

Feb 20, 1945

D. day on two pines we bombed the island.  
Latterday, and crisscrossed it.

Marines landed on the island and  
established a beachhead.

Feb. 21, 1945

We bombed two pines again  
today. Ships shelled it. Marines  
moved in slowly but surely.

Feb. 22, 1945

Bombed two pines again today.  
in three day battle the marines  
lost 2,000 men. It is one of the  
most bloody battles ever fought.

We lost 4 planes in three  
days.  
Japs have the advantage  
of hidden guns which we have  
yet to discover.

Feb. 23, 1945

Bombed two pines. Marines on  
island captured the southern  
air field on the island.

Hard to hand battle rages