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MARINE CORPS MUSEUM
MARINE BARRACKS
QUANTICO, VIRGINIA

No. 24.

SHIPPING INVOICE

Date 30 July 1946.

To The Officer in Charge,
Historical Division,
Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps,
Navy Annex, Arlington, Virginia.

Approved LOWREY A. WEED Curator.
Shipped 30Jul46 by Messenger
Prepaid; Collect; Messenger.

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*Recd. by J.M. S. [Signature]
for Col Mc Cormick
Production Dept.*

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HEADQUARTERS,
V AMPHIBIOUS CORPS,
370 FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO.

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26 April, 1945.

From: The Commanding General.
To: The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.
Via: The Commanding General, Fleet Marine
Force, Pacific.
Subject: American flag raised in the Corps Com-
mand Post on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands,
forwarding of.

Enclosures: (A) American flag raised in the Corps
Command Post on Iwo Jima, Volcano
Islands.
(B) Three (3) photographs of flag raising.

1. The American flag raised on Iwo Jima, Vol-
cano Islands, together with three (3) pictures of the flag
raising ceremony, is being forwarded under separate cover,
for such disposition as the Commandant may desire.

2. This flag was raised at the Corps Command
Post of the Commanding General, V Amphibious Corps Landing
Force, at 0930, 14 March, 1945, and flew until the island
was turned over to the Island Commander on 26 March, 1945.

H. SCHMIDT.

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20 May, 1945.

CG, FMF, PAC

To: CMC.

Serial:

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S. A. GUY,
By direction.

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U. S. S. LST #779
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

7 July 1945

My dear General:

I am in receipt of your letter Serial AG-179-cc, dated 27 June 1945. In response to your request that I give a fuller account in regard to the now famous flag which was raised on Mt. Suribachi by the Marines, I would like to say that there is really not much more to add to what I wrote my family. I obtained the flag at a salvage depot at Pearl Harbor a short while before we set out on the Iwo mission. It possibly came from an old decommissioned ship, for I found it in a duffle bag along with some old signal flags. It was neatly folded and looked brand new. I wish I could tell you where it came from before I got hold of it as it would, no doubt, be of interest to trace it back to its origin. However, at the time I naturally had no way of knowing that this fact would ever be of any interest to anyone, and so that is about all I can tell you about it.

We carried the flag with us on our long trek to Iwo, and it flew several times from our gaff on Sundays - it being the one large flag we had.

On the morning of February the 23rd, when the Marines took Suribachi and raised the first small flag, we happened to be the nearest beached LST to the mountain, which is probably why we were picked to supply a larger flag. I barely remember the Marine who came aboard to get the flag, and I don't know if he was one of the group which raised the flag or not. He was dirty, and looked tired, and had several days growth of beard on his face. If I were to see him again I doubt if I would recognize him. I have looked carefully at the pictures of the men who raised the flag but I recognize none of them. However, perhaps you already know who the man was.

Because we were the first LST to beach at Iwo, and because we experienced a little of the deadliness of the Jap fire there, the crew of the 779 is, naturally, proud that our flag was flown from Suribachi. However, speaking for myself - and yet I am sure there are many others aboard who feel the same - the part we played in the invasion of Iwo Jima was pretty small compared to the willing and simple heroism with which the Marines did their bloody job. The fact that there were men among us who were able to face a situation like Iwo where human life is so cheap, is something to make humble those of us who were so very fortunate not to be called upon to endure any such hell.

You have probably been told this by more esteemed persons than myself, but permit me to say that you of the Marine Corps have, more than ever before, a right to be proud of your organization.

File with Iwo data

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If you should desire a more official account of LST 779's connection with the Iwo flag, I am sure my Commanding Officer would be most willing to comply.

Very respectfully yours,

/s/
Lt. (jg) Alan S. Wood, USNR.
Communications Officer

Brigadier General Robert L. Denig, USMC,
Director, Division of Public Information,
Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,
Washington, D. C.

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HEADQUARTERS
MARINE BARRACKS, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA

17 July, 1945.

Serial No. 4697

From: The Commanding General.
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps.
Subject: Replica of flag raising atop Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima.
Reference: (a) CMC ltr MC-458490, dtd 17 May 45.

1. Subject replica has been received at Quantico and erected at a suitable location.
2. It was accepted formally by the undersigned on behalf of the Marine Corps from an official of the Bank of the Manhattan Company who came to Quantico personally to make the presentation.

P. H. Torrey
P. H. TORREY.

*File
J.P.*

Subject: Donations, Marine Corps Museum, receipt of, acknowledgement of.,
(Cont'd).

g. Photograph and colored reproduction, (12-3/4 x 10-1/4), of
the flag raising mentioned in paragraph (f-1).

h. Photograph, (10" x 8-1/4"), taken at about 0900, 14 March,
1945, on Iwo Jima, at "the reading of Admiral Nimitz's proclamation
establishing Military Government on the island".

i. American flag, (QMDept, USMC, 1938-1939), (9' x 5'), third
raised on Iwo Jima at the Corps Command Post of the Commanding General, V
Amphibious Corps Landing Force, at 0930, 14 March, 1945.

W. J. Spires
W. J. SPIRES

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HISTORICAL DIVISION

17 July 1945

From: Officer in Charge, Historical Division.
To: Curator, Marine Corps Museum, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia.

1. There are being sent you under separate cover three flags from Iwo Jima. Two of these were hoisted on Mt. Suribachi, and the third was used at the formal flag raising ceremonies when the island had been declared secured.
2. Attached are notations regarding the second of the flags with photographs of it being raised at the capitol, and copy of the famous photograph which had such wide spread publicity.
3. If there is anything not clear regarding these things please advise us as now is the time to get all facts together which may be of interest in years to come.

JOHN POTTS
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps

DD-131-01

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps,
To: Commanding General, V Amphibious Corps,
c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco,
California.
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force,
Pacific.
Subject: American Flag raised in the Corps Command
Post on Iwo Jima.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the American Flag raised on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, at the Corps Command Post of the Commanding General, V Amphibious Corps Landing Force on 14 March 1945, and three photographs of the flag raising ceremony.

2. This flag will ever remain one of the most prized possessions of the Marine Corps.



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THE MARINE CORPS MUSEUM
OFFICE OF THE CURATOR
MARINE BARRACKS, QUANTICO VIRGINIA

WJS

18 July, 1945.

From: The Officer in Charge.
To: The Officer in Charge, Historical Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington 25, D. C.
Subject: Donations, Marine Corps Museum, receipt of, acknowledgement of.
References: (a) CG, Hq, V AmphCorps ltr to CMC, 1575 over 049/170 over 1053, dated 26Apr45.
(b) OinC, HistDiv, HQMC ltr to Curator, MC Museum, MB, Quantico, Va., DKG-169-ep, dated 17Jul45.

1. Receipt this date is hereby acknowledged, with thanks, of the below listed items:

a. American flag, (U.S. No. 11 MI 44), (54" x 28"), first raised on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, at 1037, 23 February, 1945.

b. Clipping from Life Magazine, dated 26 March, 1945, showing pictures of both first and second flag raisings on Mount Suribachi, 23 February, 1945.

c. American flag (U.S. Ensign No. 7, Mare Island, October, 1943), (8' x 4'8"), second raised on Mount Suribachi, 23 February, 1945. This is the flag of Rosenthal fame.

d. Biographies of the six (6) flag raisers connected with paragraph (c).

e. Copy of a letter from Lt(jg) Alan S. Wood, USNR, to BrigGen Robert L. Denig, USMC, dated 7 July, 1945, explaining how the flag of paragraph (c) was originally obtained.

f. Three (3) photographs, (10" x 8-1/4"), showing 1. the "raising of Old Glory on the summit of Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi"; 2. "Three of the participants of the flag raising on Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi, address a crowd assembled on the steps of the nation's Capitol in Washington, D. C."; and 3. "With members of Congress and ranking Marine and Navy officers in attendance, three of the participants of the flag raising on Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi hoist the same battleflag to the mast of the nation's Capitol in Washington, D. C."

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Head, Decorations & Medals Branch (Code DL),
(Attn: Mrs. V. White), Headquarters Marine Corps,
Washington 25, D. C.
Director, Marine Corps Museums

25 Nov 59

List of historic flags (U. S. ensign) in possession of Marine Corps
Museum

Ref: (a) Telephone request from Mrs. V. White to Dir., M. C. Museums
on 24 Nov 59

1. In compliance with reference (a) the following list of historic flags (U. S. ensign) in the possession of the Marine Corps Museum is hereby submitted:

- Flag - Carried by Marines - Mexican War (canton)
- Flag - Carried by Marines - Civil War (canton)
- Flag - First carried ashore, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, 11 June 1898
- Flag - First raised Cuba 11 June 1898
- Flag - Raised on Guam 17 July 1898
- Flag - Raised at Camp Elliot, Panama 8 Dec 1903
- Flag - First raised Newfoundland 1428 13 Feb 1941
- Flag - Guadalcanal First raised
- Flag - Raised at Cape Gloucester & Palau
- Flag - Raised at Roi-Namur, Marshall Islands 2 Feb 1944
- Flag - Raised on Guam 27 July 1944
- Flag - Raised Okinawa 23 April 1945, Yokosuka, Japan 30 Aug 1945,
Tsingtao 13 Oct 1945 and Guam 29 July 1944
- Flag - First Flag raised on Tinian, Marianas Island
- Flag - First raised on Mount Suribachi (Iwo Jima) 23 Feb 1945
- Flag - Second raised on Mount Suribachi (Iwo Jima) 23 Feb 1945
- Flag - Raised at V Corps Headquarters Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan 24 Sept 1945
- Flag - (small) South Pole Flight 16 Feb 1947
- Flag - First raised at Seoul, Korea 1950

J. H. MAGRUDER, III