



In This Issue of Saving Military History One Soldier at a Time

2020 will mark a number of 75th anniversary milestones in World War II. Iwo was a first in that it was Imperial Japan Territory. It was another strategic step that would lead up to the anticipated invasion of the mainland. The invasion of Iwo Jima began 19 February, 1945 but little discussed is that bombardment activities of the island began six months earlier in August of 1944. Art Delmore the S-2 of the 30th Bombardment Group and their aircraft captured valuable intel on the island while they bombarded installations and the airfields. A few photos are found in this issue.

Also in this issue we honor a couple other servicemen. First was a member of the 8th Air Force Bomber Command and the second was a 36th Infantry Division Silver Star recipient who later went on to become a Brigadier General.

Enjoy.

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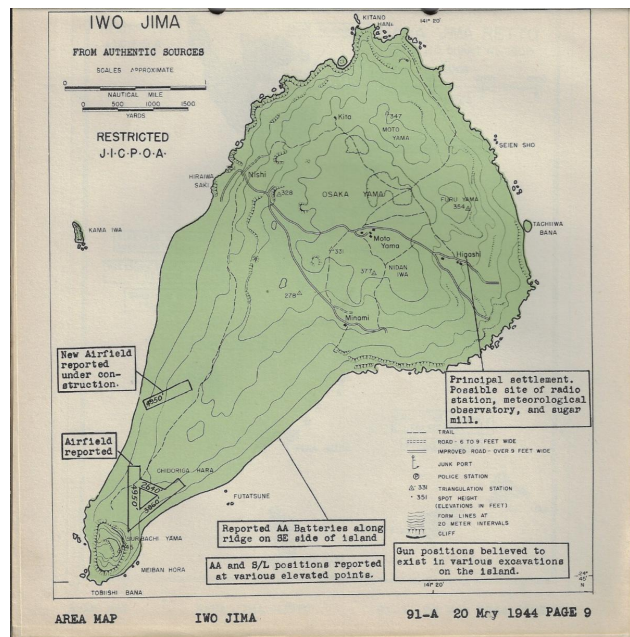
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In Their Memory,
Robert Coalter, Jason Weigler
Executive Directors



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Upcoming Events

On September 10-13, 2020 there will be a reunion that encompasses many of the groups of the 15th Air Force. These groups have loosely banded together for a number of years. This year they will meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They wish to extend an invitation to all members of the 459th Bombardment Group and their families. For more information go to: [The Hosts at 461st BG](#)



Sons of Liberty Museum

The Sons of Liberty has hundreds of uniforms and thousands of other artifacts in our collection from the U.S. Civil War to Present day. We continue to accept new material for education programs, and research. Our collection includes memorabilia from the front line soldier to the rear echelon clerk. Drivers, infantrymen, pilots, tankers, seaman, medical, artillery, armorers, engineers, quartermasters and much more. All MOS are welcome from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. We are Saving Military

History One Soldier At A Time. We are honoring the service of the Citizen Soldier.

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We receive items that are not the usual military items of uniforms, gear and here is a good example.

This is the fatigue shirt and plaque for Brigadier General Theodore Andrews who served for 33 years. From Caldwell, Texas he graduated from Texas A&M in 1938. He was with the 143rd Infantry Regiment of the 36th Infantry Division during World War II where he received the Silver Star for gallantry in action. During his distinguished career he also had posts with 7th Army and the 1st Infantry Division.

Every artifact has a story to tell. What's yours?

Volunteers

We need volunteers to transcribe award and roster documents. You will place the material into a spreadsheet where it will be added to our database and website. We welcome new dedicated volunteers to help us with this project!

Interesting Links & Resources

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Videos on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI4v-g0C-QvQSVHv6h3EdeA>

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Donations

We welcome donations of papers, books, photos, gear, uniforms, jackets, medals, ribbons, weapons, equipment, scrapbooks, biographies, diaries and more. Please [Contact Us](#)

Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Cold War, Gulf War and current conflict donations accepted. From small to large multi-item donations, they all tell a story.

We need you ! We need your help to further our mission of preserving and bringing this history to you and

your families. We are similar all non-profits, we always need capital! As a 501(c)(3) non-profit your qualifying donations are tax deductible.

Theodore Andrews



THEODORE H. ANDREWS, 0365318, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Captain Andrews commanded Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, while the battalion was in a defensive position in the mountains near ***. For four days the Battalion Command Post had been subjected to fierce enemy artillery and mortar fire. The Battalion communications officer and the Battalion S-3 both were wounded and evacuated, whereupon Captain Andrews assumed the responsibility of these positions in addition to the adjutant's duties. Exposed to heavy artillery and mortar fire, he checked positions and communication lines, kept his linemen on the job, and at all times had communications with all echelons. During a heavy enemy barrage on the command post, he was completely buried with dirt and rocks thrown into his fox hole. After being dug out he immediately walked among his men giving them encouragement and coordinating his command. All of his officers were wounded and evacuated, but he carried on, keeping control of his company and maintaining their positions, thus materially assisting the battalion to consolidate its forces and take its objective. His courageous, gallant and aggressive leadership under enemy fire greatly inspired his men. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

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The Air Corps Museum online presence encompasses over 200,000 web pages with thousands of photos and other materials. Our artifact collection contains hundreds of uniforms, albums, logs, medals and more from the Army Air Service, Army Air Forces and U.S. Air Force.

World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Cold War, Gulf War and current conflict donations welcome!



This month's highlight and history is on. Captain Alvin Munn. In a recent donation we have received his two dress class "A" uniforms and a number of personal items. Capt. Munn was an intelligence officer with the 8th AF Command and the 2nd Air Division. He served overseas for over 18 months during World War II.

Also are some photos of Captain Art Delmore the S-2 officer of the 30th Bombardment Group. Photos and a vast array of material are contained in the Art Delmore Collection.

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Trace a Family Members Military Service: <https://www.armyaircorpsmuseum.org/veteran-research.cfm>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/aircorpsmuseum/>

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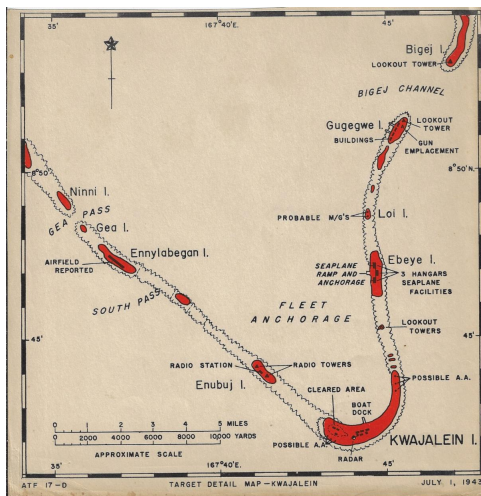
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Army Air Forces Intelligence Photos. Information in Collection of Art Delmore, S-2, 30th Bombardment Group.



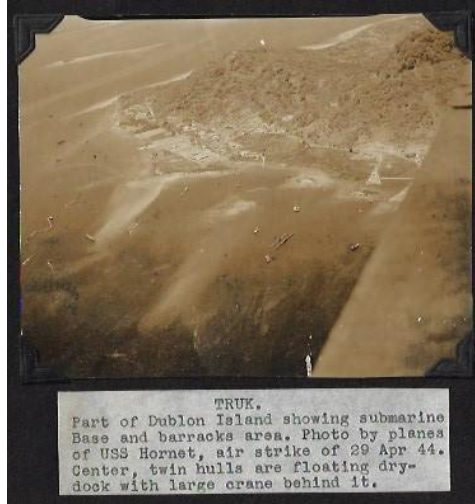
Intelligence photo of Kwajalein. The campaign to capture this island was 14 February 1944.



Truk Island. This island campaign February 17-18, 1944



Truk. Dublon Island with view of barracks and submarine base. Photo taken by planes of the USS Lexington 20 April 1944.



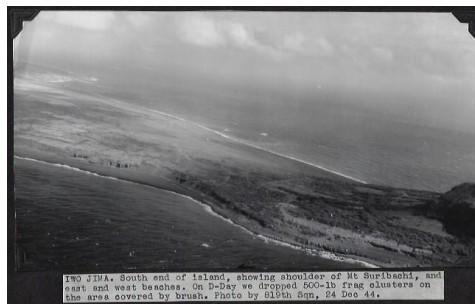
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Part of Dublon Island showing submarine Base and barracks area. Photo by planes of USS Hornet, air strike of 29 Apr 44. Center, twin hulls are floating dry-dock with large crane behind it.

Truk. Another view of Dublon Island barracks and submarine base. Photo taken by planes of the USS Hornet 29 April 1944.



IWO JIMA. 1. Five Jap LSM's (1064 ft Landing Ship Medium) used to supply and reinforce Iwo; these were damaged and beached at various times beginning in August. 2. Jap destroyer damaged and on the beach as a result of the naval shelling. A rough line from the LSMs along foliage was the Jap main line of resistance, the high ground along cliffs to left of LSMs concealing many heavy guns and mortars which brought enfilade fire on the landing beach. Photo by 819th Sqn, 27 Dec 44.

Photo of Iwo Jima taken 27 December 1944. Taken by 819th Squadron, 30th BG.



IWO JIMA, south end of island, showing shoulder of Mt Suribachi, and east and west beaches. On D-Day we dropped 500-lb frag clusters on the area covered by brush. Photo by 819th Sqn, 24 Dec 44.

Photo of Iwo Jima from the west-northwest side of the island. Taken by 819th Squadron, 24 December 1944.



IWO JIMA. Jap fighter planes bombing 27th Sqn planes with 250Kg aerial bomb; at the tip of each streamer is a 3-inch pellet containing a thermite compound; this strange weapon rather upset our crews. 26 Aug 44.

Japanese aerial bombs explode over 27th Squadron B-24s over Iwo Jima 26 August 1944.



View of the airfields on Iwo Jima this view looks to the south showing Mt. Suribachi at the far end of the island on 25 August 1944.

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MIA's - Missing in Action

We have information on over 90,000 MIAs. This includes most all the World War II MIAs and some from World War I, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War.

With our strategic partners, the MIA Recovery Network, we want to tell the last chapter in the life of these Citizen Soldiers.

We would also like your help in telling the first chapters of the lives of those still Missing in Action. Do you have service photos of a family member that is or was MIA? News articles? Service related material?



X-Files - Buried Unknowns

There are many citizen soldiers whose body was recovered, but they are unidentified. There are thousands of these unknowns buried in American Battle Monument Cemeteries around the world. They are also known as X-Files.

Material on Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines X-Files can be found:

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Awards, Rosters Unit Documents

We need you ! A continued big thanks to our fantastic army of volunteers. We have much more so if you can type and have a couple hours each week we can use you !

Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force

We have received material on many units and are hoping to compile much more.

Unit Citations, Awards, Transfers, Rosters

Many groups received unit citations during their particular conflict. The paperwork, in triplicate, would include a roster of all assigned and attached personnel. We are seeking and requesting copies of those roster documents. Please search your papers, talk to your association and help us out with this information and get them to us pronto!



Attention Website Owners & Veteran Associations

Many WWII veterans organizations have shut. Many these organizations had developed some type of website, some with enormous amounts of data and history. Sadly, many had/have not made provisions for their website to be continued and thus when the bill stops being paid, the website disappears and all the work and information is lost. We want to help and we need you to help us. If you know of a disbanding group, please have them get in contact with us; we would like to bring their website and information under our wing. If they want to continue to maintain it we can give them access to continue that as well. One of our top goals for this and every year is to preserve this history not lose it!

Not a WW2 unit? That's ok. We are also interested in your history and want to help preserve it. Korea, Vietnam and all other conflicts.

If your organization has physical materials such as uniforms, patches, photos and other memorabilia do you have plans for them when you cease operations? We would be honored to be the custodian of your group's history.

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