APPENDIX II

Chronology

1944

31 January—

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17-22 February

U. S. forces invade and occupy Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

29 February—

Admiralties invaded and main islands captured by U. S. Army troops.

28 March

22 April


15 June

China-based B-29’s bomb Kyushu Island in first Superfort attack on Japan.

15 June–9 July

U. S. Marines and Army troops invade and capture Saipan in the Marianas.

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21 July—

U. S. Marines and Army troops invade and recapture Guam, Marianas Islands.

10 August

23 July—

U. S. Marines assault and seize Tinian, Marianas Islands.

1 August

15 September

U. S. Army troops land on Morotai, Netherlands East Indies, and capture airfield on that island.

15–17 September

U. S. Marines and Army troops assault Peleliu and Angaur in the Palau Islands.

3 October

U. S. Army troops seize Ulithi as advance naval base.

23 September

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11–12 November

U. S. Navy surface forces rock Iwo Jima with heavy bombardment.

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24 November  B-29's conduct first Marianas-based attack on Tokyo; first raid by land-based aircraft on Japanese capital.

8 December  U.S. Navy surface units shell Iwo Jima.

15 December  U.S. Army units land on Mindoro Island, Philippine Islands.

24-27 December  U.S. Navy surface units bombard Volcano-Bonin Islands, including Iwo Jima.

1945

23 February  American Flag raised atop Mount Suribachi by the 28th Marines.

25 February  The 3d Marine Division (less 3d Marines) committed in battle for Iwo.

27 February  General unloading of cargo begins.

28 February  The 3d Division overruns Airfield Number 2, Hills PETER and 199-OBOE.

1 January  U.S. Navy vessels shell Iwo Jima.

2 January  U.S. Sixth Army invades Luzon.

3 February  American troops re-enter Manila.

4 March  V Amphibious Corps Landing Force departs Marianas after final rehearsals for assault on Iwo Jima.

6 March  Admiral Mitscher's Fast Carrier Force (TF 58) launches 2-day air strike against Honshu to divert attention from Iwo Jima operation.

7 March  Amphibious Support Force (TF 52) conducts preparation bombardment of Iwo Jima with aircraft and gunfire.

8 March  The 4th and 5th Marine Divisions assault Iwo Jima and gain foothold.

9 March  The 21st Marines (VAC Reserve) committed in 4th Division zone of action.

Japanese Kamikaze air attack made on support ships off Iwo Jima.
assumes duties of Senior Officer Present Afloat, Iwo Jima.
3rd Division patrols reach northeast coast.

10 March
4th Division troops break through to the east coast, pinch out enemy salient around Amphitheater and Turkey Knob.
Americans land on Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

11 March
Iwo-based Army fighter planes assume responsibility for providing air defense and ground support missions when last Navy escort carriers leave.

14 March
First Marine units commence loading out for departure from Iwo.

16 March
Last enemy opposition crushed in 3rd Division zone with elimination of Cushman's Pocket.
Final Japanese resistance destroyed in 4th Division zone as last enemy-held pocket is wiped out.
Iwo Jima declared secured at 1800 after 26 days of bitter assault.

20 March
4th Infantry Regiment (USA) arrives for garrison duty.

25 March
Final Japanese pocket of resistance on Iwo Jima eliminated by 5th Division.

26 March
Japanese survivors launch desperate early morning attack in 5th Division zone against Marine and Army bivouac areas near the west coast.

Capture and occupation phase announced completed at 0800.
Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific, Vice Admiral John H. Hoover, assumes responsibility for the defense and development of Iwo Jima.
Major General Chaney assumes operational control of all units on the island.

Major General Harry Schmidt closes VAC Command Post ashore and departs by air, leaving the 9th Marines to assist in mop-up activities.

American troops land on Cebu Island, Philippine Islands.
U. S. Tenth Army (including the 1st and 6th Marine Divisions) lands on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands.

147th Infantry assumes full responsibility for ground defense and mopping up on Iwo Jima and the 9th Marines prepares to leave.

Eighty P-51's flying from Iwo Jima escort B-29's over Japan in first of U. S. land-based fighter aircraft flights to the enemy home islands.

Last Marines leave Iwo Jima.
Japanese resistance ceases on Okinawa.
Philippine Islands Campaign ends.
B-29 flying from Marianas drops atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.
Second atomic bomb hits Nagasaki, Japan.
Japan sues for peace.