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our mission, and had got through to the beach. General Eichelberger said "Maybe you just saw a lagoon, Sergeant Bottcher." "No, General", I said, "I saw the ocean." "I'll come up and look the position over", said the General. And he <sup>did</sup> come up, right through the wedge, and looked it over.

FOLSTER:

And that's just a sample of the confined fighting, through jungle swamps -- tree by tree -- pillbox by pillbox -- that has won us nearly all of Papua back from the Japs. Thank you Captain Bottcher, Captain Bailey and Lieutenant Schwartz.

This is George Thomas Folster. I now return you to San Francisco.