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## USS Tennessee (BB

Lieutenant Commander William Janeshek, pilot of the American plane, said the gunner acted as though he was about to bail out and then suddenly sat down and was still in the plane when it hit the water and exploded. Wilson, reproduced by permission of the U.

## American Merchant Marine in World War 2

Vought Kingfisher floatplanes of Detachment 14, Scouting Squadron Two VS-2 dispersed in the trees on Bora Bora during July-August 1942. From Kwajalein a naval task force, moving west 340 miles with a regiment each of Marines and infantry, captured a Japanese air base on Engebi in the Eniwetok Atoll on February 17-19, 1944. Tennessee was by then nearing thirty years in age, but the Navy decided that she was still useful and so she was assigned to the in 1946.

## The War in the Pacific, 1944

This represented over 27 percent of the Division's strength. Note the radiation spots on the negative caused by the explosion of the A-bomb, almost ruining the film.

## Pacific Battles

Once seized, islands became unsinkable aircraft carriers from which Navy, Marine Corps, and Army Air Forces squadrons carried the fight to the enemy.

## 5th Marine Division (United States)

Percival, next to Wainwright, who surrendered Singapore, observe the ceremony marking the end of World War II. As part of Operation Flintlock, the 4th MarDiv made amphibious landings, beginning on February 1, 1944, on the twin islands of Roi and Namur while the U.

### **Battle of Tinian**

The Japanese navy never targeted shipping in the Pacific, so the convoy system was used primarily during invasions. While in Hawaii, Nimitz visited the ship and congratulated the crew on their hard work in the preceding campaigns.

### **USS Tennessee (BB**

Marines had their heaviest season of combat awaiting them. As the Pacific War heated up, Pearl Harbor became the center for U.

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