



THE MARCH OF TIME
The Crusade in the Pacific Series

CHAPTER 1. THE PACIFIC IN ERUPTION

Historic overview of aggression, and resistance to it, in the Far East; beginning with the Japanese seizure of Manchuria in 1931 to the conflict in Korea between North Korean-Chinese Communists and U.N. Forces.

Personalities:

U.S. Representative to the United Nations Warren Austin (SOT)
Emperor of Japan Hirohito
Emperor Puyi of Manchukuo (Manchuria)
Japanese delegate to Geneva in 1933 Yosuke Matsuoka
U. S. Admiral Chester Nimitz in 1942
U.S. General Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stillwell
U. S. General Douglas MacArthur (& SOT)
Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu
Soviet delegate to the United Nations Jacob Malik (SOT)

CHAPTER 2. AWAKENING IN THE PACIFIC

Historic overview of the United States expansion into Alaska, Hawaii and Guam. The Importance of Australia and New Zealand to Britain, and U.S. diplomatic involvement with China. A brief history of Japan; religion, farming, family, banking, the Westernization of the island and national expansion by aggression.

Personalities:

Chinese military & Nationalist political leader Chiang Kai-shek
U.S. Navy Admiral Harry E. Yarnell
Emperor of Japan Hirohito
Japanese General Hideki Tojo
Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka

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CHAPTER 3. THE RISE OF THE JAPANESE EMPIRE

Japan's early military and political successes in the fight for world domination. Events leading to Pearl Harbor and the United States' entry into World War II.

Personalities:

Japanese Emperor Hirohito

Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka (SOT)

Japanese Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye

Adolf Hitler

Foreign Minister of Germany Joachim von Ribbentrop

Japanese Ambassador to Germany Saburo Kurusu

Italian Fascist Dictator Benito Mussolini

U.S. Ambassador to Japan Joseph Grew

U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull

Japanese Envoy Kichisaburo Nomura

Japanese Prime Minister Hideki Tojo

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt (SOT)

CHAPTER 4. AMERICA GOES TO WAR IN THE PACIFIC

Reviewing early Japanese victories, including British Malaya, Hong Kong, Sumatra and the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The United States mobilizes from partial to full war production, producing weapons, equipment, ships and soldiers. U.S. Soldiers begin training "Down Under" in Australia and New Zealand.

Personalities:

British Lieutenant-General Arthur Percival

Japanese Lieutenant-General Tomoyuki Yamashita

Commandant U.S. Marine Corps, Major General Alexander Vandegrift

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt (SOT)

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill (SOT)

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CHAPTER 5. THE U.S. AND THE PHILIPPINES

The development of the Philippines Commonwealth toward independence and the setbacks the islands suffered when drawn into World War II.

Personalities:

Commonwealth of the Philippines President Manuel Quezon (SOT)

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt (SOT)

Japanese Admiral Heihachiro Togo painting

U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur

U.S. Army Chief of Staff (to MacArthur) Dwight D. Eisenhower

Japanese Commander General Homma

U.S. Commander General Jonathan Wainwright IV (VO)

Commonwealth of the Philippines Vice-President Sergio Osmena

President of Japanese Republic of the Philippines Jose Laurel

Arthur MacArthur, son of U. S. General Douglas MacArthur

Mrs. Jean Marie MacArthur, wife of U. S. General Douglas MacArthur

U.S. Army General Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower

CHAPTER 6. THE NAVY HOLDS – 1942

U.S. Naval action in the Pacific, beginning with the assumption of the Pacific Command by Admiral Nimitz two weeks after Pearl Harbor, the early Japanese victories, and the turning point of the war at the Battle of Midway.

Personalities:

U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral Chester Nimitz (SOT)

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill (SOT)

U.S. Navy Admiral William "Bull" Halsey, Jr.

U.S. Army Air Forces Lieutenant Colonel James "Jimmy" Doolittle (SOT)

US Navy Captain of the carrier USS Hornet Marc Mitscher

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CHAPTER 7. GUADALCANAL: AMERICA'S FIRST OFFENSIVE

Following the U.S. First Marine Division's embarkation from New Zealand in July of 1942 and their fight to stop Japanese expansion in the Pacific by capturing and securing the island province of Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands.

Personalities:

U.S. Ambassador to Japan Joseph Grew (SOT)

U.S. Marine Corps Commandant, Major General Alexander Vandegrift

U.S. Marine Corps Raider Battalion Lt. Colonel Evans Carlson

U.S. Marine Corps Commandant, General Thomas Holcomb

U.S. Marine Corps Raider Battalion Colonel Merritt Edson

U.S. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox

U.S. Navy Admiral Chester Nimitz

U.S. Navy Admiral William "Bull" Halsey, Jr.

U. S. Army General George C. Marshall

U.S. Army Air Forces Commander Henry "Hap" Arnold

U.S. Marine Corps General William Rupertus

U.S. Marine Corps General Roy Geiger

U.S. Army General Alexander Patch

CHAPTER 8. WAR IN THE NORTH: THE ALEUTIANS

Japan's capture and the United States recapture of Attu Island in this inhospitable strategic island chain located between North America and Japan. U.S. and Canadian troops land on Kiska Island only to find it abandoned by the Japanese. Mainland U.S. builds relocation centers for west coast resident Japanese peoples and children.

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CHAPTER 9. THE ROAD BACK: NEW GUINEA

U.S. and Australian troops use amphibious, leap-frogging operations and the U.S. Army Air Forces to take control of the island and put the Japanese forces on the defensive.

Personalities:

U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur

Unidentified VO for Aussie troop movements

CHAPTER 10. UP THE SOLOMONS LADDER: BOUGAINVILLE

To gain control of the entire northern Solomons group, which would open a direct route to the Philippines, the U.S. Forces fight the Japanese in a series of battles for control of the island of Bougainville.

Personalities:

Chiefs of the Allied Forces

U.S. General Army Air Forces Henry "Hap" Arnold

U.S. Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall

U.S. Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King

U.S. Fleet Admiral William Leahy

U.S. Navy Admiral William "Bull" Halsey, Jr.

U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur

U.S. General Roy Geiger

Comedian Joe E. Brown

Unidentified officer interviews POWs

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CHAPTER 11. ATTACK IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC: MAKIN AND TARAWA

The Allies' Central Pacific campaign in the Gilbert Islands begins with the invasion of Makin atoll.

The 165th Army Infantry battled Japanese forces for three days to take the tiny strip of land.

The Battle of Tarawa became one of the toughest fights in the history of the Marine Corps.

Time-Life's Robert Sherrod went ashore with the Marines and stayed with the corps until the Union Jack was raised below the American flag. His VO describes the footage.

Personalities:

Time-Life's Robert Sherrod eyewitness Tarawa VO

Combined Joint Chief's of Staff meet in Quebec:

Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill

British Royal Air Force Sir Charles Portal

British Field Marshall General Alan Brooke

U.S. Navy Admiral Ernest J King

British Field Marshall Sir John Dill

U.S. Army General George C. Marshall

U.S. Army Air Forces Commander General Henry "Hap" Arnold

U.S. Marine Corps General Holland "Howlin' Mad" Smith

U.S. Marine Corps, 2nd Marine Division General Julian Smith

CHAPTER 12. THE WAR AT SEA

The U.S. Navy's unprecedented supply problems and the ways they coped, as well as the important part carriers and submarines played in the war effort.

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CHAPTER 13. SPEEDING UP THE ATTACK: THE MARSHALLS

The Central Pacific Offensive from the Gilbert Islands of Makin and Tarawa to the capture of Kwajalein and Eniwetok (Enewetak) Atolls in the Marshall Islands campaign.

Personalities:

U.S. Marine Corps General Holland “Howlin’ Mad” Smith

U.S. Navy Admiral Chester Nimitz

CHAPTER 14. STEPPING STONES TO THE PHILIPPINES

The Allied victories on the island of New Britain and the push through disease ridden jungles of (Papua) New Guinea, Melanesia, sets the stage for invasion of the Philippines.

Personalities:

U.S. Army General Robert L. Eichelberger (SOT)

U.S. Marine Corps General William Rupertus

U.S. Army General Fredrick Irving

U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur

CHAPTER 15. BATTLE FOR THE MARIANAS

The U.S. Marine Corps (2nd and 4th divisions) and the U.S. Army (27th Division) successful campaign to capture and secure the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Guam for the Allies. Bases were then constructed for U.S. B-29 Heavy bombers.

Personalities:

U.S. Army General Ralph Smith

U.S. Marine Corps General Holland “Howlin’ Mad” Smith

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CHAPTER 16. THE WAR IN THE CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

Peripheral to the war raging in the Pacific, defending the area was necessary to keep Japanese aggression at bay and supply lines open to China. The Flying Tigers called it “defensive pursuit.”

Personalities:

U.S. Army Air Forces “Flying Tigers” Colonel Claire Chennault

Chinese Nationalist General Chiang Kai-shek

British Ambassador to Japan Sir Robert Craigie

Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs Hachiro Arita

U.S. General Joseph “Vinegar Joe” Stillwell

U.S. Vice-President Henry Wallace

Combines Chiefs of Staff

British Admiral Mountbatten, Supreme Commander Allied Forces S.E. Asia

Burma surgeon Dr. Gordon Seagrave

U.S. Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall

U. S. Army “Merrill’s Marauders” Brigadier General Frank Merrill

U.S. Army General Albert Wedemeyer

CHAPTER 17. PALAU: THE FIGHT FOR BLOODY NOSE RIDGE

The campaign for Angaur and Peleliu (Beliliou) in the Republic of Palau. U.S. Marines fight one of the bloodiest battles of the war to take Umurbrogol ridge (aka Battle of Bloody Nose Ridge) from the Japanese. Possession of these islands gives the Allies air cover in the dive toward the Philippines.

Personalities:

U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur

U.S. Navy Admiral Chester Nimitz

U.S. Navy Admiral William “Bull” Halsey, Jr.

U. S. Army Major General Paul Mueller

U.S. Marine Corps General William Rupertus

U.S. Marine Corps General Roy Geiger

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CHAPTER 18. MACARTHUR RETURN TO THE PHILIPPINES

The long promised return and the difficult military campaigns that followed: U.S. Forces engage the Japanese in the Battle for Leyte Gulf and Leyte Island, liberate Lingayen Gulf on Luzon, invade Manila, then rescue POWs from Japanese camp, and take Corregidor back from the Japanese.

Personalities:

U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt

U.S. Commander General Jonathan Wainwright IV

U.S. Navy Admiral Chester Nimitz

Philippine President Sergio Osmena

U.S. Navy Admiral William "Bull" Halsey, Jr.

U.S. Navy Lieutenant Weston Pullen (VO)

U.S. Army nurse Eula Fails (VO)

CHAPTER 19. BLOODY IWO

U.S. Marines of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Divisions prepare for and execute assault on the small volcanic sand covered island of Iwo Jima. The objective was to capture the airfields which would be invaluable to U.S. aircraft returning from strikes on Japan. The battle to take Mount Suribachi in the south includes heavy fighting and many casualties. On the fifth day of fighting the U.S. flag is raised on Mount Suribachi. The fighting continues north, ridge by ridge, until the U.S. flag is raised, 36 days later, at the northern tip. 5,563 U.S. Marines and 982 U.S. Navy sailors lost their lives in the battle.

Personalities:

U.S. Marine Corps General Holland "Howlin' Mad" Smith

U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Richmond K. Turner

U.S. Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal

U.S. Marine Corps Pfc Harold Wergers (VO)

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CHAPTER 20. AT JAPAN'S DOORSTEP: OKINAWA

U.S. Army, the Marine Corps and the Amphibious Corps of the Tenth United States Army fight the Japanese for 82 days on the island of Okinawa. Japanese kamikaze pilots & bombing attacks have deadly effect on U.S. Navy ships.

Personalities:

U.S. Commander of Tenth Army General Buckner

U.S. Navy Vice-Admiral Richard K. Turner

U.S. Army General Oliver P. Smith

U.S. Major-General Lemuel C. Shepard

U.S. Navy chaplain Lieutenant Commander Joseph T. O'Callahan

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt

U.S. Navy Admiral Chester Nimitz

U.S. President Harry S Truman

CHAPTER 21. THE AIR WAR ON JAPAN

U.S. B-25 Medium bombers and the new B-29 “Superfortress” Heavy bombers bomb Japanese homeland targets. Incendiary bombs are dropped at night. Japanese fighters retaliate with an attack on the U.S. base at Saipan in the Marianas. Tokyo is in ruins.

Albert Einstein, Dr. Enrico Fermi and Robert Oppenheimer work on Nuclear Fission.

B-29 “Enola Gay” drops Atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Ground devastation in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Japanese surrender on the Missouri.

Personalities:

U.S. Fighter pilot Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, WWI Ace

U.S. Army Air Forces Lieutenant Colonel James “Jimmy” Doolittle

Soong May-ling (AKA Madame Chiang Kai-shek)

U.S. Navy Admiral William “Bull” Halsey, Jr.

Albert Einstein

Dr. Enrico Fermi

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer

Dr. Vannevar Bush

Dr. James Bryant Conant

U.S. Army Air Corps General Curtis LeMay

U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur

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CHAPTER 22. THE SURRENDER AND OCCUPATION OF JAPAN

Overview of events leading up to the surrender of Japan. The problems in post-war Occupied Japan with food shortages, the Communist movement, soldiers returning from Russia.

U.S. Introduces Democracy & Western living standards to the Japanese people.

Personalities:

U.S. Navy Admiral William "Bull" Halsey, Jr.

U.S. President Harry S Truman (SOT)

U.S. Army General Supreme Commander Douglas MacArthur

U.S. 8th Army Commander Robert Eichelberger

Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu

U.S. Army General Jonathan Wainwright

Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita

British General Percival

Japanese Emperor Hirohito

Japanese Empress Nagako

Japanese Prime Minister Hideki Tojo

Japan's Premier Shigeru Yoshida

Japanese Communist Leader Tokuda Nosaka

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CHAPTER 23. SHIFTING TIDES IN THE ORIENT

The post-World War II Pacific: Overview of Nationalism and Communism in the Dutch East Indies, India, Indo-China, Malaya and China.

Personalities:

Australian William Hodgson

President of Indonesia Achmed Sukarno

Indian politician Jawaharlal Nehru

Lord Louis Mountbatten

Indian politician Mahammed Ali Jinnah

Mohatma [Mohandas Karamchand] Gandhi

Governor-general Chakravarti Rajagopalachari

U.S. High Commissioner to the Philippines Paul V. McNutt

French General Jacques LeClerc

U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur

Independent Vietnam leader Bao-Dai

Chinese Nationalist General Chiang Kai-shek

Chiang Kai-shek's wife Mayling Soong (SOT)

Communist Chinese Chairman Mao Tse-tung (Zedong)

Philippine President Manual Roxas

U.S. Army General George Marshall

U.S. Army General Albert Wedemeyer

Democratic People's Republic of (North) Korea Kim Il-sung

Russian Ambassador Roschin

U.S. Army General Hodge

Russian General Shtykov

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CHAPTER 24. WAR IN KOREA

Communist North Korea invades Republic of Korea in the South. United Nations takes enforcement action and the United States sends troops in to fight. The U.S.S.R. Ambassador to the U.N. Jacob Malik complains and U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Warren Austin responds.

Personalities:

U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur
U.S.S.R. Ambassador to the U.N. Jacob Malik
U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Warren Austin
U.S. Army General Joseph “Lightening Joe” Collins
Time-Life Correspondent Frank Gibney
U.S. Army General Omar Bradley
Secretary of the Army Frank Pace
Democratic People’s Republic of (North) Korea Kim Il-sung
U.S. Army General Edward Almond, X Corps
U.S. Army General Walton Walker

CHAPTER 25. THE CHINESE REDS ATTACK IN KOREA

Communist North Korea invades Republic of Korea (South Korea). People’s Republic of China Ambassador to the U.N. General Wu Hsiu-Chuan accuses (with interpreter) the U.S. of armed aggression. U.N. Forces continue fighting below the 38th parallel. General Douglas MacArthur retires.

Personalities:

Chinese General Wu Hsiu-Chuan
U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur (SOT)
U.S.S.R. Ambassador to the U.N. Jacob Malik (SOT)
U.N. Commander-in-Chief U.S. Army General Matthew Ridgeway (SOT)
U.S. Army General Joseph “Lightening Joe” Collins
U.S. President Harry S Truman
U.S. Navy Vice-Admiral Charles Turner Joy
North Korean Communist General Nam-Il
Chinese General Peng The-Hau
U.S. POWs wife Mrs. William Dean (SOT)

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CHAPTER 26. THE FUTURE: ASIA AND THE UNITED STATES

Overview of Asian and Pacific areas in 1951: Formosa, French Indo-China and Saigon. U.N. Forces still fighting the Communists of North Korea in South Korea. Westbrook Van Voorhis OC with representatives of various cultures, each makes their own statement. John Foster Dulles makes a freedom statement from his office.

Personalities:

U.S. President Harry S Truman

U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson

Japanese Premier Shigeru Yoshida

Japanese spokesman Kentaro Buma

Indonesian spokesman Mr. Pesik

Pakistani spokesman Mirza Muzaffar Shikoh

Indian spokesman M.S. Dave

U.S. Lawyer, politician, diplomat John Foster Dulles