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The date is February 19th, 1945. The US Marine Corp has been island hopping across the Pacific to the Japanese mainland. Their next target is Iwo Jima, an island below the Japanese mainland and north of Guam.

A bombardment of the island commenced on schedule early in the morning, the Marines will land at 9.

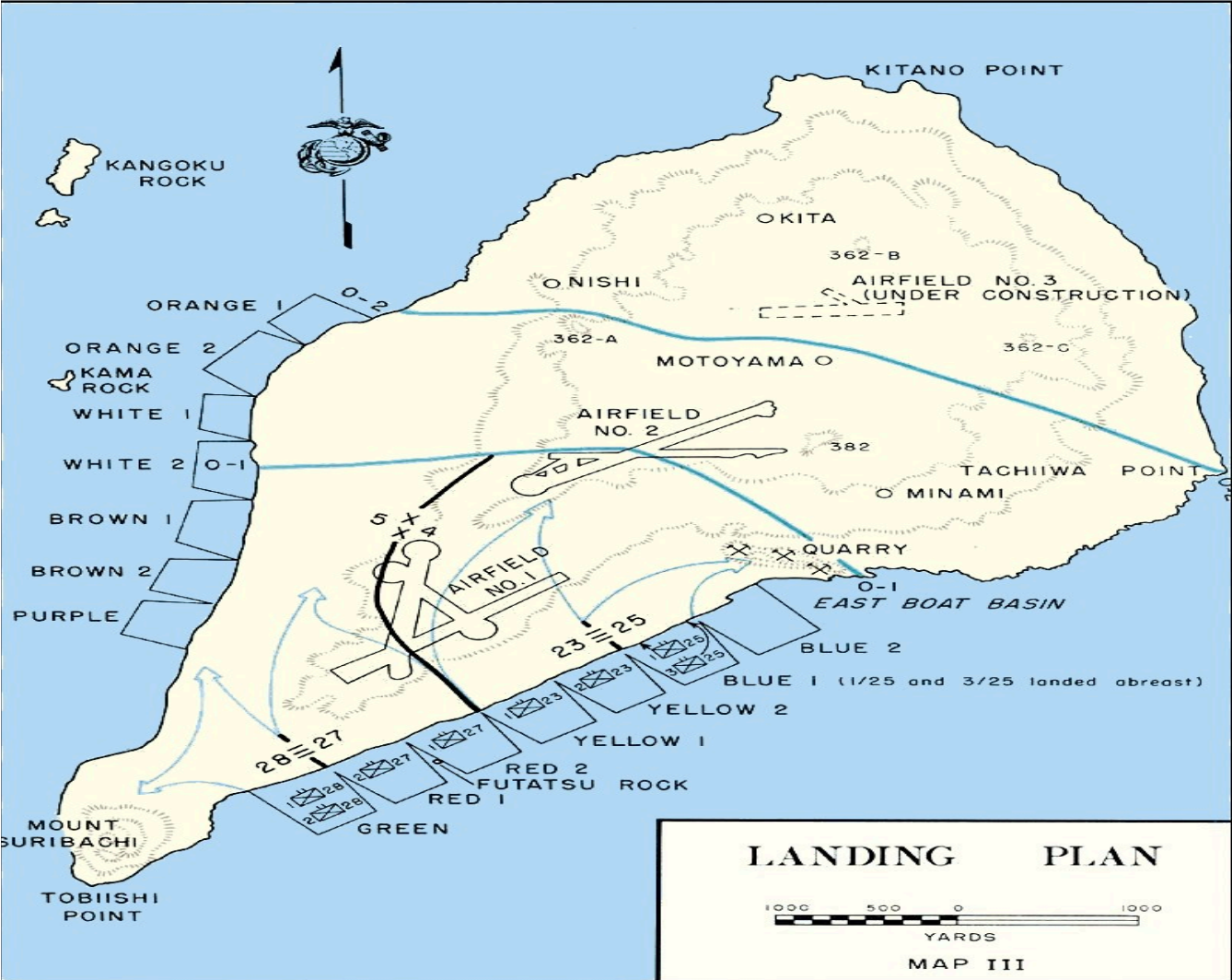
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Battle of Iwo-Jima

What happened at this time in history?

By the time the Pacific Island hopping campaign had commenced the US needed to get their planes closer to Japan. The United States had been looking at this island as a good refueling stop for their P-51 fighters. Command ordered for the island of Iwo Jima to be taken out so they can use it for these logistical purposes. The order advanced down the chain to the Army Air Corp. They launched a 74 day bombing campaign to destroy a massive underground network of bunkers and tunnels set up by the Japanese. It didn't exactly do its job but it weakened their forces considerably. The Japanese General Kayabushi and his men were much weaker in their fortifications. The Marine Corp was tasked to take the island after the dust cleared from the bombing. They would gladly take on this task.



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Battle of Iwo-Jima!

Read about what happened in this time during World War II

The Navy bombarded the shores of Iwo Jima for hours, flattening the path further for the Marines. The defense of the island is led by the Japanese Lieutenant General Tadamichi Kayabushi. On the other end the Marines were led by Admiral Raymond A Spruance and Marine Lieutenant General Holland Smith. The two assaulting marine divisions were the 4th and the 5th. The assault started at 8:59 Local Time. The Marines landed on the southeastern side of the beach. They started pushing up the beaches stretching to Mount Suribachi.

The Marine Corp fought for multiple days. The Japanese fought with ferocity. Over the course of the next few days men died constantly. The Marines kept on pushing and the Japanese couldn't hold forever. By February 23rd they had made it up on top of Suribachi. One man with a camera named Joe Rothenthal captured a historic moment with his camera. It took a picture of a group of men raising the American Banner above Suribachi. As the last pockets of Japanese were taken out the island was declared to be secured. By the end over 5000 Marines had died. The island was now taken to pave a way to the Japanese mainland and other islands. In a few months Japan will surrender after the US drops 2 of the first, and ever used in war Atomic Bombs.

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The Marines raise the flag
on Mount Suribachi



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