

Eye-Witness Account Of Yank Landing On Russell Islands Told

EDITOR'S NOTE: Another installment of the eye-witness series on American occupation of the Russell Islands by Richard Tregaskis, International News Service correspondent chosen by lot to represent the three news services on the expedition follows.

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With the Russells Expedition

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Unfortunately, the account of day-to-day events at this stage of the operation must be restricted for reason of military security. The important news was received that there were no Japs on the islands; except a dead fighter-plane pilot lying beside a crashed Zero, near Paddy Bay in the northern Russells.

This time there was no need for bombardment. As we moved slowly into an inlet, the air was so quiet that we could hear the sigh of the surf on the coral reefs. In this near silence, the troops stood stolidly and watched the shoreline slide by.

A soldier said, "Hey sailor, is that a native over there?" He pointed to the top of a plantation hill where a white spot could be seen amongst the regular ranks of coconut palms.

Controversy Started

An army captain answered authoritatively, "It's a tree trunk." Another soldier said, "I hope it's not one of them walking tree trunks."

The captain fixed his field glasses on the spot. "It's a cliff formation," he said with finality. At another part of the deck, a sailor asked, "Where are the dusky maidens?" Nobody answered him. The troops, tired, sweating under their burdens of equipment, were apathetic, still, the apprehension of bombing was vexing.

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We saw the low, dark forms of landing boats slipping away from the ships ahead of us. Our first waves were heading for the shore. Our fleet was wedging up in a narrow inlet, and all the ships were slowing. We would be a good target now for aerial bombing, but when a plane came over, it was our own—a fat-bellied TBF. And then, over all the islands in the distance, similar planes flew—ours, not Japs.

Now our landing barges bumped against the sides of our ship, and we began to load. We hurried as much as we could, not particularly willing to be caught dead in the water by a surprise air attack.

Ground On Reef

We had thought our boat would be one of the first ashore. But we soon changed our minds—suddenly our craft thudded against a coral reef, and bumped its way solidly aground. The soldiers looked silently over the side, watching the schools of small, bright blue fish darting amongst vari-colored coral formations. The engine strained and roared, and the propeller shook the boat, as the coxswain tried to pull us off the reef. But it was no use. We watched the other boats moving rapidly by us, toward the shore, and others which had landed their cargoes, heading back to the ships for another load. Some of the boys eyed the sky. "What would we do if the Japs showed up, sir?" one of them asked the platoon commander in the boat.

"We'd just dive and try to swim for shore," he said.

The lieutenant had organized a

rocking movement amongst the passengers on the boat, by direction of the coxswain. He stood in the bow moving his body like a physical instructor leading drill, and calling out in time with his motions, "left, right, left, right."

Still the boat did not budge, and finally the bosun directed a mass movement to the stern and port side of the boat. There was considerable inertia at first among the close-packed crowd, but finally the weight was shifted, and again the engine churned furiously, and the boat began to shudder its way off the reef. Soon we were in blue water again, and this time we watched carefully for the areas of light green colored water where we knew there were shallow coral reefs.

Grange Opposes Release Of Japs

Spencer Creek.—A resolution placing Spencer Creek grange on record in favor of keeping the Japanese in camps for the duration then moving them out of the country after the war was passed at the last meeting. The resolution followed a report from the legislative committee on Japanese in the states.

The agricultural committee reported on rodent control. The following supervisors were appointed: Henry Schnorenberg, Fred Knox, Clarence Svarverud, Ernest Watts, Herman Erickson.

The home economics chairman, Ida Schnorenberg, said the club had met at the home of Rachel Schnorenberg. The time was spent in piecing a woolen quilt. The club meets at the home of Mrs. F. Gent for its next meeting, May 19. Serving on the refreshment committee at this grange meeting were Mrs. Mary Schnorenberg, Mrs. Torkelson, Haldor Torkelson, Melvin Svarverud. The next refreshment committee is Mr. and Mrs. M. Tengs, Mr. and Mrs. William Schnorenberg.

The committee in charge of the war bond dance reported a successful dance and the grange bought a bond with the proceeds. A Mother's day program had been arranged by the lecturer, Gertrude Albro, which consisted of group singing, solo readings. Each mother was presented a corsage. Also during the lecture hour was held a May basket auction. The receipts of this sale were added

to the dance proceeds and used in bond purchases. Mrs. Ella Clouse was surprised recently when her son, Sgt. Harold Clouse came for a short visit. He is with the medical division at

O'Reilly hospital in Springfield, Mo. The Twin Oaks Sewing circle is to meet this week with Mrs. Ella Furrows as hostess. Mrs. Wittmann entertained in

honor of her daughter Barbara's birthday last Sunday. Invited were Carolyn and Vernon Svarverud, Charlotte and Charles Schnorenberg, Eleanor Gimpl.

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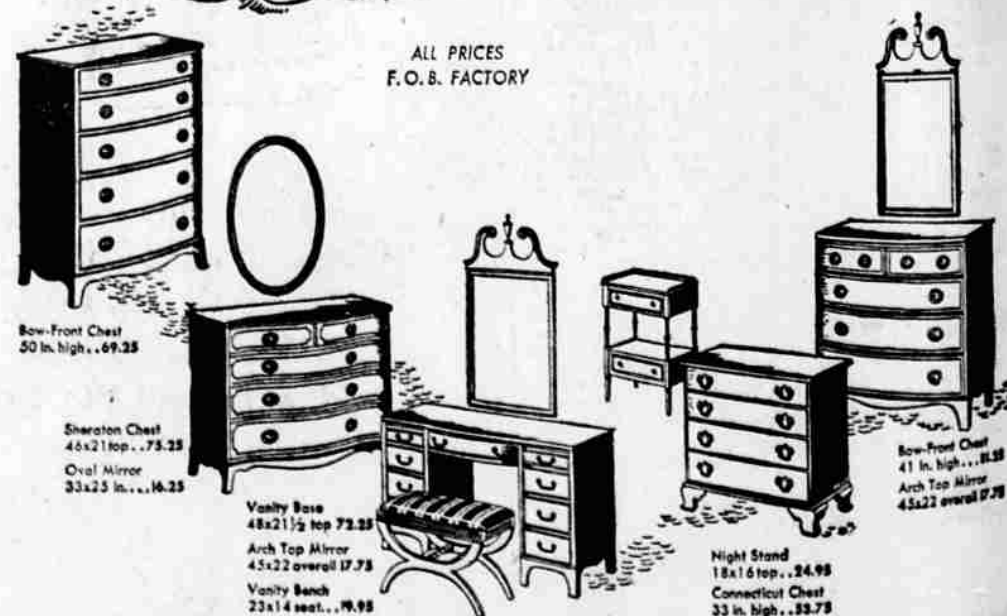
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