Making slow progress over volcanic sands off SE Beaches at IWO. Mt. Suribachi looms through dust and smoke in the background.
Many never made the trip over this ground.
It was rugged going during the early phases of the operation.
Fire and movement over volcanic dunes off southeastern beaches.
Just Sand and Rock...
Junk and wreckage on the Landing Beaches.
Organization finally restored on the hard hit landing beaches.
Some of the landing craft and vehicles were "Just Blown and Gone" those first few days.
LST's unloading on Southeastern Landing Beaches.
The surf was too much for Small Landing Craft.
Looking northwest over southeastern landing beaches.
Destruction littered the beach around this hospital unit.
Elaborate caves and tunnels were carved out of the volcanic rock throughout the island.
Reinforced Japanese Cave.
Caves were numerous.
Riflemen covering flame thrower as he "FRIES" them out.
Inch by inch they creep up and over...........

[Image of soldiers climbing rocky terrain]
Abandoned Marine Tank in its grave.
Riflemen working over rugged ground. Theirs was the toughest of jobs.
Mauled and scorched Japanese bodies after being worked over by Marine flamethrower.
Southwestern view of Mt. Suribachi along Landing beaches.
Anti-Aircraft emplacement overlooking Motoyama field #1.
Many caves like this — made the going very slow.
Rugged terrain encountered at northern end of IWO JIMA.
Pulverized terrain due to constant bombing - naval gunfire and artillery barrages.
A patrol working over rear areas for by-passed JAPS.
"NO MANS LAND."
Mopping up Rear Areas.
Careful and Cautious investigation was made of all Japanese caves.
Well hidden Japanese emplacements made it very rough going.
Japanese Lt. Tank in anti-tank ditch
Wrecked Japanese landing craft on beach Blue 2. Suribachi can be seen in the background.

Steaming toward the objective.
Wrecked Japanese landing craft on the beach.

LSTs unloading on south eastern beaches.
Wrecked Japanese aircraft on Motoyama field No. 1.

Emplaced Japanese Tank used as Pillbox.
Surf pounding wrecked landing craft that were stopped on the beach.

Wrecked Japanese craft littered the beaches.
From atop Mt. Suribachi looking down southeastern beaches.

Unloading on the western beaches.
Looking down western beach from atop Mt. Suribachi.

Empty artillery shell cases after morning preparation.
Beached Japanese Landing Craft—destroyed prior to invasion by bombing and naval gunfire...
The corpsmen did a wonderful job........
Fast ............
Speedy, evacuation of wounded by AIR.
JAPANESE ROCKET BOMB.
Third
and
Fourth
Marine Division
cemetery.
The Island was OURS.