

JAPANESE YIELD KISKA

Island in Aleutians Forth Abandoned Upon Occupation By American, Canadian Forces

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Sweeping the Japanese from their last known foothold in the Aleutian islands, American and Canadian troops have occupied—without opposition—the important base of Kiska after a terrific bombardment of invader positions.

The victorious advance came 14 months after Tokyo first reported landings in the Aleutian chain stretching from Alaska westward toward Japan's home islands.

Making the announcement today, the navy said landings on the narrow beaches of the rocky island were made August 15 and "no Japanese were found."

Indications were, the navy said, that the Japanese only recently had fled from their positions laboriously built in the rocky terrain and along the beaches.

"Presumably," the navy's communique said, "the heavy bombardments by our ships and planes that have been carried on for some time and the danger to their supply lines by our capture of Attu made the enemy positions on Kiska untenable."

Those bombardments, unreported in the last three weeks, were among the heaviest ever made on enemy positions in the Pacific.



By FRANK JENKINS

AGAIN there is a definite, complete-in-itself accomplishment in the South Pacific.

Forty-eight hours after our forces landed on Vella Lavella island in the Solomons, the Japs try to take it back, rushing the beach with 20 to 30 barges, each containing 75 or more men, covered by four Jap destroyers. The landing attempt was intercepted by a light U. S. naval task force (number and type of ships not announced). One Jap destroyer was sunk, another severely damaged and a third was hit. The fourth destroyer ran for cover.

Most of the barges were sunk, but a few, containing maybe 300 Japs, got ashore and are now being hunted down in the jungles.

In the rumble of coming great events in Europe, let's not lose sight of these devoted men of ours (only a comparative handful, who are not only holding the line against everything the Japs can send but from time to time are making gains.

THERE are two interesting developments in Europe—one an official announcement by our side, the other a second-hand rumor:

1. The people of the occupied countries, especially France, are warned to get ready in the "shortest possible time."
2. The entire German government is said to have left Berlin.

THE warning to the people of the occupied countries is broadcast by both the Algiers radio and the British Broadcasting corporation in London.

It urges them to "perfect all their preparations in the shortest possible time," and adds that with the fall of Sicily a new phase of the war in Europe began. This phase, it says, is the liberation of the occupied countries.

The people of the occupied country who will be the first to WELCOME the armies of liberation, the broadcast continues, will be notified at the last minute.

"Obviously," the radio message concludes, "we're not going to reveal where the blow will fall."

THE people of the occupied countries have been told all along they'll be warned when the blow is ready to fall, so they'll be ready to do their part.

They're told NOW that the warning is near.

To mislead them on that point would be to BREAK FAITH with them. That could hardly be expected.

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FIERY DEVASTATION HITS ITALY

Allied Warships, Aircraft "Soften" Defense of Axis As Troops Await "Go" Signal

(By the Associated Press)

American warships hurled tons of steel into "hell's triangle" on the toe of the Italian boot before dawn yesterday, setting big fires at Gioia Tauro, and allied bombers heavily pounded the kingdom in a pre-invasion campaign to soften axis defenses.

It was the second time in 48 hours that U. S. naval gunners had turned their fire on Gioia Tauro, which lies 20 miles northeast of Messina, where American and British conquerors of Sicily were awaiting a possible imminent signal to spring onto the Italian mainland.

A bulletin from Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters said British warships joining in the blockade of Italy's west coast sank seven axis landing craft off Scala in the Tyrrhenian sea.

An Italian communique said allied warships and planes also shelled and bombed the mainland port of Paola, 85 miles northeast of Messina, and inflicted "heavy damage" in an air raid on the city of Benevento, 40 miles northeast of Naples. Seventy persons were listed as killed and 203 injured at Benevento.

Aversa and Villa Literna, also in the Naples area, were swept by waves of bombers and fighters in day assaults, and by RAF and Canadian Wellingtons striking at night.

In another main operation American Warhawks, in a slash at the enemy's air force, bombed the vicinity of Manerba addizione in southeastern Sardinia.

Meanwhile fighter-bombers and intruders held their dominant position in the sky over the redden Italian toe, attacking trains and small boats off the coast.

Swiss reports said the Italians expected an invasion of the mainland within the next few days somewhere south of Naples on the west coast of the peninsula.

Danish King Pleads

The Danish government and King Christian X appealed jointly to the Danes today to cease sabotaging German war production and transport lines, warning that the nation would face a loss of Nazi-supplied food and coal if disorders continued.

The appeal said continuation of demonstrations and sabotage, resulting in the slaying of both German soldiers and Danes.

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Routed Japs Flee to Base At Salamau

Heavy Guns Abandoned As Jungle Front Cracks Under Allied Pounding

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The Japanese are in headlong retreat before bomb-battered Salamau.

Their mountain front line cracked wide open, they have abandoned heavy guns in precipitous flight toward the last defenses barring the allies from that highly-prized air base on New Guinea's northeast coast.

Bombed almost daily for months by allied planes, shelled by accurate mountain artillery and under relentless pressure of American and Australian jungle groups, the enemy at last has been routed from long-held ridge positions as near as two miles from the coveted airfield.

Heretofore, the allies have inched forward, now on the right at Tambu bay, now on the left around Bobdubi in jungle country crossed only by trails. Yesterday they surged forward in a general advance.

The enemy, poorly supplied and in dire need of reinforcement, is "in full retreat to his inner citadel of defenses at Salamau itself," said today's communique from General MacArthur.

Equipment Abandoned

"Machineguns and artillery were abandoned along with more than 350 buried dead. Our troops are mopping up."

(There was no elaboration on the reference to "buried dead," Japanese practice has been to cremate the dead, when possible.)

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Robinson Crusoe Of U. S. Marines



Here's how Marine Staff Sergeant Bill Coffeen of Chicago looked on arrival at Guadalcanal after 72 days of wandering around isolated South Pacific islands. Forced down on air mission, he lived on coconuts, met friendly natives who cared for him, then was spotted and rescued by a navy patrol plane.

Huge Shipping Program Set for Coming Year

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The combined chiefs of staff have given final approval to a United States merchant ship construction program calling for more than 20,000,000 deadweight tons of shipping in 1944.

As disclosed by the commission, the long-disputed 1944 schedule calls for delivery of 318 of the speedy, new-type "victory" cargo ships and about 200 of the superior fast merchantmen of the C-type. Most of the other vessels will be the familiar mass-built liberty ships.

Adjustment of Ceiling Prices on Fish Slated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Regional offices of the OPA have been authorized to adjust fishermen's ceiling prices for fresh fish and other seafood, subject to final approval from the national OPA office. Any change made will not effect the retail price of fish, OPA said.

Soviet Drive Goes Deeper Into Ukraine

Key Railway Junction Now Goal Along With Vital City of Kharkov

LONDON, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Pointing apparently for Knotop, key junction on the Kiev-Bryansk railway 170 miles northwest of Kharkov, Russian troops today were on the march deep into the heart of the Ukraine.

They stormed into Lebedin, 100 miles northwest of Kharkov and midway between captured Akhtyrka and Sumy, in a series of smashing tank and infantry attacks, Moscow announced. Knotop lies 70 miles to the northwest of Lebedin and its capture would menace the whole Nazi supply setup in the Ukrainian theater.

London reports, meanwhile, indicated that Soviet troops had encircled all but 13 miles of Kharkov itself.

(A Berlin broadcast, quoted by BBC, said the Russians "are attacking furiously at six widely separated points along a 1,000-mile front" between Leningrad and Murmansk, along the Finnish border in the far north. The BBC broadcast was recorded in New York by NBC. The report, if true, means the Russians are opening a new offensive in the north.)

A total of 5,100 Nazi troops were killed in Friday's fighting on all fronts according to a Moscow communique.

Smolensk Also Menaced

On the Bryansk front, the Germans were throwing strong forces against the steadily advancing Soviet columns, but the Russians war bulletin said they were forced to fall back to "well-prepared" positions after abandoning valuable war dumps. In the Spas Demensk offensive the Russians were striking out for Smolensk, another vital Nazi anchor, 75 miles to the northwest. Here, again, the Russians would not be denied, and pressed on despite fierce counterattacks by fresh German reserves, Moscow said.

This advance threatened a whole segment of German defenses between Bryansk and Smolensk.

Northwest of Kharkov a fierce battle of tanks resulted in 45 German units being knocked out by accurate Soviet fire, and the enemy gave way before the slaying.

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Death Summons Man of Letters



NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 21.—(AP)—Dr. William Lyon Phelps, 78, professor-emeritus of English at Yale University, author, lecturer and man of letters, died today at his home after a long illness.

Known as Yale's unofficial "ambassador-at-large" and recognized as perennial "most popular" member of the faculty, Phelps retired in 1933 at the age of 68.

Group Discusses Plans to Obtain War Bond Quota

The voluntary response to the Third War Loan campaign during the first week of September will determine whether a house-to-house canvass will be required to reach the quota established for the county, it was announced today by staff members. A meeting of the county war savings committee was held Friday at the Umpqua hotel, where the members met for luncheon with E. S. McClain, general chairman.

Ways and means of increasing bond sales, payroll deductions, etc., were considered and various proposals made.

The course to be taken by the workers, it was stated, will be determined by the response made to the appeal during the first week. Unless sales are up to the quota, a house-to-house solicitation will be made.

The committee was advised by L. A. Rhoden that he will donate his contracted radio time during the month to the committee for the promotion of war bond sales. Other radio users also are expected to give time for appeals over the air, while advertising will be sponsored collectively by the members of the Roseburg Victory Council in addition to individual advertisements by various firms.

Future Ensigns Show Speed Under Cupid's Spur.



Navy midshipmen, who will be free to wed after receiving their commissions as ensigns, are shown as they rushed their prospective brides into the Chicago marriage license bureau in anticipation of graduation from officers' training school at Northwestern university on the following day. These four of 15 couples who applied for licenses in one day are, left to right; Willard Trask, San Diego, Calif.; Joyce Schmidt, Ontario, Calif.; Curtis Rhoades, Ashland, Kans.; Winona Griffith, Bonner Springs, Kans.; David Way and Elizabeth Priddy, both from Berkeley, Calif.; and Robert Johnson, Waverly, Ohio; and Alice Davis, of Oak Hill, Ohio.

Two Held Here in Auto Theft Case; Third Man Sought

Two men, nursing injuries, both alleged to have previous criminal records, were in custody here today on charges of automobile theft and a third is being sought following his escape (cont. offshoot at Drain last night, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported).

In custody here were Seth B. Schwartz, 24, Leavenworth, Kansas, and Arnold Harris, alias Rex, 24, Portland. The man being sought was not identified.

The trio were seen early this morning speeding in a car allegedly stolen out of Portland, Morgan stated. A pair of men, who spotted them north of Drain, started in pursuit and near the north entrance to Drain the men are reported to have wrecked the automobile when it skidded on wet pavement. Schwartz suffered a broken arm and Harris has a fractured jaw. Officers forced to stop and give treatment to the two injured men allowed the third occupant to escape. His arrest, however, was momentarily expected.

Both of the men under arrest have admitted previous convictions, Morgan stated.

Portland Suspect in Murder Case Uncaught

PORTLAND, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Detectives continued a search today for Harry F. Lewis, 31, shipyard worker charged with killing redheaded Mrs. Virginia Gillen, 24, divorcee and swing shift worker.

Lewis disappeared Tuesday. Mrs. Gillen's body was discovered in his room Wednesday. Police discounted a suicide note left there, apparently by Lewis. They said jealousy was the slaying motive.

Mexicans Recovering From Food Poisoning

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 21.—(AP)—Local physicians said today that eight Mexican hop pickers out of the 13 hospitalized from a total of three hundred who were ill after eating prepared lunches in the hop fields Thursday remained in Josephine General hospital today. According to Dr. W. A. Moser, the eight men will probably be dismissed from the hospital tomorrow.

Citizenship Lost by Ex-Tacoma Lumberman

TACOMA, Aug. 21.—(AP)—In a decree filed in federal court here yesterday Henry Gustave Reinsch, formerly prominent Tacoma lumberman, was formally deprived of American citizenship.

Judge Lloyd L. Black of the federal court, who heard a denaturalization case against the lumberman, ruled against Reinsch. Reinsch is now living in Idaho.

Larceny Charges Faced by Woman

Marie Kirkendall of Camas Valley was in custody today in lieu of \$1,000 bail, following her arrest on two larceny charges brought by Charles Roth, who accused her in one complaint of stealing two diamonds and a ruby, and by Roth's daughter, Quila, who accused Mrs. Kirkendall of taking \$203 in cash.

Justice of the Peace Thomas Rachtel reported that officers were told the woman had become angered in a wage dispute while employed by the Roths and was accused by Roth and his daughter of returning to the home and taking the articles named in the complaint.

Mrs. Kirkendall denied the charges in preliminary arraignment and asked for the services of an attorney and further time in which to determine whether she would waive examination.

Levity Fact Rent
By L. P. Robinson

If the government can't get urgently needed enlistments for the WAVES and WACS under existing inducements, why not turn the recruiting job over to that irresistible heart wrecker, Frank Sinatra?