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Iwo Jima "Pushover" Compared To Okinawa

ABOARD A COAST GUARD-MANNED LST AT OKINAWA—Iwo Jima was a pushover compared to Okinawa—as far as the actual landings are concerned, it was said today by Pennsylvania members of the crew of this vessel, which is still making trips to this Jap island.

Chief Boatswain's Mate Charles A. Engels of 1930 Kemmerer Street, Bethlehem, member of the crew, explained.

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"At Iwo the ships were almost immune from air attacks, but here at Okinawa the gun crews got little sleep. The Japs sent raiders over continually."

A brother of Marine Private Richard H. Engels, a veteran of the Marshalls and Iwo Jima campaigns, Chief Engels served on a merchant ship before joining the Coast Guard in 1938. The son of Bethlehem science teacher Charles R. Engels, he plans to remain in the service after the war.

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