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U.S. MARINES RAISE THE AMERICAN FLAG ON TOP OF MOUNT SURIBACHI ON IWO JIMA
A group of U.S. Marines of the Fifth Division plant the Stars and Stripes atop hard-won Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima Island. In reaching the summit, the Marines smashed Japanese forces who had been shooting down on the advancing Americans from previously prepared defense positions, and from the mouths of caves on the hillside since the initial landings on Feb. 18, 1945. The Marines took this 554-foot (169 meter) volcanic cone on the southern tip of the island after five days of fierce fighting. Iwo Jima, in the Volcano group, is only 750 miles (1,200 kms.) from Tokyo and is one step closer to the enemy homeland. It can serve as an advanced base for American fighter and bomber planes assaulting targets in Japan.

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