

Flying Marine Safe After Seven-Day Adventure in Jap Infested Solomons

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Marine Headquarters in the Solomon Islands, Sept. 6.—(U.P.)—Lieut. Richard R. Amerine, 23, arrived at Marine headquarters today clad only in his shorts, after killing four Japanese with a rock and a captured pistol and trekking seven days through enemy-infested territory with almost no food.

Amerine, of Lawrence, Kans., is a marine fighting plane pilot. He had been missing since Aug. 31, when his plane failed to return from patrol. Having been treated for insect bites that covered every inch of his body and eaten his first meal—with the exception of ants, snails and coconuts—in a week, he told of his adventures.

First Patrol Flight

"It was on my first patrol flight when the thing began," he said. "Something evidently went wrong with my oxygen system and I began to feel woozy. I lost consciousness and when I came to the plane was in a spin and losing altitude fast. I still couldn't see, but I did manage to push the hood back, bail out and pull the ripcord before passing out again.

"When I regained consciousness again I was in the clouds floating earthwards beneath the opened chute."

Amerine fell into the sea about three miles offshore and 25 miles from marine-occupied territory on Guadalcanal. He got ashore late that afternoon, but fell exhausted on the beach.

"Why the Japanese didn't spot me then I'll never know," he said. "For I must have lain right out in the open for nearly an hour. When I awoke, I could see a group of about 10 men less than 100 yards down the beach. I was just about to yell, thinking they were American marines, when one of them called out in Japanese to some fellows in the coconut grove.

Gets First Jap

"I found a good trail in the coconut grove and hadn't followed it more than 15 minutes when I came across a Jap lying asleep under a tree. I sneaked past him

at first and then came back again. He had on a pair of shoes that I needed badly as I was barefoot and practically naked.

"I picked up a rock half as big as my chest and bashed in his head with one blow. I had to have those shoes.

"After putting on his shoes and strapping on his pistol, I went on down the trail and stopped by a creek to get a drink. While bending over drinking, I was spotted by a group of Japs. They opened fire and I hit for the woods and mighty fast."

That night, next day and part of the next night he spent trying to find his way through the jungle to the coast.

Narrow Escape

Amerine had his narrowest escape during the fifth night.

"As I crawled along the beach, sometimes swimming and sometimes ducking in among the palms that fringed the beach, I came to a strip about 40 yards wide that was barren of cover and was moving along cautiously when somebody hollered out the equivalent of 'halt' in Japanese.

"I froze to the spot. The sentry yelled again and I knew darn well he was challenging me. He was only about 100 yards away and I could see him in the moonlight silhouetted against the ocean. There was only one thing to do. That was to try to bluff him, so I yelled right back at him like a Jap with a mouthful of hot potatoes and cussed hell out of him.

"To make it more emphatic, I waved my hand at him and then started walking leisurely toward the coconuts, figuring each step would be my last and that I'd get a bullet in my back.

Every Japanese in the neighborhood had been awakened and they poured out of their camps to see what the shouting was about. Four emerged from a grass hut near a clearing. Amerine ducked behind a log. Two disappeared down the trail, but the other two sat on the log behind which Amerine was crouching.

Decided To Act

"That was just about the last straw," he continued. "All I could do was lay there while these two sat on the log talking. It was getting close to dawn and I imagined I could see it getting light in the east. I had to be away from there by sunup.

"I rose up quietly and with one roundhouse swing clipped both Japs on the head with the butt of my revolver. One of

Runyan Comedy Here Wednesday



A sudden change in booking brings Damon Runyan's "The Big Street," to the Craterian theatre tomorrow for a four-day run—instead of "Here We Go Again." Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball have starring roles with a host of favorite Runyan comedy characters played by Eugene Pallette, Barton Mac Lane, Sam Levine, Marion Martin and Ozzie Nelson and his orchestra. Two important short subjects make up the side-splitting program with Walt Disney's Donald Duck in a brand new cartoon and Pete Smith's new "Football Thrills of 1941."

"Sundown Jim" Coming to Holly



As fast on the draw as he was on the gridiron, "Joltin' Jawn" Kimbrough comes through as "Sundown Jim," in the Western

thriller by that name coming to the Holly theatre tomorrow for a four-day run as the added feature with "Mokey," starring Bobby Blake.

Portland Produce

Portland, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Beans, sales 8-10c lb generally. Lima in shell around \$1.50 lug. Labish onions \$1.30-1.36 for 50c. Green onions mostly 50c dozen bunches. Cauliflower mostly \$1.50 crate. Cabbage scarce to \$3 crate. Anjou pears to \$1.25 box, a few Bartlett \$1.50; siskel \$1.10 peach box. Hale peaches to \$1.25, Elberta \$1.15 box. Slicing cucumbers 80c box with picking spots. 70c-81c box. Some tomato openers 50c box. Concord grapes moved at 85c lug. Curry cabbage 75c cauliflower crate. Red peppers to \$1.50 box. Quinces \$1 flat. Jonathan apples to \$1.75 box, with some Gloria Munday \$1.25. Tomatoes 90c-1.25 box, the latter for a few heavy packs. Eggs—Price to producers: A large 45c; B large 40c; A medium 40c. Live poultry—selling price by receivers: Light hens 20½c; medium hens 21c; colored hens 23½c.

LIVESTOCK

Portland, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Cattle 200, calves 200. Market slow, quality plain, asking steady. Common grass steers held around \$9.50 to 10.50. Best grassers Monday \$13.50, fed steers to \$14.25. Few common heifers held above \$10. Canner and cutter cows \$14.75 to \$5.75. Medium beef cows \$7.75 to \$5.50. Good young cows Monday to \$9.75. Medium to good bulls \$9.50 to \$11. Choice vealers \$15. Two loads range vealers unsold held around \$13.50 to \$14 or above. Hogs: 250. Few sales steady with late Monday or weak 25 cents under early Monday. Good to choice 190-210 pound \$14.75, some held higher. Good 425-525 pound sows \$13. Feeders or pigs quotable at \$18. Sheep 200. Good to choice spring lambs scarce, available steady or around \$11.50 to \$11.75. Monday's top \$12.25. Orange lambs. Fed food feeders \$9.50. Good ewes to \$4.50.

South San Francisco, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—(USDA)—Cattle 100. Fully steady; medium to good fed steers absent, quoted 13.00-13.50; package range cows 9.50-9.75, few heavy dairy cows 8.00, canners and cutters 6.50. 7.25; medium sausage bulls 9.50-10.00. Calves: None, nominal. Hogs 350. Around 20c higher, one load Oregon 15.35, extreme top; bulk 185-235 lb barrows and gilts 13.25, one heavy load 14.85; good sows 25c higher, top 13.50. Sheep 300, holdovers 20.00. Slow, weak; good to choice lambs scarce, numerous decks medium to good lambs eligible 11.00-12.00, lower grades sharply discounted; medium to choice ewes 4.25-5.00.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—(USDA)—Livestock: Hogs 11,000; fairly active, mostly 15 to 25 cents higher. Bulk, good and choice 200-300 lbs. 14.50-14.80. Sows 14.30-14.85. Sheep 5,000; opening sales on all slaughter classes around steady; bulk good and choice range and native spring lambs 14.25-14.50; few choice natives held upward to 14.75. Several decks good to choice slaughter ewes 3.75-6.00, small lot lightweight natives 6.25. Cattle 9,000; calves 1,200; fed steers and yearlings top 16.50; bulk 15.00; 16.50; heifers 14.75-15.50; cutter cows to 8.00; heavy sausage bulls 12.25; vealers mainly \$15 down; close, ly sorted. Stock cattle mainly 11.00-13.50, with good to choice calves 14.00.

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Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Grain range: Wheat: Open High Low Close Sept. 1.24% 1.25% 1.24% 1.25% Dec. 1.27% 1.28 1.27 1.27% May 1.30% 1.31% 1.30% 1.30%

Wall St. Report

New York, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Selected issues, particularly rails, led the stock market forward today to the best general level since July 9 and trading volume also expanded to the best total since that date. There were few features in the main stock list, but relatively heavy demand came into many lowest priced issues and a large number set new 1942 peaks. Reorganization rails attracted main attention on the outlook for favorable treatment for those companies under the proposed tax bill.

S. F. DAIRY PRICES San Francisco, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Butter prices were irregular today on an otherwise firm dairy products market. Butter: 92 score, 47; 91 score, 46; 89 score, 42½. Cheese: Wholesale flats, 24½; triplets, 24. Eggs: Large extras, 48½; medium, 45; large standards, 42; small, 31.

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REGISTRY OPENS FOR HIGH SCHOOL ENTRY TOMORROW

Employed Students May Register Wednesday or Thursday Nights is Word.

Registration for new pupils at senior and junior high schools will be held tomorrow and Thursday from 2 to 5 p. m. and 8:30 until 10 p. m. at the schools. Students not working should report during the afternoon period and those who are employed may register during the evening period, E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent announced today.

Senior and junior high schools open Monday and a general meeting for faculty members will be held at Junior high school Saturday at 9 a. m. with Supt. Hedrick presiding. Principals' meetings with teachers of the respective schools will follow immediately.

Urged to Aid Harvest

Supt. Hedrick said, "Although it seems advisable that we open the schools at this time to get the required number of days in the school year, I strongly urge all boys and girls who are employed in the fruit harvest and other necessary employment in this community to remain at their jobs a week or two after schools open if necessary. The teachers will so shape their instruction that they may catch up the work after they come in.

"There are two good reasons for this. Wages are high and work is plentiful. Boys and girls have a chance now to lay up a little money for themselves which they may not have again very soon. Second, with the labor situation as critical as it is, it is a patriotic duty to stay on the job until the peak of the labor need is over."

Pre-Flight Course

A course that is entirely new in high school and one that is being offered in the larger high schools over the nation at the suggestion of the government is pre-flight aeronautics. This is a full year course, open to both boys and girls of the senior class who can qualify for it. It is being taught by Miss Mary Jean Barnes, who is a graduate of Southern Oregon College of Education and is a licensed pilot.

Two other classes that also reflect the present emergency and which will be offered if there is sufficient demand are vocational cooking for boys and a nutrition course for girls. The cooking class will be intense and practical and designed to enable those who complete it to accept positions in civilian capacities or enable them to gain better ratings should they enlist in the army and navy.

The girls' course will also have both its civil and military implications and will conform

President Sees Souvenir of Makin Island Raid



Leut. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, commandant of the Marine Corps, offers President Roosevelt, right, a Japanese flag which Major James Roosevelt helped capture during the recent raid on the Jap-held Makin Island in the Pacific. The President, however, refused the flag, suggesting that it be placed in the Marine Corps archives. (Acme Telephoto)

Roxy Romancing



Dorothy Lamour gives William Holden a lot of attention in "The Fleet's In," rousing musical comedy opening a three-night run tonight at the Roxy theatre. "Treat 'Em Rough," featuring Eddie Albert, plays as the companion picture.

NEW 4-H AGENT ASSUMES OFFICE

Kenneth A. McKenzie, new 4-H Club agent for Jackson county has arrived and is taking over the position vacated by L. E. Francis, August 15. Mr. McKenzie has a good background in this type of work, graduating from Washington State College in 1927 and taking graduate work in that institution in 1930 and 1931. He served as assistant county agent and club agent in Yakima county, Washington and in Wasco county, Oregon, before coming to Jackson county.

The importance of 4-H club work makes it necessary that no serious break be made in the continuity of the program, and the arrival of Mr. McKenzie in the county just before the annual 4-H club fair will give him a chance to get acquainted with the club leaders and members.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m.—To late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

CRASH KILLS PILOT

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—The pilot of an army pursuit plane was burned to death today when his disabled ship crashed and burned near the Middletown, Pa., air corps depot. One body, burned beyond recognition, was removed from the wreckage.

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