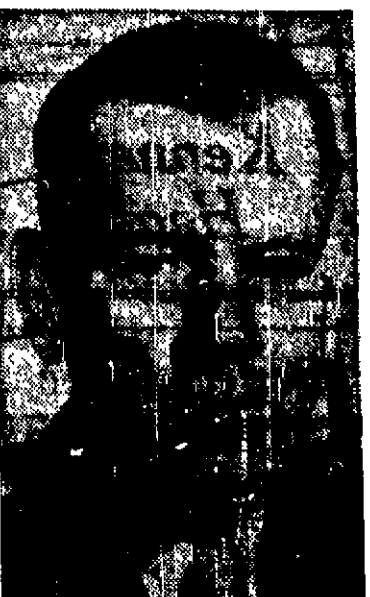
Powerful American Force Fights For Control Of Highly Strategic Marshall Islands



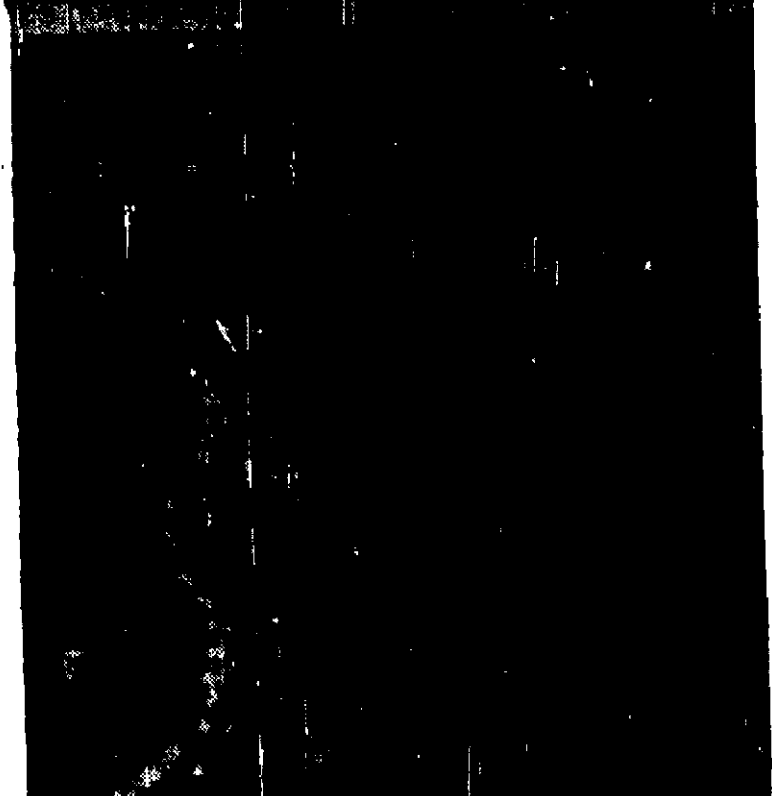
Rear Adm. Richmond K. Turner (above), is leader of the amphibious forces taking part in the invasion of some of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands in the South Pacific.—(AP Wirephoto).



Vice Adm. Raymond A. Spruance (above), new commander of the central Pacific area, is in charge of the invasion of the Marshall Islands.—(AP Wirephoto).



Maj. Gen. Charles H. Corlett (above) commands the Seventh U. S. Infantry in the invasion of the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific.—(AP Wirephoto).



Navy carrier-based planes set the hangar on the Jap-held airstrip on Roi Island after during a raid a few weeks before U. S. troops invaded the island. Roi is connected by a coral strip and Jap-built roadway to Namur Island (below). Note Japanese planes on airstrip.—(AP Wirephoto from USN).

Route Discovered By Engineer Enables Tanks To Get Across Flood Valley To Attack Nazis

(By HAT BOYLE)
On the Rapido River front. — If any one man was responsible for puncturing Germany's famous Gustav Line north of Cassino it was a tall, slow-moving Alabama combat engineer who found the only way to get American tanks across the flooded valley to blast the Nazi defenses. He is 24-year-old Captain Wallace Sorrell of Ozark, Ala., who discovered the rocky tank highway to victory, now known along this waterfront as "the Sorrell Skyway."

It took Sorrell and one dried-up bed — he scouted the route through minefields, snipers and falling artillery shells — to put an armored column over the flooded valley. It had already twice failed to cross after the tanks had bogged down on two makeshift rafts, including one made of corn-cob logs.

The story of how this young engineer by quick thinking and ingenuity reconnoitered, searched out the ingenious solution to a problem which had stumped generals is one of the best yarns of the war. Sorrell, a peace-loving and as slim as a southern pine tree, told himself as he quaffed in work-stained combat clothes and sipped hot coffee only a few score yards from the command post of the tank force he led across the valley. The tank attack which breached the Gustav Line at this point also held down the toll among American infantrymen who had been cutting their heads up against the position for days.

Whole Valley Flooded
"Our troubles began when the Germans blew up a bridge 4,000 yards north of Cassino on the road to Belmonte Castello," he said. "Whether they did it purposely or accidentally I don't know, but the explosion which demolished the bridge filled the Rapido river channel with rubble and diverted the stream from its bed so that it flooded the whole valley, making it virtually impossible tank country."

"Even so you knew we had to get those tanks across somehow, or all the effort made by the doughboys who had lost their lives would be wasted. We tried to use small, rocky paths but the tanks bogged down on the sides and bogged down. Then we built a corduroy road out of logs and got a few ramps for the logs to hold. What a mere, our tanks got stuck and every time we tried to build a road we had to do it under almost steady artillery fire.

"One day I was studying the map and got the idea suddenly that if there was no water left in the river bed we might be able to use it for a road — one we could tank the Germans for. But there were two demolition jobs that had to be done right off that we knew of — the debris at the point where the Germans had blown the bridge had to be cleared off so that the tanks could get down into the river bed, and there was a small concrete bridge further toward Cassino that we had to knock out."

"We found this out by walking over the route, and we didn't know when we started whether it was mud or not. Three of us made the trip, myself, Lt. Jack Witt of Rhina, Mo., and Lt. Robert Gilman, who used to be in the recruiting service in New York. We didn't get back until dark and everybody thought we had been captured."

"Next day we went out to do those two demolition jobs. Each man carried 50 pounds of dynamite strapped to his back — and that's something to think about when you're walking through machine-gun fire. Edmond Simeon, of Tammy, N. J., took two men with him and blew up the rest of the German bridge demolition so that our tanks could get down.

"Then Lt. Victor J. Vega, of St. Joseph, Mo., and I and four men went right out in the daytime through the shells and blew up the concrete footbridge that was

Missing Men Are Listed By U. S. Army

Washington. — (P) — Wisconsin soldiers who are missing in action in various war theatres were named on a war department casualty list made public today.

Asiatic area:
2nd Lieut. John B. Frazier; wife, Elizabeth, Winnebago.
European area:
Staff Sgt. Alex J. Dominaki; father, Stanley, Three Lakes.
Staff Sgt. Glen R. Emerson; friend, Andrew Haas, Birchwood.
2nd Lieut. Martin E. Foley; father, Charles, Oconto.
2nd Lieut. Thomas A. E. Foster; father, Samuel, Wausau.
2nd Lieut. Earl T. Frye; father, Charles, Oregon.
2nd Lieut. Daniel H. Goetsch; father, Dr. Otto, Hustisford.
Sgt. William R. Hunter; grandfather, William Miller, Birchwood.
Staff Sgt. Clayton C. Verlo; father, Alec, Mount Sterling.
Staff Sgt. Frederick M. Wald; mother, Mrs. Katherine Wald, Marinette.
Mediterranean area:
Pvt. Harold D. Graber; mother, Mrs. Anna Graber, Kenosha.
Pfc. Francis A. Roecki; wife, Ruth, Grafton.
Southwest Pacific:
2nd Lieut. Charles E. Erb; wife, Janet, La Crosse.



Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt (above) commands the Fourth Division of U. S. Marines, one of the landing forces in the American invasion of the Marshall Islands.—(AP Wirephoto).

Sheboygan Eagles Hold Initiation

A large class was initiated at a meeting of the Sheboygan aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sunday afternoon. The degree was in charge of a Mantowoc team. All seats in the lodgeroom were occupied during the afternoon.

Flower Applique



Wine colored tulips appliqued on a pink linen frock will delight you and your admirers this spring! Make the dress in any material — a dark color takes a light applique — a pastel color takes a bright applique.

Pattern No. 8587 is in sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20. Size 12, short sleeves, requires 3 1/4 yards 39-inch material; 1/2 yard for tulip appliques.

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Islands Are Given Terrific Pounding

(Robert Trumbull, representing the combined U. S. press, describes in the following dispatch the terrific naval and air bombardment of Roi and Namur islands in the Marshalls and the successful occupation of five islands near Roi by American troops.)

(By ROBERT TRUMBULL)
Distributed by The United Press
Of Roi Island, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, Feb. 1.—(Delayed)— This morning we can hear the continuous rumble of bombs and shells on Roi and Namur islands, which are hidden from our view by the heavy smoke cloud raised by the bombardment of the past 24 hours.

The bombardment by battleships, cruisers and destroyers began yesterday at dawn and with bombing and strafing by carrier planes continued throughout the day. Last night great fires flickered on Roi, principal air base at the northern end of Kwajalein atoll in the Japanese mandated Marshalls.

Tremendous smoke clouds from burning oil and other stores swirled somberly in the soft light of a quarter moon.

Yesterday's landings were preliminary to the main assault. Before that is accomplished, Roi and Namur will have received the most concentrated pounding in history, taking 5,000 tons of naval shells at a minimum estimate, plus continuous bombing.

Terribly Broken
As the brisk northeast trade wind occasionally clears the smoke, we can see through our glasses that Roi and Namur, which stood green and proud yesterday, are now terribly broken and burning. The Japanese there have had no sleep and certainly must be "bomb happy."

Each of these islands, which are connected by a narrow sandbar and man-made causeway, is less than a mile in area and the devastation wrought by our ferocious attack must be terrifying.

Our first landing on the island near Roi was made at 9:51 yesterday morning. There was little firing. Marines using grenades wiped out Japanese nests. Immediately supplies began to be landed on the narrow beach. There was no opposition.

Two years to the day since Admiral William F. Halsey's carrier force first attacked the Marshalls, our marines seized land here which represented the first invasion of Japan's pre-war empire. The commander of this northern force, Rear Admiral Richard L. (Close In) Connolly, commanded Halsey's destroyers. He has been awaiting this day for two years.

At 10:10, the first wave of the Fourth Marines hit the beach of another small island flanking Roi, apparently without resistance. Twenty minutes later, this island was reported secured. Meanwhile, snipers harassed marines on the first island invaded but at 12:09 it was plain that opposition would be ineffective. Our casualties were light and shore commanders reported to the flagship that Japanese prisoners were taken.

Land on Three Others
Landings were made on three other islands during the afternoon. The last landing yesterday was made at 6:24 p. m., the marines going toward the beach walking

Capture Of Marshalls Will Take Some Time

(By CHARLES H. MCMURTRY)
Pearl Harbor. — (UP) — Don't expect any 78-hour miracle capture of the Marshall Islands.

The Gilbert Islands, taken in three days, were a different matter.

It's true Adm. Chester W. Nimitz sent the world's greatest naval force and many thousands of marines and soldiers into the new Central Pacific operation, but weeks of fierce fighting can be expected before the complete capture of the Marshalls.

The Japanese have many times more bases in the Marshalls than they had in the Gilberts. They also have spent more years in fortifying them.

It's no secret now even to the Japanese that the hundreds of ships involved constitute the most powerful naval units ever assembled. The nearest comparison is with the fleet assembled for the invasion of Sicily. The total of ships and boats of all sizes employed in the Mediterranean operation probably exceeded the actual number being used to assault the Marshalls and patrolling the Central Pacific. But the Pacific force is much more powerful.

The greatest threat to the naval force appears to be from the air. But even this danger has been reduced to a minimum by the pre-invasion bombings of every Marshall airbase, plus raids on Kusaie island in the Carolines to the west and Wake island to the north, from which the enemy might retaliate.

But the troops still must make landings through machine-gun and artillery fire, must secure the beachheads and push forward, often yard by yard, against concentrated firing and grenades from an enemy to whom the invaders' whereabouts can be no secret.

The invasion of the Marshalls is bold in concept, audacious in tactical deployment and startling

Announce List Of Wounded And Missing Men

Washington. — (P) — Three Wisconsin marines and three sailors were named on navy department casualty list made public today.

Wounded:
Pfc. Joseph J. Rutkowski, USMCR; mother, Mrs. Elsie Ryjack, Racine.
Pfc. Bernard A. Schuler, USMCR; father, Anthony, Elmwood.

Missing:
Pvt. John J. Creech, USMC; father, John, Elyan.
Seaman 1st Class Russell A. Damiano, USN; father, Anthony, Milwaukee.
Seaman 2nd Class Gordon A. Fifth, USNR; father, Alfred, Wisconsin Rapids.
Storekeeper 2nd Class George Stanley, USN; parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Drew, Mosinee.

Master Plumbers Elect Officers

Milwaukee. — (P) — The Wisconsin Master Plumbers association elected the following directors at its annual convention here yesterday: Edward F. Skogge, Green Bay; Erwin B. Knauer, Milwaukee; Frank F. Osborn, Beloit; Edward J. Massimo, Milwaukee, and David D. Holler, Sheboygan.

R. C. Angelbeck, of Kohler, Wis., told the plumbers that the volume of home construction probably would be three times the average residential building of the 1930-39 period for 10 years after the war.

He declared that rosy dreams of large scale changes in homes, particularly in plumbing fixtures, will not be carried out in the immediate post-war period. The changes will be gradual, he added.

Sheboygan Pfc. Schneider Is Recovering

Greenbush. — Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schneider of St. Cloud have received word from their son, Pfc. Lloyd C. Schneider, U. S. M. C., who was wounded in the battle of Tarawa, that he is getting along nicely.

Since a list of wounded men was published in The Sheboygan Press last week, the Schneider family and relatives have been besieged with calls from people who misread the article and believe Lloyd is dead.

In 1943 the nation's air lines flew 85 per cent more air-mile-pounds miles than in 1942.

Itchy Pimples Kill Romance

Many shattered romances may be traced directly to scratching of skin blemishes. Why tolerate itching of pimples, eczema, angry red blotches and other irritations, when you can get quick relief from soothing Peterson's Ointment? 35c all drugstores. Money refunded if one application does not delight you. Peterson's Ointment also soothes irritation and tired feet and cracks between toes.—Adv.

Coming AUCTIONS

MONDAY, FEB. 7, 1944 P. M.
Garret J. Wiesendanger, Auctioneer, 1 1/2 miles N. W. of Cedar Grove, 1/2 mile E. of the Town of Holland, Town Hall, Garret W. Nyshuis, Auctioneer.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9, 1 P. M.
Albert Mentink auctioneer, 7 mi. S. of Sheboygan, 2 mi. S. of Gilmerville, 4 1/2 mi. N. of Cedar Grove on Hwy. 42, Garret W. Nyshuis and E. Harmsling, Auctioneers, Harry Teselle, Sales Agent.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF SOPHIA BRAUN, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that at a term of said Court to be held on Tuesday, the 29th day of February, 1944, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court House in the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, there will be heard and considered: The application of Security National Guaranty Co. for the appointment of an executor or administrator of the estate of said Sophia Braum, deceased, late of the City of Sheboygan, Wis. and County of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in said County, and for the allowance of the same; and for the settlement of the residue of the estate of said deceased to such persons as the law entitled thereby; and for the determination and adjudication of the inheritance tax, if any, payable in said estate.
By Order of the Court,
F. H. SCHLICHTING, Judge.
Werner, Clemens & Miller, Attorneys.
Dated February 1, 1944.
By Order of the Court,
F. H. SCHLICHTING, Judge.
Baughner, Mumke & Fools, Attorneys.

NOTICE OF CREDITORS
STATE OF WISCONSIN, County Court, Sheboygan County.
In the Matter of the Estate of AUGUSTA ECKHARDT, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that all claims against the said August Eckhardt, late of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, must be presented to said County Court at a term of said Court to be held on Tuesday, the 29th day of February, 1944, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court House in the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, there will be heard and considered: The application of Louise Houshon Trust, executor of the estate of Christian Eckhardt, late of the City of Sheboygan, Wis. and County of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in said County, and for the settlement of the residue of the estate of said deceased to such persons as the law entitled thereby; and for the determination and adjudication of the inheritance tax, if any, payable in said estate.
By Order of the Court,
F. H. SCHLICHTING, Judge.
Dear L. Wolters, Attorney.

NOTICE OF CREDITORS
STATE OF WISCONSIN, County Court, Sheboygan County.
In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES H. HALL, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that at a term of said Court to be held on Tuesday, the 29th day of February, 1944, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court House in the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, there will be heard and considered: The application of Louise Houshon Trust, executor of the estate of Christian Eckhardt, late of the City of Sheboygan, Wis. and County of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in said County, and for the settlement of the residue of the estate of said deceased to such persons as the law entitled thereby; and for the determination and adjudication of the inheritance tax, if any, payable in said estate.
By Order of the Court,
F. H. SCHLICHTING, Judge.
Dear L. Wolters, Attorney.

NOTICE OF CREDITORS
STATE OF WISCONSIN, County Court, Sheboygan County.
In the Matter of the Estate of GUSTAV SCHMITZ, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that at a term of said Court to be held on Tuesday, the 29th day of February, 1944, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court House in the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, there will be heard and considered: The application of Security National Guaranty Co. for the appointment of an executor or administrator of the estate of said Gustav Schmitz, deceased, late of the City of Sheboygan, Wis. and County of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in said County, and for the allowance of the same; and for the settlement of the residue of the estate of said deceased to such persons as the law entitled thereby; and for the determination and adjudication of the inheritance tax, if any, payable in said estate.
By Order of the Court,
F. H. SCHLICHTING, Judge.
Werner, Clemens & Miller, Attorneys.
Dated January 31, 1944.

NOTICE OF CREDITORS
STATE OF WISCONSIN, County Court, Sheboygan County.
In the Matter of the Estate of SOPHIA BRAUN, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that at a term of said Court to be held on Tuesday, the 29th day of February, 1944, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court House in the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, there will be heard and considered: The application of Security National Guaranty Co. for the appointment of an executor or administrator of the estate of said Sophia Braum, deceased, late of the City of Sheboygan, Wis. and County of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in said County, and for the allowance of the same; and for the settlement of the residue of the estate of said deceased to such persons as the law entitled thereby; and for the determination and adjudication of the inheritance tax, if any, payable in said estate.
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F. H. SCHLICHTING, Judge.
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