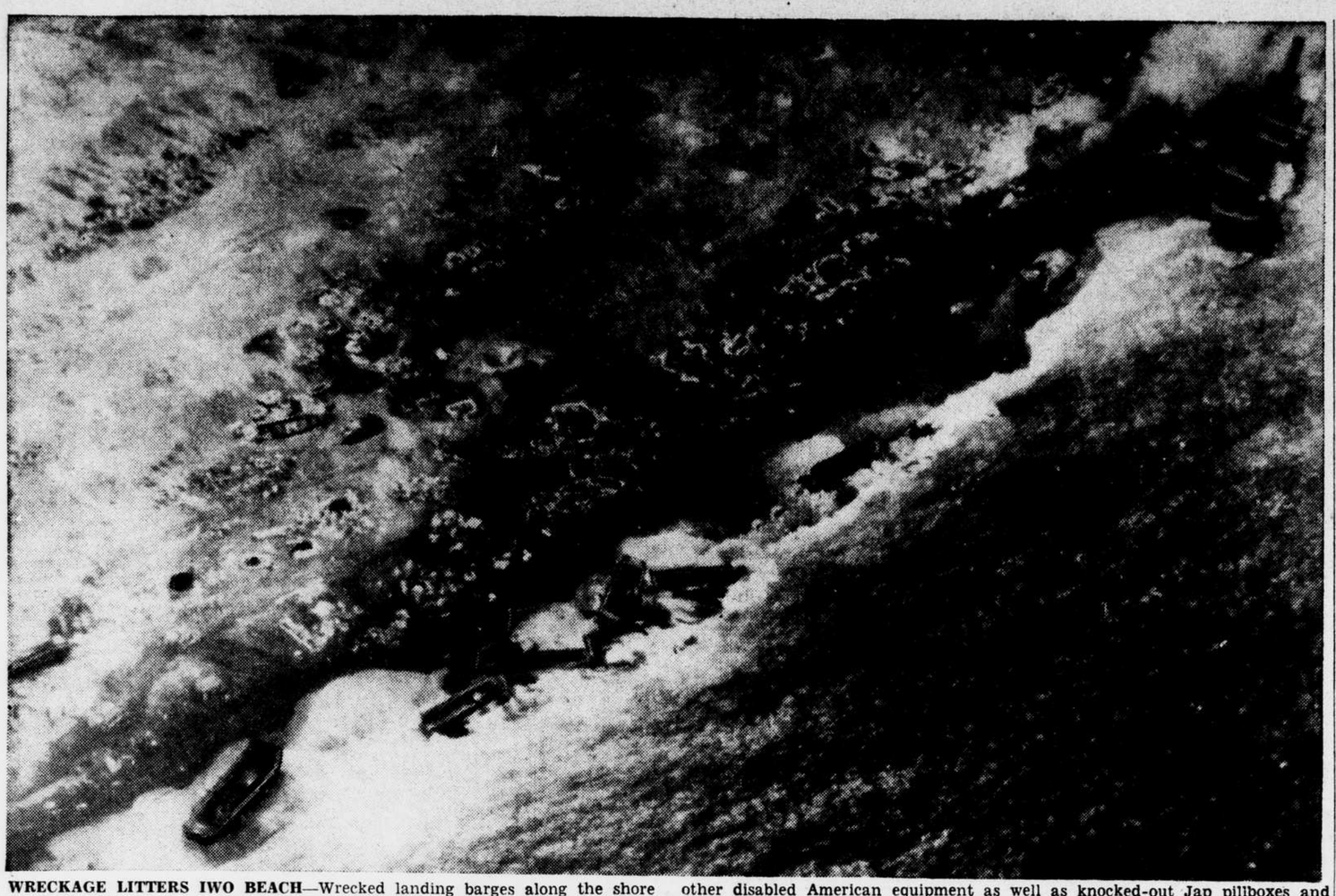

WRECKAGE LITTERS IWO BEACH—Wrecked landing barges along the shore testify to the bitterness of the fighting on Iwo Jima. The beach is dotted with other disabled American equipment as well as knocked-out Jap pillboxes and foxholes hurriedly dug by the Yanks. —AP Wirephoto From Navy.

Woman Writer, First At Iwo, Finds That Marines Can Take It

(Bonnie Wiley, the first woman war correspondent in the Pacific, accompanied amphibious forces to Iwo Jima. She made the trip on a hospital ship by volunteering as a nurse's aide.)

By BONNIE WILEY,
Associated Press War Correspondent.

ABOARD A UNITED STATES HOSPITAL SHIP RETURNING FROM IOW JIMA, Feb. 24.—Marines are very tough.

I found that out on this trip—a trip that carried the unconcerned Navy doctors and nurses so close to Iwo Jima it looked as though I could have tossed a rock onto the beach.

Bonnie Wiley.

There is no whimpering aboard this ship where the wounded of this bloody battle are being treated.

Even the worst cases are more interested in what happened ashore than in their own wounds. Many are not badly injured. One group, all of whom suffered only slight wounds, got together on our ship's decks the afternoons of February 21 and 22 to compare stories of their lucky escapes.

"Those Japs acted like a bunch of doggone fools," said one marine, who was wounded by shrapnel in his leg as he tossed grenades into an enemy pillbox.

Appeared Doped.

"We would toss in a few grenades and out would come these doggone Japs in a frantic charge. They acted like they were doped. They weren't yelling, though—not until they were hit." He continued:

"I dropped two grenades right in their fire trench and they sure started yellowing then."

Our hospital ship, greeted by the boom of war guns, plowed into the Iwo Jima battleground the morning of D day plus one.

Doctors and nurses lined the rails watching flashes from the ships' guns of the amphibious fleet and answering puffs from the island. Smoke was blasting up from hits ashore, ringing the island like a San Francisco fog.

We watched waves of marines waiting in small boats to back up their buddies who already had made beach landings. If I weren't too dumb I would have been terribly afraid. News of the battle was blaring over our ship's loudspeaker as I sat on deck writing.

At first I used binoculars to watch gun flashes on the horizon as we neared the little island. Later I didn't need any glasses.

We were interrupted soon—very soon—by a new voice blaring forth on the loudspeaker:

"All stretcher bearers attention!"

Over the side came the ship's first wounded. War is not unreal. These are real men and they are wounded. They are not complaining.

"Help these other fellows. I'm not hurt bad," one begged.

Guns kept booming and the flashes grew brighter.

Faced Real Fight.

At first I kept waiting for the pleasant-voiced announcer to explain that this is the way the might of the American Navy took Iwo Jima. But Iwo wasn't taken yet. The island still was fighting back—viciously. It still was, as our ship left the scene laden with wounded.

For hours I watched the wounded lifted carefully by stretcher bearers up the swaying gangway into this white ship. I saw one youthful marine, face drawn in pain, jump off a stretcher, protesting somebody worse off than he should be carried aboard.

"Don't let them carry me Don't let them. I can walk, see?" and off across the deck he went, limping badly but walking proudly.

There were unexpected reunions, too.

One blond boy in an upper bunk in the surgical ward spotted a buddy across the room and yelled, "I thought you'd never make it, pal!"

I seem to have been quite a surprise myself.

"Well, I'll be doggoned!" one wounded man called from a stretcher. "You old woman! What in thunder are you doing here?" (Editor's note: Bonnie is 34.)

Another recognized the ship as one on which he had received treatment before.

"Say, put me in that ward where that pretty black-eyed nurse is, will you?" he asked.

This war is not like I'd read about The one I read about was a long way off.

There's relief in the close-up details, though. For instance, one of the boys with a shrapnel wound in his cheek was worrying about what it would do to the mustache he was trying to grow.

One marine private said he didn't even know he was wounded until an officer ordered him to a medical aid station.

Another suggested that the New York Yankees recruit talent from the Japanese on Iwo.

"We were flushing them out of pillboxes," he said, "when suddenly one of them reared up and let fly with a grenade. I've never seen such a good shot. All I got was a little nick, but some of the fellows didn't fare so well."

"Attacking Iwo's black beach on D day was like stepping into a white-hot furnace," the marines said. Some were hit when they were on the beach only a few minutes. Others didn't even get out of their landing boats. Some moved far inland before they fell.

On the way back from Iwo this ship carried the less seriously wounded in bunks arranged on deck. Iwo's toll was like that.

One of the nurses aboard said her brother was in the force attacking Iwo. She did her work, although she must have been keeping her fingers crossed, and she hardly could have helped worrying as each new load of wounded arrived aboard.

Marines of Company E, 2d Battalion, 28th Regiment, 5th Division, hoist the American flag atop Mount Suribachi, extinct volcano, after battling Japs to the top of the crater. Earlier, at the height of the Iwo Jima battle, a marine identified as Platoon Sergt. Ernest Ivy Thomas, 21, of Tallahassee, Fla., unfurled a 3-foot flag, which was supplanted by this larger one. —Photo by AP Photographer Joe Rosenthal and Radioed by Navy From Guam to San Francisco.

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BRIEF CASE—Liberal reward paid for return of thin brief case containing revolver, left in taxi arriving Union Station 6:40 Thursday. DU. 5637.

CIGARETTE LIGHTER, Ronson, black, initials "F. L. C." lost between Arlington, Va., and Wash., D. C.; sentimental value. Reward. P. O. Box 6165, Apex Station. *

COMBINATION RING-WATCH, Army and Navy Club or Mayflower Hotel, Friday, Feb. 23rd. Liberal reward. Return to Lost and Found Dept., Mayflower Hotel.

CUFF LINKS, yellow gold, initial "W," vicinity 14th, 16th and Kennedy sts. Reward. Phone evenings, GE. 1744.

DOG, white cocker spaniel with tan flecks and spots. Liberal reward. Call WO. 5000.

EYEGLASSES, pink-rimmed, February 17, downtown section or streetcar going s.e. Reward. LI. 7654 evenings. *

FORD WHEEL, 1942, also tire, painted bluish gray, 600x16, between Arlington Forest and Falls Church on Lee blvd. Call Falls Church 2577.

GLASSES, pink shell rim, in green leather case. FR. 8300, Ext. 219 after 8 p.m. 25*

GLOVE, man's, left hand, gray mocha, silk lining, Friday afternoon, street car between 18th and Columbia road and California st. Reward $5. NO. 1830.

GRAY ENVELOPE, containing insurance papers. Reward. WO. 3458.

HANDBAG, green cloth, zipper top, Thursday, vicinity 3800 14th st. n.w., or in Diamond cab, containing billfold with money, glasses, identification, etc. Reward. Call DI. 0864; eves., TA. 0309.

IVORY LINK BRACELET, strung on fine chain, lost en route via bus from 4th and Douglas sts. n.e., to 1606 North Stafford st., Arlington, stopping off at Woodward & Lothrop's; has sentimental value; gift from husband overseas. Phone CH. 8772. Reward.

LAPEL PIN, gold bow knot tied with rhinestones, spray of flowers of amethyst stones; sentimental value; reasonable reward. GE. 3223.

NECKLACE, pearl, Thurs. eve., Capitol Theater or vicinity; liberal reward; sentimental value. WO. 4527. 25*

ONE GLOVE, lady's, black lined, lost at 19th and Col. rd. Tel. NO. 6854. *

OVERNIGHT BAG, white, left in taxi leaving Union Station at 2 a.m. Wed., Feb. 21; reward. Phone RE. 6262.

PAIR OF KID GLOVES, black, between Arcade Market and crosstown bus. Reward. 939 Longfellow st. n.w., Apt. 210.

PEARL NECKLACE, in 3100 block Conn. n.w.; finder call MI. 6395. Reward.

PENDANT, carved enamel, green jade, on platinum chain, lost vicinity Mayflower Hotel. Return to Apt. Rental Office, Mayflower. Liberal reward.

PURSE, lady's, brown leather, on L-40 streetcar on Friday morning, containing five ration books for Lt. Col. Sale and family, change, etc. OR. 6974 after 6:30 p.m. Reward. 27*

PURSE, brown plastic, on Conn. ave. bus, containing about $40 and important papers and cards, and letters from 2 sons in the Pacific. Generous reward. OR. 4804.

RHINESTONE PIN, 5 Alexandrite stones; vic. 18th and Columbia rd., Woodward & Lothrop's; reward. SH. 6239, HO. 8688.

RING (carved), yellow gold, heart-shaped jade (green) set; loser not owner; sentimental value. Liberal reward. Also previously, vicinity Navy Department, Eversharp pen. WILLANNA SMITH, RE. 7400, EX. 2959. *

SILK BAG, brown, child's, gilt top with chain handle, lost Feb. 24th in National Theater or in taxicab. Finder please return to Apt. 307, Brighton Hotel, 2123 California st. n.w. Reward.

SUITCASE, left in cab Friday night on way to 619 2nd st. n.e. EX. 5205.

UMBRELLA, rose, with vari-colored border, Wed. morning, on Navy Yard-Fla. ave. car, nr. Navy Yard. Call CO. 6652.

WATCH, Fairfax, initials "I. S.," lost by serviceman in from overseas. Reward. 6223 4th st. n.w. GE. 8773.

WALLET, red, lady's, containing photographs, funds, prescription, on Feb. 20th. Generous reward. WO. 9034.

LOST.

WALLET, black leather, containing cash and personal papers; substantial reward. Finder please call NA. 2722, Ext. 438, MR. TAUBE.

WALLET, lady's, zipper all way around; on 14th and Decatur streetcar; interested in wallet and papers only; $10 reward. TR. 2147.

WRIST WATCH, lady's, platinum case, 17 jewels, set with 4 diamonds and 7 sapphires, Feb. 22, in elevator N. Capitol & G. Govt. Printing Office. Reward. Call Union 3074 after 6 p.m.

WRIST WATCH—Lady's white gold watch, lost on Wis. ave. in Bethesda. Call WI. 7437.

WRIST WATCH, Bulova, and streetcar pass; lost by maid at 2012 Wyoming ave. n.w. Call Decatur 8431.

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DOG, smooth-haired, black and brown. TR. 0342.

Greeks Fear Turkey May Claim Dodecanese

By the Associated Press.

ATHENS, Feb. 24.—Greeks, fearing that Turkey's declaration of war against Germany may result in claims to at least some of the Dodecanese Islands, took a cold view today of the Turkish entry into the conflict.

(Ankara dispatches said one of the most likely military results of Turkey's declaration would be Turkish assistance in cleaning up German-held islands in the Aegean, including the Dodecanese, which lie off the Turkish coast and were Italian before the war. The remainder of the island-dotted Aegean is largely Greek.)

Chiang's Rule Defended By 13 Chinese Papers

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Thirteen Chinese daily newspapers and three monthlies today defended Chiang Kai-shek's government against charges of corruption and inefficiency brought two weeks ago by 10 other Chinese journals in the Western Hemisphere.

Chiang's "national government, with the assistance of our allied nations, is striving to do everything feasible that will enhance China's military effectiveness," they said in a statement made public here.

Replying to the other group's demands that Chiang restore many powers to the people, the newspapers said the generalissimo had promised to do so "as soon as the military situation has become so stabilized as to enable us to launch counteroffensives with greater assurance of victory."

Signers of the statement were the Young China and Chinese Nationalist Daily, San Francisco; Chinese Nationalist Daily and Chinese Journal, New York; San Ming Morning Post, Chicago; Shin Wah Po, Toronto; New Republic, Victoria, British Columbia; United Chinese News, Honolulu; Man Sen Yat Po, Havana; Man Shing Po, Lima; Republican, Panama; Lam Foung, Paramaribo; Chinese Republic News, Kingston, Jamaica; Quiu Shin, monthly, Mexico; Chinese Youth, monthly, San Francisco, and Youth Director, monthly, Los Angeles.

Mass Production Begun On Jet Engines by G. E.

By the Associated Press.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Mass production of jet engines for the air forces has been inaugurated at the General Electric Co.'s second largest wartime plant, in Syracuse, it was announced today.

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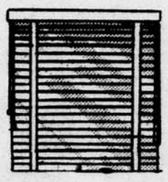

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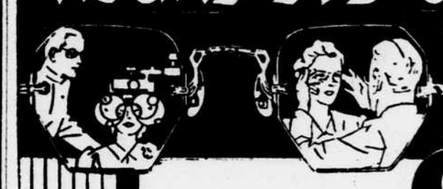

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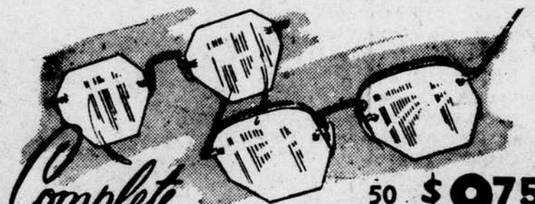

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