

# Marine Task Organization and Command List<sup>1</sup>

## MARINE GROUND UNITS

A. GILBERT ISLANDS<sup>2</sup>  
(13 November-8 December 1943)

### *V Amphibious Corps* (20-25Nov43)

CG ----- MajGen Holland M. Smith  
CofS ----- BGen Graves B. Erskine  
C-1 ----- LtCol Albert F. Metz  
C-2 ----- LtCol St. Julien R. Marshall  
C-3 ----- Col Peter P. Schrider  
C-4 ----- Col Raymond E. Knapp  
*V Corps Headquarters and Service Battalion*  
(20-25Nov43)  
CO ----- Maj Thomas R. Wert

### *V Corps Reconnaissance Company* (18Nov-3Dec43)

CO ----- Capt James L. Jones

### *2d Airdrome Battalion* (21Aug-8Dec43)

CO ----- LtCol Thomas G. McFarland

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, names, positions held, organization titles, and periods of service were taken from the muster rolls of the units concerned, held in the Diary Unit, Files Section, Records Branch, Personnel Department, Headquarters Marine Corps. Units are listed only for those periods, indicated by the dates below parent unit designation, for which they are entitled to campaign participation credit. This information is derived from muster rolls and U.S. Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual-NAVPERS 15,790 (Rev. 1953) with changes (Washington, 1953-1958). The muster rolls have been the final authority when there is a conflict in dates of unit entitlement within the overall campaign period as cited by the Awards Manual. In the case of Marine air units, many of which participated in the campaigns as flight or advance echelons only, the unit commander who was actually in the combat area is shown where muster rolls reveal this information. In order to conserve space, only units of battalion and squadron size, or larger, and sizeable separate detachments are listed for each operation, although smaller organizations may have participated also.

<sup>2</sup> Operations within the Gilberts include the capture of Tarawa, Makin and Apamama.

### *2d Defense Battalion*

(24Nov-8Dec43)

CO ----- Col Norman E. True

### *5th Defense Battalion*

(20Oct42-8Dec43)

CO ----- Col George F. Good, Jr.

### *8th Defense Battalion*

(28Nov-8Dec43)

CO ----- Col Lloyd L. Leech

### *25th Replacement Battalion*

(13Nov-8Dec43)

CO ----- Maj John H. McMillan

### *Headquarters, 2d Marine Division* (20Nov-4Dec43)

CG ----- MajGen Julian C. Smith  
ADC ----- BGen Leo D. Hermle  
CofS ----- Col Merritt A. Edson  
D-1 ----- LtCol Cornelius P. Van Ness  
D-2 ----- LtCol Thomas J. Colley  
D-3 ----- LtCol James P. Riseley  
D-4 ----- LtCol Jesse S. Cook, Jr.

### *Division Headquarters and Service Battalion* (20Nov-4Dec43)

CO ----- LtCol Lyman G. Miller

### *Division Special and Service Troops* (20-24Nov43)

CO ----- Col Robert C. Thaxton

### *2d Amphibian Tractor Battalion* (20Nov-5Dec43)

CO ----- Maj Henry C. Drewes (KIA 20-Nov43)

Maj Henry G. Lawrence, Jr.  
(from 20Nov43) (WIA 20Nov-43)

	<i>2d Antitank Battalion</i> (20-30Nov43)		<i>8th Marines</i> (20-24Nov43)
CO	----- Capt Saul Glassman	CO	----- Col Elmer E. Hall
	<i>2d Medical Battalion</i> (20-24Nov43)	ExO	----- LtCol Paul D. Sherman
CO	----- LCdr Justin J. Stein, MC, USN	R-3	----- Maj Hewitt D. Adams
	<i>2d Service Battalion</i> (20-24Nov43)		<i>1st Battalion, 8th Marines</i>
CO	----- Col Clarence H. Baldwin	CO	----- Maj Lawrence C. Hays, Jr. (WIA 22Nov43)
	<i>2d Special Weapons Battalion</i> (20-24Nov43)		<i>2d Battalion, 8th Marines</i>
CO	----- Maj Guy E. Tannyhill	CO	----- Maj Henry P. Crowe
	<i>2d Tank Battalion</i> (20-24Nov43)		<i>3d Battalion, 8th Marines</i>
CO	----- LtCol Alexander B. Swenceski (WIA 20Nov43)	CO	----- Maj Robert H. Ruud
	<i>2d Marines</i> (20-24Nov43)		<i>10th Marines</i> (20Nov-1Dec43)
CO	----- Col David M. Shoup	CO	----- BGen Thomas E. Bourke <sup>3</sup>
ExO	----- LtCol Dixon Goen	ExO	----- LtCol Ralph E. Forsyth
R-3	----- Maj Thomas A. Culhane, Jr.	R-3	----- LtCol Marvin H. Floom
	<i>1st Battalion, 2d Marines</i>		<i>1st Battalion, 10th Marines</i>
CO	----- Maj Wood B. Kyle	CO	----- LtCol Presley M. Rixey
	<i>2d Battalion, 2d Marines</i>		<i>2d Battalion, 10th Marines</i>
CO	----- LtCol Herbert R. Amey, Jr. (KIA 20Nov43)	CO	----- LtCol George R. E. Shell
	<i>3d Battalion, 2d Marines</i>		<i>3d Battalion, 10th Marines</i>
CO	----- Maj John F. Schoettel	CO	----- LtCol Manly L. Curry
	<i>6th Marines</i> (20Nov-8Dec43)		<i>4th Battalion, 10th Marines</i>
CO	----- Col Maurice G. Holmes	CO	----- LtCol Kenneth A. Jorgensen
ExO	----- LtCol Russell Lloyd		<i>5th Battalion, 10th Marines</i>
R-3	----- Maj Loren E. Haffner	CO	----- Maj Howard V. Hiett
	<i>1st Battalion, 6th Marines</i>		<i>18th Marines</i> (20-24Nov43)
CO	----- Maj William K. Jones	CO	----- Col Cyril W. Martyr
	<i>2d Battalion, 6th Marines</i>	ExO	----- LtCol Kenneth P. Corson
CO	----- LtCol Raymond L. Murray	R-3	----- LtCol Ewart S. Laue
	<i>3d Battalion, 6th Marines</i>		<i>1st Battalion, 18th Marines (Engineer)</i>
CO	----- LtCol Kenneth F. McLeod	CO	----- Maj August L. Vogt
			<i>2d Battalion, 18th Marines (Pioneer)</i>
		CO	----- LtCol Chester J. Salazar

<sup>3</sup> No replacement colonel was available for the artillery regiment when Bourke was promoted to brigadier general, therefore he remained in command for the Tarawa operation.

*3d Battalion, 18th Marines*  
(18th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion)  
CO ----- Cdr Lawrence Emerson Tull,  
CEC, USN

**B. MARSHALL ISLANDS OPERATIONS<sup>4</sup>**  
(29 January-2 March 1944)

1. Kwajalein-Majuro (29Jan-8Feb44)

*V Amphibious Corps<sup>5</sup>*  
(1-7Feb44)

CG ----- MajGen Holland M. Smith  
Cofs ----- BGen Graves B. Erskine  
C-1 ----- LtCol Albert F. Metzke  
C-2 ----- LtCol St. Julien R. Marshall  
C-3 ----- Col John C. McQueen  
C-4 ----- Col Raymond E. Knapp  
C-5 ----- Col Joseph T. Smith

*V Corps Headquarters and Service Battalion*  
(1-7Feb44)

CO ----- Maj Thomas R. Wert

*V Corps Signal Battalion*  
(1-7Feb44)

CO ----- LtCol James H. N. Hudnall

*V Corps Reconnaissance Company*  
(30Jan-2Feb44)  
(17-23Feb44)

CO ----- Capt James L. Jones

*4th Amphibian Tractor Battalion*  
(1-6Feb44)

CO ----- LtCol Clovis C. Coffman

*10th Amphibian Tractor Battalion*  
(1-8Feb44)

CO ----- Maj Victor J. Croizat

*1st Armored Amphibian Battalion*  
(1-6Feb44)

CO ----- Maj Louis Metzger

*1st Defense Battalion*  
(1-8Feb44)

CO ----- Col Lewis A. Hohn

<sup>4</sup>Includes: Kwajalein-Majuro Occupation, 29Jan-8Feb44; Eniwetok Occupation, 17Feb-2Mar44.

<sup>5</sup>Tactical Group I, V Amphibious Corps, consisting of headquarters staff and the 22d Marines (Reinforced), as well as other supporting units, represented the Fleet Reserve during the Kwajalein-Majuro operation and is shown in detail under Eniwetok, 17Feb-2Mar44.

*15th Defense Battalion*

(2-8Feb44)

CO ----- LtCol Francis B. Loomis, Jr.

*Headquarters, 4th Marine Division*  
(1-8Feb44)

CG ----- MajGen Harry Schmidt  
ADC ----- BGen James L. Underhill  
CofS ----- Col William W. Rogers  
D-1 ----- Col Merton J. Batchelder  
D-2 ----- Maj Gooderham L. McCormick  
D-3 ----- Col Walter W. Wensinger  
D-4 ----- Col William F. Brown

*Division Headquarters and Service Battalion*  
(1-8Feb44)

CO ----- LtCol Melvin L. Krulewitch

*Division Special and Service Troops*  
(1-8Feb44)

CO ----- Col Emmett W. Skinner

*4th Medical Battalion*  
(1-8Feb44)

CO ----- LCdr Stewart W. Shimonek,  
MC, USN

*4th Motor Transport Battalion*  
(1-8Feb44)

CO ----- LtCol Ralph L. Schiesswohl

*4th Service Battalion*  
(1-8Feb44)

CO ----- Maj John L. Lamprey, Jr.

*4th Special Weapons Battalion*  
(1-8Feb44)

CO ----- LtCol Alexander A. Vandegrift,  
Jr.

*4th Tank Battalion*  
(1-8Feb44)

CO ----- Maj Richard K. Schmidt

*14th Marines*  
(1-8Feb44)

CO ----- Col Louis G. DeHaven  
ExO ----- LtCol Randall M. Victory  
R-3 ----- Maj Frederick J. Karch

*1st Battalion, 14th Marines*

CO ----- LtCol Harry J. Zimmer

*2d Battalion, 14th Marines*

CO ----- LtCol George B. Wilson, Jr.

*3d Battalion, 14th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Robert E. MacFarlane

*4th Battalion, 14th Marines*  
CO ----- Maj Carl A. Youngdale

*20th Marines*  
(1-8Feb44)  
CO ----- Col Lucian W. Burnham  
ExO ----- LtCol Nelson K. Brown  
R-3 ----- Maj Melvin D. Henderson

*1st Battalion, 20th Marines (Engineer)*  
CO ----- Maj Richard G. Ruby

*2d Battalion, 20th Marines (Pioneer)*  
CO ----- LtCol Otto Lessing

*3d Battalion, 20th Marines*  
(121st U. S. Naval Construction Battalion)  
CO ----- LCdr William G. Byrne, CEC,  
USN

*23d Marines*  
(1-8Feb44)  
CO ----- Col Louis R. Jones  
ExO ----- LtCol John R. Lanigan  
R-3 ----- Maj Edward W. Wells

*1st Battalion, 23d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Hewin O. Hammond

*2d Battalion, 23d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Edward J. Dillon

*3d Battalion, 23d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol John J. Cosgrove, Jr.

*24th Marines*  
(1-8Feb44)  
CO ----- Col Franklin A. Hart  
ExO ----- LtCol Homer L. Litzenberg, Jr.  
R-3 ----- LtCol Charles D. Roberts

*1st Battalion, 24th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Aquilla J. Dyess (KIA  
2Feb44)  
Maj Maynard C. Schultz (from  
2Feb44)

*2d Battalion, 24th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Francis H. Brink

*3d Battalion, 24th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Austin R. Brunelli

*25th Marines*  
31Jan-8Feb44)  
CO ----- Col Samuel C. Cumming  
ExO ----- LtCol Walter I. Jordan  
R-3 ----- LtCol William F. Thyson, Jr.

*1st Battalion, 25th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Clarence J. O'Donnell

*2d Battalion, 25th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Lewis C. Hudson, Jr.

*3d Battalion, 25th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Justice M. Chambers

*2. Eniwetok (17Feb-2Mar44)*  
*Tactical Group 1, V Amphibious Corps*  
(17Feb-2Mar44)  
CG ----- BGen Thomas E. Watson  
S-1 ----- (none shown)  
S-2 ----- Maj Robert W. Shaw  
S-3 ----- LtCol Wallace M. Greene, Jr.  
S-4 ----- LtCol Robert J. Straub

*10th Defense Battalion*  
(21Feb-2Mar44)  
CO ----- LtCol Wallace O. Thompson

*22d Marines (Reinforced)*  
(17-25Feb44)  
CO ----- Col John T. Walker  
ExO ----- Col Merlin F. Schneider  
R-3 ----- LtCol Floyd R. Moore

*1st Battalion, 22d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Walfried H. Fromhold

*2d Battalion, 22d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Donn C. Hart

*3d Battalion, 22d Marines*  
CO ----- Maj Clair W. Shisler

*2d Separate Pack Howitzer Battalion*  
(17-25Feb44)  
CO ----- LtCol Edwin C. Ferguson (WIA  
18Feb44)

C. SAIPAN (11 June-10 August 1944)

*Expeditionary Troops*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CG ----- LtGen Holland M. Smith  
CofS ----- BGen Graves B. Erskine  
G-1 ----- LtCol Albert F. Metzke  
G-2 ----- LtCol Thomas R. Yancey, USA  
G-3 ----- Col Robert E. Hogaboom  
G-4 ----- LtCol Joseph C. Anderson, USA

*V Amphibious Corps—Northern Troops and Landing Force*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CG ----- LtGen Holland M. Smith (to 11Jul44)  
MajGen Harry Schmidt (from 12Jul44)

CofS ----- BGen Graves B. Erskine  
C-1 ----- LtCol Albert F. Metzke  
C-2 ----- Col St. Julien R. Marshall  
C-3 ----- Col John C. McQueen  
C-4 ----- Col Raymond E. Knapp  
C-5 ----- Col Joseph T. Smith

*V Corps Headquarters and Service Battalion*  
CO ----- Maj Thomas R. Wert  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

*V Corps Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- Capt James L. Jones

*V Corps Medical Battalion*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- LCdr William B. Clapp, MC, USN

*V Corps Signal Battalion*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- Col James H. N. Hudnall

*2d Amphibian Tractor Battalion*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- Maj Henry G. Lawrence, Jr. (to 2Jul44)  
Maj Fenlon A. Durand (from 3Jul44)

*5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- Capt George L. Shead

*10th Amphibian Tractor Battalion*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- Maj Victor J. Croizat

*11th Amphibian Tractor Battalion*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- Maj Walter S. Haskell, Jr.

*2d Armored Amphibian Battalion*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- LtCol Reed M. Fawell, Jr.

*2d 155mm Howitzer Battalion*  
(15Jun-16Jul44)

CO ----- LtCol Marvin H. Floom

*4th 105mm Howitzer Battalion*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- LtCol Douglas E. Reeve

*2d Separate Engineer Battalion*  
(12Jul-10Aug44)

CO ----- LtCol Charles O. Clark

*7th Field Depot*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- LtCol Edwin D. Partridge (to 25Jun44)  
Col Earl H. Phillips (from 26Jun44)

*Headquarters, 2d Marine Division*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CG ----- MajGen Thomas E. Watson  
ADC ----- BGen Merritt A. Edson  
CofS ----- Col David M. Shoup  
D-1 ----- LtCol James T. Wilbur  
D-2 ----- LtCol Thomas J. Colley  
D-3 ----- LtCol Wallace M. Greene, Jr.  
D-4 ----- Col Robert J. Straub

*Division Headquarters and Service Battalion*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- Maj Melvin A. Smith

*Division Special Troops*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- (none shown)

*2d Medical Battalion*  
(15Jun-16Jul44)

CO ----- LCdr Claude R. Bruner, MC, USN

*2d Motor Transport Battalion*  
(15Jun-24Jul44)

CO ----- Maj Milton J. Green

	<i>2d Service Battalion</i> (15Jun-24Jul44)		Maj John E. Rentsch (from 16Jun44)
CO -----	Maj Edward V. Dozier		LtCol John W. Easley (from 3Jul44)
	<i>2d Tank Battalion</i> (15Jun-24Jul44)		<i>8th Marines</i> (15Jun-24Jul44)
CO -----	Maj Charles W. McCoy	CO -----	Col Clarence R. Wallace
	<i>2d Marines</i> (15Jun-24Jul44)	ExO -----	LtCol Jack P. Juhan
CO -----	Col Walter J. Stuart	R-3 -----	Maj William H. Souder, Jr.
ExO -----	LtCol John H. Griebel		<i>1st Battalion, 8th Marines</i>
R-3 -----	Maj Samuel D. Mandeville, Jr.	CO -----	LtCol Lawrence C. Hays, Jr. (WIA 15Jun44)
	<i>1st Battalion, 2d Marines</i>		<i>2d Battalion, 8th Marines</i>
CO -----	LtCol Wood B. Kyle	CO -----	LtCol Henry P. Crowe (WIA 15Jun44)
	<i>2d Battalion, 2d Marines</i>		<i>3d Battalion, 6th Marines</i>
CO -----	LtCol Richard C. Nutting	CO -----	LtCol John C. Miller (WIA 15Jun44)
	<i>3d Battalion, 2d Marines</i>		Maj Stanley E. Larsen (WIA 15Jun44)
CO -----	LtCol Arnold F. Johnston (WIA 16 and 21Jun44)		LtCol Gavin C. Humphrey (from 10Jul44)
	Maj Harold "K" Throneson (from 21Jun44)		<i>10th Marines</i> (15Jun-24Jul44)
	LtCol Arnold F. Johnston (from 5Jul44)	CO -----	Col Raphael Griffin
	LtCol Walter F. Layer (from 11Jul44)	ExO -----	LtCol Ralph E. Forsyth (KIA 23Jun44)
	<i>6th Marines</i> (15Jun-26Jul44)		Col Presley M. Rixey (from 24Jun44)
CO -----	Col James P. Riseley	R-3 -----	LtCol Howard V. Hiett (WIA 17Jun44)
ExO -----	LtCol Kenneth F. McLeod (KIA 25Jun44)		Maj Richard B. Church (WIA 24Jun44)
	LtCol Russell Lloyd (from 25 Jun44)		Maj Wade H. Hitt (from 24Jun44)
R-3 -----	Maj Loren E. Haffner		<i>1st Battalion, 10th Marines</i>
	<i>1st Battalion, 6th Marines</i>	CO -----	Col Presley M. Rixey (to 24Jun44)
CO -----	LtCol William K. Jones		Maj Wendell H. Best (from 25Jun44)
	<i>2d Battalion, 6th Marines</i>		LtCol Donovan D. Sult (from 16Jul44)
CO -----	LtCol Raymond L. Murray (WIA 15Jun44)	CO -----	LtCol George R. E. Shell (WIA 16Jun44)
	Maj LeRoy P. Hunt, Jr. (from 15Jun44)		<i>2d Battalion, 10th Marines</i>
	LtCol Edmund B. Games (from 11Jul44)	CO -----	LtCol George R. E. Shell (WIA 16Jun44)
	<i>3d Battalion, 6th Marines</i>		
CO -----	LtCol John W. Easley (WIA 15Jun44)		

Maj Kenneth C. Houston (from  
 16Jun44)  
 Maj David L. Henderson (from  
 16Jul44)  
*3d Battalion, 10th Marines*  
 CO ----- Maj William L. Crouch (KIA  
 7Jul44)  
 Maj James O. Appleyard (from  
 8Jul44)  
 LtCol William C. Capehart (from  
 16Jul44)  
*4th Battalion, 10th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Kenneth A. Jorgensen  
*18th Marines*  
 (15Jun-24Jul44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Russell Lloyd (to 24Jun44)  
 Col Cyril W. Martyr (from  
 25Jun44)  
 ExO ----- LtCol Ewart S. Laue  
 R-3 ----- Capt Murdoch J. McLeod  
*1st Battalion, 18th Marines (Engineer)*  
 CO ----- LtCol August L. Vogt  
*2d Battalion, 18th Marines (Pioneer)*  
 CO ----- LtCol Chester J. Salazar  
*18th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion*  
 CO ----- Cdr Lawrence Emerson Tull,  
 CEC, USN  
*Headquarters, 4th Marine Division*  
 (15Jun-24Jul44)  
 CG ----- MajGen Harry Schmidt (to  
 11Jul44)  
 MajGen Clifton B. Cates (from  
 12Jul44)  
 ADC ----- BGen Samuel C. Cumming  
 CofS ----- Col William W. Rogers  
 D-1 ----- Col Walter I. Jordan  
 D-2 ----- LtCol Gooderham L. McCormick  
 D-3 ----- Col Walter W. Wensinger  
 D-4 ----- Col William F. Brown  
*Division Headquarters and Service Battalion*  
 (15Jun-24Jul44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Melvin L. Krulewitch  
*Division Special and Service Troops*  
 (15Jun-24Jul44)  
 CO ----- Col Orin H. Wheeler  
*4th Medical Battalion*  
 (15Jun-24Jul44)  
 CO ----- LCdr George W. Mast, MC, USN  
*4th Motor Transport Battalion*  
 (15Jun-24Jul44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Ralph L. Schiesswohl  
*4th Service Battalion*  
 (15Jun-24Jul44)  
 CO ----- Col Richard H. Schubert  
*4th Tank Battalion*  
 (15Jun-24Jul44)  
 CO ----- Maj Richard K. Schmidt  
*14th Marines*  
 (15Jun-24Jul44)  
 CO ----- Col Louis G. DeHaven  
 ExO ----- LtCol Randall M. Victory  
 R-3 ----- Maj Frederick J. Karch  
*1st Battalion, 14th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Harry J. Zimmer  
*2d Battalion, 14th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol George B. Wilson, Jr.  
*3d Battalion, 14th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Robert E. MacFarlane  
*4th Battalion, 14th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Carl A. Youngdale  
*20th Marines*  
 (15Jun-24Jul44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Nelson K. Brown  
 ExO ----- Capt William M. Anderson  
 R-3 ----- Maj Melvin D. Henderson  
*1st Battalion, 20th Marines (Engineer)*  
 CO ----- Maj Richard G. Ruby  
*2d Battalion, 20th Marines (Pioneer)*  
 CO ----- Maj John H. Partridge  
*121st U. S. Naval Construction Battalion*  
 CO ----- LCdr William G. Byrne, CEC,  
 USN  
*23d Marines*  
 (15Jun-24Jul44)  
 CO ----- Col Louis R. Jones

ExO ----- LtCol John R. Lanigan (WIA  
12Jul44)  
R-3 ----- Maj Edward W. Wells (to  
16Jul44)  
              Capt William E. Buron (from  
17Jul44)

*1st Battalion, 23d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Ralph Haas

*2d Battalion, 23d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Edward J. Dillon (WIA 6  
and 9Jul44)

*3d Battalion, 23d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol John J. Cosgrove, Jr. (WIA  
19Jun44)  
              Maj Paul S. Treitel (from  
19Jun44)

*24th Marines*  
              (15Jun-24Jul44)  
CO ----- Col Franklin A. Hart  
ExO ----- LtCol Austin R. Brunelli  
R-3 ----- LtCol Charles D. Roberts

*1st Battalion, 24th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Maynard C. Schultz (KIA  
16Jun44)  
              Maj Robert N. Fricke (16-  
27Jun44)  
              LtCol Otto Lessing (from  
28Jun44)

*2d Battalion, 24th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Richard Rothwell

*3d Battalion, 24th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Alexander A. Vandegrift,  
Jr. (WIA 29Jun44)

*25th Marines*  
              (15Jun-24Jul44)  
CO ----- Col Merton J. Batchelder  
ExO ----- LtCol Clarence J. O'Donnell  
R-3 ----- LtCol William F. Thyson, Jr.

*1st Battalion, 25th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Hollis U. Mustain

*2d Battalion, 25th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Lewis C. Hudson, Jr.

*3d Battalion, 25th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Justice M. Chambers (WIA  
22Jun44)  
              Maj James Taul (22-23Jun44)  
              LtCol Justice M. Chambers (from  
24Jun44)

*1st Battalion, 29th Marines*  
              (15Jun-24Jul44)  
CO ----- LtCol Guy E. Tannyhill (WIA  
17Jun44)  
              LtCol Rathvon McC. Tompkins  
              (WIA 2Jul44)  
              Maj William W. McKinley (4-  
15Jul44)  
              LtCol John K. Pressley (from  
16Jul44)

D. TINIAN (24 July-1 August 1944)

*Expeditionary Troops*  
              (24Jul-10Aug44)  
CG ----- MajGen Harry Schmidt  
CofS ----- BGen Graves B. Erskine  
C-1 ----- LtCol Albert F. Metze  
C-2 ----- Col St. Julien R. Marshall  
C-3 ----- Col John C. McQueen  
C-4 ----- LtCol Raymond E. Knapp  
C-5 ----- Col Joseph T. Smith

*V Amphibious Corps-Northern Troops and  
              Landing Force*  
              (24Jul-10Aug44)  
CG ----- MajGen Harry Schmidt  
CofS ----- BGen Graves B. Erskine  
G-1 ----- LtCol Albert F. Metze  
G-2 ----- LtCol Thomas R. Yancey, USA  
G-3 ----- Col Robert E. Hogaboom  
G-4 ----- LtCol Joseph C. Anderson, USA

*V Corps Headquarters and Service Battalion*  
              (24Jul-7Aug44)  
CO ----- Maj Thomas R. Wert

*V Corps Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion*  
              (24Jul-10Aug44)  
CO ----- Capt James L. Jones

*V Corps Medical Battalion*  
              (24Jul-7Aug44)  
CO ----- LCdr William B. Clapp, MC,  
              USN



<p style="text-align: center;"><i>V Corps Signal Battalion</i> (24Jul-7Aug44) CO ----- Col James H. N. Hudnall</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2d Amphibian Tractor Battalion</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- Maj Fenlon A. Durand</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- Maj George L. Shead</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10th Amphibian Tractor Battalion</i> (Less Company A) (24Jul-7Aug44) CO ----- Maj Victor J. Croizat</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2d Armored Amphibian Battalion</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- LtCol Reed M. Fawell, Jr.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>4th 105mm Howitzer Battalion</i> (24Jul-7Aug44) CO ----- LtCol Douglas E. Reeve</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>7th Field Depot</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- Col Earl H. Phillips</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Headquarters, 2d Marine Division</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CG ----- MajGen Thomas E. Watson ADC ----- BGen Merritt A. Edson CofS ----- Col David M. Shoup D-1 ----- LtCol James T. Wilbur D-2 ----- LtCol Thomas J. Colley D-3 ----- LtCol Wallace M. Greene, Jr. D-4 ----- Col Robert J. Straub</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Division Headquarters and Service Battalion</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- Maj Melvin A. Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Division Special Troops</i> CO ----- (none shown)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2d Medical Battalion</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- LCdr Claude R. Bruner, MC, USN</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2d Motor Transport Battalion</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- Maj Milton J. Green</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>2d Service Battalion</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- Maj Edward V. Dozier</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2d Tank Battalion</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- Maj Charles W. McCoy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2d Marines</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- Col Walter J. Stuart ExO ----- LtCol John H. Griebel R-3 ----- Maj Samuel D. Mandeville, Jr.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1st Battalion, 2d Marines</i> CO ----- LtCol Wood B. Kyle</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2d Battalion, 2d Marines</i> CO ----- LtCol Richard C. Nutting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>3d Battalion, 2d Marines</i> CO ----- LtCol Walter F. Layer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>6th Marines</i> (26Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- Col James P. Riseley ExO ----- LtCol Russell Lloyd R-3 ----- Maj Loren E. Haffner</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1st Battalion, 6th Marines</i> CO ----- LtCol William K. Jones</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2d Battalion, 6th Marines</i> (24Jul-8Aug44) CO ----- LtCol Edmund B. Games</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>3d Battalion, 6th Marines</i> CO ----- LtCol John W. Easley (KIA 2Aug44) Maj John E. Rentsch (from 2Aug44)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>8th Marines</i> (24Jul-10Aug44) CO ----- Col Clarence R. Wallace ExO ----- LtCol Jack P. Juhan R-3 ----- Maj William H. Souder, Jr.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1st Battalion, 8th Marines</i> CO ----- LtCol Lawrence C. Hays, Jr.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2d Battalion, 8th Marines</i> CO ----- LtCol Lane C. Kendall</p>
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*3d Battalion, 8th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Gavin C. Humphrey

*10th Marines*  
 (24Jul-10Aug44)  
 CO ----- Col Raphael Griffin  
 ExO ----- Col Presley M. Rixey  
 R-3 ----- Maj Wade H. Hitt

*1st Battalion, 10th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Donovan D. Sult

*2d Battalion, 10th Marines*  
 CO ----- Maj David L. Henderson

*3d Battalion, 10th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol William C. Capehart

*4th Battalion, 10th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Kenneth A. Jorgensen

*18th Marines*  
 (24Jul-10Aug44)  
 CO ----- Col Cyril W. Martyr  
 ExO ----- LtCol Ewart S. Laue  
 R-3 ----- Capt Murdoch J. McLeod

*1st Battalion, 18th Marines (Engineer)*  
 CO ----- Col August L. Vogt

*2d Battalion, 18th Marines (Pioneer)*  
 CO ----- LtCol Chester J. Salazar

*18th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion*  
 CO ----- Cdr Lawrence Emerson Tull,  
 CEC, USN

*Headquarters, 4th Marine Division*  
 (24Jul-7Aug44)  
 CG ----- MajGen Clifton B. Cates  
 ADC ----- BGen Samuel C. Cumming  
 CofS ----- Col William W. Rogers  
 D-1 ----- Col Walter I. Jordan  
 D-2 ----- LtCol Gooderham L. McCormick  
 D-3 ----- Col Walter W. Wensinger  
 D-4 ----- Col William F. Brown

*Division Headquarters and Service Battalion*  
 (24Jul-7Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Melvin L. Krulewitch

*Division Special and Service Troops*  
 (24Jul-7Aug44)  
 CO ----- Col Orin H. Wheeler

*4th Medical Battalion*  
 (24Jul-7Aug44)  
 CO ----- LCdr George W. Mast, MC, USN

*4th Motor Transport Battalion*  
 (24Jul-7Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Ralph L. Schiesswohl

*4th Service Battalion*  
 (24Jul-7Aug44)  
 CO ----- Col Richard H. Schubert

*4th Tank Battalion*  
 (24Jul-7Aug44)  
 CO ----- Maj Richard K. Schmidt

*14th Marines*  
 (24Jul-7Aug44)  
 CO ----- Col Louis G. DeHaven  
 ExO ----- LtCol Randall M. Victory  
 R-3 ----- Maj Frederick J. Karch

*1st Battalion, 14th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Harry J. Zimmer (KIA  
 25Jul44)  
 Maj Clifford B. Drake (from  
 26Jul44)

*2d Battalion, 14th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol George B. Wilson, Jr.

*3d Battalion, 14th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Robert E. MacFarlane

*4th Battalion, 14th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Carl A. Youngdale

*20th Marines*  
 (24Jul-10Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Nelson K. Brown  
 ExO ----- Maj Richard G. Ruby  
 R-3 ----- Maj Melvin D. Henderson (to  
 2Aug44)  
 LtCol Otto Lessing (from  
 3Aug44)

*1st Battalion, 20th Marines (Engineer)*  
 CO ----- Maj Richard G. Ruby

*2d Battalion, 20th Marines (Pioneer)*  
 CO ----- Maj John H. Partridge

*121st U. S. Naval Construction Battalion*  
CO ----- LCdr William G. Byrne, CEC,  
USN

*23d Marines*  
(24Jul-10Aug44)  
CO ----- Col Louis R. Jones  
ExO ----- LtCol John R. Lanigan  
R-3 ----- Capt William E. Buron

*1st Battalion, 23d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Ralph Haas

*2d Battalion, 23d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Edward J. Dillon

*3d Battalion, 23d Marines*  
CO ----- Maj Paul S. Treitel

*24th Marines*  
(24Jul-10Aug44)  
CO ----- Col Franklin A. Hart  
ExO ----- LtCol Austin R. Brunelli  
R-3 ----- LtCol Charles D. Roberts

*1st Battalion, 24th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Otto Lessing

*2d Battalion, 24th Marines*  
CO ----- Maj Frank E. Garretson (to  
27Jul)  
LtCol Richard Rothwell (from  
27Jul)

*3d Battalion, 24th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Alexander A. Vandegrift,  
Jr.

*25th Marines*  
(24Jul-7Aug44)  
CO ----- Col Merton J. Batchelder  
ExO ----- LtCol Clarence J. O'Donnell  
R-3 ----- LtCol William F. Thyson, Jr.

*1st Battalion, 25th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Hollis U. Mustain

*2d Battalion, 25th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Lewis C. Hudson, Jr.

*3d Battalion, 25th Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Justice M. Chambers

*1st Battalion, 29th Marines*  
(24Jul-10Aug44)  
CO ----- LtCol Orin K. Pressley  
E. GUAM (12 July-August 1944)

*Expeditionary Troops*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CG ----- MajGen Harry Schmidt  
CofS ----- BGen Graves B. Erskine  
C-1 ----- LtCol Albert F. Metze  
C-2 ----- Col St. Julien R. Marshall  
C-3 ----- Col John C. McQueen  
C-4 ----- LtCol Raymond E. Knapp  
C-5 ----- Col Joseph T. Smith

*III Amphibious Corps--Southern Troops  
and Landing Force*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)

CG ----- MajGen Roy S. Geiger  
CofS ----- Col Merwin H. Silverthorn  
C-1 ----- Col William J. Scheyer  
C-2 ----- LtCol William F. Coleman  
C-3 ----- Col Walter A. Wachtler  
C-4 ----- LtCol Frederick L. Wieseman  
C-5 ----- Col Dudley S. Brown

*III Corps Headquarters and Service Battalion*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- LtCol Floyd A. Stephenson

*III Corps Medical Battalion*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- LCdr William H. Rambo, MC,  
USN

*III Corps Motor Transport Battalion*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- Maj Franklin H. Hayner (to  
1Aug44)  
Maj Kenneth E. Murphy (from  
1-3Aug44)  
Maj Franklin H. Hayner (from  
4Aug44)

*III Corps Signal Battalion*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- LtCol Robert L. Peterson

*3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- LtCol Sylvester L. Stephan

*4th Amphibian Tractor Battalion*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- LtCol Clovis C. Coffman

*1st Armored Amphibian Battalion*  
 (21Jul-13Aug44)  
 CO ----- Maj Louis Metzger

*1st Separate Engineer Battalion*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Orin C. Bjornsrud

*2d Separate Engineer Battalion*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Charles O. Clark

*III Corps Artillery*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CG ----- BGen Pedro A. del Valle  
 CofS ----- Col John Bemis  
 A-1 ----- Maj James H. Tatsch  
 A-2 ----- WO David G. Garnett  
 A-3 ----- LtCol Frederick P. Henderson  
 (FA)  
 LtCol Edgar O. Price (AA)  
 A-4 ----- Maj Frederick W. Miller

*1st 155mm Howitzer Battalion*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- Col James J. Keating

*2d 155mm Howitzer Battalion*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Marvin H. Floom

*7th 155mm Gun Battalion*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol John S. Twitchell

*9th Defense Battalion*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Archie E. O'Neil

*14th Defense Battalion*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol William F. Parks

*Headquarters, 3d Marine Division*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CG ----- MajGen Allen H. Turnage  
 ADC ----- BGen Alfred H. Noble  
 CofS ----- Col Ray A. Robinson  
 D-1 ----- LtCol Chevey S. White (KIA  
 22Jul44)  
 Maj Irving R. Kriendler (from  
 22Jul44)

D-2 ----- LtCol Howard J. Turton (to  
 28Jul44)  
 LtCol Ellsworth N. Murray (from  
 29Jul44)

D-3 ----- Col James A. Stuart (to  
 28Jul44)  
 LtCol Howard J. Turton (from  
 29Jul44)

D-4 ----- LtCol Ellsworth N. Murray (to  
 28Jul44)  
 Col William C. Hall (from  
 29Jul44)

*Division Headquarters and Service Battalion*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Newton B. Barkley

*3d Medical Battalion*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- Cdr Raymond R. Callaway, MC,  
 USN

*3d Motor Transport Battalion*  
 21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Thomas R. Stokes

*3d Service Battalion*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Durant S. Buchanan

*3d Tank Battalion*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Hartnoll J. Withers

*3d Marines*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- Col William C. Hall (to 28Jul44)  
 Col James A. Stuart (from  
 29Jul44)  
 ExO ----- Col James Snedeker  
 R-3 ----- Maj John A. Scott

*1st Battalion, 3d Marines*  
 CO ----- Maj Henry Aplington II

*2d Battalion, 3d Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Hector de Zayas (KIA  
 26Jul44)  
 Maj William A. Culpepper (from  
 26Jul44)

*3d Battalion, 3d Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Ralph L. Houser (WIA  
 22Jul44)

Maj Royal R. Bastian, Jr. (from  
 24Jul44)

*9th Marines*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- Col Edward A. Craig  
 ExO ----- LtCol Jaime Sabater (WIA  
 21Jul44)  
 LtCol Ralph M. King (from  
 30Jul44)  
 (none shown 11-15Aug44)  
 R-3 ----- Capt Evan E. Lips

*1st Battalion, 9th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Carey A. Randall

*2d Battalion, 9th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Robert E. Cushman, Jr.

*3d Battalion, 9th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Walter Asmuth, Jr. (WIA  
 21Jul44)  
 Maj Donald B. Hubbard (WIA  
 1Aug44)  
 Maj Jess P. Ferrill, Jr. (from)  
 2Aug44)

*12th Marines*  
 CO ----- Col John B. Wilson  
 ExO ----- LtCol John S. Letcher  
 R-3 ----- LtCol William T. Fairbourn (to  
 13Aug44)  
 Maj Thomas R. Belzer (from 14-  
 Aug44)

*1st Battalion, 12th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Raymond F. Crist, Jr.

*2d Battalion, 12th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Donald M. Weller (to 13-  
 Aug44)  
 LtCol William T. Fairbourn  
 (from 14Aug44)

*3d Battalion, 12th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Alpha L. Bowser, Jr.

*4th Battalion, 12th Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Bernard H. Kirk (WIA  
 21Jul44)

*19th Marines*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Robert E. Fojt

ExO ----- LtCol Edmund M. Williams  
 R-3 ----- Maj George D. Flood, Jr.

*1st Battalion, 19th Marines (Engineer)*  
 CO ----- LtCol Walter S. Campbell

*2d Battalion, 19th Marines (Pioneer)*  
 CO ----- Maj Victor J. Simpson

*25th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion*  
 CO ----- LCdr George J. Whelan, CEC,  
 USN

*21st Marines*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- Col Arthur H. Butler  
 ExO ----- LtCol Ernest W. Fry, Jr.  
 R-3 ----- Maj James H. Tinsley

*1st Battalion, 21st Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Ronald R. Van Stockum

*2d Battalion, 21st Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Eustace R. Smoak

*3d Battalion, 21st Marines*  
 CO ----- LtCol Wendell H. Duplantis

*1st Provisional Marine Brigade*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CG ----- BGen Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr.  
 CofS ----- Col John T. Walker  
 B-1 ----- Maj Addison B. Overstreet  
 B-2 ----- Maj Robert W. Shaw  
 B-3 ----- LtCol Thomas A. Culhane, Jr.  
 B-4 ----- LtCol August Larson

*4th Marines (Reinforced)*  
 (21Jul-15Aug44)  
 CO ----- LtCol Alan Shapley  
 ExO ----- LtCol Samuel D. Puller (KIA  
 27Jul44)  
 Capt Charles T. Lamb (from 27-  
 Jul44)  
 R-3 ----- Maj Orville V. Bergren

*1st Battalion, 4th Marines*  
 CO ----- Maj Bernard W. Green

*2d Battalion, 4th Marines*  
 CO ----- Maj John S. Messer

*3d Battalion, 4th Marines*  
 CO ----- Maj Hamilton M. Hoyler

*22d Marines*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- Col Merlin F. Schneider  
ExO ----- LtCol William J. Wise  
R-3 ----- LtCol Horatio C. Woodhouse, Jr.

*1st Battalion, 22d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Walfried H. Fromhold (to  
31Jul44)  
Maj Crawford B. Lawton (from  
1Aug44)

*2d Battalion, 22d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Donn C. Hart (to 27Jul44)  
Maj John F. Schoettel (from 28-  
Jul44)

*3d Battalion, 22d Marines*  
CO ----- LtCol Clair W. Shisler

*1st Marine Brigade Artillery Group*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- LtCol Edwin C. Ferguson

*Pack Howitzer Battalion, 4th Marines*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- Maj Robert Armstrong

*Pack Howitzer Battalion, 22d Marines*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- Maj Alfred M. Mahoney

*53d U. S. Naval Construction Battalion*  
CO ----- LCdr Edward M. Denbo, CEC,  
USN

*1st Provisional Base Headquarters,  
Island Command, Guam*  
(26Jul-15Aug44)  
CG ----- MajGen Henry L. Larsen  
CofS ----- Col Robert Blake  
A-1 ----- Col Lee N. Utz  
A-2 ----- Col Francis H. Brink  
A-3 ----- Col Benjamin W. Atkinson (to  
8Aug44)  
LtCol Shelton C. Zern (from 9-  
Aug44)  
A-4 ----- Col James A. Mixson  
A-5 ----- Col Charles L. Murray

*Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st  
Provisional Base Headquarters,  
Island Command, Guam*  
(26Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- LtCol Victor A. Barraco

*5th Field Depot*  
(21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- LtCol Walter A. Churchill

## MARINE AIR UNITS

*Headquarters and Detachments, 4th Marine  
Base Defense Aircraft Wing*  
(C-17Jun-10Aug44)  
(E-17Jun-15Aug44) °  
CG ----- BGen Thomas J. Cushman  
CofS ----- Col Frank H. Lamson-Scribner  
W-1 ----- Maj Theodore Brewster  
W-2 ----- Capt Charles J. Greene, Jr.  
W-3 ----- LtCol Lee C. Merrell, Jr.  
W-4 ----- LtCol Harrison Brent, Jr. (to  
26Jul44)  
LtCol John B. Jacob (from 26-  
Jul44)

CO,  
HqSqn-4 Maj Melchior B. Trelfall

*Forward Echelon, Marine Aircraft Group 21*  
(E-27Jul-15Aug44)

CO ----- Col Peter P. Schrider  
ExO ----- Col James A. Booth, Jr.  
GruOpsO - LtCol Robert W. Clark  
CO,  
HqSqn-21 Maj Robert F. Higley  
CO,  
SMS-21 Maj Charleton B. Ivey

*Marine Aircraft Group 22*  
(B2-20Feb-2Mar44)  
CO ----- Col James M. Daly  
ExO ----- LtCol Richard D. Hughes  
GruOpsO - LtCol Julian F. Walters  
CO,  
HqSqn-22 1stLt John W. Hackner  
CO,  
SMS-22 Capt John A. Hood

° Under each unit listed there will appear a letter designation for each operation in which the unit participated, and dates of involvement. Following are the campaigns and dates of entitlements:

A. Gilbert Islands ----- 13Nov-8Dec43  
B. Marshall Islands  
1. Kwajalein-Majuro ----- 29Jan-8Feb44  
2. Eniwetok ----- 17Feb-2Mar44  
C. Saipan ----- 11Jun-10Aug44  
D. Tinian ----- 24Jul-1Aug44  
E. Guam ----- 12Jul-15Aug44

*Marine Aircraft Group 31*  
(B1—7-8Feb44)  
CO ----- Col Calvin R. Freeman  
ExO ----- Col Edward B. Carney  
GruOpsO - LtCol Ralph K. Rottet  
CO,  
HqSqn-31 Capt Warren S. Adams, II  
CO,  
SMS-31 Capt Neil A. Vestal

*Marine Air Warning Squadron 1*  
(B2—20Feb-2Mar44)  
CO ----- Capt William D. Felder, Jr.

*Marine Observation Squadron 1*  
(E—21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- Maj Gordon W. Heritage

*Marine Air Warning Squadron 2*  
(E—21Jul-15Aug44)  
CO ----- Capt George T. C. Fry

*Marine Observation Squadron 2*  
(C—17Jun-10Aug44)  
CO ----- Maj Robert W. Edmondson (to  
26Jun44)  
Capt John A. Ambler (from 27-  
Jun44)

*Marine Observation Squadron 4*  
(C—15Jun-10Aug44)  
CO ----- Capt Nathan D. Blaha (to 26-  
Jun44)  
1stLt Thomas Rozga (from 26-  
Jun44)

*Marine Air Warning Squadron 5*  
(redesignated Marine Assault Air Warning  
Squadron 5, effective 10Jul44)  
(C—15Jun-10Aug44)  
CO ----- Capt Donald D. O'Neill

*Ground Echelon, Marine Fighter Squadron 111*  
(B1—7-8Feb44)  
CO ----- Maj "J" Frank Cole

*Marine Fighter Squadron 112*  
(B1,B2—2Feb-2Mar44)  
CO ----- Maj Herman Hansen, Jr.

*Marine Fighter Squadron 114*  
(C-2-7May44)  
CO ----- Capt Robert F. Stout

*Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron 151*  
(B1,B2-29Feb-2Mar44)  
CO ----- Maj Gordon H. Knott

*Marine Fighter Squadron 216*  
Detachment, Ground Echelon  
(E—30Jul-15Aug44)  
Remainder Squadron (E-4-15Aug44)  
CO ----- Maj John Fitting, Jr.

*Marine Fighter Squadron 217*  
Detachment, Ground Echelon  
(E—30Jul-15Aug44)  
Remainder Squadron (E-4-15Aug44)  
CO ----- Maj Max R. Read, Jr.

*Forward Echelon, Marine Fighter  
Squadron 224*  
(B1—7-8Feb44)  
CO ----- Maj Darrell D. Irwin

*Marine Fighter Squadron 225*  
(E—30Jul-27Aug44)  
CO ----- LtCol James A. Embry, Jr.

*Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron 231*  
Ground Echelon (B1—3Feb-2Mar44)  
Flight Echelon (B1—21Feb-2Mar44)  
CO ----- Maj Elmer G. Glidden, Jr.

*Marine Utility Squadron 252*  
Detachment, Flight Echelon  
(C—20Jun-10Aug44)  
(E—20Jun-15Aug44)  
(D—24Jul-1Aug44)  
CO ----- LtCol Neil R. MacIntyre (to 20-  
Jul44)  
Maj Robert B. Meyersburg (21-  
Jul-1Aug44)  
LtCol John V. Kipp (from 2Aug-  
44)

*Marine Fighter Squadron 311*  
(B1—7-8Feb44)  
CO ----- Maj Harry B. Hooper, Jr.

*Detachment, Flight Echelon, Marine Scout-  
Bomber Squadron 331*  
(A—30Nov-8Dec43)  
CO ----- Maj Paul R. Byrum, Jr.

<p><i>Detachment, Flight Echelon, Marine Utility Squadron 353</i>            (A—26Nov—8Dec43)            (C—3—10Aug44)            (E—3—10Aug44)            CO ----- LtCol Edmund L. Zonne</p> <p><i>Marine Fighter Squadron 422</i>            (B1,B2—2Feb—2Mar44)            CO ----- Maj Elmer A. Wrenn</p> <p><i>Marine Night Fighter Squadron 532</i>            Advance Echelon (C—6Jul—10Aug44)            Rear Echelon (C—12Jul—10Aug44)</p>	<p>Advance Echelon (E—6Jul—10Aug44)            Rear Echelon (E—12Jul—10Aug44)            CO ----- Maj Everette H. Vaughan</p> <p><i>Marine Night Fighter Squadron 534</i>            Advance Echelon (E—29Jul—15Aug44)            Flight Echelon (E—4—15Aug44)            CO ----- Maj Ross S. Mickey</p> <p><i>Detachment, Flight Echelon, Marine Utility Squadron 952</i>            (C—2—5Jul44)            CO ----- LtCol Malcolm S. Mackay</p>
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Marine Casualties<sup>1</sup>

Location and Date	KIA		DOW		WIA		MIA PD		Total	
	Officer	Enlisted	Officer	Enlisted	Officer	Enlisted	Officer	Enlisted	Officer	Enlisted
Marines										
Tarawa <sup>2</sup> ..... (20Nov-8Dec43)	51	853	9	84	109	2,124		88	169	3,149
Kwajalein/Majuro..... (29Jan-8Feb44)	13	162	1	30	41	590		181	55	963
Eniwetok..... (17Feb-2Mar44)	4	177	1	37	27	541	2	37	34	792
Saipan..... (11Jun-10Jul44)	137	1,940	18	349	493	8,082		708	648	11,079
Guam..... (21Jul-15Aug44)	80	1,076	15	380	288	5,077		17	383	6,550
Tinian..... (24Jul-1Aug44)	22	278	4	61	97	1,824	1	2	124	2,165
Aviation <sup>3</sup> .....	19	18		6	30	90	7	15	56	129
Sea-duty <sup>3</sup> .....		13		2	1	57		4	1	76
Total Marines.....	326	4,517	48	949	1,086	18,385	10	1,052	1,470	24,903

Naval Medical Personnel  
Organic to Marine Units<sup>4</sup>

Tarawa.....	2	28			2	57			4	85
Marshalls <sup>5</sup> .....		5		1	2	34			2	40
Saipan.....	1	70		6	7	330			8	406
Guam.....	3	43	1	4	11	195			15	242
Tinian.....	1	23		2		40			1	65
Marine Aviation.....		5			1	4			1	9
Total Navy.....	7	174	1	13	23	660			31	847
Grand Total.....	333	4,691	49	962	1,109	19,045	10	1,052	1,501	25,750

See footnote at end of table.

<sup>1</sup> These final Marine casualty figures were compiled from records furnished by Statistics Unit, Personnel Accounting Section, Records Branch, Personnel Department, HQMC. They are audited to include 26 August 1952. Naval casualties were taken from NavMed P-5021, *The History of the Medical Department of the Navy in World War II*, 2 vols (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1953), II, pp. 1-84. The key to the abbreviations used at the head of columns in the table follows: KIA, Killed in Action; DOW, Died of Wounds; WIA, Wounded in Action; MIAPD, Missing in Action, Presumed Dead. Because of the casualty reporting method used during World War II, a substantial number of DOW figures are also included in the WIA column.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Apamama.

<sup>3</sup> Includes operations in Gilberts, Marshalls, and Marianas during periods indicated above.

<sup>4</sup> See Footnote (1) above.

<sup>5</sup> Includes Kwajalein/Majuro and Eniwetok during periods indicated above.

## Unit Commendations

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION to the

### SECOND MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED)

consisting of

Division Headquarters, Special Troops (including Company C, 1st Corps Medium Tank Battalion), Service Troops, 2nd, 6th, 8th, 10th and 18th Marine Regiments in the Battle of Tarawa, as set for in the following

#### CITATION:

"For outstanding performance in combat during the seizure and occupation of the Japanese-held Atoll of Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, November 20 to 24, 1943. Forced by treacherous coral reefs to disembark from their landing craft hundreds of yards off the beach, the Second Marine Division (Reinforced) became a highly vulnerable target for devastating Japanese fire. Dauntlessly advancing in spite of rapidly mounting losses, the Marines fought a gallant battle against crushing odds, clearing the limited beachheads of snipers and machine guns, reducing powerfully fortified enemy positions and completely annihilating the fanatically determined and strongly entrenched Japanese forces. By the successful occupation of Tarawa, the Second Marine Division (Reinforced) has provided our forces with highly strategic and important air and land bases from which to continue future operations against the enemy; by the valiant fighting spirit of these men, their heroic fortitude under punishing fire and their relentless perseverance in waging this epic battle in the Central Pacific, they have upheld the finest tradition of the United States Naval Service."

For the President.

JAMES FORRESTAL,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the **PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION** to the

**FOURTH MARINE DIVISION, REINFORCED**

consisting of

Division Headquarters; Division Special Troops; Division Service Troops; 23rd, 24th, 25th Marines; 20th Marines (Engineers); 1st JASCO; 534th and 773rd Amphibian Tractor Battalions (Army); 10th Amphibian Tractor Battalion; Company "C" 11th Amphibian Tractor Battalion; 708th Amphibian Tank Battalion (Army); VMO-4; 2nd Amphibian Truck Company; 14th Marines (Artillery); 311th and 539th Port Companies (Army); Detachment 7th Field Depot; 1st Provisional Rocket Detachment, V Amphibious Corps; Detachment, Air Warning Squadron #5; 4th 105mm (Howitzer) Corps Artillery, V Amphibious Corps; 14th Marines (Artillery), (less 3rd and 4th Battalions); Headquarters, Provisional LVT Groups, V Amphibious Corps; 2nd Armored Amphibian Battalion; 2nd and 5th Amphibian Tractor Battalions; 715th Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Army); 1341st Engineer Battalion (Army); 1st Amphibian Truck Company; 2nd Tank Battalion; 1st and 2nd Battalions, 10th Marines (Artillery) and the 1st Provisional Rocket Detachment, for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For outstanding performance in combat during the seizure of the Japanese-held islands of Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas from June 15 to August 1, 1944. Valiantly storming the mighty fortifications of Saipan on June 15, the Fourth Division, Reinforced, blasted the stubborn defenses of the enemy in an undeviating advance over the perilously rugged terrain. Unflinching despite heavy casualties, this gallant group pursued the Japanese relentlessly across the entire length of the island, pressing on against bitter opposition for twenty-five days to crush all resistance in their zone of action. With but a brief rest period in which to reorganize and re-equip, the Division hurled its full fighting power against the dangerously narrow beaches of Tinian on July 24 and rapidly expanded the beachheads for the continued landing of troops, supplies and artillery. Unchecked by either natural obstacles or hostile fire, these indomitable men spearheaded a merciless attack which swept Japanese forces before it and ravaged all opposition within eight days to add Tinian to our record of conquests in these strategically vital islands."

For the President.

**JAMES FORRESTAL,**  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the **PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION** to the

**THIRD MARINES, REINFORCED,**  
serving as the **THIRD COMBAT TEAM, THIRD MARINE DIVISION,**

consisting of

Third Marine Regiment; Second Battalion, Ninth Regiment; Company "C", Third Tank Battalion; Company "C", Nineteenth Marine Regiment (Combat Engineers), and Third Band Section

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For extraordinary heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion and recapture of Guam, Marianas Islands, from July 21 to August 10, 1944. Crossing a 400-yard reef under frontal and flanking fire from strongly defended positions on dominating terrain, the **THIRD** Marine Regiment (Reinforced), serving as the **THIRD** Combat Team, assaulted the steep slopes of the objectives and by evening had captured Adelup Point and Chonito Cliff. With no reserve available to be committed in their zone of action during the ensuing eight days, the gallant officers and men of this team fought their way forward through a maze of hostile caves and pill-boxes and over rugged terrain to secure Fonte Canyon and the northeastern slopes of Fonte Ridge despite constant mortar, machine-gun, small-arms and artillery fire which blasted all echelons, shore party and lines of communication and supply. Seriously depleted by heavy casualties, including two battalion commanders, the **THIRD** Combat Team was continually in action as the left assault regiment until the cessation of organized resistance and the securing of the island on August 10, after twenty-one days of furious combat. By their effective teamwork, aggressive fighting spirit and individual acts of heroism and daring, the men of the **THIRD** Combat Team achieved an illustrious record of courage and skill, in keeping the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President.

**JAMES FORRESTAL,**  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending the  
FIRST PROVISIONAL MARINE BRIGADE

for service as follows:

"For outstanding heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Guam, Marianas Islands, from July 21 to August 10, 1944. Functioning as a combat unit for the first time, the First Provisional Marine Brigade forced a landing against strong hostile defenses and well camouflaged positions, steadily advancing inland under the relentless fury of the enemy's heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to secure a firm beachhead by nightfall. Executing a difficult turning movement to the north, this daring and courageous unit fought its way ahead yard by yard through mangrove swamps, dense jungles and over cliffs and, although terrifically reduced in strength under the enemy's fanatical counterattacks, hunted the Japanese in caves, pillboxes and foxholes and exterminated them. By their individual acts of gallantry and their indomitable fighting teamwork throughout this bitter and costly struggle, the men of the First Provisional Marine Brigade aided immeasurably in the restoration of Guam to our sovereignty."

All personnel serving in the First Provisional Marine Brigade, comprised of: Headquarters Company; Brigade Signal Company; Brigade Military Police Company; 4th Marines, Reinforced; 22nd Marines, Reinforced; Naval Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 515; and 4th Platoon, 2nd Marine Ammunition Company, during the above mentioned period are hereby authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

JAMES FORRESTAL,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending the  
TWELFTH MARINES, THIRD MARINE DIVISION

for service as follows:

"For outstanding heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Empress Augusta Bay Beachhead, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, from November 1, 1943, to January 12, 1944; and in the invasion and seizure of Guam, Marianas, July 21 to August 10, 1944. Divided for landing into small elements dispersed over 5000 yards of beach at Empress Augusta Bay, the TWELFTH Marines overcame perilous surf and beach conditions and an almost impenetrable wall of jungle and swampy terrain to land their pack howitzers, initial ammunition and equipment by hand, to occupy firing positions, emplace guns, set up all control facilities and deliver effective fire in support of the THIRD Marine Division beachhead by afternoon of D-Day. In action for 73 days while under continual Japanese air attacks, the TWELFTH Marines aided in smashing an enemy counterattack on November 7-8, silenced all hostile fire in the Battle of Cocoanut Grove on November 13, and delivered continuous effective fire in defense of the vital beachhead position. At Guam, they landed in the face of enemy mortar and artillery fire through treacherous surf and, despite extreme difficulties of communication, supply and transportation, and the necessity of shifting from one type of fire to another, rendered valuable fire support in night and day harassing fires, counterbattery fires and defensive barrages, including the disruption of an organized counterattack by seven Japanese battalions on the night of July 26-27. By their individual heroic actions and their skilled teamwork, the officers and men of the TWELFTH Marines served with courage and distinction during the THIRD Marine Division's missions to secure the Empress Augusta Bay Beachhead and to aid in the recapture of Guam, thereby enhancing the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

All personnel attached to and serving with the TWELFTH Marines during these periods are hereby authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

JAMES FORRESTAL,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending the

TWENTY-FIRST MARINES, REINFORCED, serving as the TWENTY-FIRST  
REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, THIRD MARINE DIVISION

consisting of

the Twenty-First Marines; Company "B", Nineteenth Marines (Combat Engineers);  
Company "B", Third Tank Battalion; Second Band Section,

for service as follows:

"For outstanding heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault, seizure and occupation of Guam, Marianas Islands, from July 21 to August 10, 1944. Landing as the center Regimental Combat Team of the Division at Asan, the Twenty-First Marine Regiment, Reinforced, serving as the Twenty-First Regimental Combat Team, swept rapidly over enemy beach defenses toward a strategic high ridge which afforded the enemy observation of the Division landing area and enabled him to deliver accurate mortar and artillery fire on the beaches. Under heavy mortar and small-arms fire as they stormed the two narrow defiles which constituted the only approach to the vertical cliffs, these gallant Marines established two bridgeheads covering the defiles and, by midafternoon, had consolidated the Combat Team's position atop the cliffs, thus materially reducing the volume and accuracy of hostile fire and facilitating establishment of the Division artillery ashore and the landing of supplies and equipment. Halted by direct, short-range enfilade artillery fire from commanding terrain in an adjacent zone, they held tenaciously to their vital position in the face of continuous mortar fire by day, sharp nightly counterattacks and mounting casualties. When the enemy launched a full-scale counterattack with his remaining organized forces in the pre-dawn hours of July 26, wiping out one company of the Combat Team and penetrating the front lines, these officers and men waged a furious battle in the darkness; they annihilated approximately 2,000 Japanese troops in front of and within their position; and, by their individual heroism and gallant fighting spirit, dealt a crushing blow to organized enemy resistance on Guam, thereby upholding the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

All personnel attached to and serving with the Twenty-First Regimental Combat Team on Guam from July 21 to August 10, 1944, are authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending the

TWENTY-SECOND MARINES, REINFORCED, TACTICAL GROUP ONE,  
FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS CORPS

consisting of

Twenty-second Marines, Second Separate Pack Howitzer Company; Second Separate Tank Company; Second Separate Engineer Company; Second Separate Medical Company; Second Separate Motor Transport Company; Fifth Amphibious Corps Reconnaissance Company; Company D, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division; 104th Field Artillery Battalion, U. S. Army; Company C, 766th Tank Battalion; U. S. Army; Company D, 708th Provisional Amphibian Tractor Battalion, U. S. Army; and the Provisional DUKW Battery, Seventh Infantry Division, U. S. Army.

for service as follows:

"For outstanding heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault and capture of Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, from February 17 to 22, 1944. As a unit of a Task Force, assembled only two days prior to departure for Eniwetok Atoll, the Twenty-second Marines, Reinforced, landed in whole or in part on Engebi, Eniwetok and Parry Islands in rapid succession and launched aggressive attacks in the face of heavy machine-gun and mortar fire from well camouflaged enemy dugouts and foxholes. With simultaneous landings and reconnaissance missions on numerous other small islands, they overcame all resistance within six days, destroying a known 2,665 of the Japanese and capturing 66 prisoners. By their courage and determination, despite the difficulties and hardships involved in repeated reembarkations and landings from day to day, these gallant officers and men made available to our forces in the Pacific Area an advanced base with large anchorage facilities and an established airfield, thereby contributing materially to the successful conduct of the war. Their sustained endurance, fortitude and fighting spirit throughout this operation reflect the highest credit on the Twenty-second Marines, Reinforced, and on the United States Naval Service."

All personnel attached to and serving with any of the above units during the period February 17 to 22, 1944, are authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending the

AMPHIBIOUS RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION  
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

for service as follows:

"For outstanding heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Gilbert Islands, from November 19 to 26, 1943; the Marshall Islands, from January 30 to February 23, 1944; Marianas Islands, from June 15 to August 4, 1944; and Ryukyu Islands, from March 26 to July 24, 1945. The only unit of its kind in the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, the Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion rendered unique service in executing secret reconnaissance missions on enemy-held islands. Frequently landing at night from submarines and other vessels prior to the assault, the small unit entered areas where friendly aircraft, Naval gunfire and other forms of support were unavailable and, under cover of darkness, moved about in hostile territory virtually in the presence of enemy troops. Despite hazards incident to passage through dark and unfamiliar hostile waters, often through heavy surf onto rocky shores, the Battalion persevered in its mission to reconnoiter enemy islands and obtain information vital to our assault forces and, on several occasions, succeeded in overcoming all enemy resistance without the aid of regular troops. Carrying out its difficult tasks with courage and determination, the Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion contributed materially to the success of our offensive operations throughout four major campaigns and achieved a gallant record of service which reflects the highest credit upon its officers and men and the United States Naval Service."

All personnel attached to and serving with the Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion during one or more of the above-mentioned periods are authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

JAMES FORRESTAL,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending the

FIRST SEPARATE ENGINEER BATTALION

for service as follows:

"For exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations on Guadalcanal, December 10, 1942, to February 27, 1943; Tinian from August 20, 1944, to March 24, 1945; and Okinawa from April 14 to September 2, 1945. Faced with numerous and difficult problems in engineering throughout two major campaigns, the First Separate Engineer Battalion initiated new techniques and procedures in construction, repair and maintenance, executing its mission under adverse conditions of weather and terrain and in spite of Japanese shellings, artillery fire, bombing raids, sickness and tropical storms. Technically skilled, aggressive and unmindful of great personal danger, the officers and men of this gallant Battalion constructed, developed and maintained vital routes of communication, airfields and camp facilities; they served as combat engineer units in performing demolitions, mine detection and disposal and bomb disposal tasks in support of various units of the Fleet Marine Force; and they built bridges and repaired air-bombed air strips toward the uninterrupted operations of Allied ground and aerial forces. Undeterred by both mechanical and natural limitations, the First Separate Engineer Battalion completed with dispatch and effectiveness assigned and unanticipated duties which contributed immeasurably to the ultimate defeat of Japan and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

All personnel attached to the First Separate Engineer Battalion during any of the above mentioned periods are hereby authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

JAMES FORRESTAL,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending the

III AMPHIBIOUS CORPS SIGNAL BATTALION

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For extremely meritorious service in support of military operations, while attached to the I Marines Amphibious Corps during the amphibious assault on Bougainville, and attached to the III Amphibious Corps during operations at Guam, Palau and Okinawa, during the period from November 1, 1943 to June 21, 1945. The first American Signal Battalion to engage in amphibious landings in the Pacific Ocean Areas, the III Amphibious Corps Signal Battalion pioneered and developed techniques and procedures without benefit of established precedent, operating with limited and inadequate equipment, particularly in the earlier phase of these offensive actions, and providing its own security while participating in jungle fighting, atoll invasions and occupation of large island masses. Becoming rapidly experienced in guerrilla warfare and the handling of swiftly changing situations, this valiant group of men successfully surmounted the most difficult conditions of terrain and weather as well as unfamiliar technical problems and, working tirelessly without consideration for safety, comfort or convenience, provided the Corps with uninterrupted ship-shore and bivouac communication service continuously throughout this period. This splendid record of achievement, made possible only by the combined efforts, loyalty and courageous devotion to duty of each individual, was a decisive factor in the success of the hazardous Bougainville, Guam, Palau and Okinawa Campaigns and reflects the highest credit upon the III Amphibious Corps Signal Battalion and the United States Naval Service."

All personnel attached to the III Amphibious Corps Signal Battalion who actually participated in one or more of the Bougainville, Guam, Palau and Okinawa operations are hereby authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

JAMES FORRESTAL,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending the

THIRD BATTALION, TENTH MARINES, SECOND MARINE DIVISION  
FLEET MARINE FORCE

for service as follows:

"For outstanding heroism while serving with the 2nd Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, July 7, 1944. When Japanese forces initiated a final concerted attack down the west coast of the island before dawn of July 7, the 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines, was occupying a newly won position astride the railway along the west coast road, with two batteries disposed on the left of the railroad and the remaining two on the right and echeloned to the rear. The mounting enemy attack penetrated the extreme left flank of our lines and moved between the coast road and the railway. Security elements to the front of the forward batteries recognized and gave batt'e to the oncoming force of approximately 600 Japanese supported by tanks. Battalion howitzers opened up at point-blank range, firing shells with cut fuzes; gunners employed ricochet fire when the fanatic banzai troops over-ran the forward section; and the cannoneers, command post and supply personnel in the rear positions united as one to engage the infiltrating Japanese soldiery. Under the forceful direction of skilled officers, this artillery battalion functioned effectively as an infantry unit despite the lack of specific training, the four batteries waging a furious and prolonged battle from quickly organized strongpoints and holding the line indomitably until relieved several hours later. Strengthened by fresh troops, the defending garrison continued its counter-and-thrust tactics and, recapturing the heavy guns which had fallen into hostile hands, knocked out three of the enemy tanks and annihilated approximately three hundred Japanese troops. By their valor, determination and sustained fighting spirit, the intrepid officers and men of the 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines, had succeeded in breaking the enemy's last desperate effort to oppose the seizure of Saipan, thereby hastening the conquest of this strategically important base. Their gallant defense of a vulnerable position in the face of overwhelming disparity adds new luster to the traditions of the United States Naval Service."

All personnel attached to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, on July 7, 1944 are hereby authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

JAMES FORRESTAL,  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington.*

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending the

NINTH MARINE DEFENSE BATTALION

for service as follows:

"For outstanding heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, November 30, 1942, to May 20, 1943; Rendova-New Georgia Area, June 30 to November 7, 1943; and at Guam, Marianas, July 21 to August 20, 1944. One of the first units of its kind to operate in the South Pacific Area, the NINTH Defense Battalion established strong seacoast and beach positions which destroyed 12 hostile planes attempting to bomb Guadalcanal, and further engaged in extensive patrolling activities. In a 21-day-and-night training period prior to the Rendova-New Georgia assault, this group calibrated and learned to handle new weapons and readily effected the conversion from a seacoast unit to a unit capable of executing field artillery missions. Joining Army Artillery units, special groups of this battalion aided in launching an attack which drove the enemy from the beaches, downed 13 of a 16-bomber plane formation during the first night ashore and denied the use of the Munda airfield to the Japanese. The NINTH Defense Battalion aided in spearheading the attack of the Army Corps operating on New Georgia and, despite heavy losses, remained in action until the enemy was routed from the island. Elements of the Battalion landed at Guam under intense fire, established beach defenses, installed anti-aircraft guns and later, contributed to the rescue of civilians and to the capture or destruction of thousands of Japanese. By their skill, courage and aggressive fighting spirit, the officers and men of the NINTH Defense Battalion upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

All personnel attached to and serving with the NINTH Defense Battalion during the above mentioned periods are authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
*Secretary of the Navy.*

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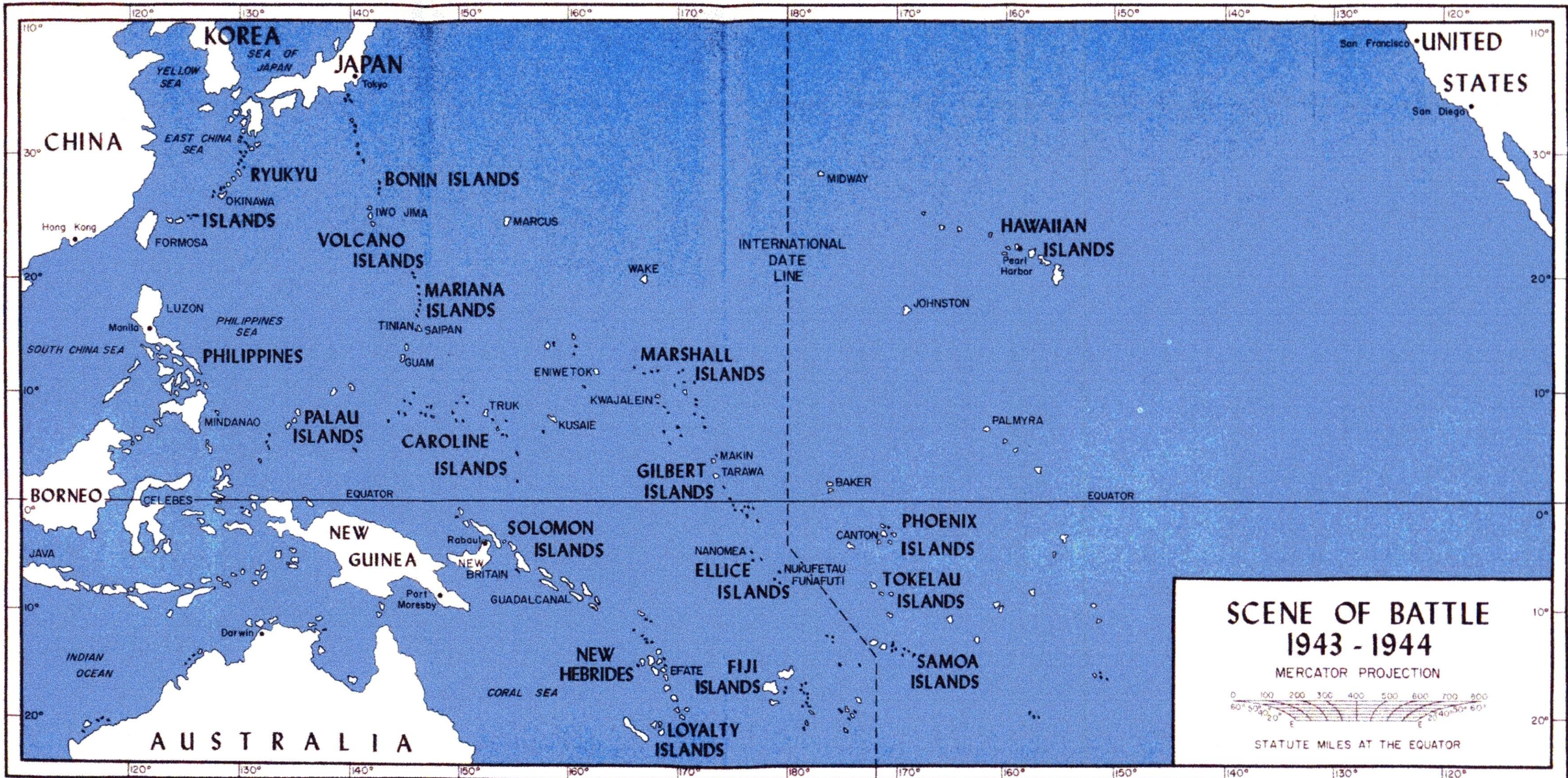
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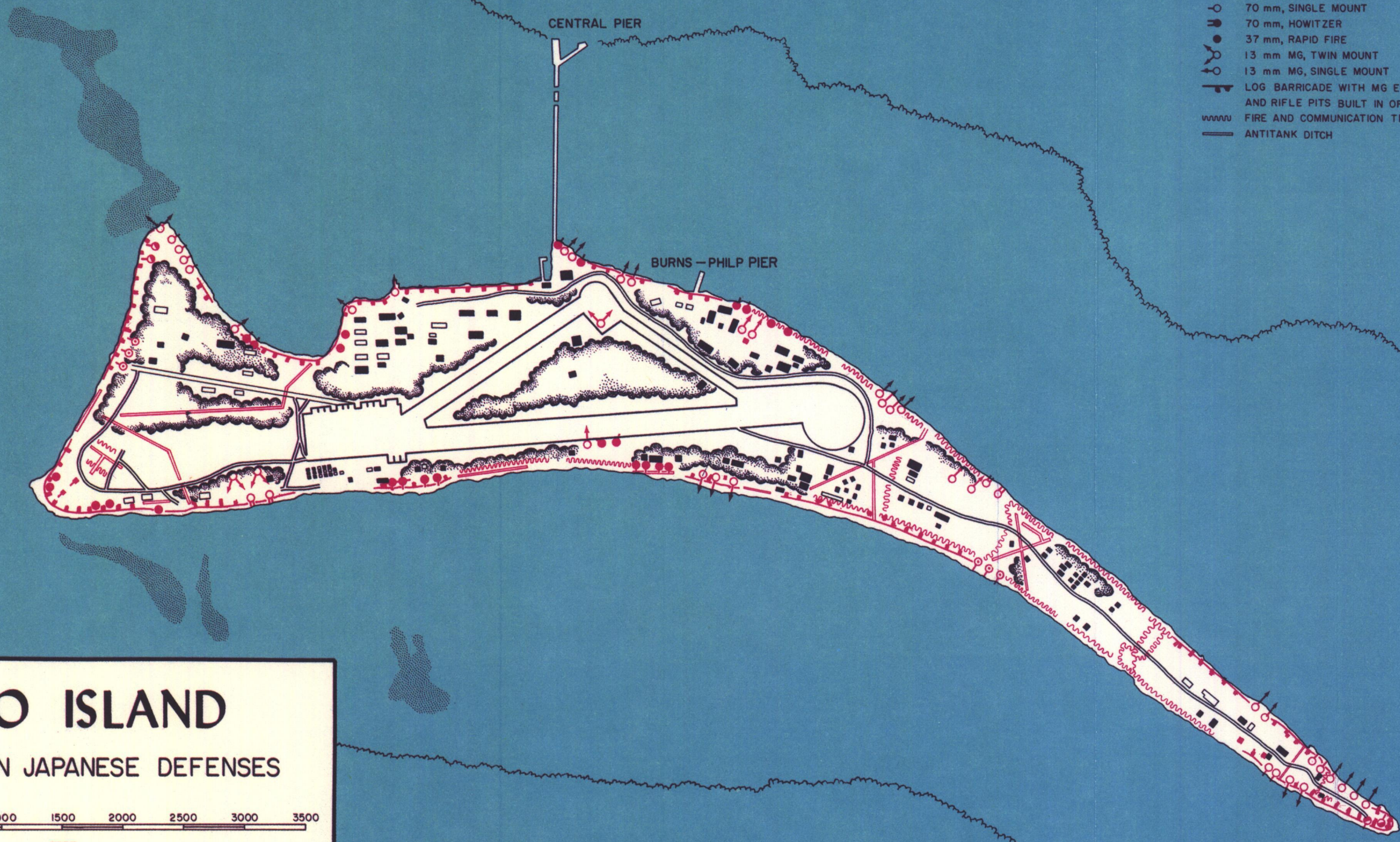
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- 8" NAVAL TYPE
- ⊙ 140 mm, GUN
- ⊙ 127 mm, TWIN MOUNT
- ⊙ 80 mm, GUN
- ⊙ 75 mm, MOUNTAIN GUN
- ⊙ 70 mm, SINGLE MOUNT
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- ⊙ 37 mm, RAPID FIRE
- ⊙ 13 mm MG, TWIN MOUNT
- ⊙ 13 mm MG, SINGLE MOUNT
- ⊙ LOG BARRICADE WITH MG EMPLACEMENTS AND RIFLE PITS BUILT IN OR BEHIND IT
- www FIRE AND COMMUNICATION TRENCH
- ANTITANK DITCH



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