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THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA (1945)



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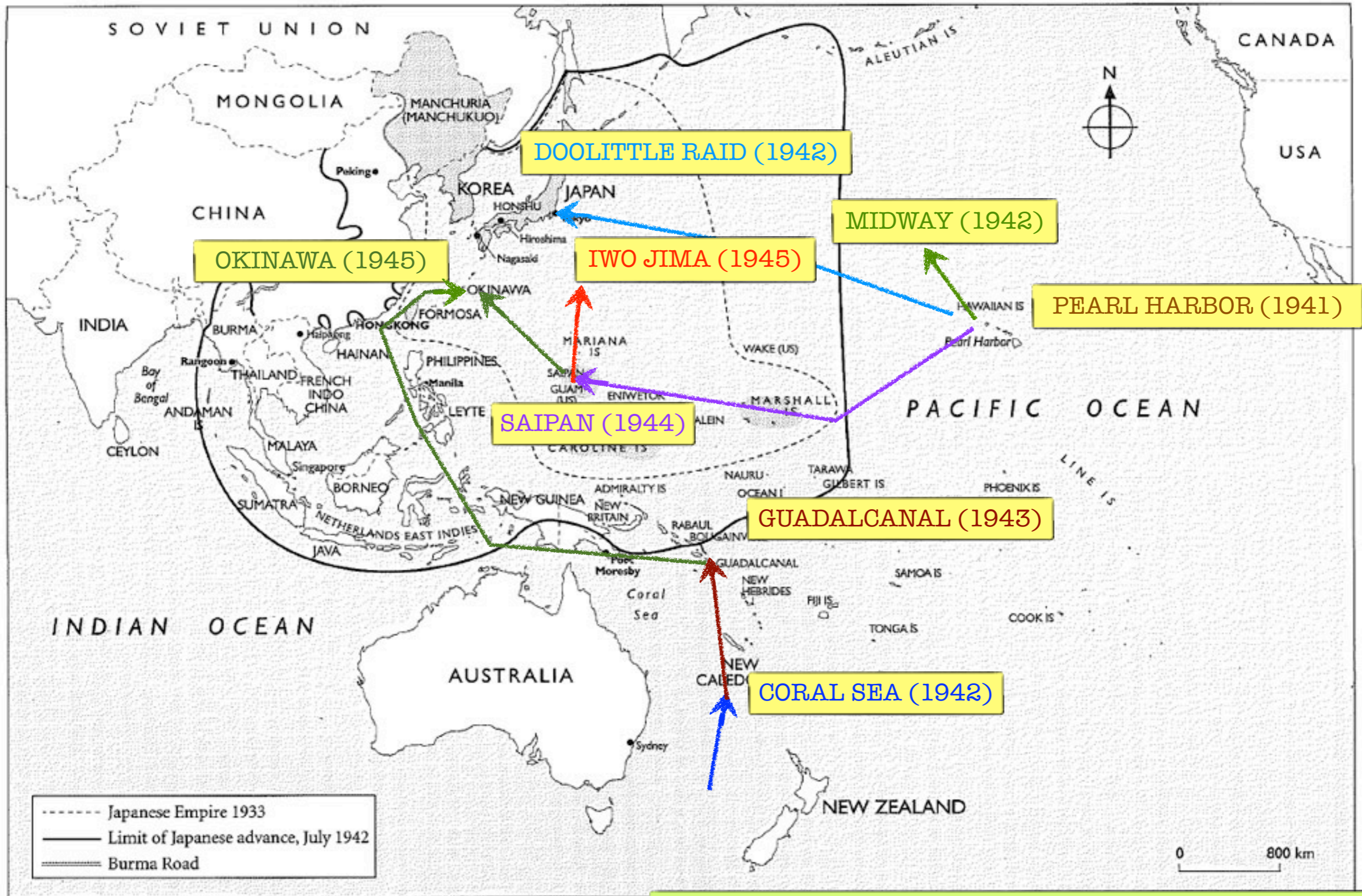
UNITED STATES

HISTORY

with Mr. Willis

UNIT 6 - DAY 12

The War in The Pacific



Map 20 The Pacific theatre, 1941-45

****TOP SECRET****
U.S. TROOP MOVEMENTS

THE ALLIED WAR PLAN

THE DEFEAT AT PEARL HARBOR HAD MISSED THE US **CARRIERS** AND **SUB FLEET**

THE US WOULD HAVE TO DEFEND THE PACIFIC WITH AIRCRAFT & SUBS UNTIL THE PACIFIC BATTLESHIP FLEET COULD BE REPAIRED

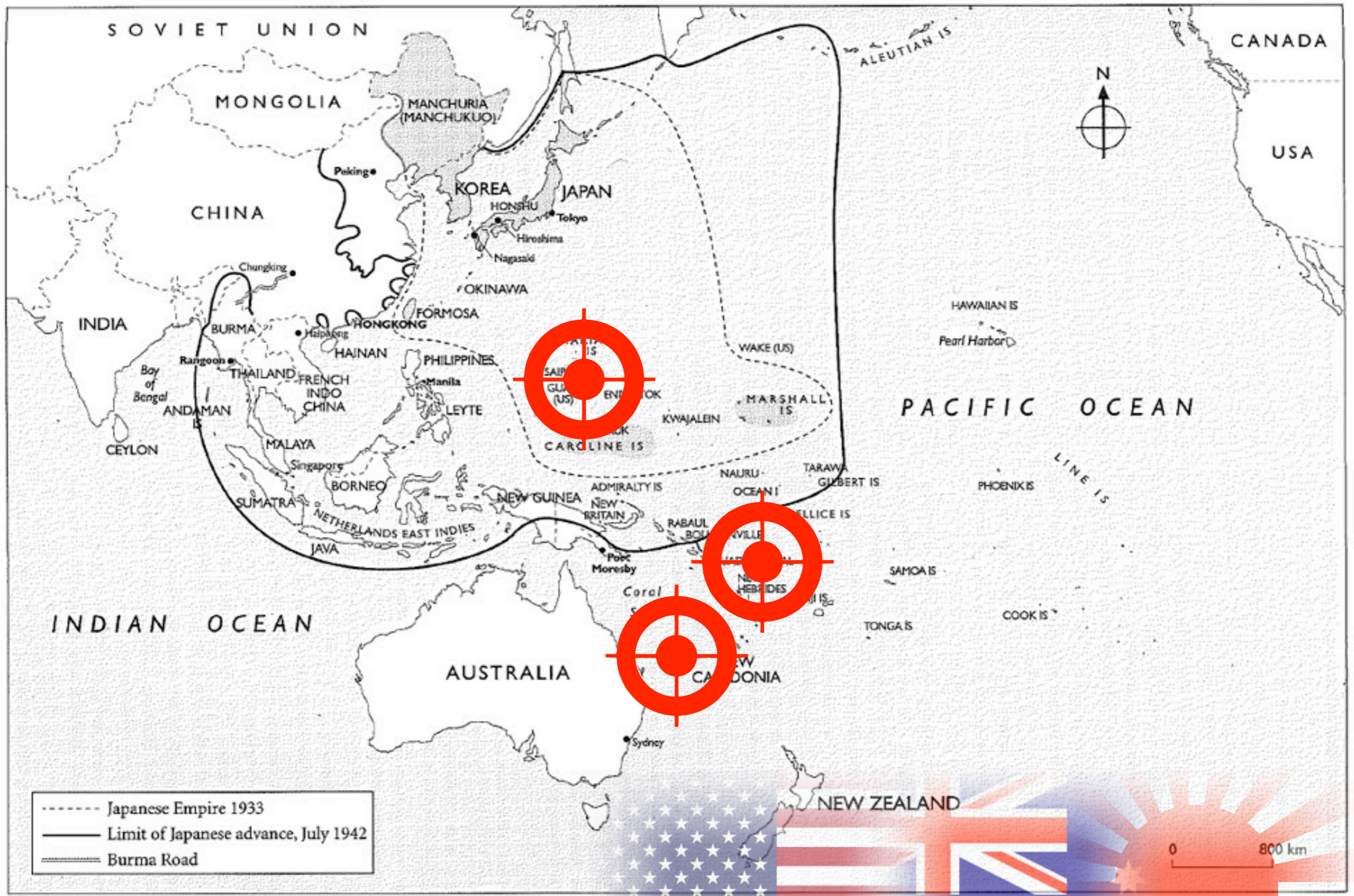
IN ADDITION, THE **TYPE OF WARFARE** WOULD BE **VERY DIFFERENT** FROM EUROPE

JAPAN'S EMPIRE STRETCHED OVER THE WATER & ISLANDS, SO IT WOULD REQUIRE ISLAND HOPPING

A STRATEGY OF NAVAL BOMBARDMENTS FOLLOWED BY MARINE LANDINGS FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND

THE US WOULD **NEED THE HELP** OF THEIR **AUSTRALIAN ALLIES** IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC TO **PULL OFF VICTORY!**





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SOUTH PACIFIC VICTORIES

AMERICA FIGHTS BACK

THE DOOLITTLE RAID

4 MONTHS AFTER PEARL, 16 US PLANES
PULL OFF DARING **BOMBING RAID ON TOKYO**

*IT LIFTED US SPIRITS, SHOCKED JAPAN INTO
REALIZATION US COULD FIGHT BACK HARD!*

BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA

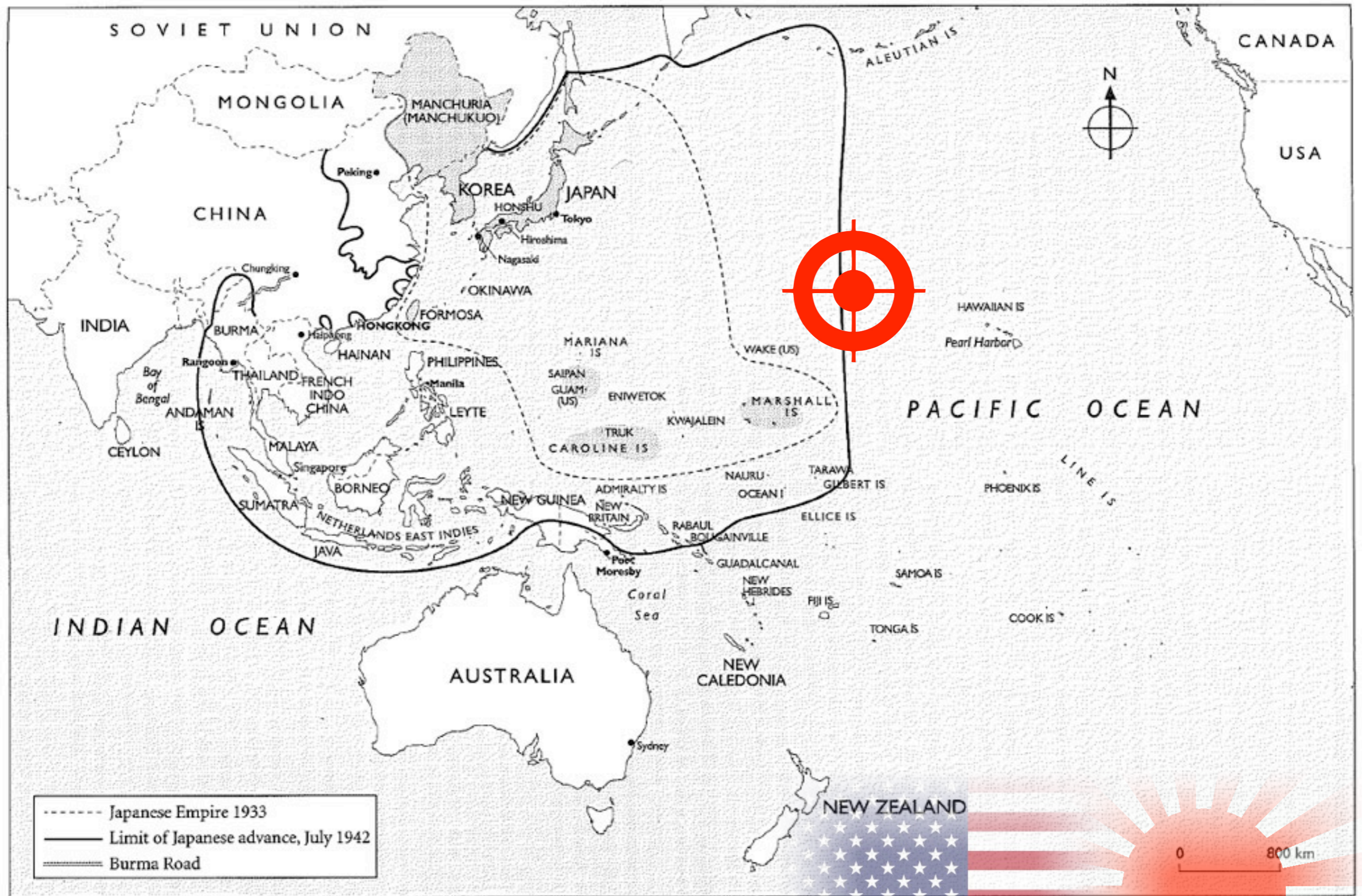
US & AUSTRALIAN FORCES DEFEAT JAPANESE
INVASION FORCE **IN ALL-AIR BATTLE**

*ALLIED VICTORY TURNED BACK JAPANESE INVASION
OF AUSTRALIA, KEPT IMPORTANT ALLY SAFE*

BATTLE OF GUADALCANAL

1ST ACTION SEEN BY MARINES IN WWII, **JAPAN**
FAILED TO HOLD A VITAL AIR FIELD (BOMB AUS)





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THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY

"AVENGED PEARL HARBOR"

JUNE 1942 - US LAUNCH A **CARRIER ATTACK** ON THE **JAPAN. CARRIER FLEET**

CAUGHT OFF-GUARD, THE JAPANESE ARE EASY TARGETS FOR US TORPEDO PLANES & BOMBERS
BY BATTLE'S END, THE JAPANESE HAD LOST 4 CARRIERS, 1 DESTROYER, AND 250 PLANES

THE **ALLIED VICTORY** AT MIDWAY IS A **TURNING POINT** IN THE PACIFIC WAR

W/ THE **JAPANESE CARRIER FLEET CRIPPLED**, THE US HAD **AIR DOMINANCE** & STARTED ISLAND HOPPING

THE **NAVAJO CODE TALKERS** PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE VICTORY

NAVAJO MARINES USED THE **ANCIENT NAVAJO LANGUAGE** AS CODE TO CONFUSE THE JAPANESE THROUGHOUT WWII



WITH A SIGNIFICANT NAVAL VICTORY AT MIDWAY, THE US BEGAN A MAJOR OFFENSIVE

THE PUSH INVOLVED NEUTRALIZING THE REST OF THE JAPANESE NAVY



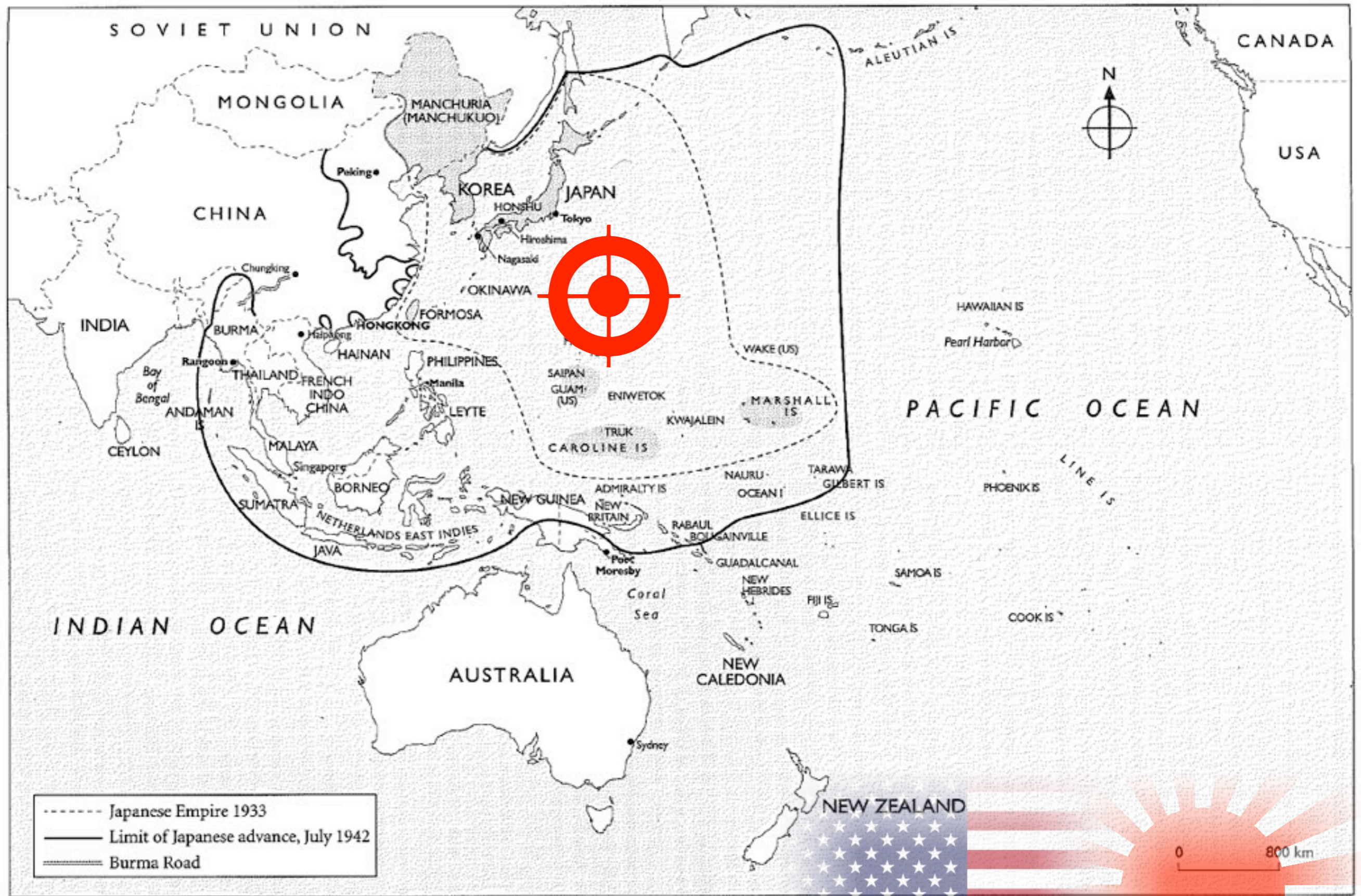
IN DESPERATION, JAPAN IMPLEMENTED KAMIKAZE ATTACKS



BUT THE KAMIKAZES COULDN'T STOP THE US ADVANCE TOWARD JAPAN



AND SO NEXT WE HAVE...



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THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA

"SULFUR ISLAND"

FEB. 1945 - MARINES LAND ON THE **MOST FORTIFIED** ISLAND ON EARTH - **IWO JIMA**

OVER 20K JAPANESE WERE ENTRENCHED IN DEFENSE

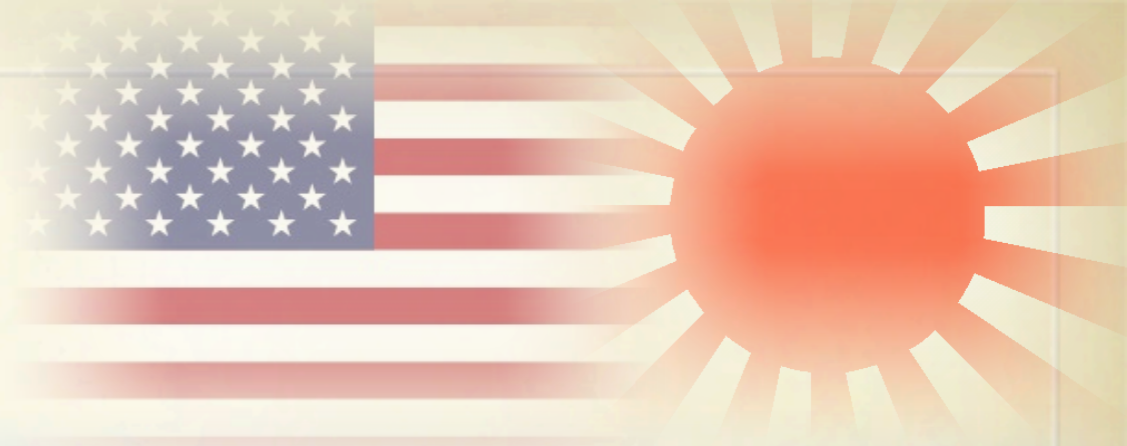
HEAVY NAVAL BOMBARDMENT DID LITTLE TO SOFTEN DEFENSES & LANDING WAVES TOOK HEAVY LOSSES

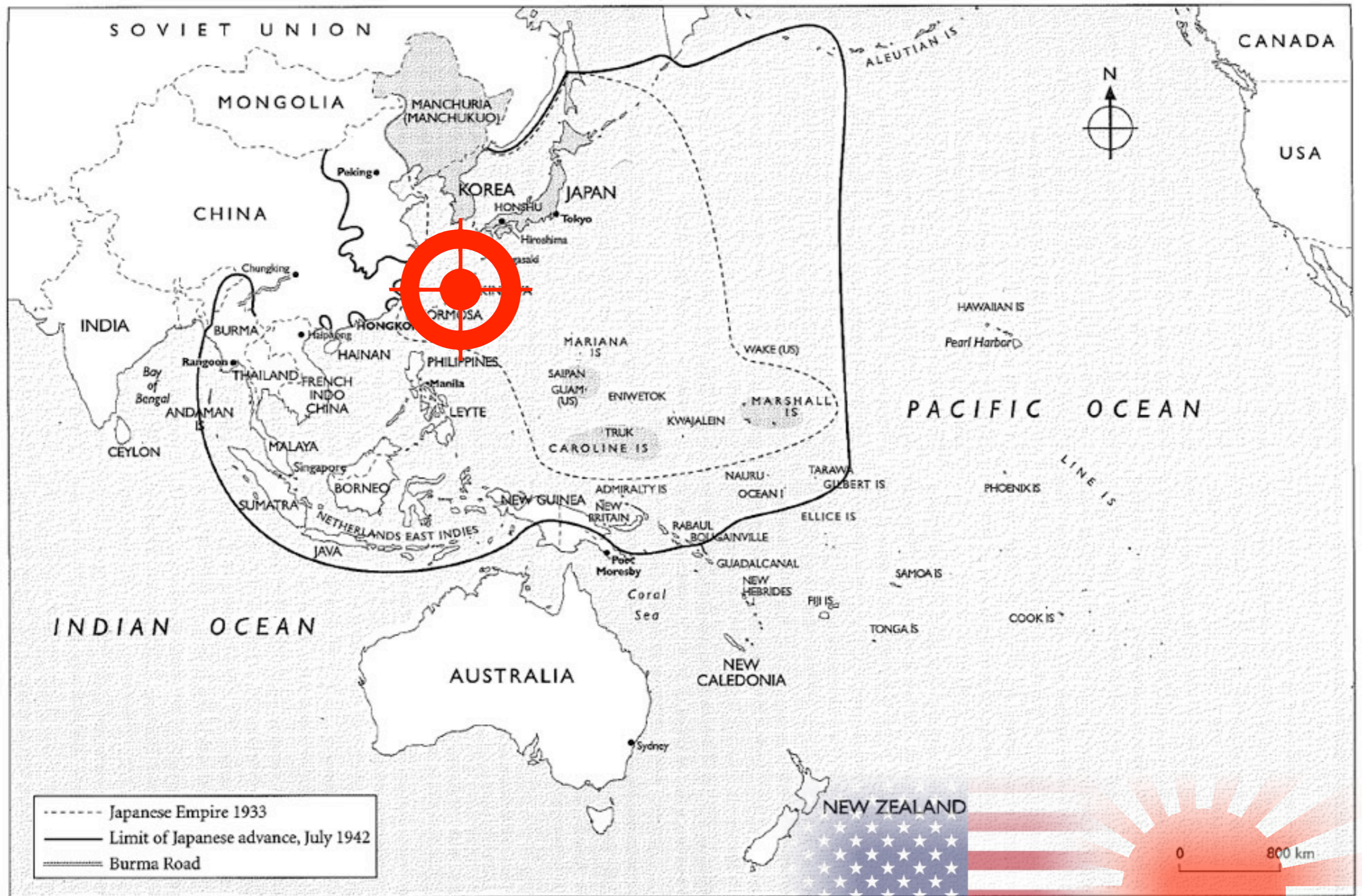
6000 MARINES DIED TAKING THE ISLAND,
ONLY 200 JAPANESE SURVIVED

THE VICTORY WAS IMMORTALIZED BY THE IMAGE OF MARINES RAISING THE FLAG ON MOUNT SURIBACHI

GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR RETOOK THE PHILIPPINES IN 1944

COMBINED WITH THE VICTORY AT IWO JIMA, THE US COULD NOW PLAN AN INVASION OF THE LAST ISLAND STRONGHOLD OUTSIDE JAPAN: OKINAWA





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THE BATTLE OF OKINAWA

THE BATTLE OF OKINAWA (1945)

THE BLOODIEST BATTLE

APRIL 1945 - US ASSUALTS THE ISLAND
OF **OKINAWA**, ONLY **350 MILES OFF JAPAN**

ABOUT 2000 KAMIKAZES KILLED 5K SAILORS, SUNK
30 AMERICAN SHIPS

MARINES FACED TOUGHER RESISTANCE THAN IWO JIMA
B/C OF TUNNELS AND CAVES FILLED W/ **LOOKS**

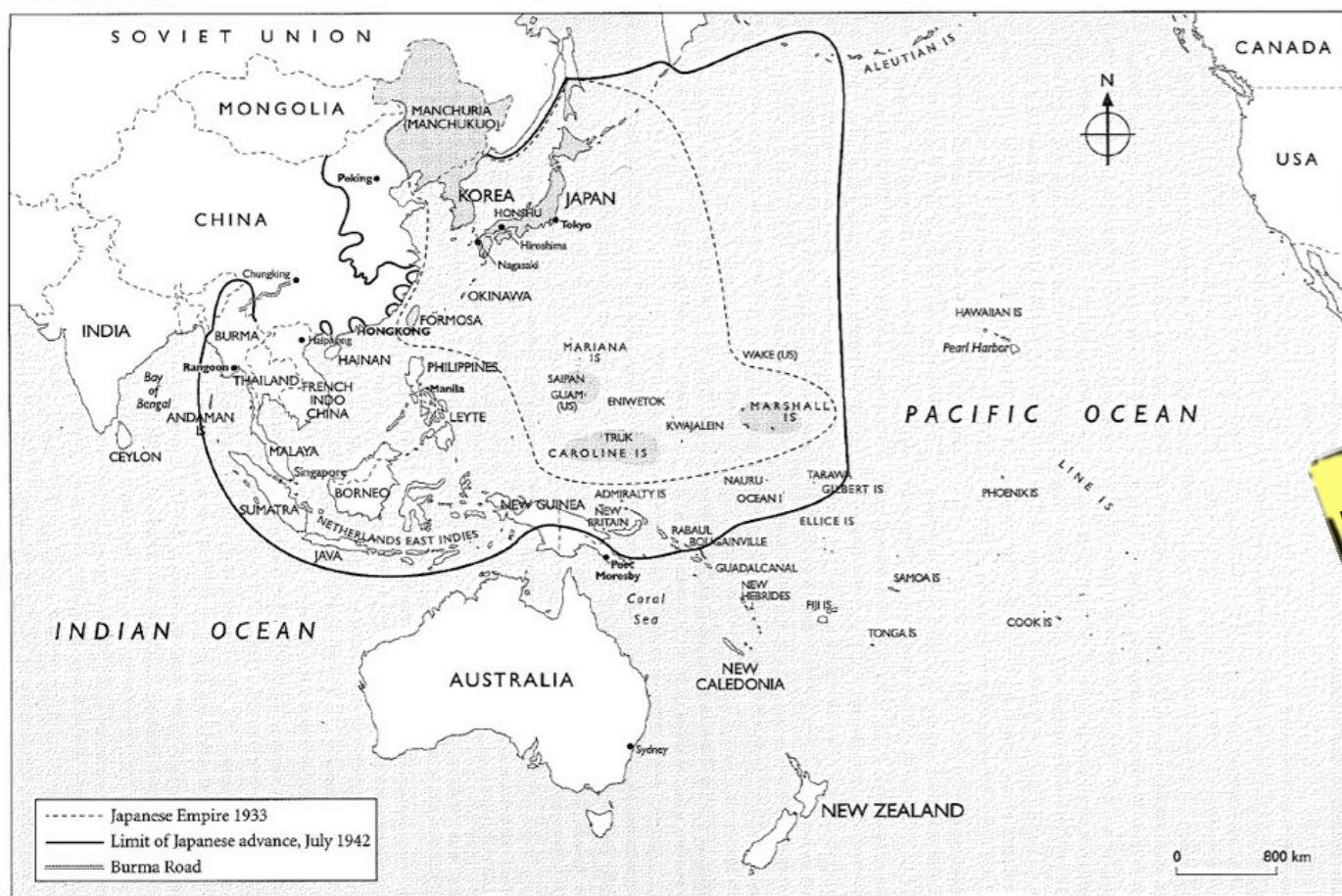
JUNE 1945 - THE **US CONTROLLED THE
ISLAND**, BUT AT AN **ENORMOUS COST**

THE **US LOST OVER 7000 MEN**, MORE THAN IWO JIMA

JAPAN LOST 110,000, INCLUDING RITUAL SUICIDES

W/ **OKINAWA** AND **IWO JIMA** TAKEN, THE
STAGE WAS SET FOR THE **INVASION OF
JAPAN**





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THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC

MILITARY DEBRIEFING

- 1) 3 things you learned about the Battle of Midway
- 2) Describe the strategies of Island Hopping and Kamikazes
- 3) 3 things you learned about the Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa