

World War II in the Pacific



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Week 1: The Run-up to Pearl Harbor

Week 2: Japan attacks

Week 3: Japanese success/U.S. fights back

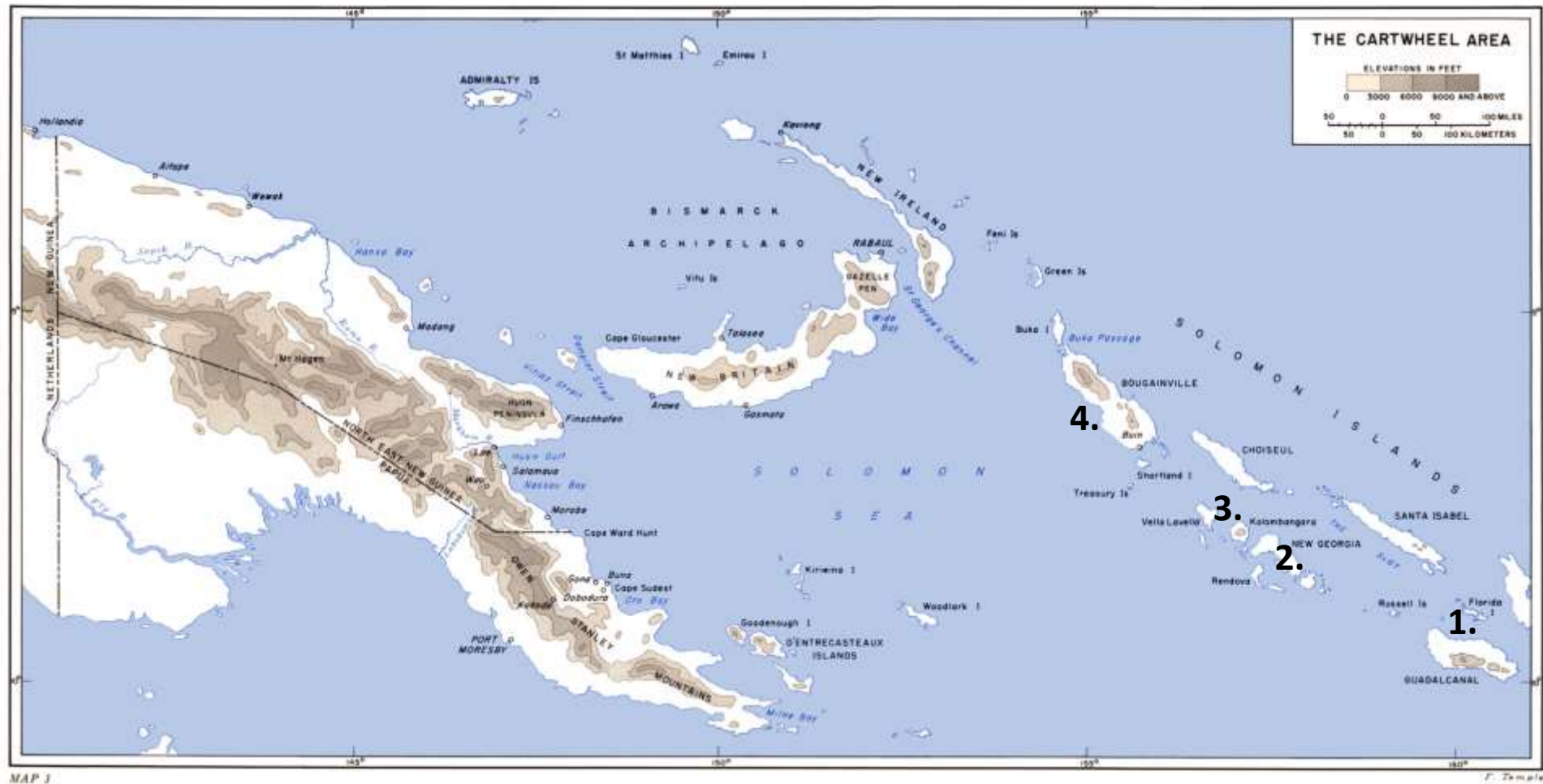
Week 4: Asia and America fight back

This week : America attacks

Next week: American victory and its aftermath

Today: America attacks

- **MacArthur's Spies**
- **B-29s in China**
- **Saipan and the Philippine Sea**
- **Palau/Peleliu**
- **Leyte**

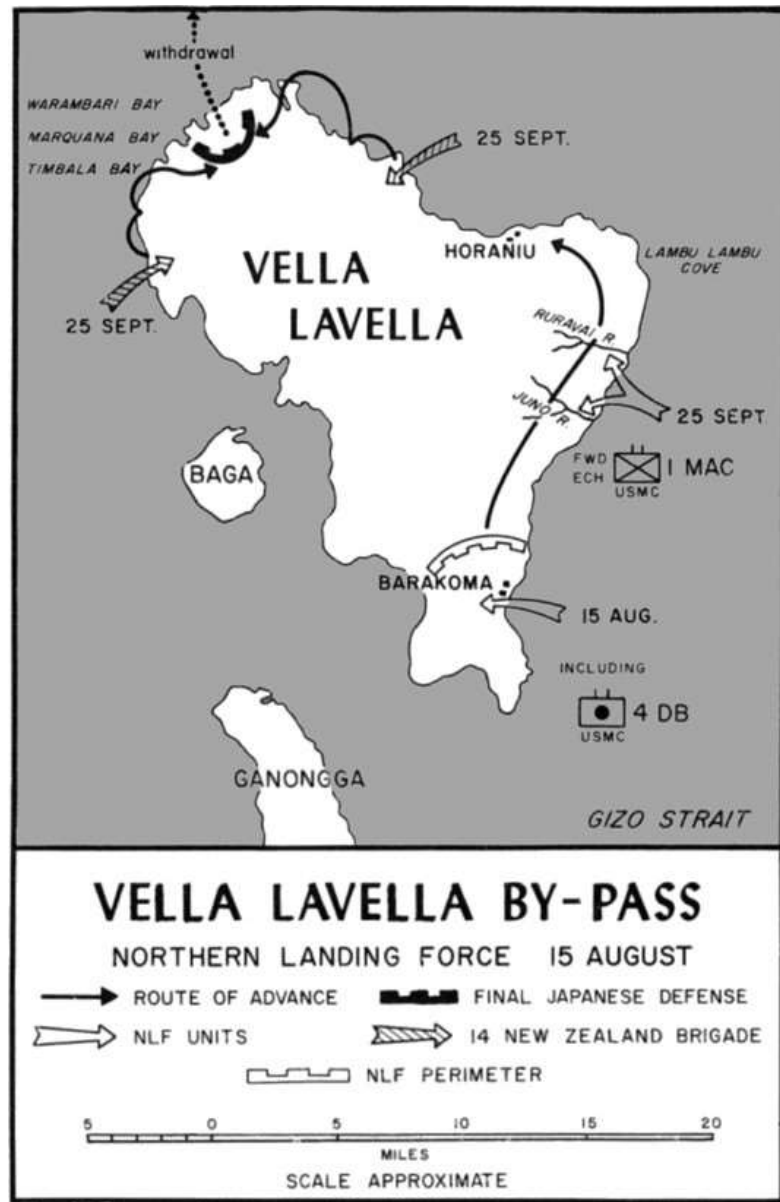


Moving toward Rabaul:

1. Guadalcanal, 2. New Georgia, 3. Vella Lavella, 4. Bouganville

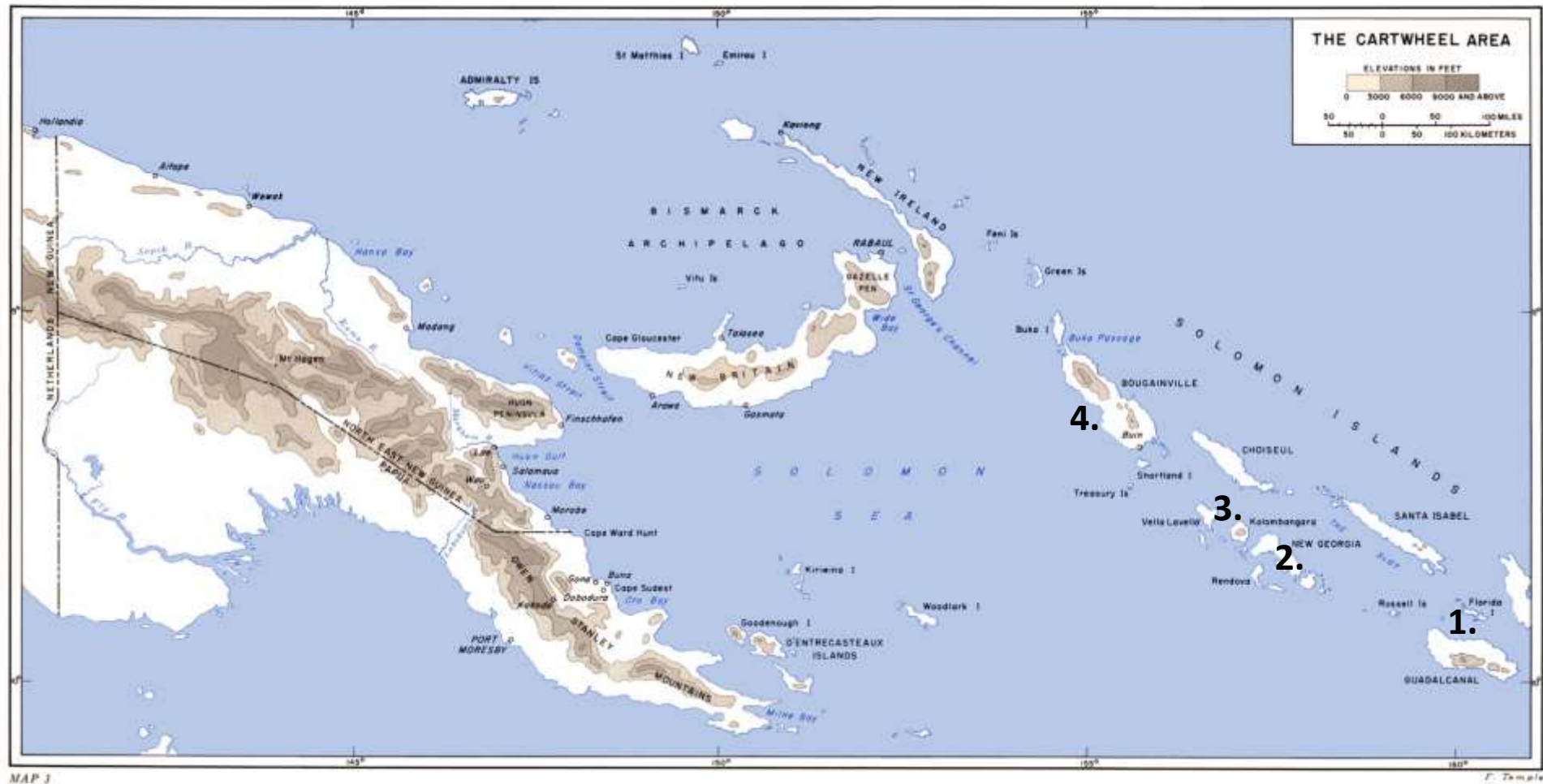


U.S. soldiers pursue Japanese soldiers on Vella Lavella Island, September 1943





Major Gregory "Pappy" Boyington

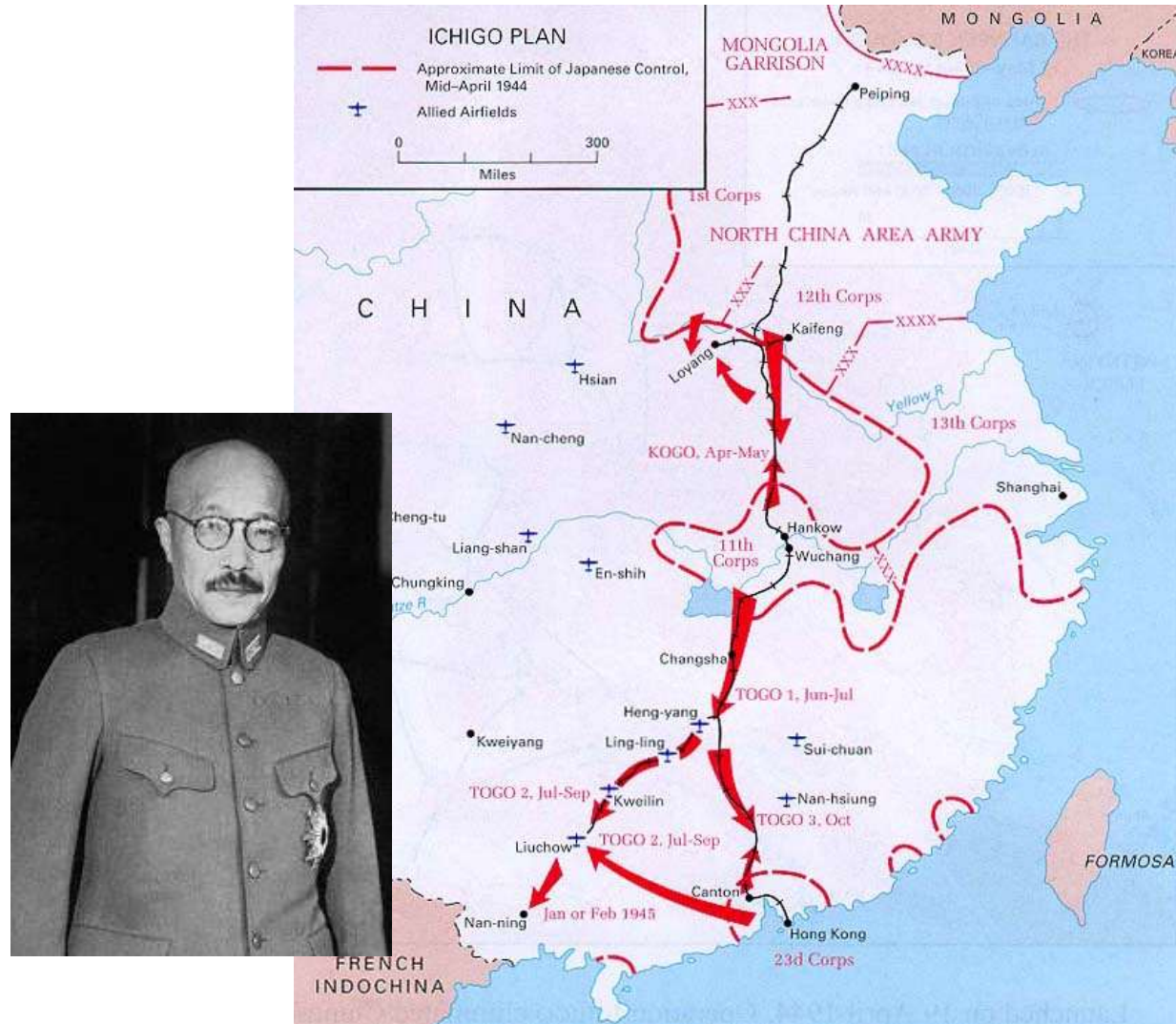


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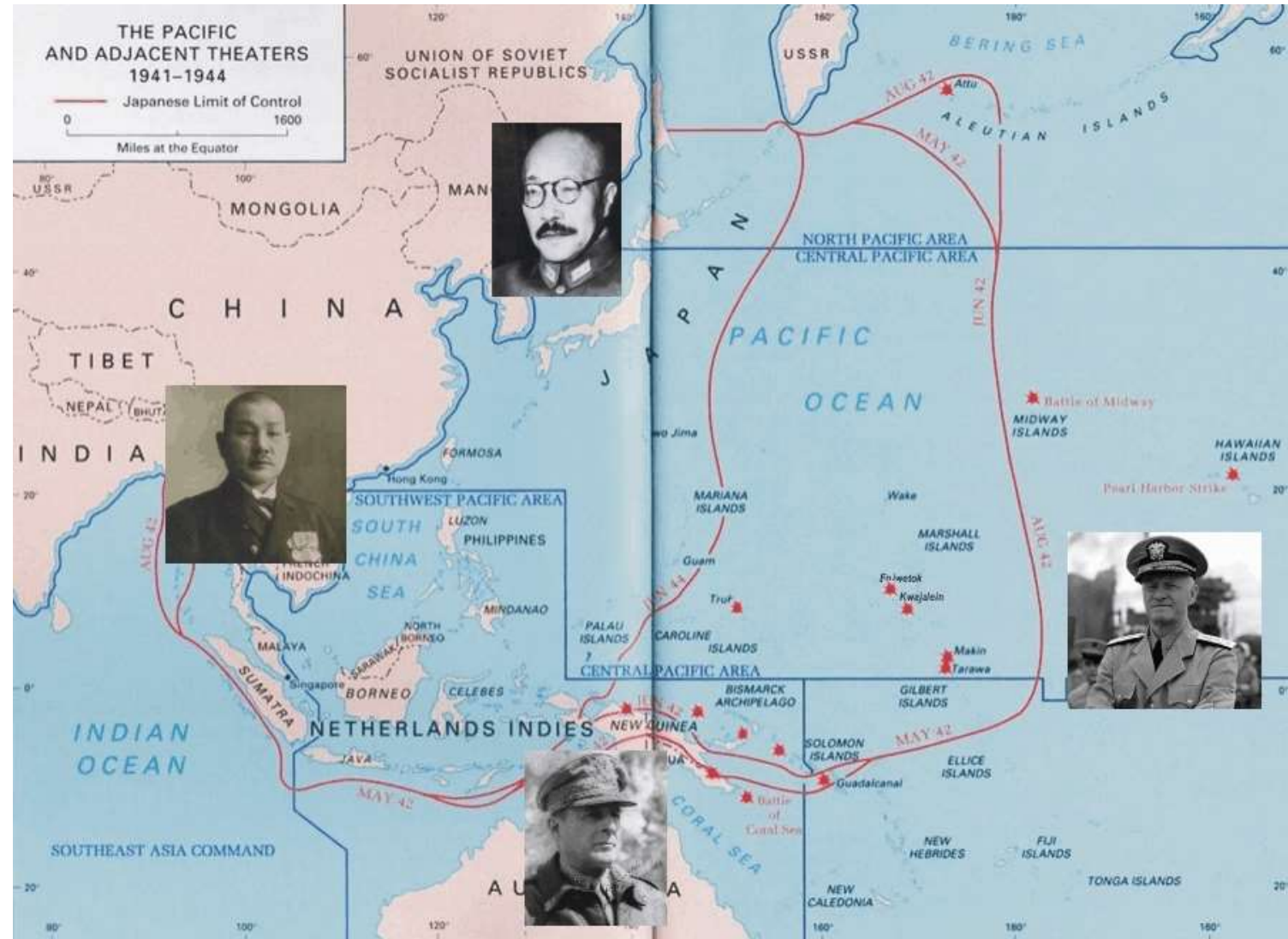
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The "Hump" and the Burma Road



The Ichigo Plan



The Pacific chess board

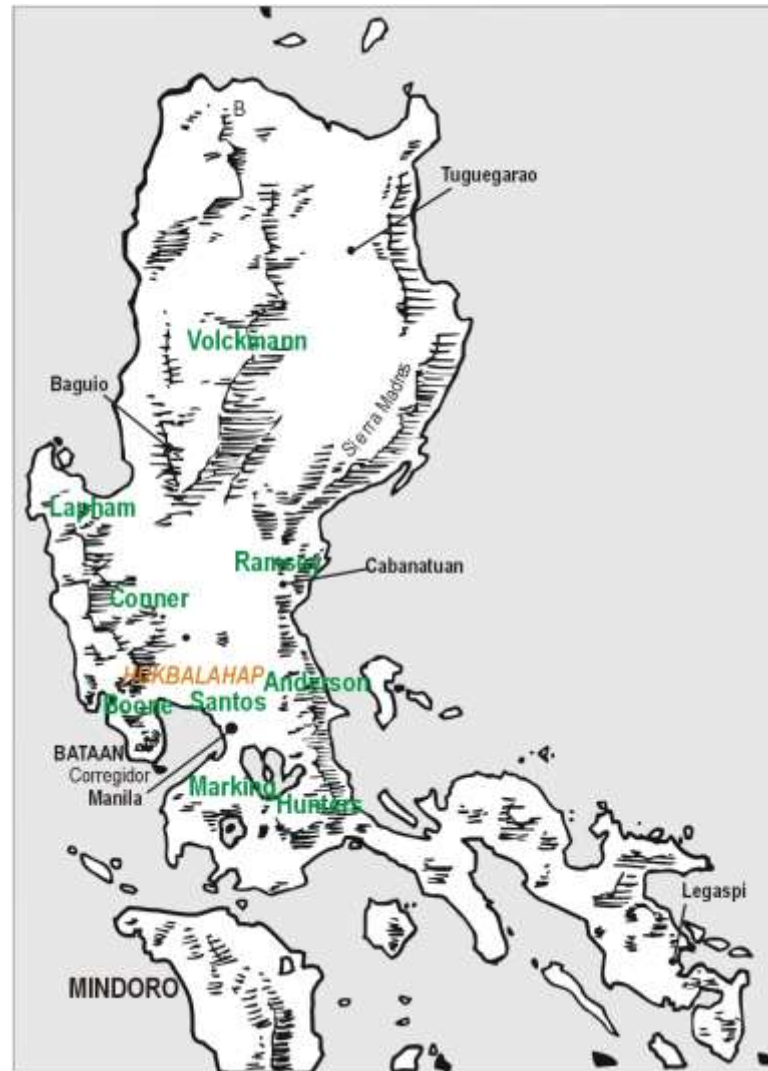
Spies and the Philippine Underground



Lieutenant Commander "Chick" Parsons



USS Narwhal



Guerrilla organizations on Luzon



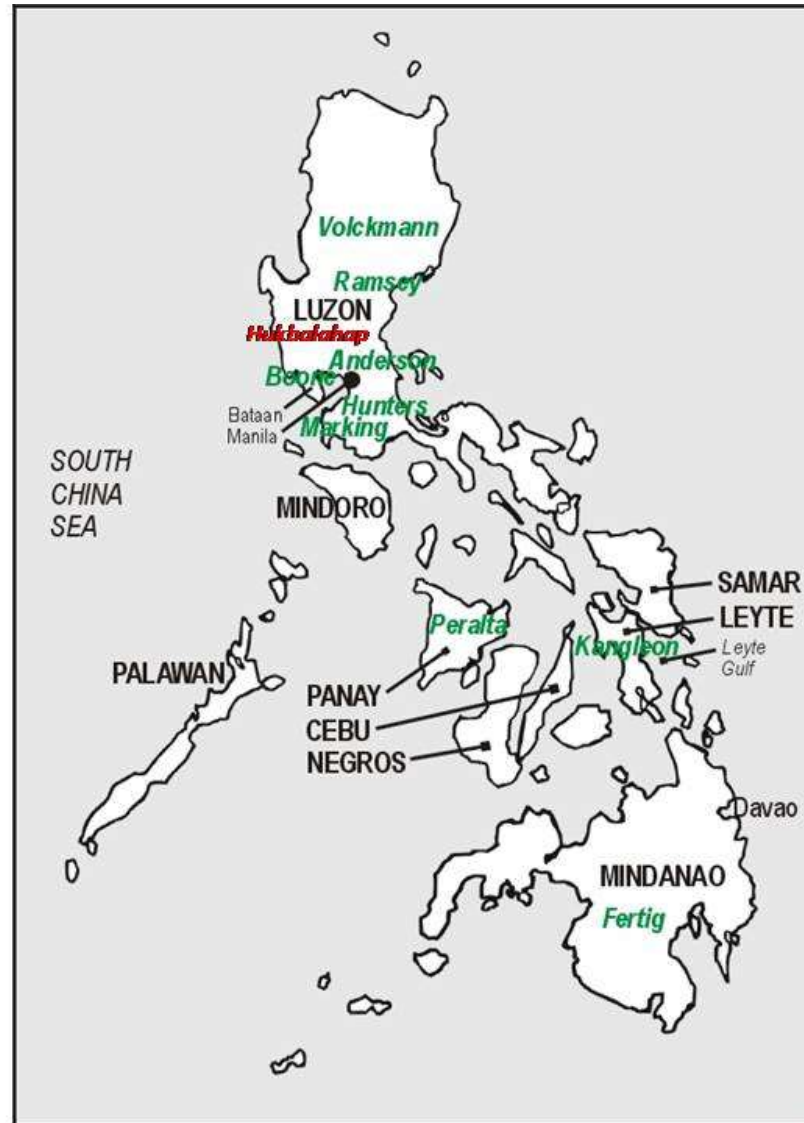
Juan Elizalde



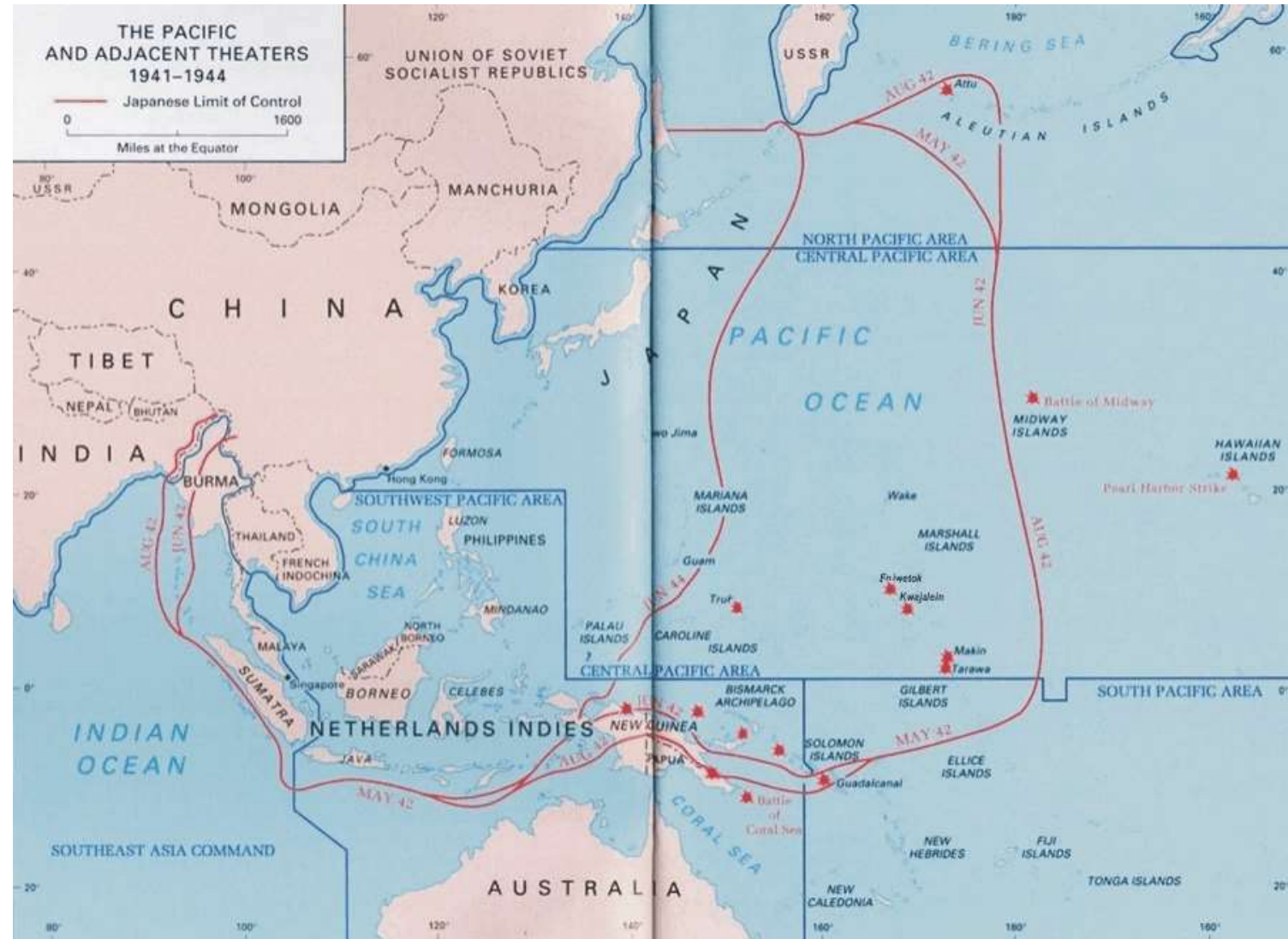
Blanche Jurika



Margaret Utinsky and Claire Phillips



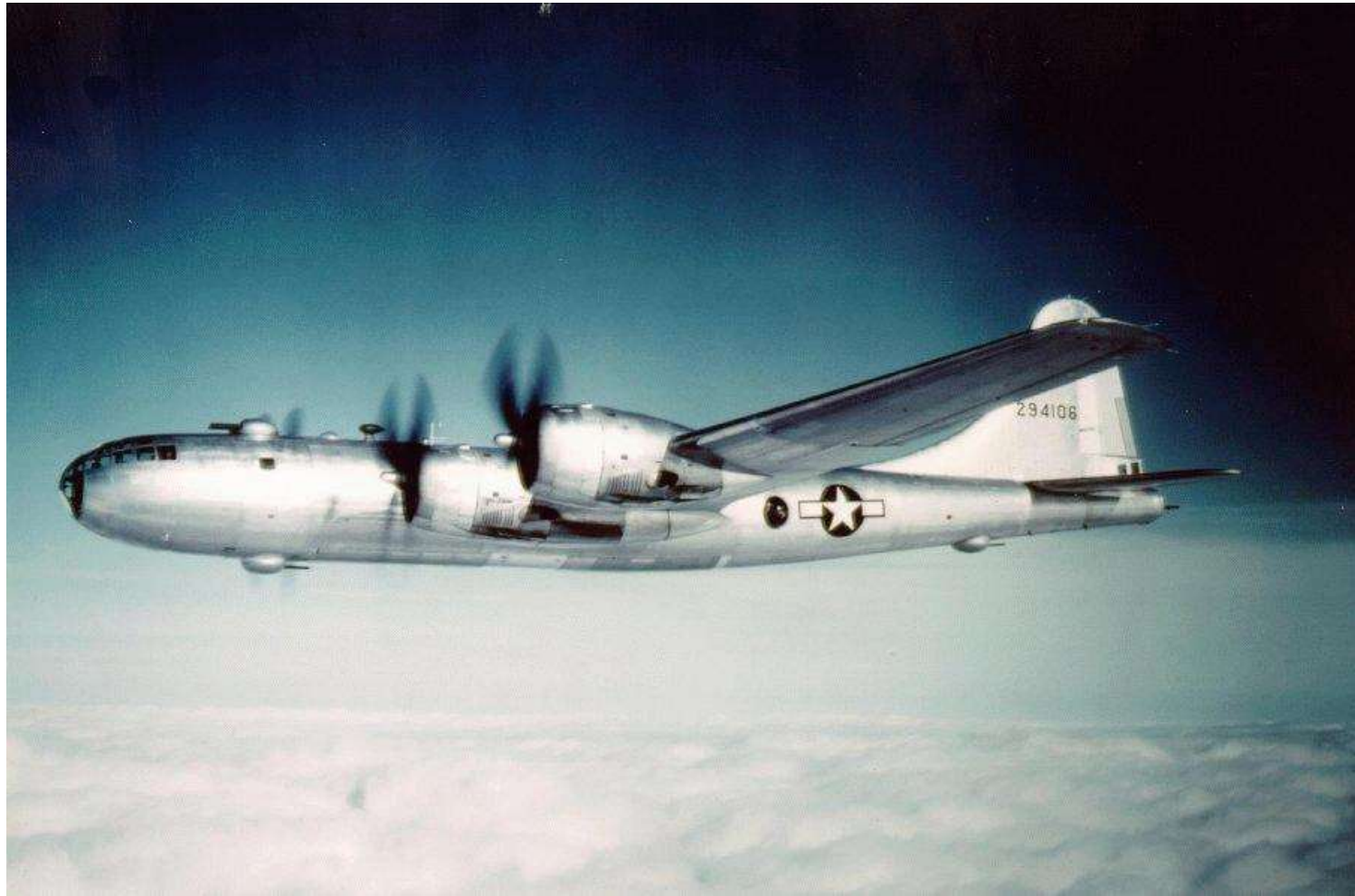
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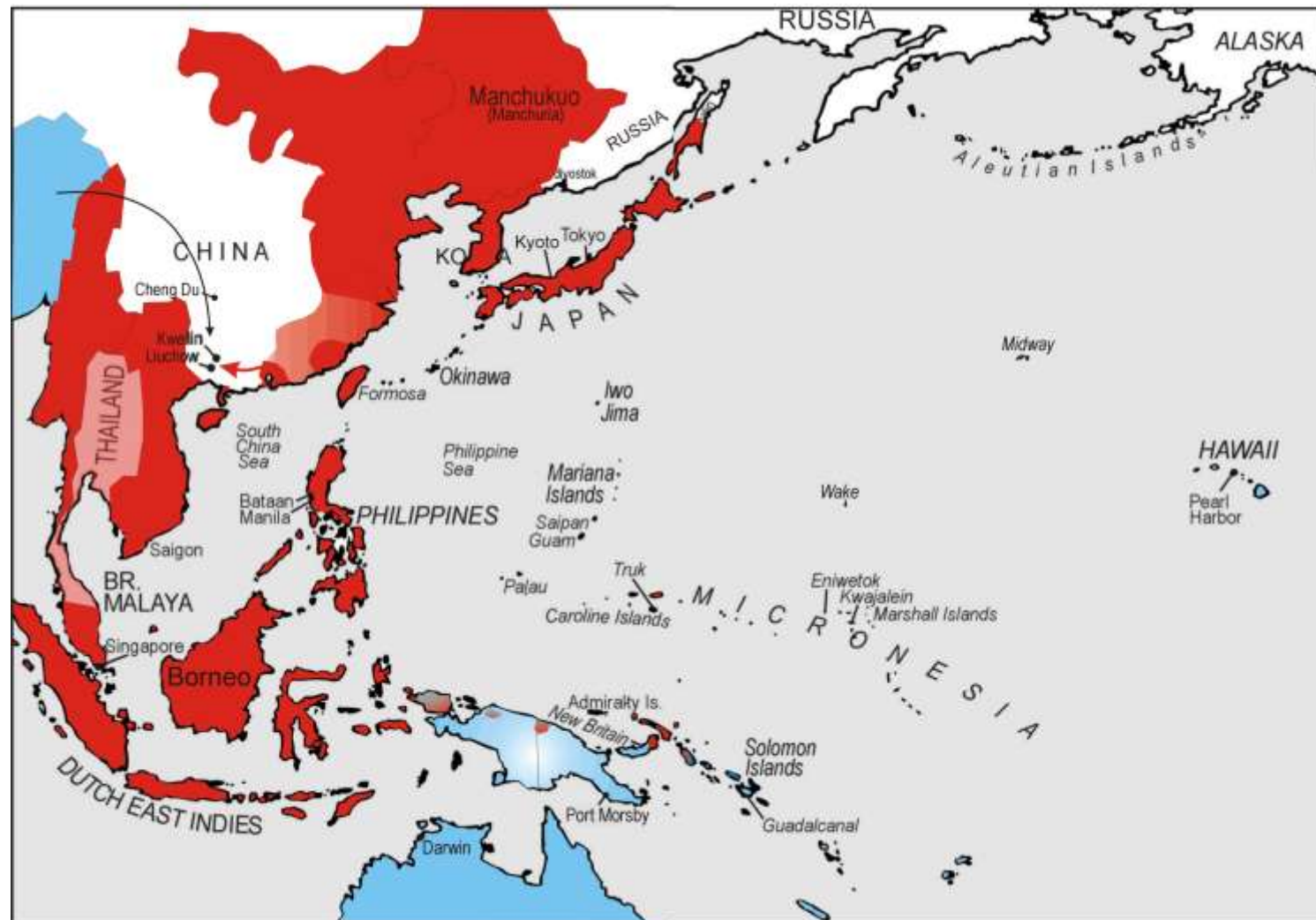
B-29s in China



General Claire Chennault



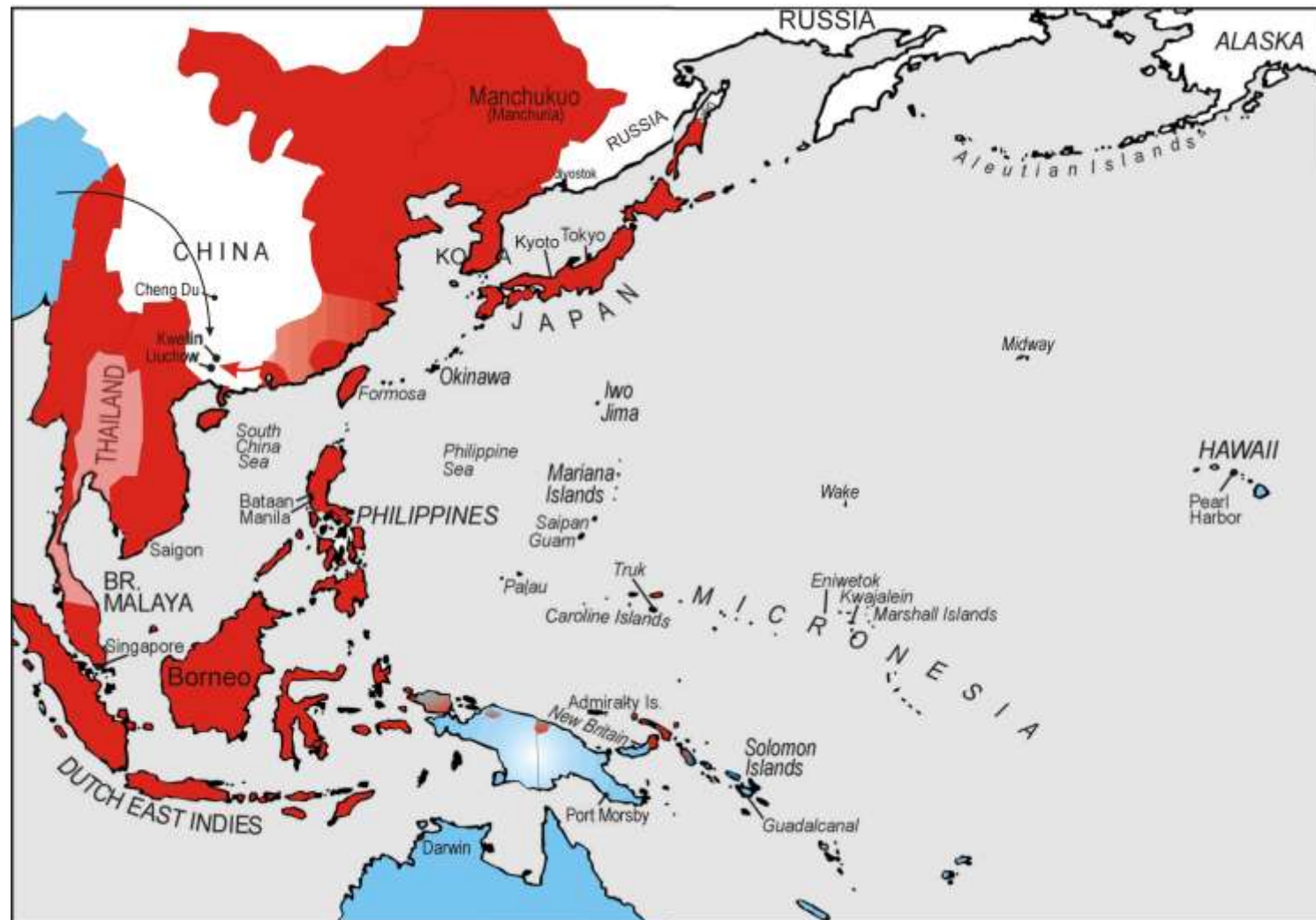
B-29 "Superfortress"



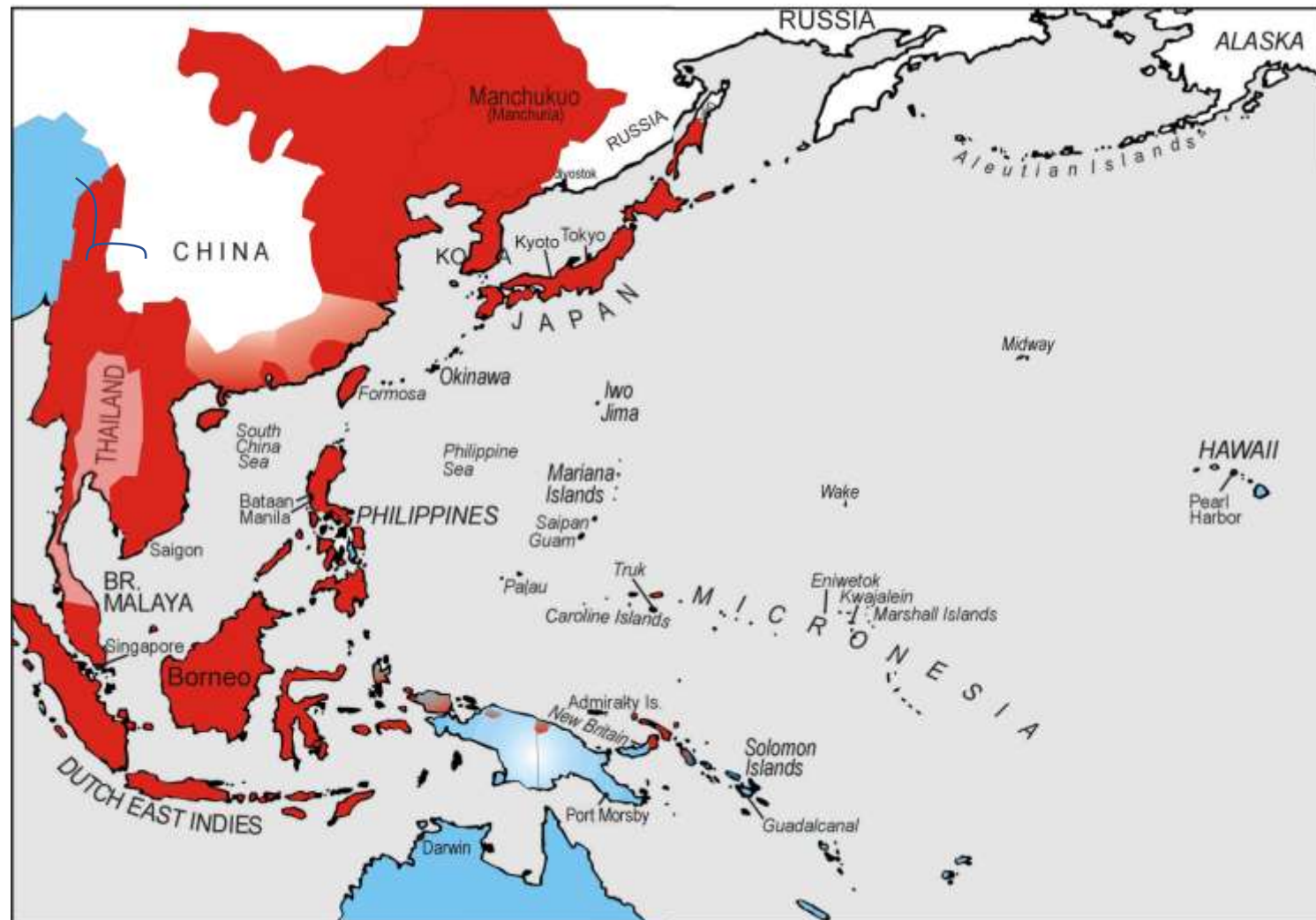
The Pacific and China, 1944



B-29 crew in China

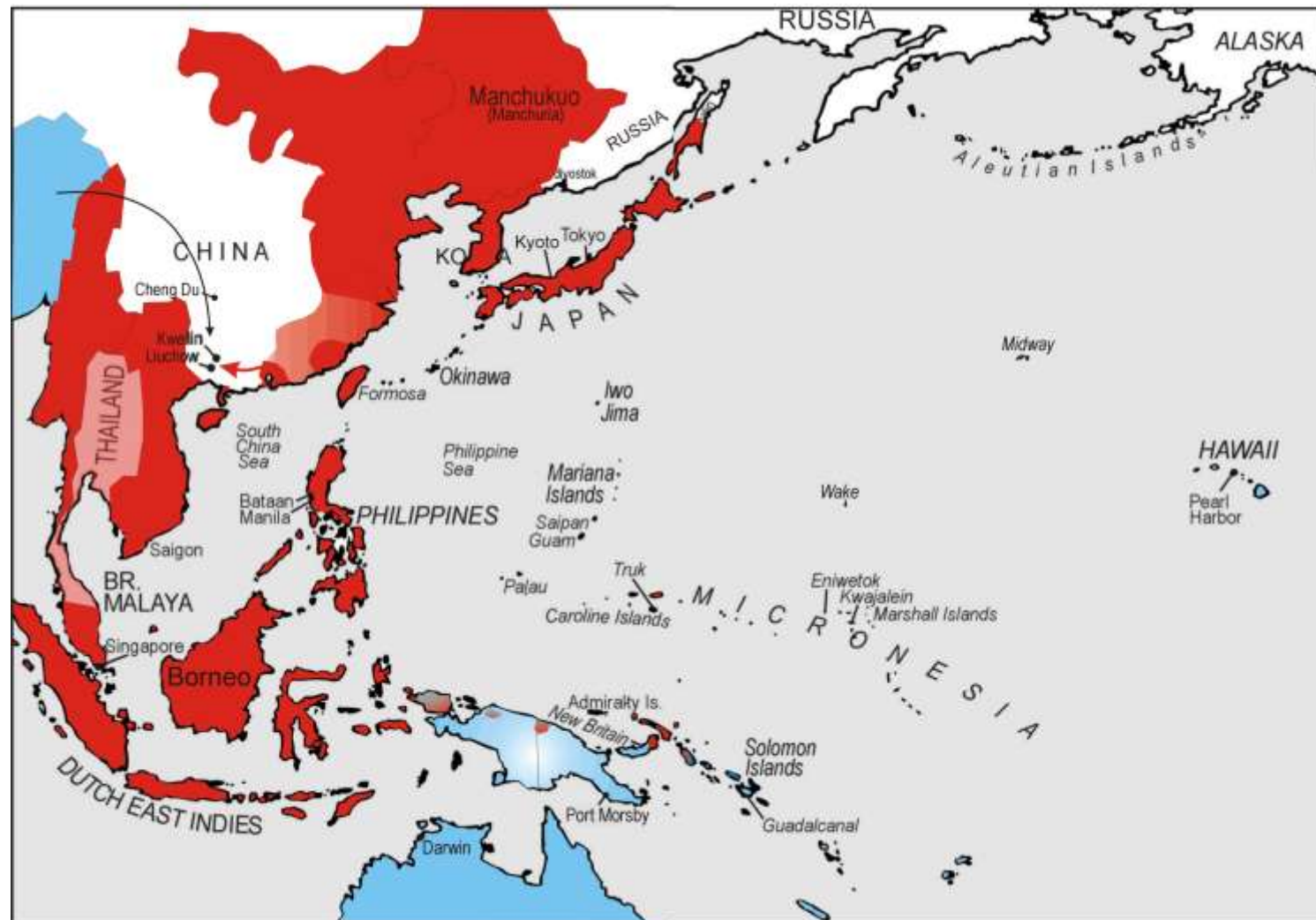


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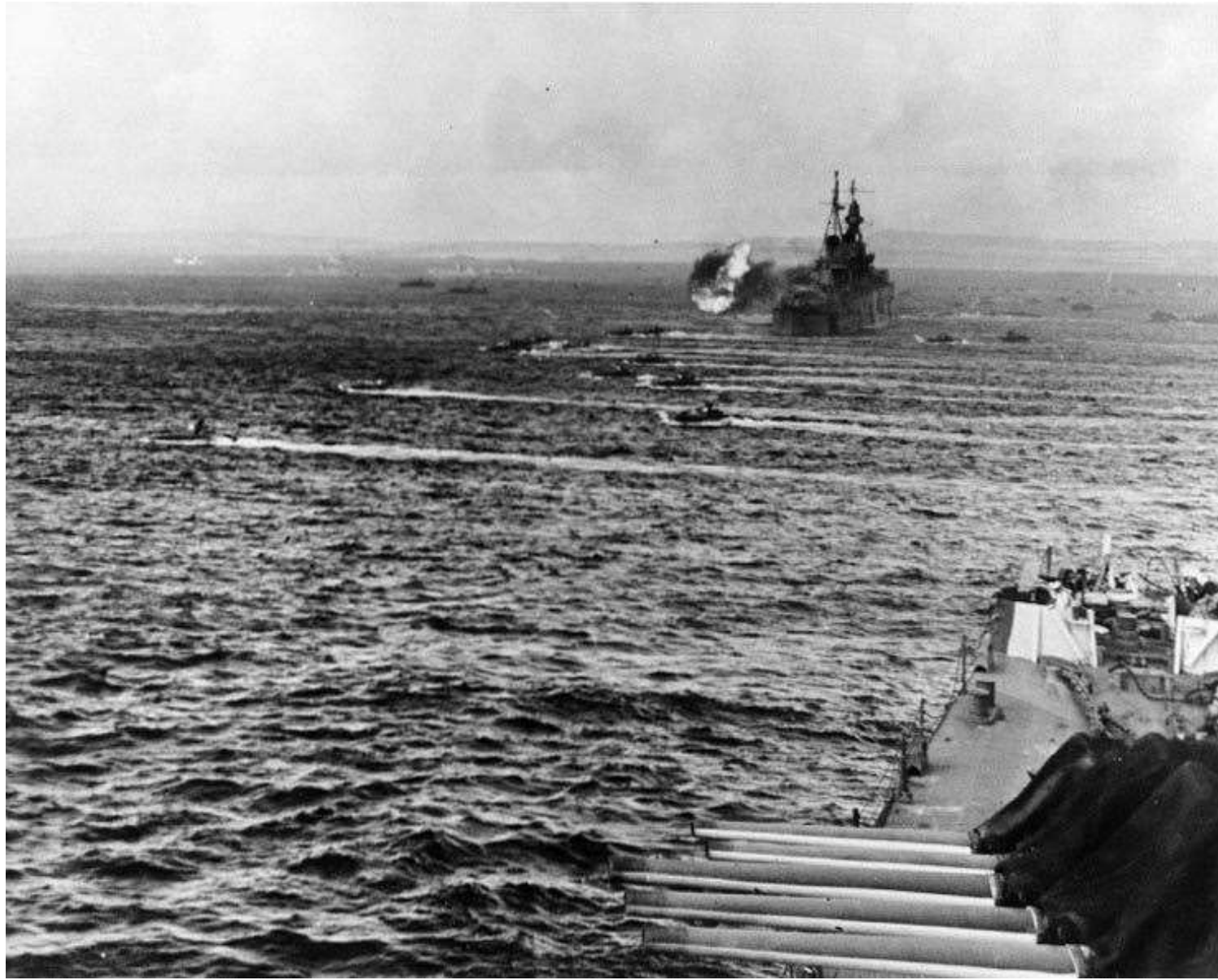


Ichigo is successful, November 1944

Saipan/Philippine Sea



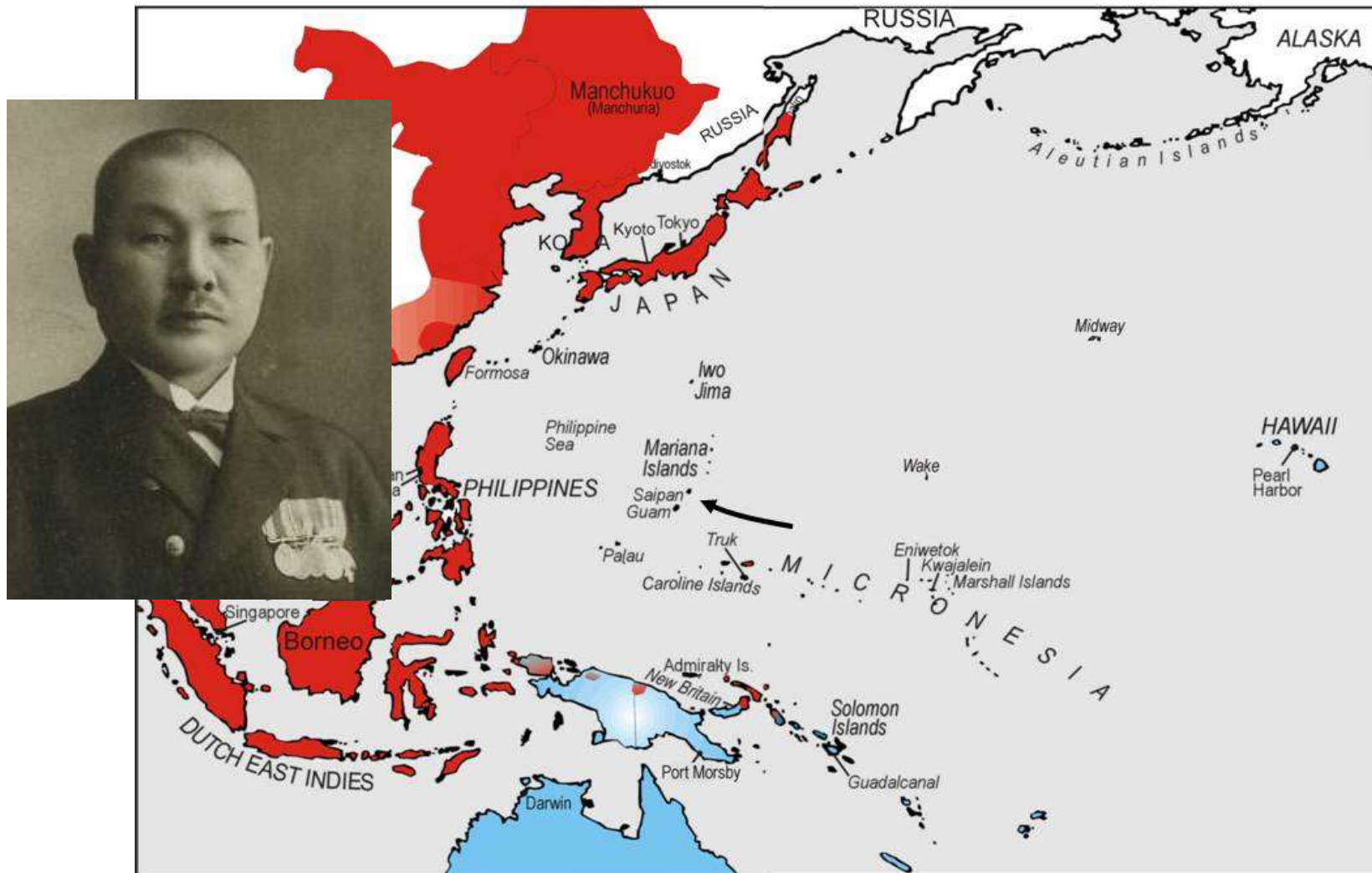
The Pacific and China, June 1944



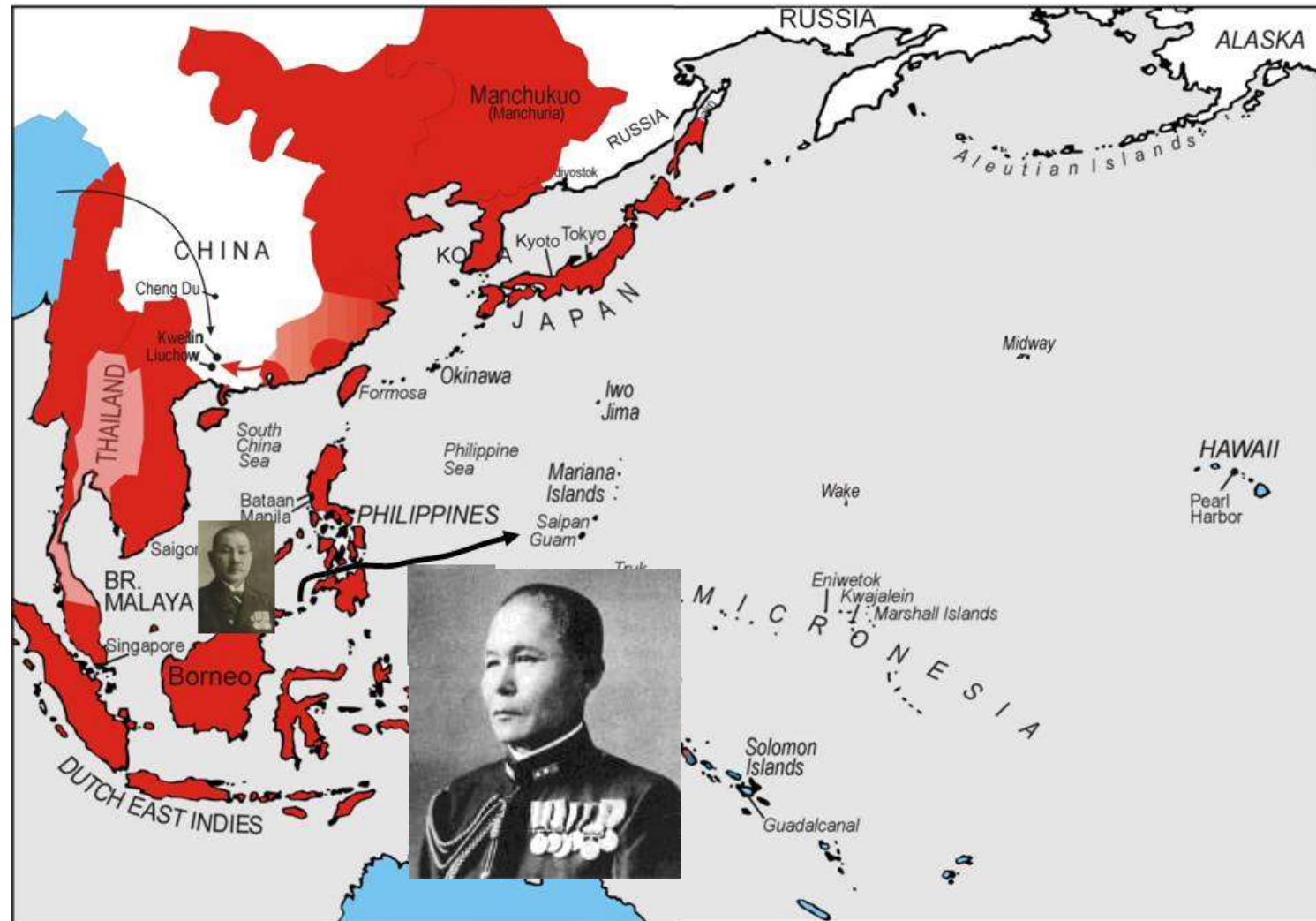
LVTs attack Saipan



Marines hit the beach in Saipan



Admiral Toyoda Soemu, August 1944



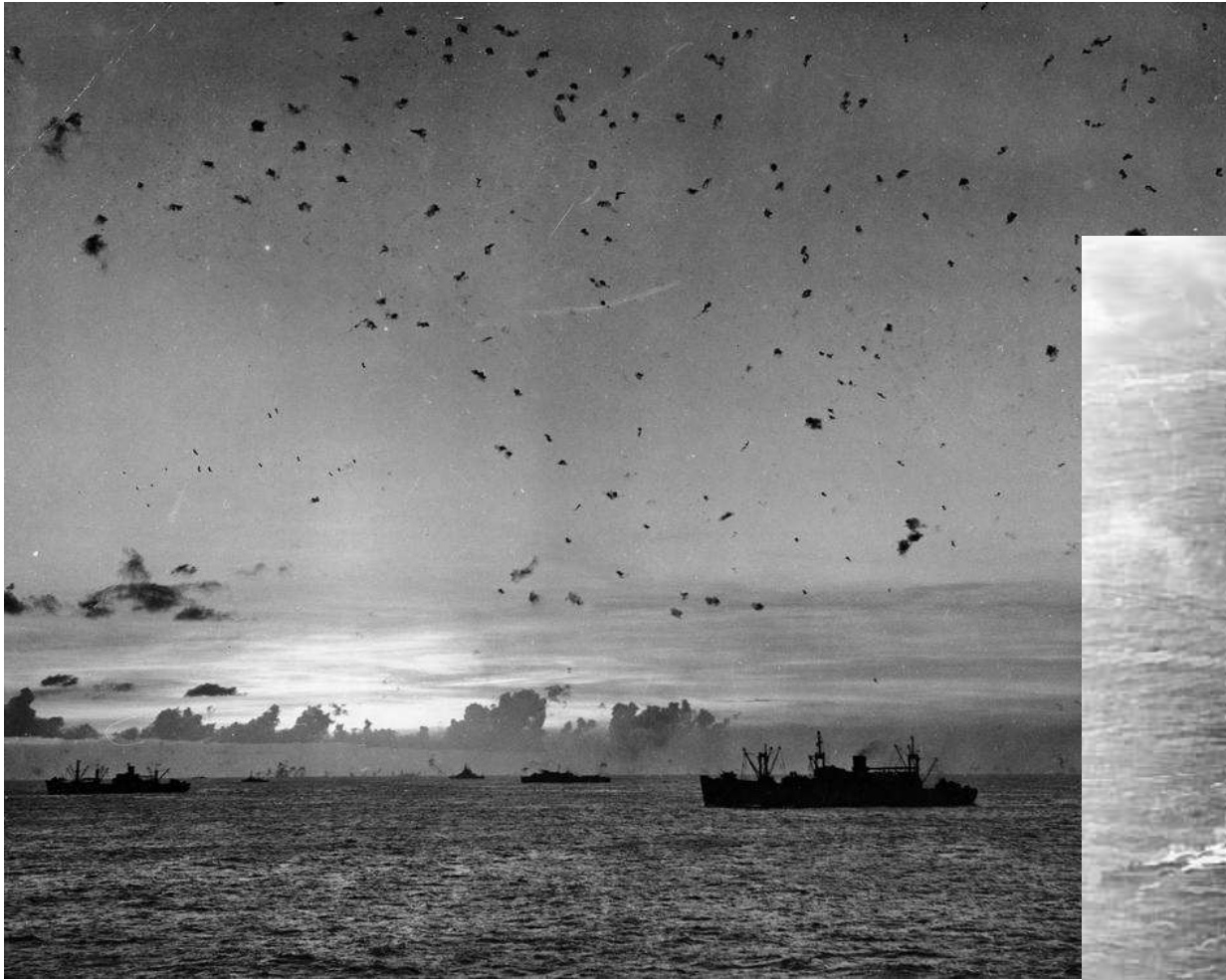
Admiral Toyoda orders Vice Admiral Ozawa Jisaburo
to defend Saipan with the Japanese fleet



Fighter plane contrails during the Marianas Turkey-shoot



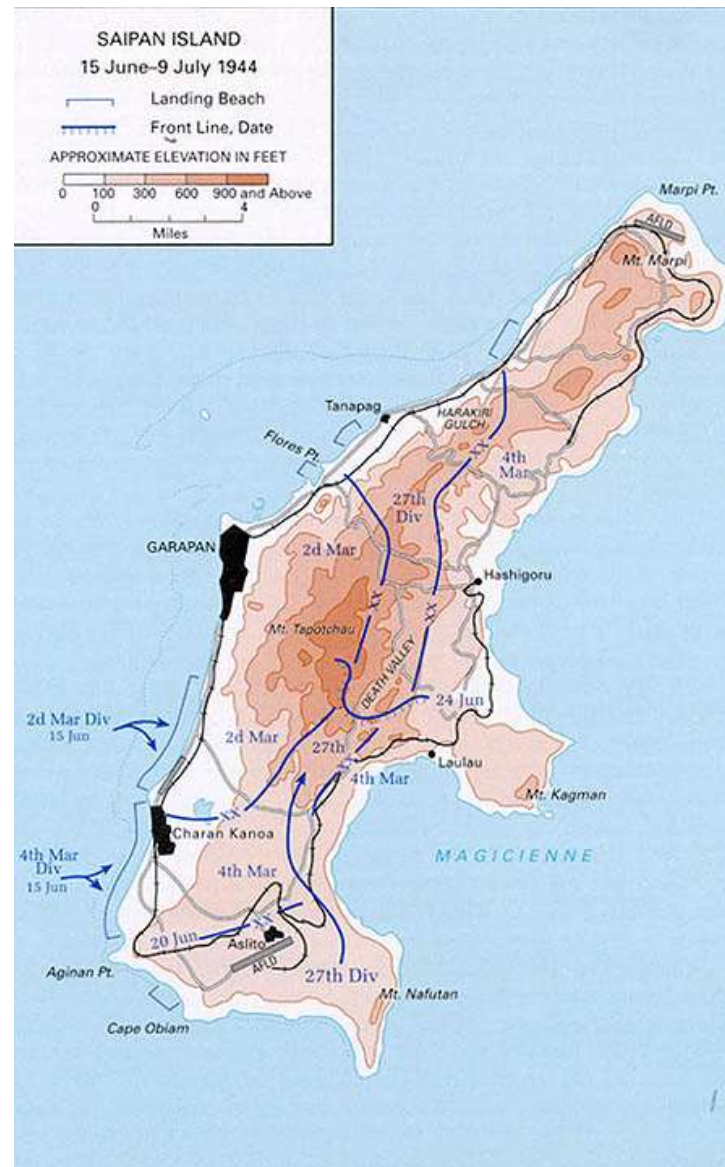
Japanese bomber shot down



U.S. ships and flak off Saipan



Zuikaku and two Japanese destroyers dodge U.S. bombers



Battle of Saipan



U.S. Marines blow up Japanese bunker



Navajo code-talkers



Saipan mop-up



U.S. Marine flame-throwing tank



Suicide cliffs, Saipan



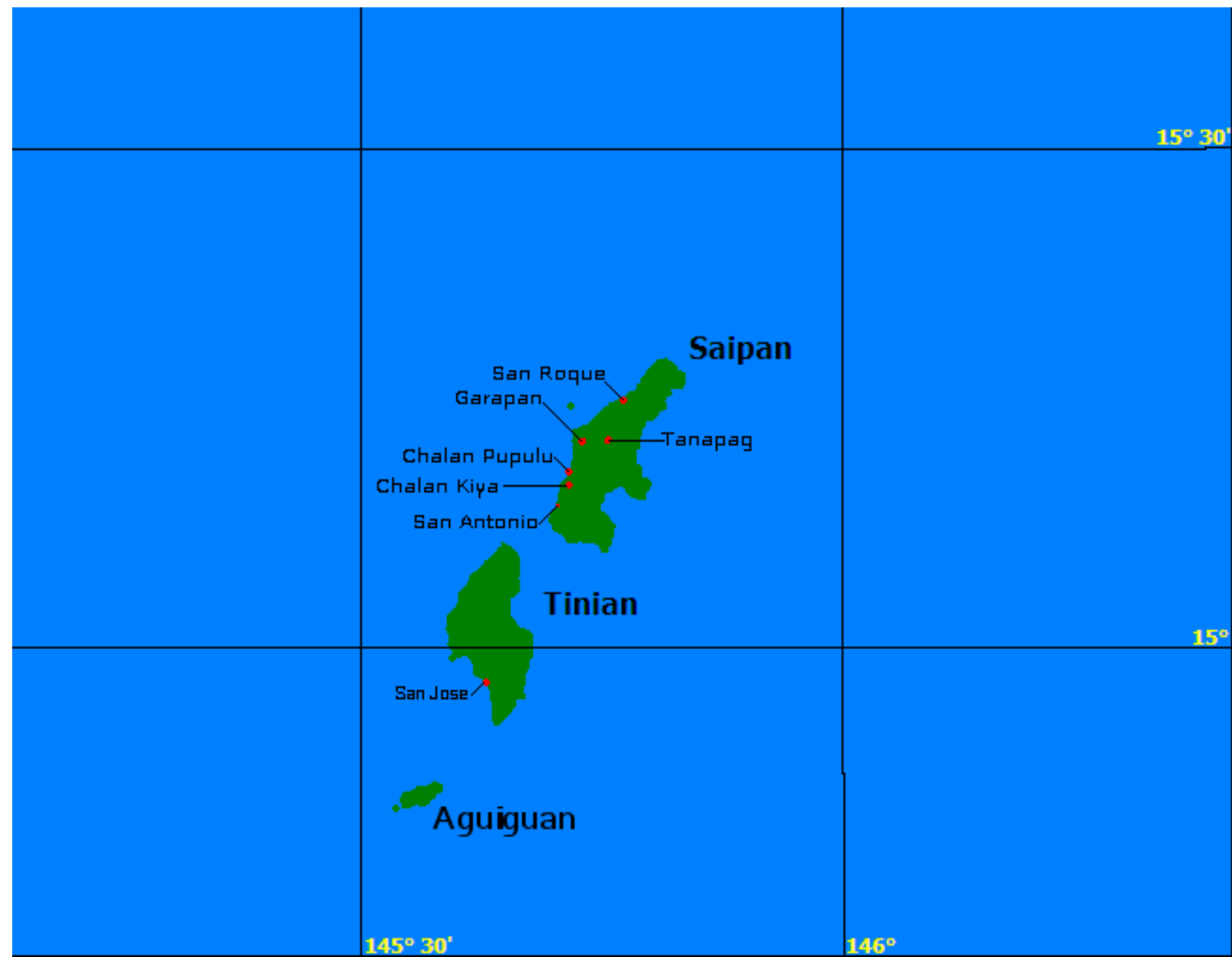
U.S. Marine with Japanese baby



Hideki Tojo



Kuniaki Koiso



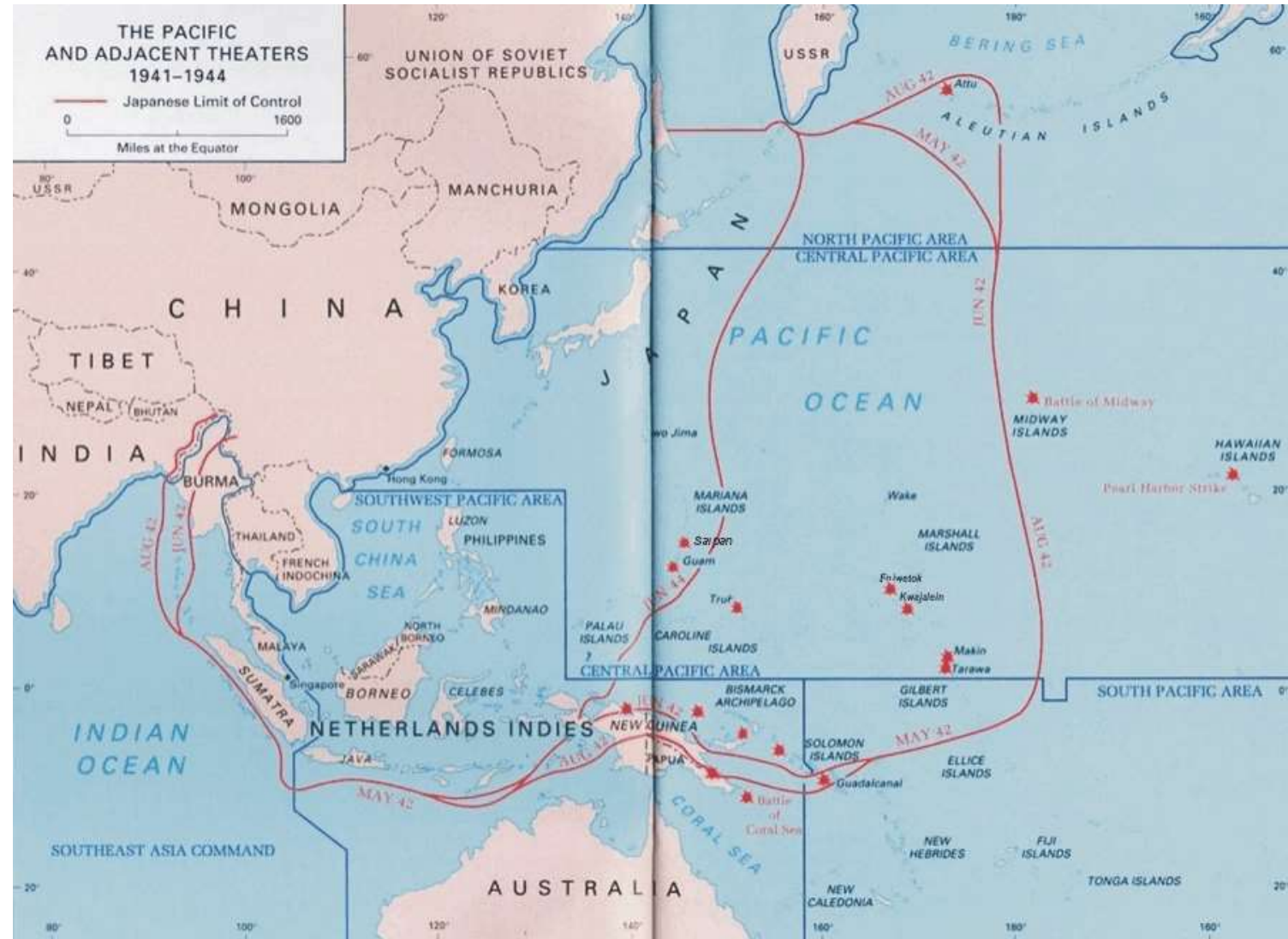
Tinian and Aquiguan



Airfields on Tinian



B-29 loading on Tinian



The Pacific, July 1944, after Saipan



Guam landing



Japanese dead after a "Banzai" charge

U.S. Pacific Planning

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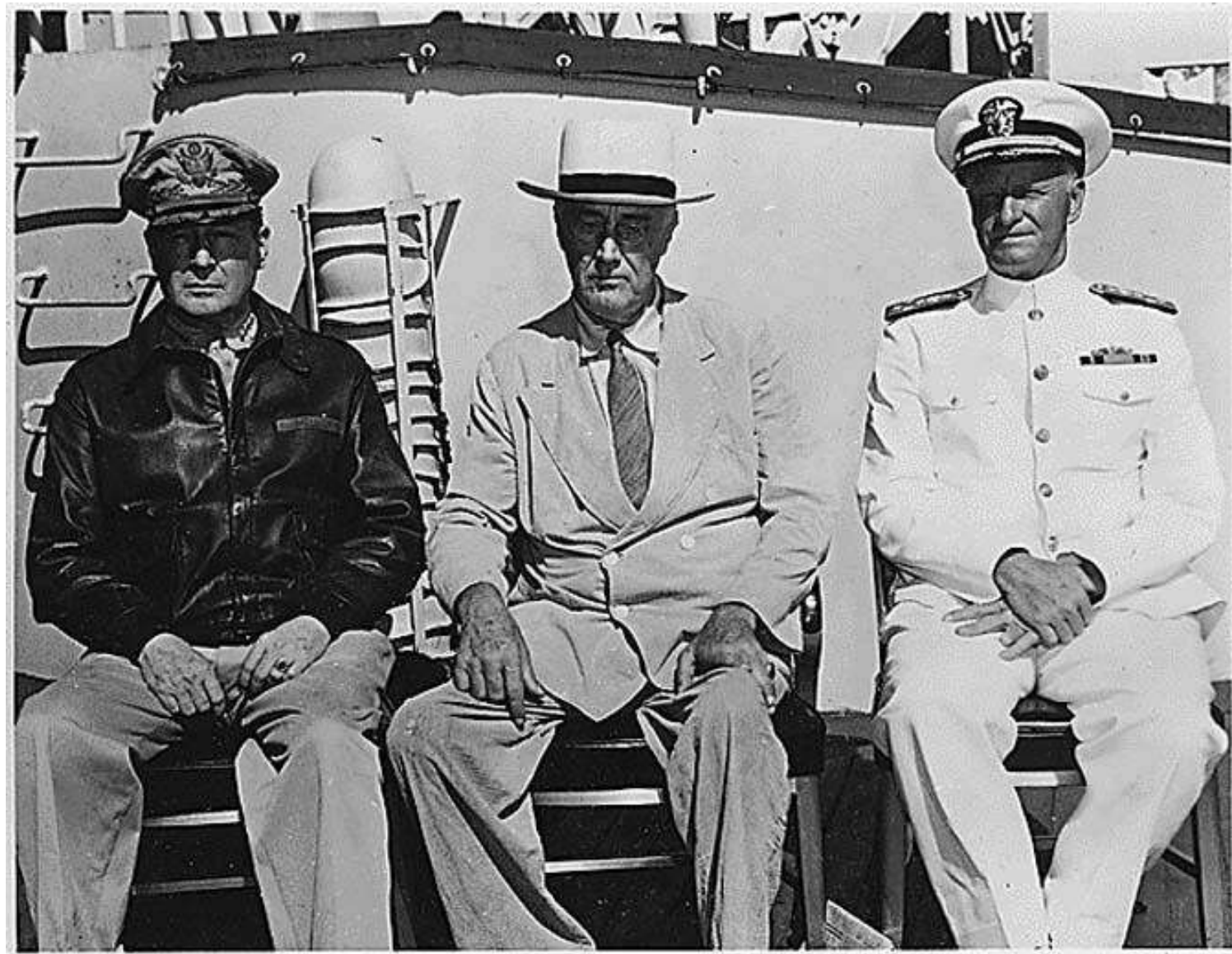


General Douglas MacArthur

Photo # 80-G-416886 Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King



Admiral Ernest J. King



MacArthur, Roosevelt and Nimitz in Hawaii



Nimitz, Roosevelt and MacArthur in Hawaii



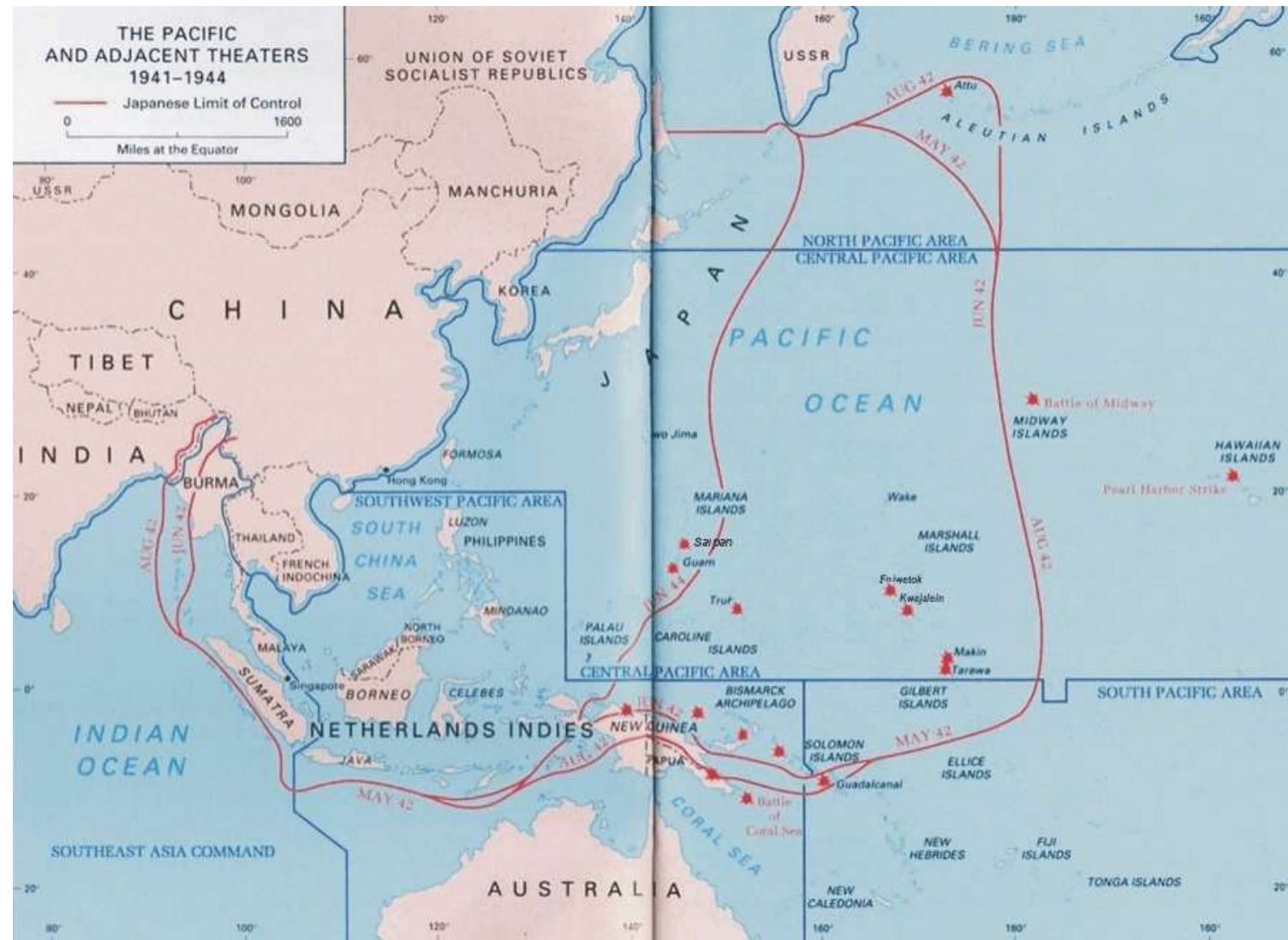
Nimitz' presentation at the Hawaii conference

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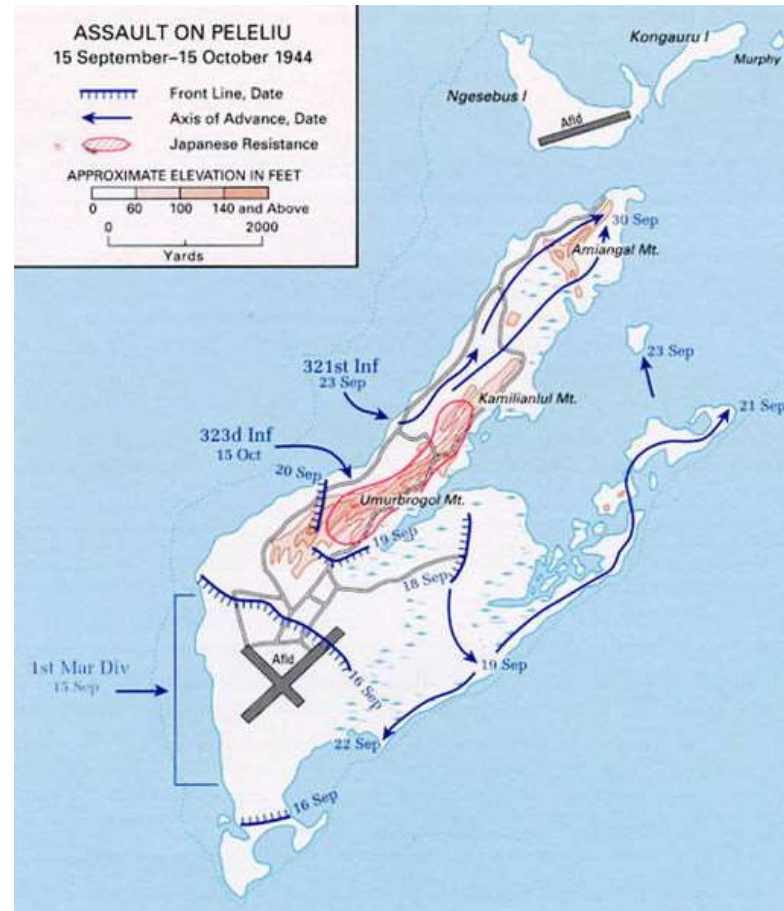


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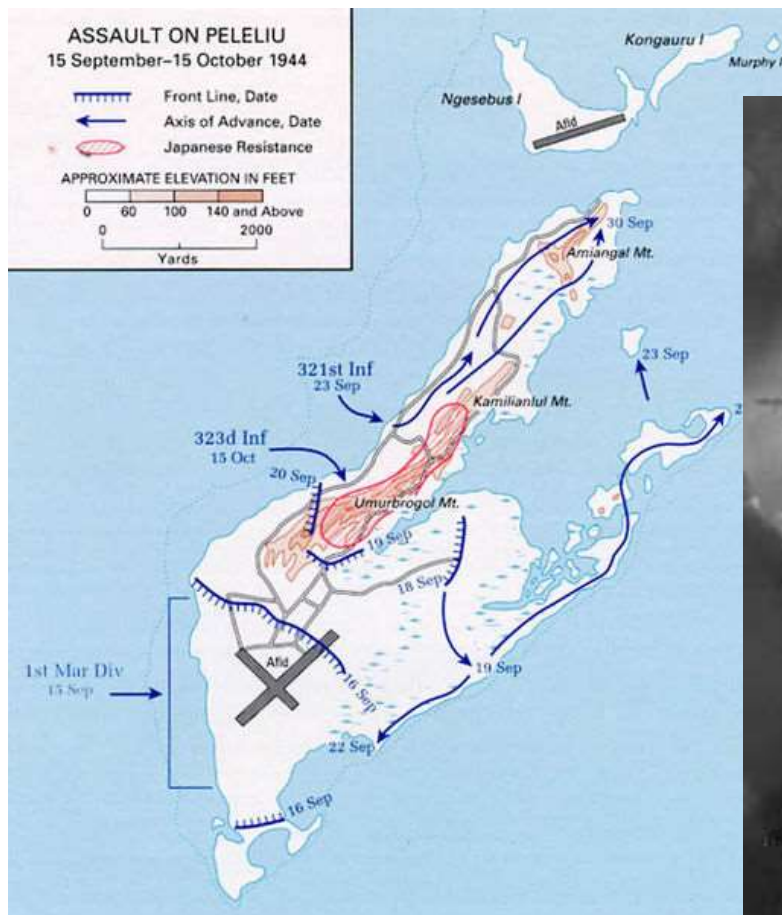
Palau/Peleliu



The Pacific, July 1944, after Saipan



Battle of Peleliu



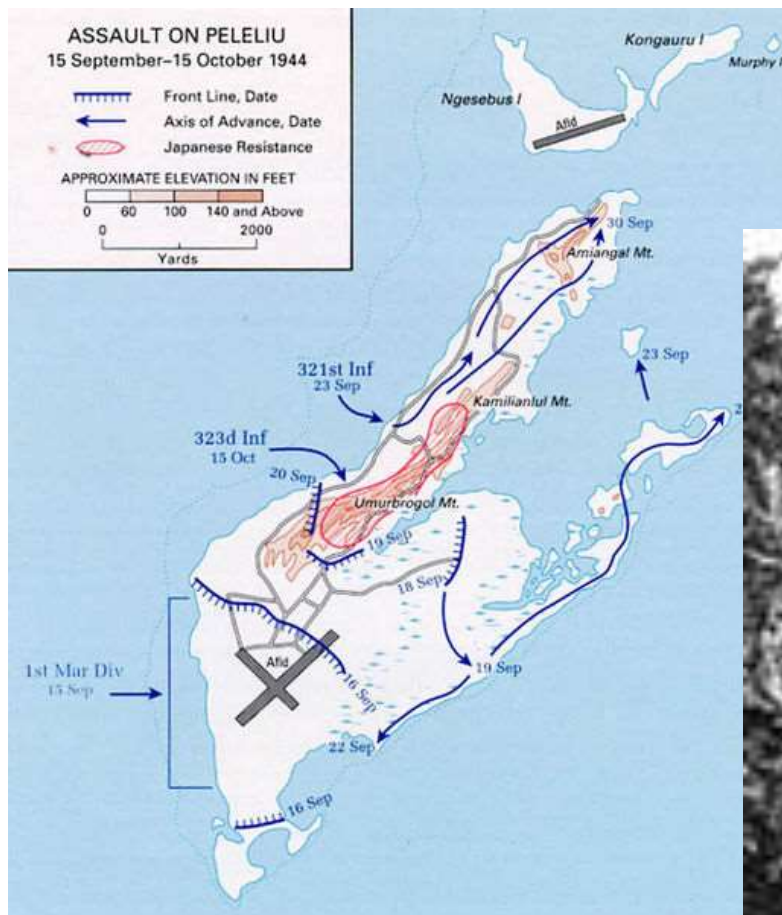
LVTs approach landing beaches at Peleliu



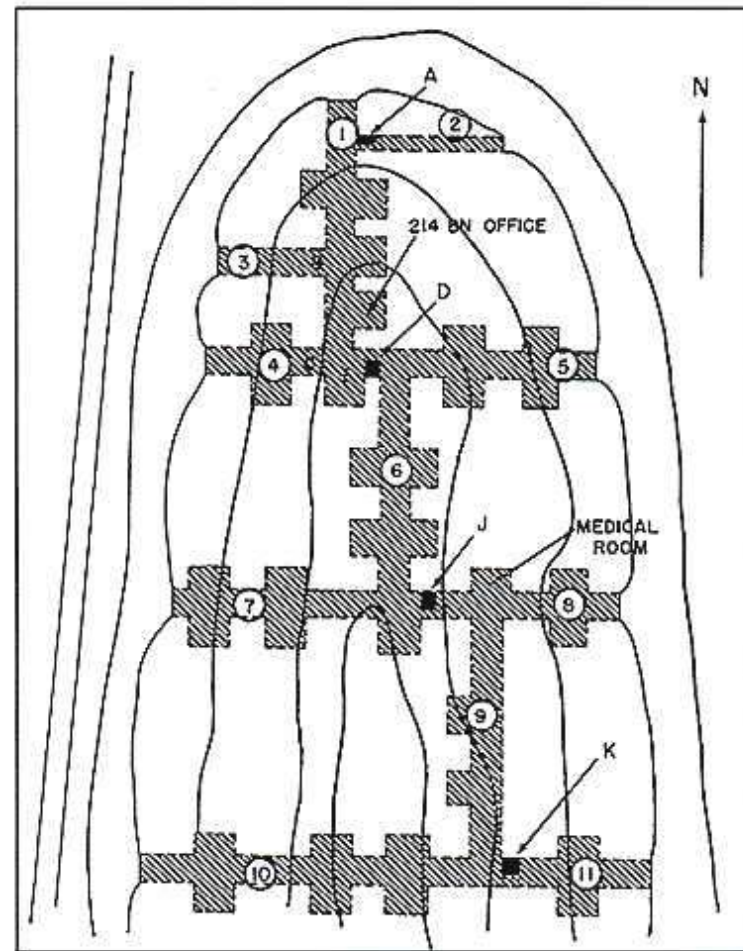
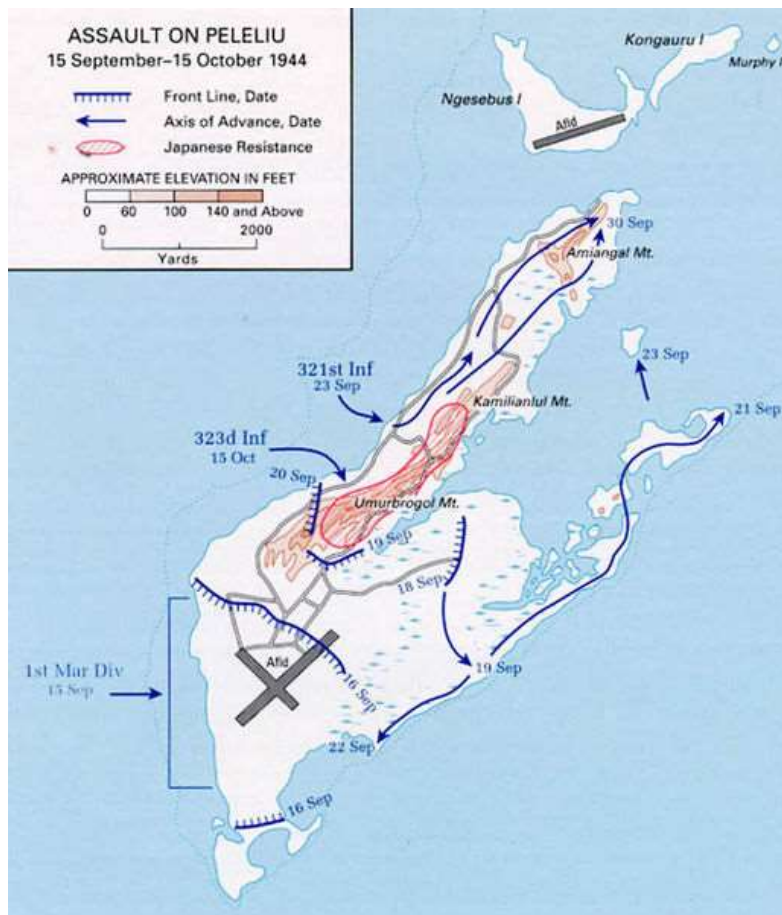
Peleliu airfield with crashed American plane



Marines wait in foxholes on Peleliu



Japanese defensive fortification on Peleliu



Cross-section of elaborate Japanese cave system found on northern Peleliu

Interior of fortified hill on Peleliu



Graveyard at Peleliu

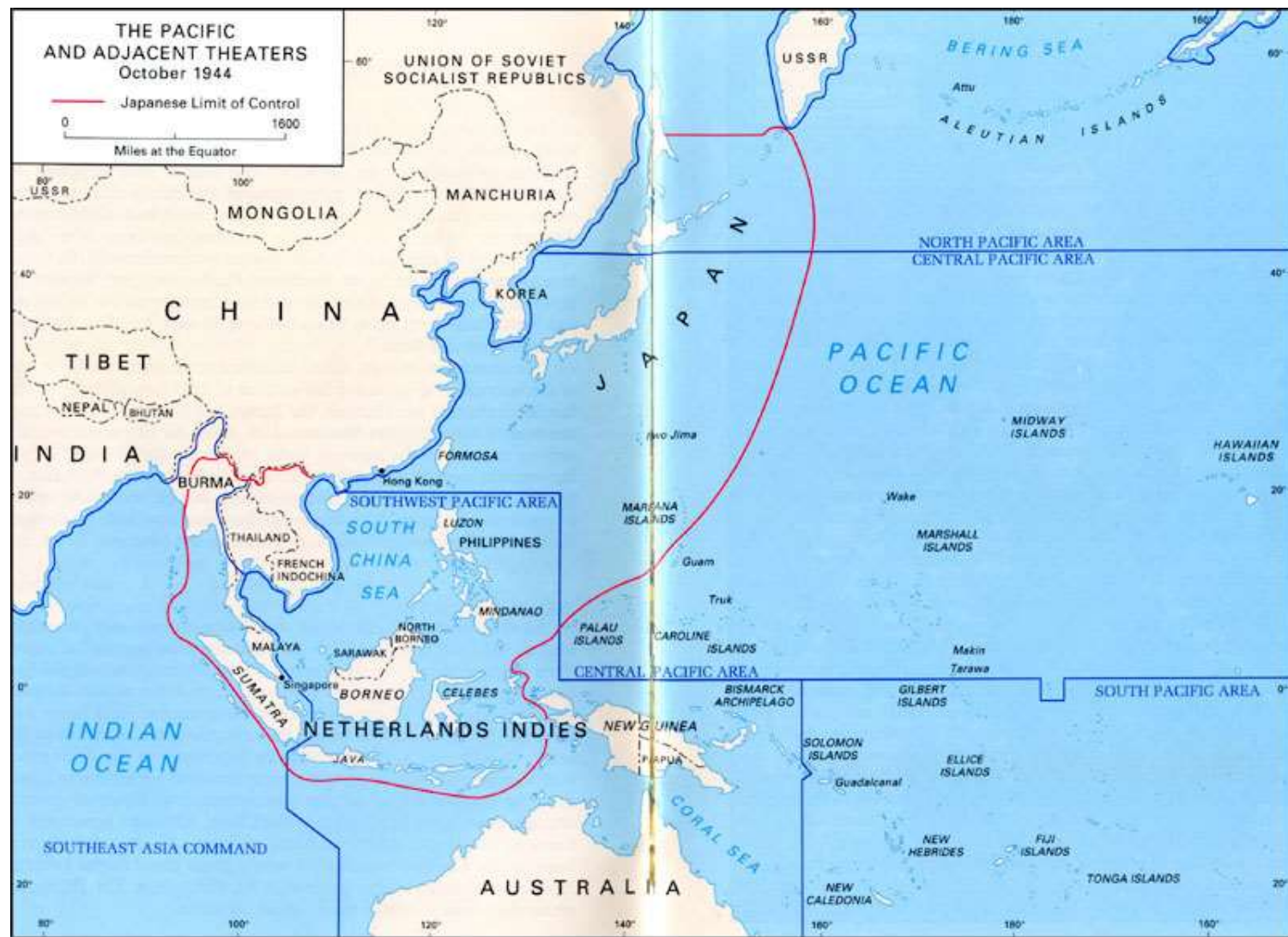




Navy PBY reconnaissance planes at Peleliu

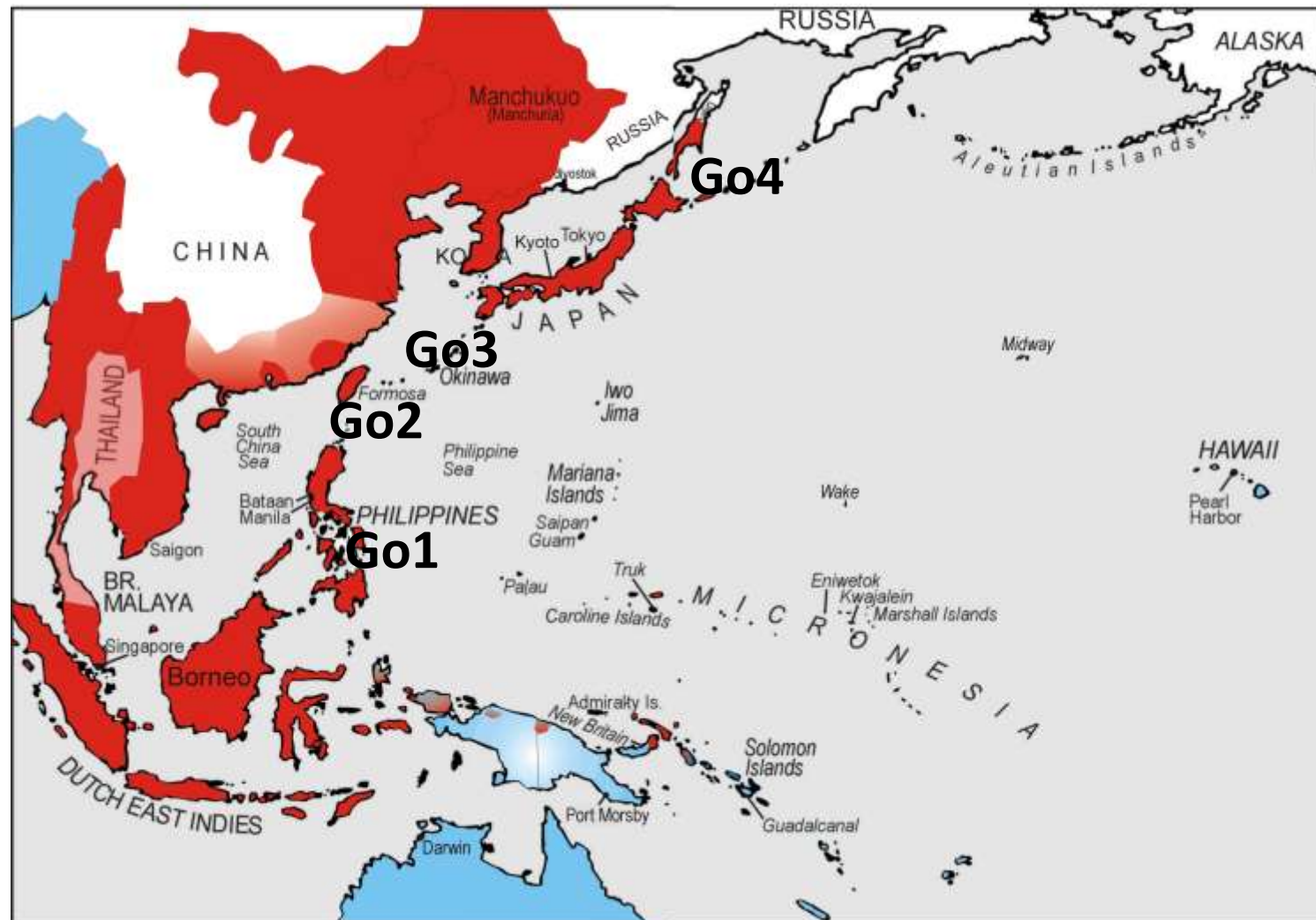


U.S. bombers at Peleliu



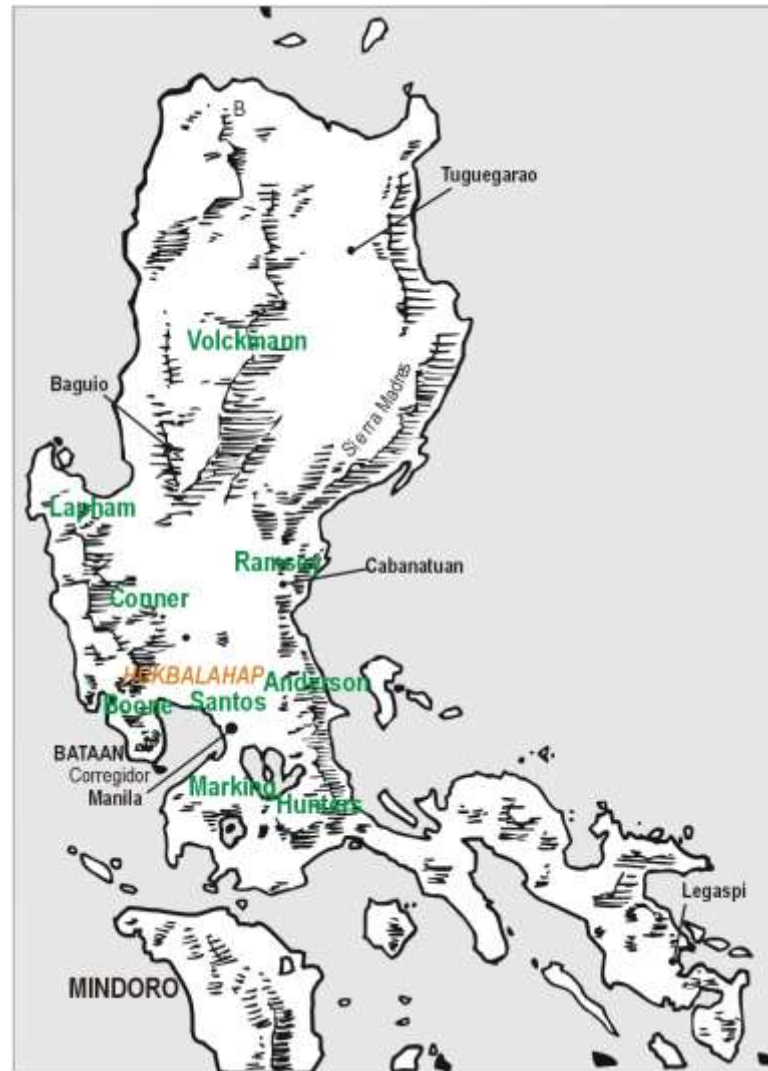
Pacific after Peleliu

The *Sho* Plans



The *Sho* Plans, December 1944

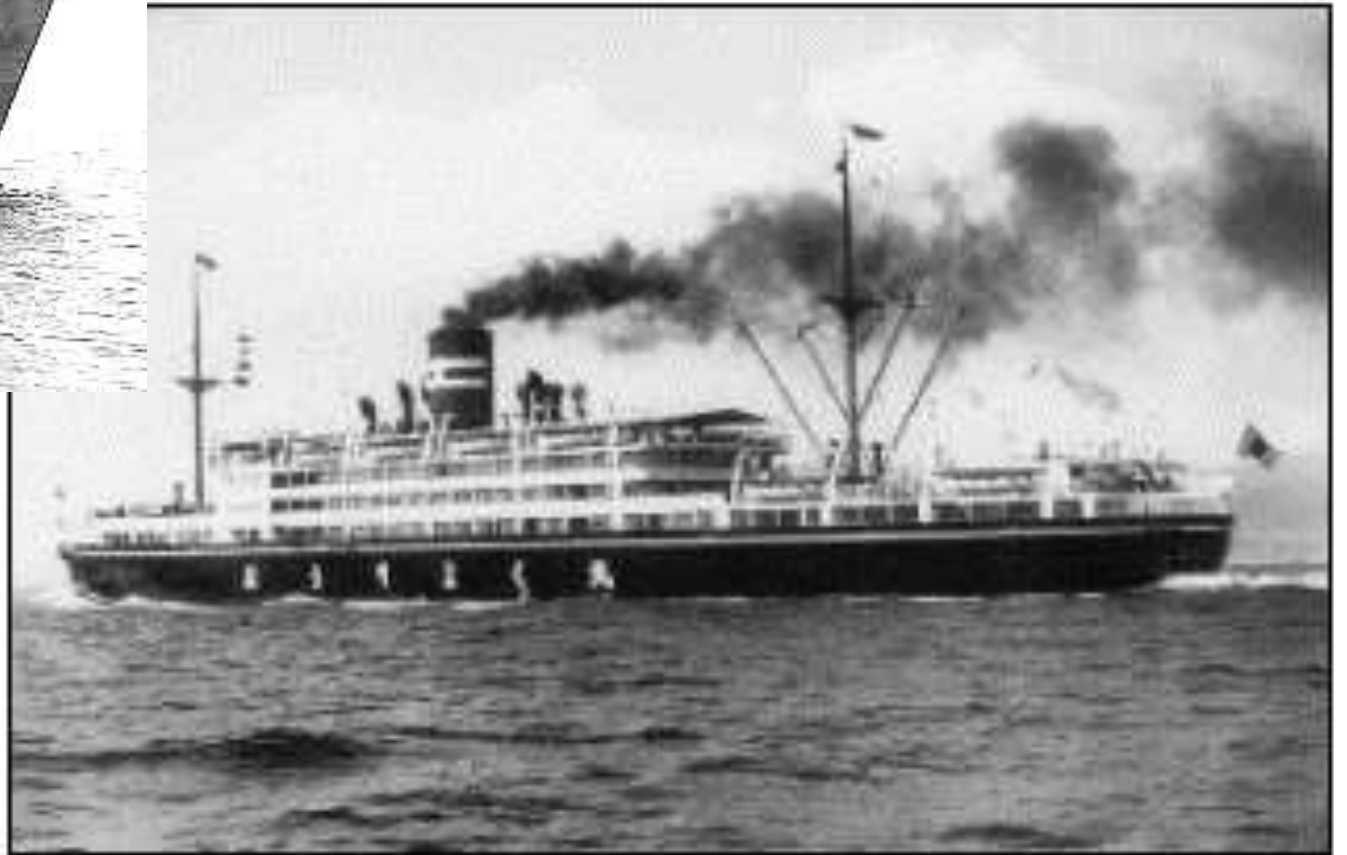
Preparing the Philippines For Sho-Go1



Guerrilla organizations on Luzon



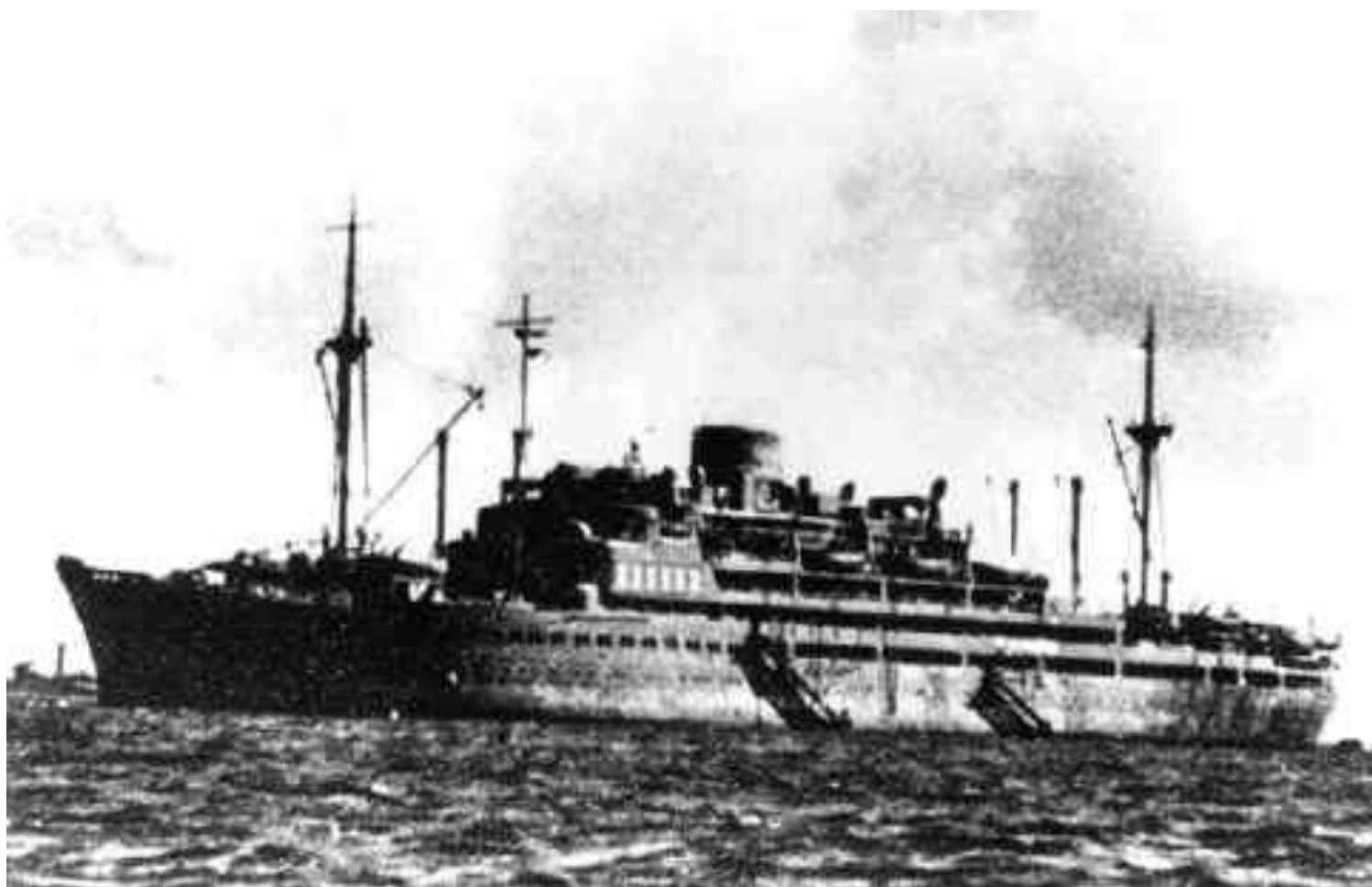
Arisan Maru



Oryoku Maru



Decenber 15, 1944, Oryoku Maru burning
in Subic Bay

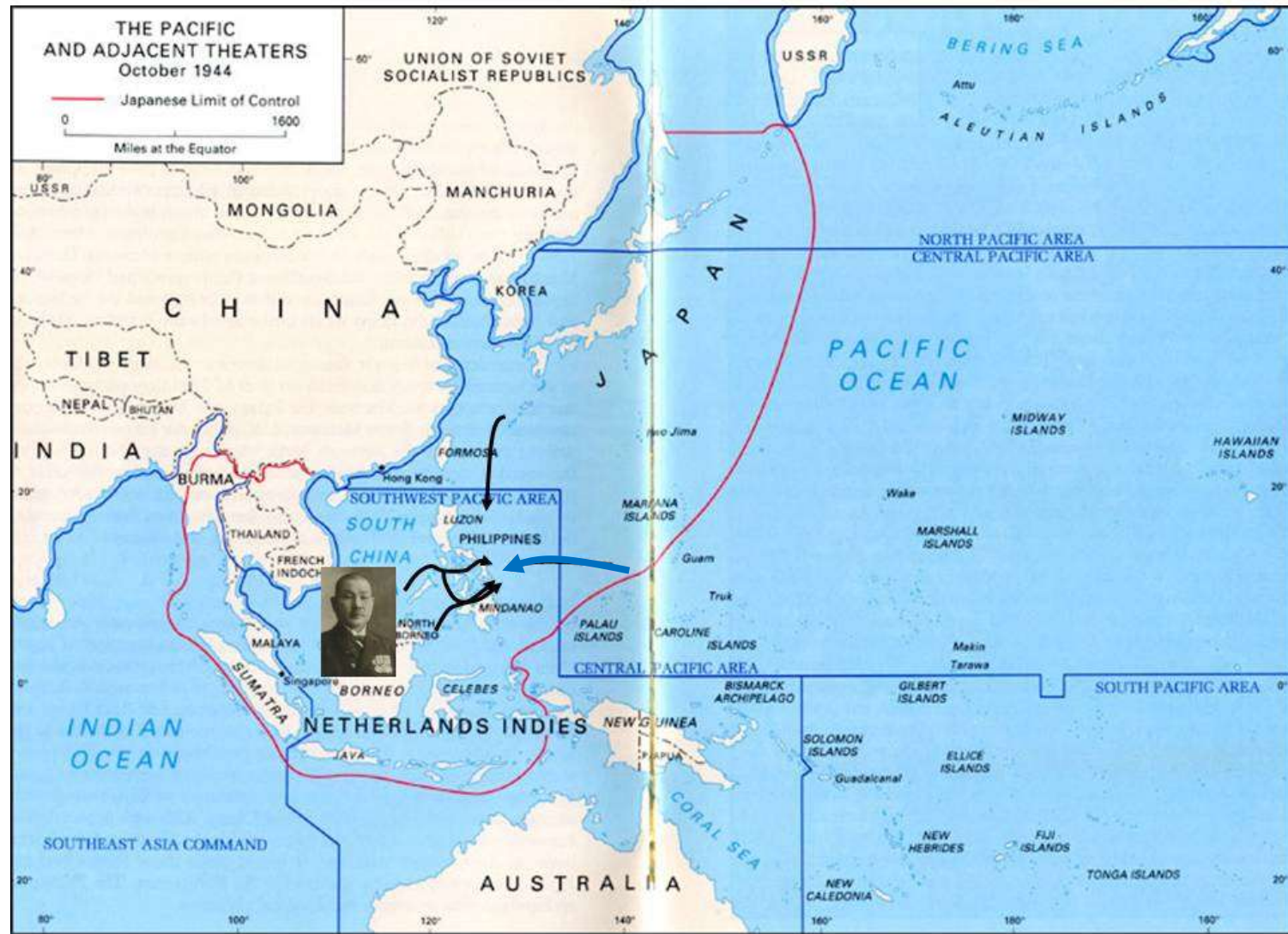


Brazil Maru

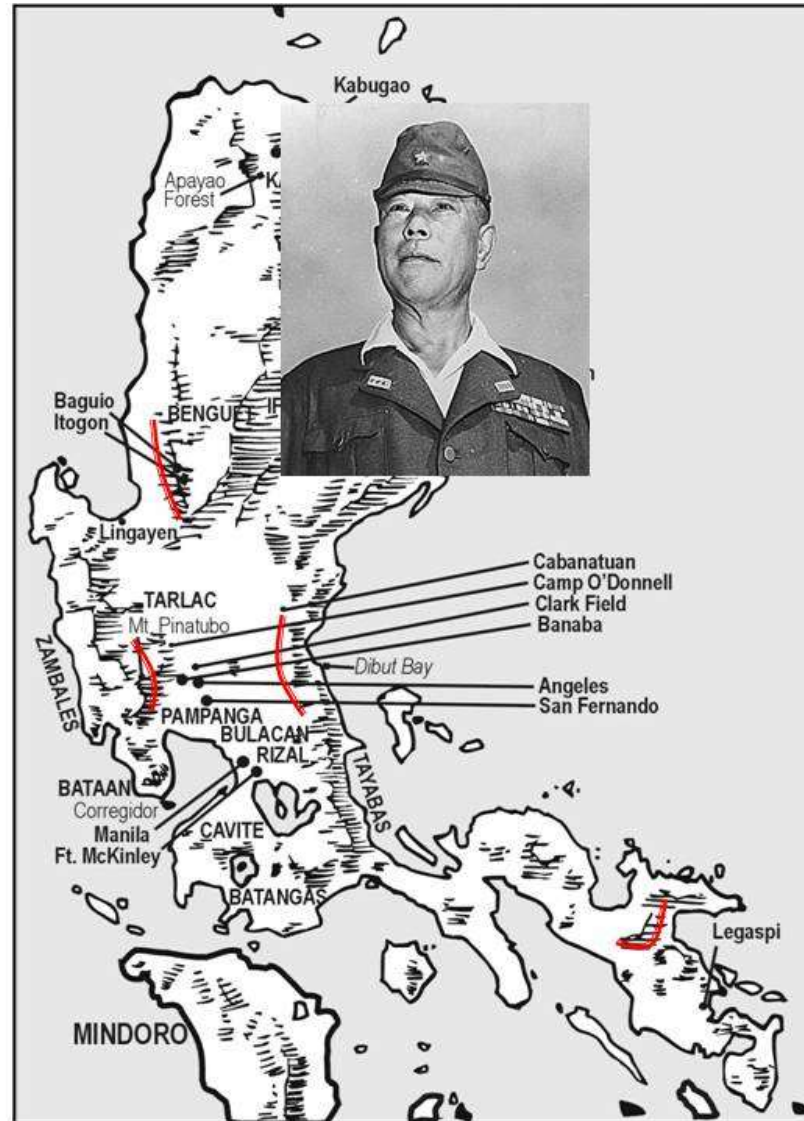


General Yamashita

Sho-Go1: Leyte/Leyte Gulf



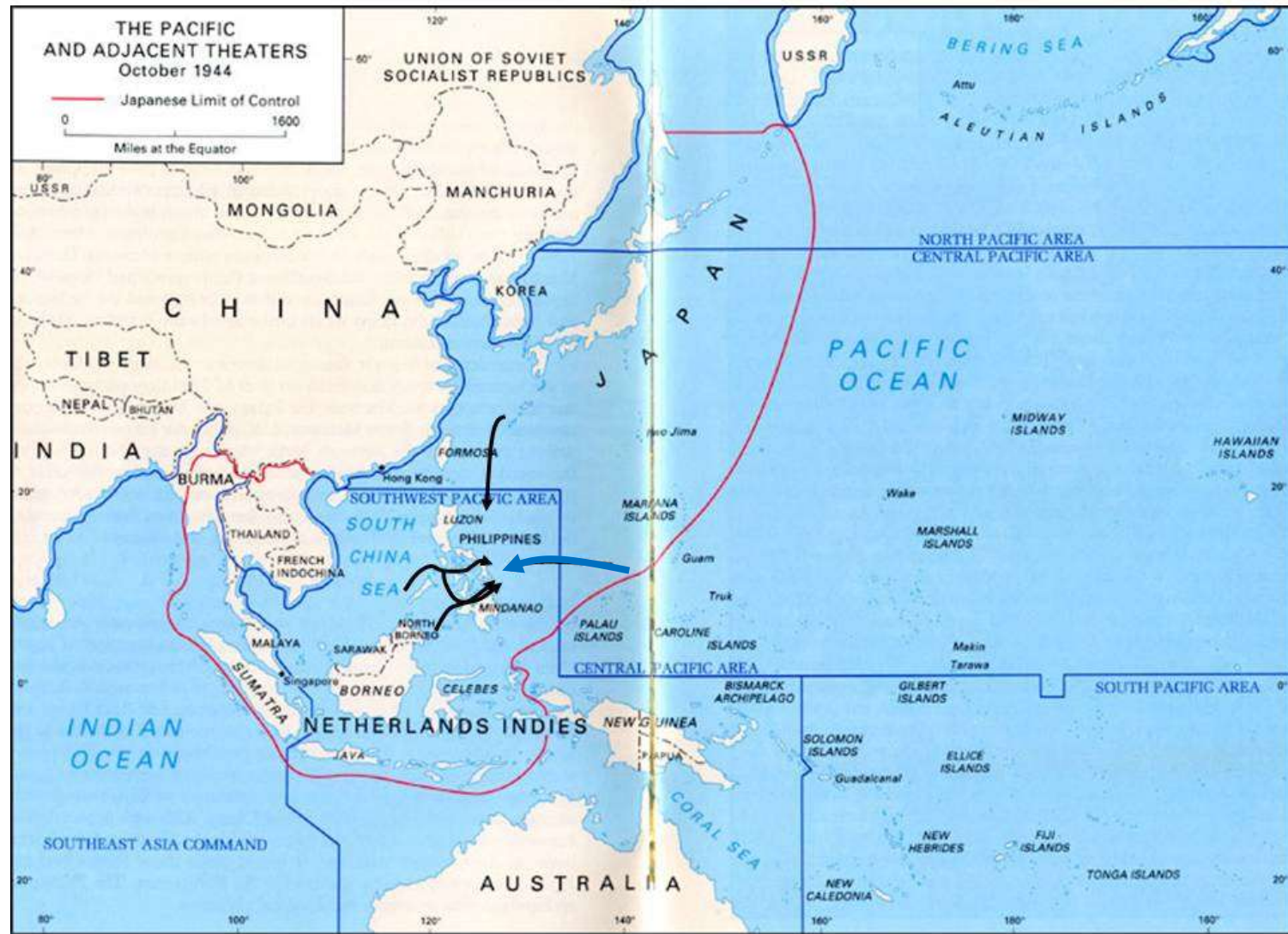
Admiral Toyoda's Sho-Go1 Plan



General Yamashita's Sho-Go1 Plan



10/12/44 Nimitz' carriers hit Formosa



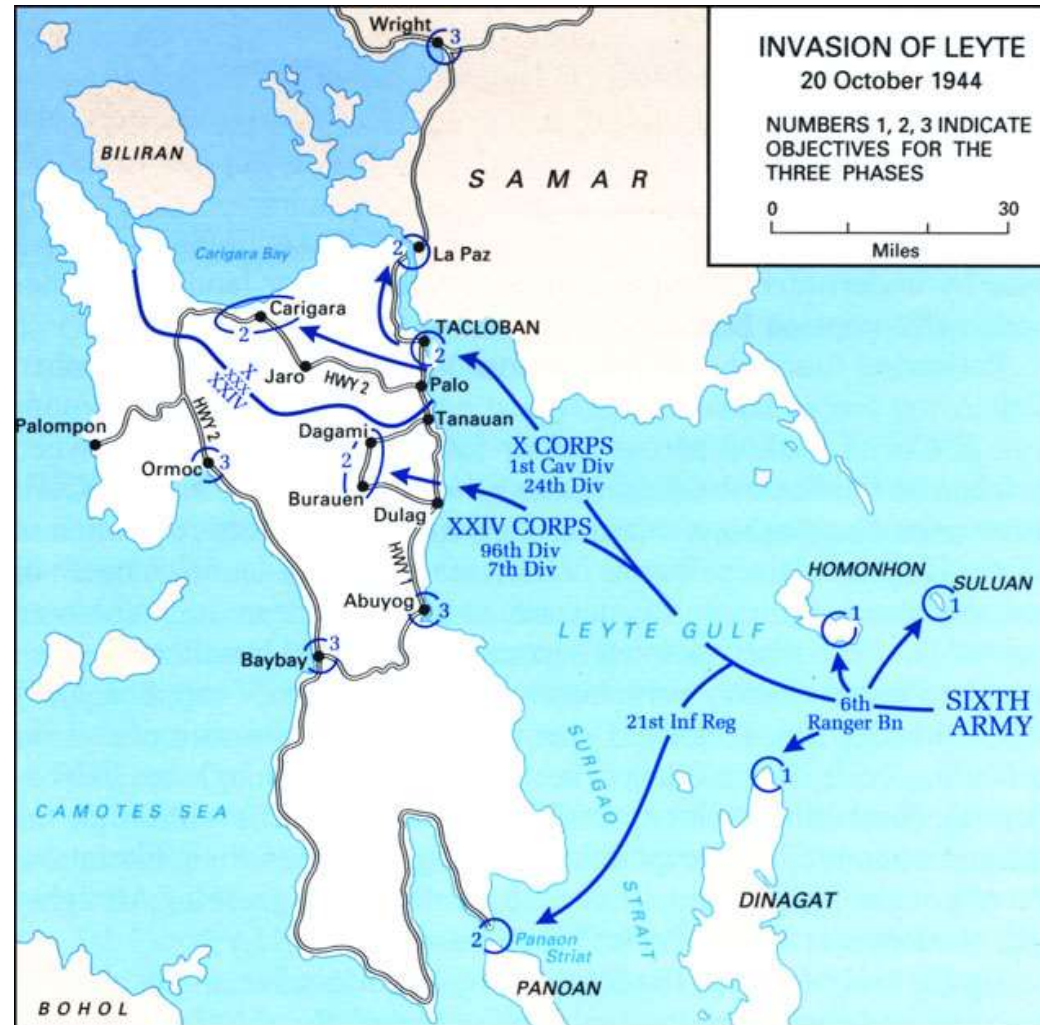
10/15/44 Sho-Go1 implemented. The fleets move out.



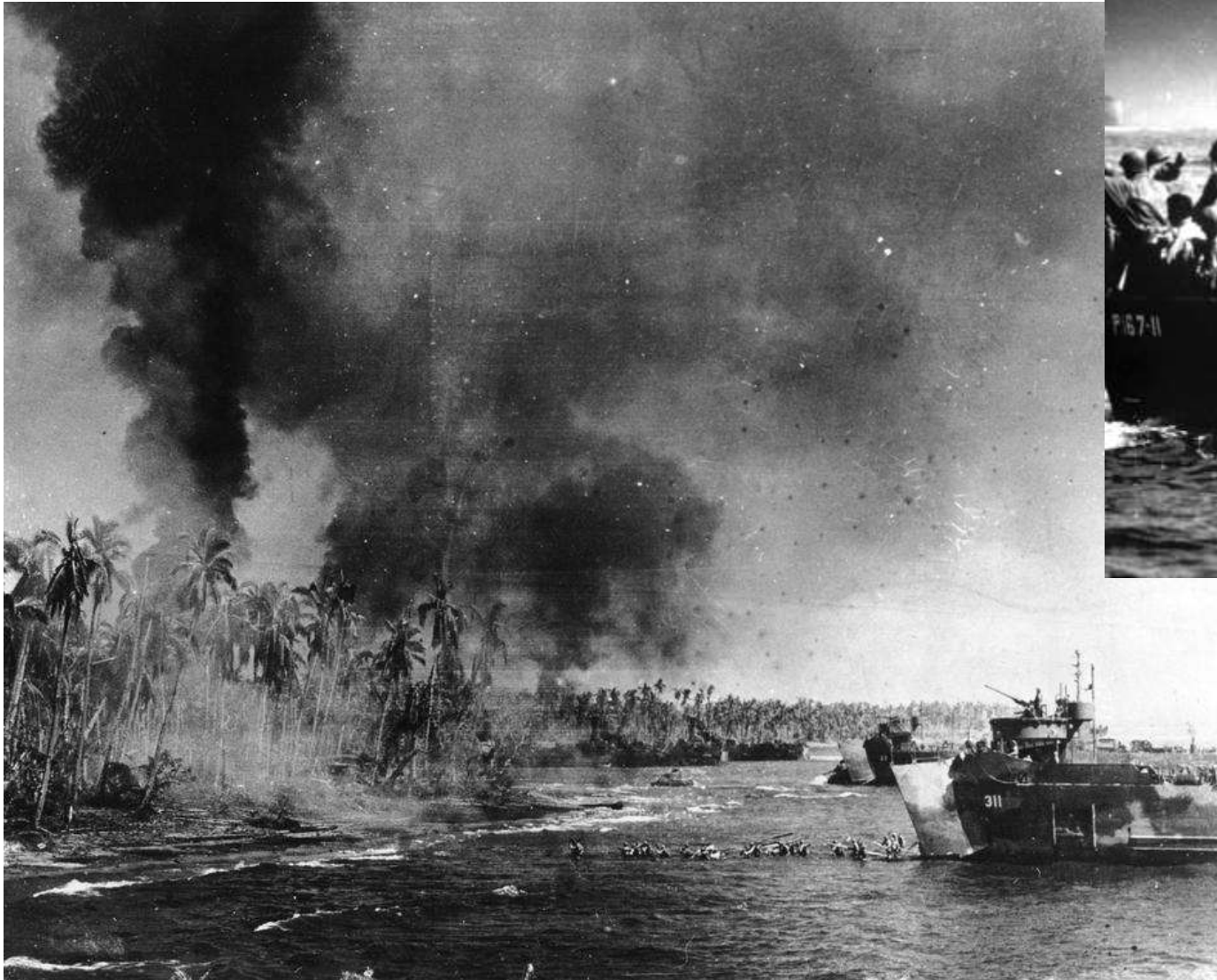
Admiral Takijiro Ohnishi



Admiral Ohnishi with the Shikishima Unit, 201st Air Group
the first Kamikaze Corps



MacArthur's invasion of Leyte



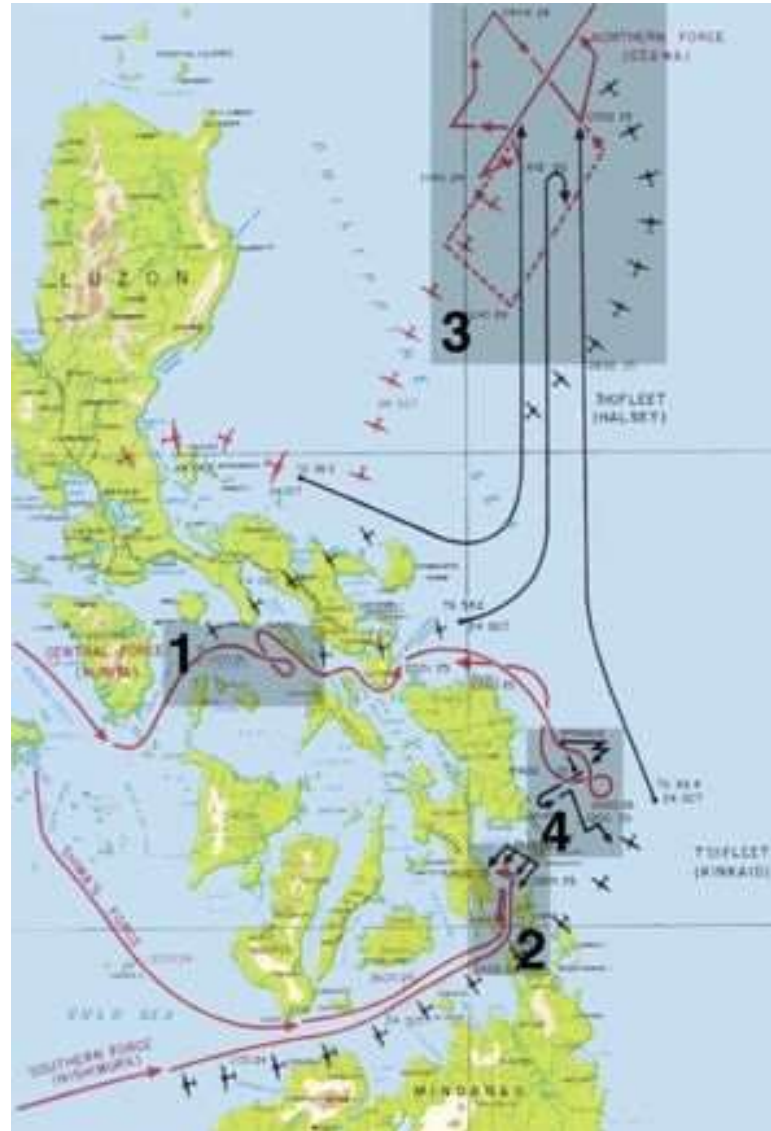
Leyte troops landing from LSTs



Leyte landing barges



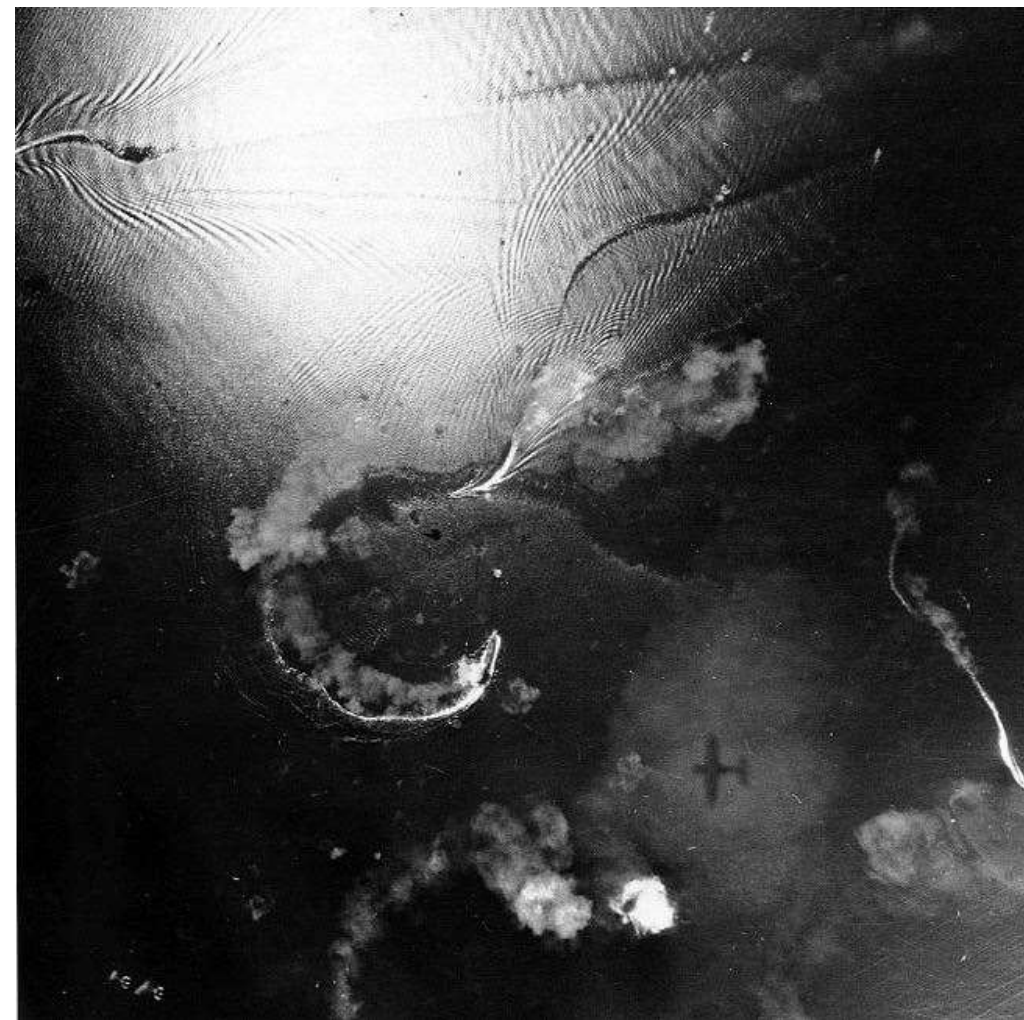
MacArthur wades ashore



Battle of Leyte Gulf



Battle of Leyte Gulf:
1. Center Force



Battleship Musashi attacked in the Sibuyan Sea



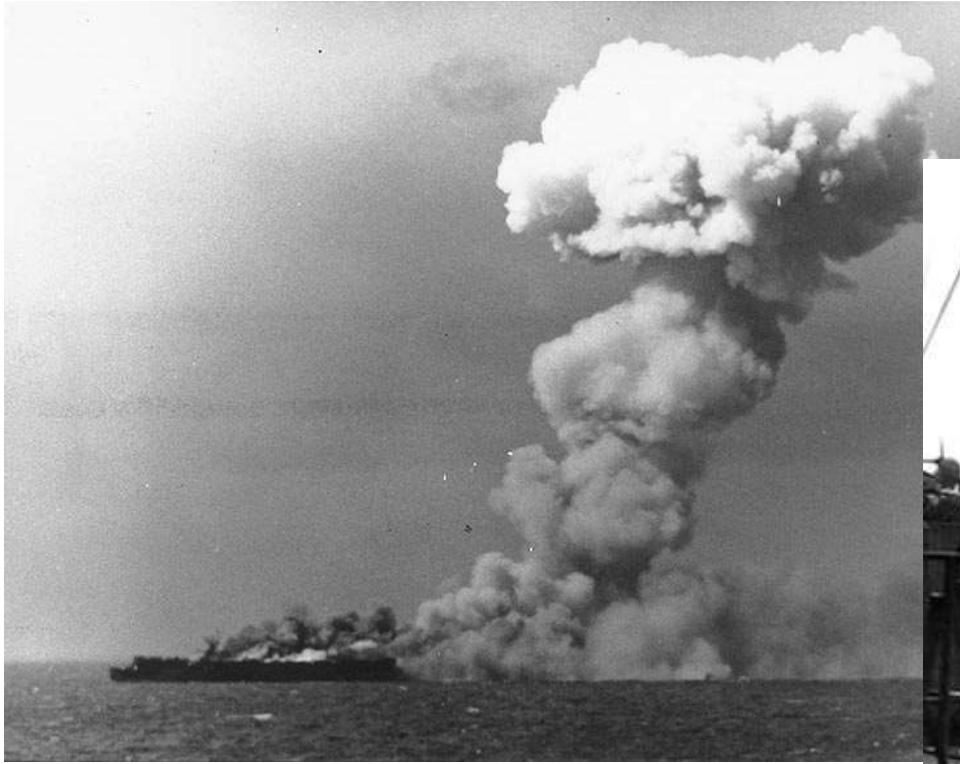
Battle of Leyte Gulf:
2. Surigao Strait



Battle of Leyte Gulf:
3. Cape Engano



Lowering the flag on Zuikaku



US carrier Princeton burning



US cruiser Birmingham fights fires
on the aircraft carrier Princeton



Battle of Leyte Gulf:
4. Samar

Nimitz to Halsey:

"TURKEY TROTS TO WATER WHERE IS TASK FORCE
THIRTY FOUR REPEAT WHERE IS TASK FORCE THIRTY
FOUR RR THE WORLD WONDERS."



Destroyers generating smoke screen off Samar



Destroyer USS Johnston



Destroyer Samuel B. Roberts



U.S. aircraft carrier St. Lo explodes

Carrier Essex under
Kamikaze attack



Kamikaze hits



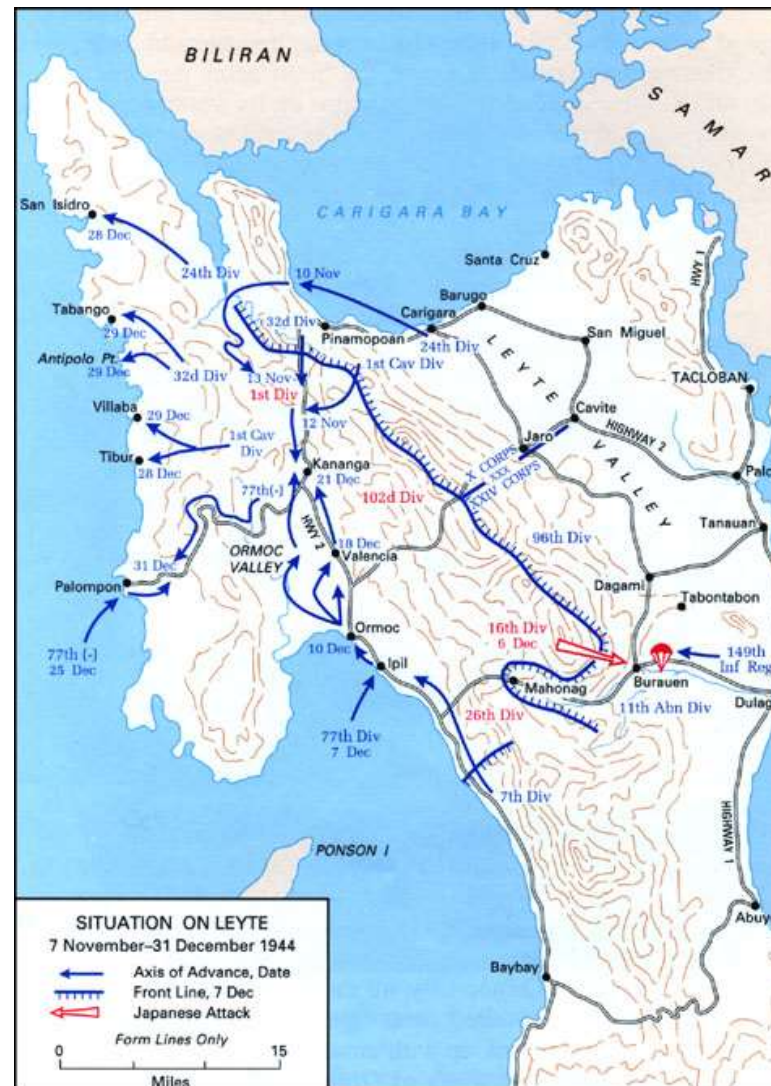
Kamikaze Zero about to hit aircraft carrier
Yorktown



155mm Howitzer fires at Japanese positions on Catmon Hill



U.S. infantrymen move forward on Leyte



Japanese defenses on Leyte



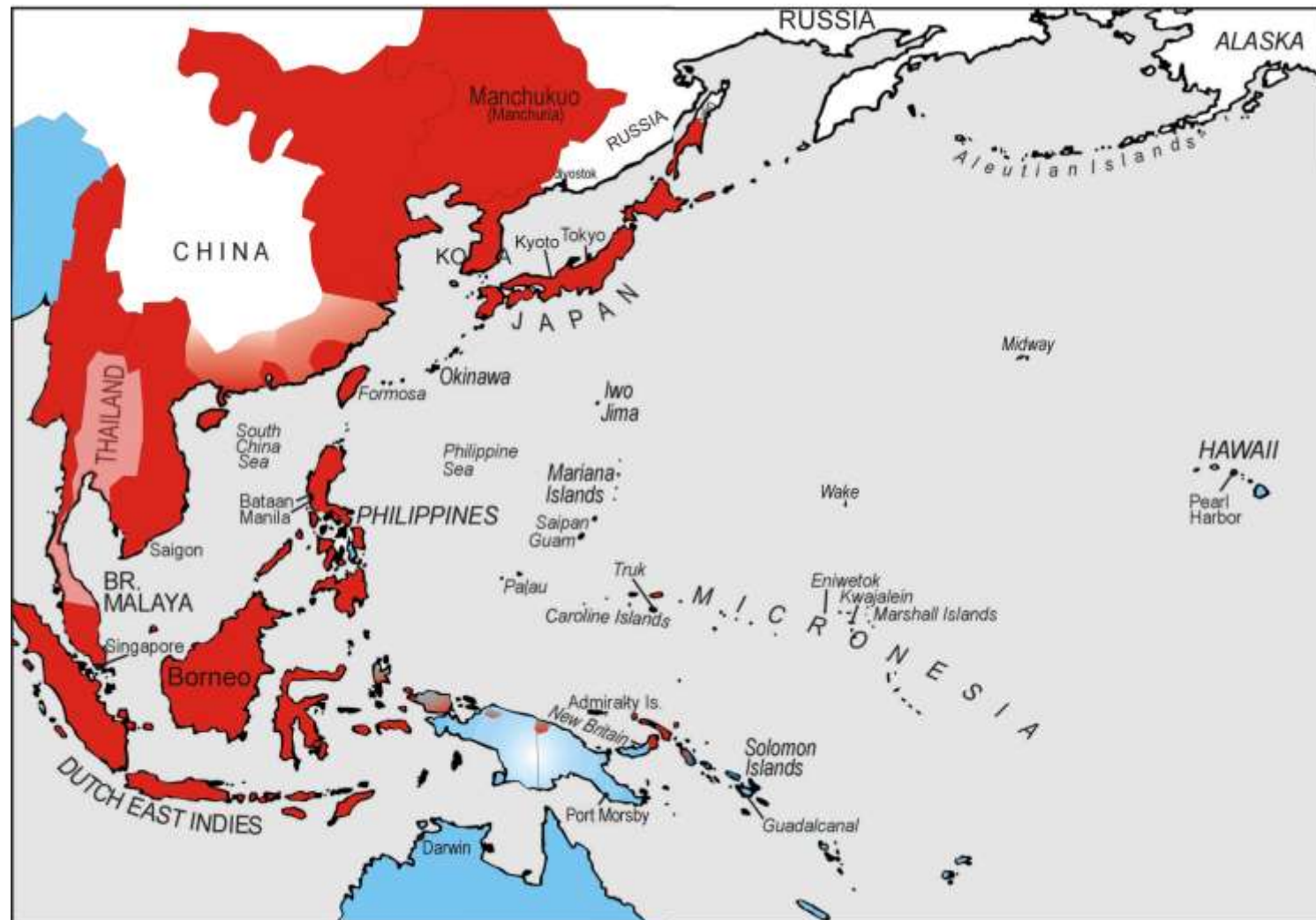
U.S. infantrymen being fired on by Japanese



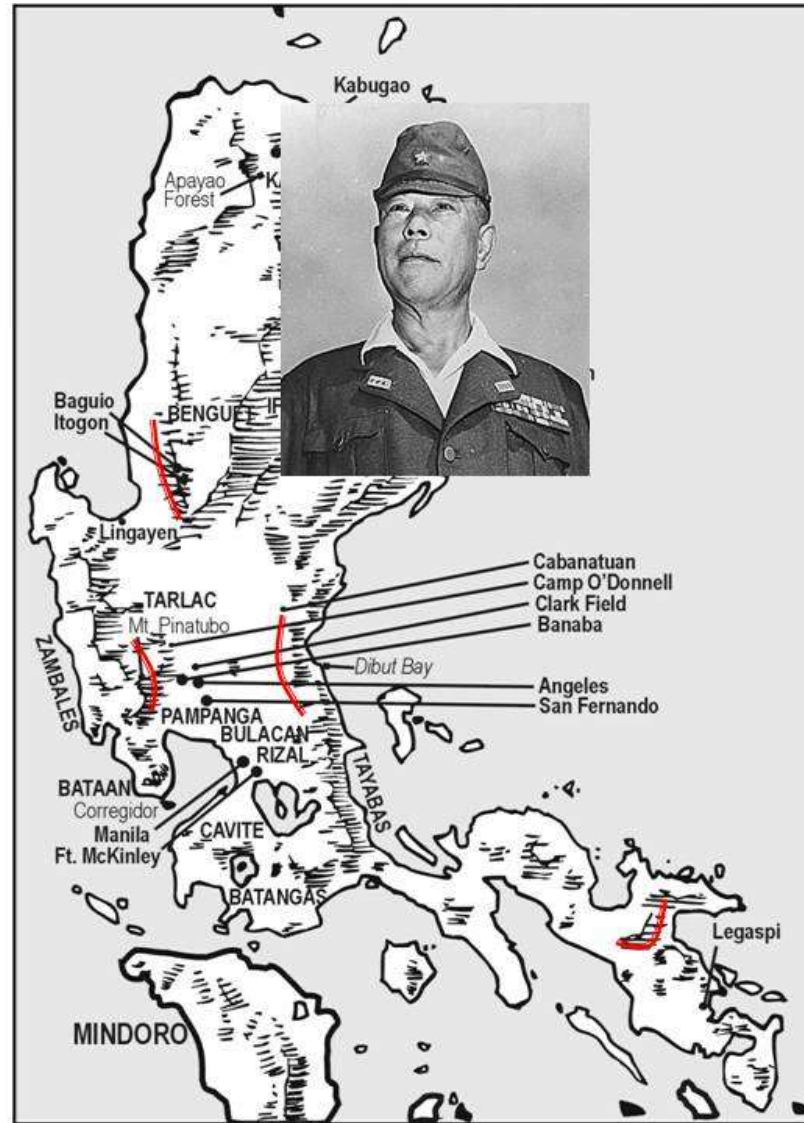
Filipino volunteers bring supplies forward,
help evacuate the wounded



Newly armed Filipino guerrillas wait for orders to move forward



The Pacific after Leyte, December 1944



General Yamashita on Luzon, January 1945

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