

MEDFORD ENSIGN BRINGS JAPANESE DIARY FROM ATTU

Ralph Green Has Copy of Revealing Writing Left by Nipponese Medical Officer

A highly revealing and interesting translation of the diary of a Japanese medical officer who was killed during the battle of Attu island in the Aleutian Islands was brought to Medford this week by Ralph B. Green, ensign in the United States merchant marine service. The marine officer is home on a short leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Green, and his son, Ralph, and other relatives here.

Ensign Green's ship was engaged in making trips between this country and the Aleutians prior to and during the battle of Attu and he saw the original diary shortly after it was taken from the body of the Japanese officer. The document was translated by a Japanese interpreter in the services of this country, and copies were made.

Begun May 12
The diary was begun May 12, and Ensign Green points out that the battle of Attu began May 11. The diary, evidently left for Americans to find, carries passages of palpable propaganda.

Sections of the diary read: May 12—Carrier based planes flew over. Fired at them. A low fog and summit clear. Evacuated to the summit. Air raids carried out frequently. Prepared battle equipment.

American transports about 41 in number began landing at Hakka Misaki. Twenty boats landed at Massacre Bay. It seems that they are going to unload heavy equipment.

May 13—Battle. The U. S. forces landed at Shiba Dai and Massacre Bay. Massacre Bay is defended by only one platoon and upon the unexpected attack, the A.A. machine gun cannon was destroyed and we have withdrawn.

May 14—Battle. Our two submarines from Kiska assisting us, have greatly damaged two enemy ships. Continuous flow of wounded in the field hospital. Enemy strength must be a division. Our desperate defense is holding up well.

Many Casualties
May 15—Battle. Continuous flow of casualties. The enemy has a great number of negroes and Indians. Just lay down from fatigue in the barracks. Facial expressions of soldiers back from West Arm are tense.

May 16—Battle. If Shitagate Dai is occupied by the enemy, the fate of the east army is decided, so burnt documents. Am prepared to destroy the patients. Have been ordered to Chichagof Harbor in the morning.

May 17—Battle. At night, under the cover of darkness, left the cave. The stretchers went over muddy roads and steep hills of no-man's land. No matter how far or how much we went, we did not get to the pass. Was irritated in the fog by the thought of getting lost. Sat down after every 20 or 30 steps. Would like to sleep and dream.

Arrived at Chichagof Harbor. Opened a new field hospital. Results of our navy, submarines and special underwater craft since May 14 are 1 battleship, 3 cruisers, destroyers, airborne troops, 6 transports.

Withdrawal Ordered
May 18—Battle. The Yenogai detachment abandoned the east and west arms and withdrew to Unanose. About 80 wounded came to the field hospital. Heard that the enemy carried out a landing in Chichagof Harbor.

May 19—Battle. Went into Attu village church. Felt like someone's home. Was told to translate a field order presumed

Indicted



Rep. James M. Curley, above of Massachusetts, former governor of his state and three-times mayor of Boston, has been indicted by a Washington, D. C. federal grand jury on charges of mail fraud in connection with an alleged war contracts brokerage racket.

to have been dropped by an enemy officer in Massacre Bay. Was ordered to evaluate a detailed map sketch which was in possession of Capt. Robert L. Edwards, adjutant of Col. Smith.

May 20—Battle. The hard fighting of our 303rd battalion in Massacre Bay is fierce and is to our advantage. Have captured enemy weapon and used that to fight. Mowed down 10 enemy closing in under fog. Gun fire around our hospital is fierce.

May 21—Battle. Was strafed when amputating patient's arm. Nervousness of our C.O. is severe and has said his last words to his officers and N.C.O.'s that he will die tomorrow. Gave all his articles away. Hasty chap, this fellow. Everyone who heard this became desperate and things became disorderly.

Cruiser Destroyed
May 22—Battle. Seventeen friendly medium bombers destroyed a cruiser off shore. A hit was scored on the pillar pole of the tent for patients and the tent gave in and two died instantly. Day's ration 1 to 5 shakers (1-1 1/2 lbs.). Nothing more. Officers and men alike. Everybody looked around for food and stole everything they could find.

May 24—Battle. It sleeted and was extremely cold. A great amount of shells dropped by naval fire.

May 25—Battle. Naval gun fire, aerial bombardment, trench warfare. The worst is yet to come.

May 26—Battle. It felt like the Misumi barracks blew up and things lit up tremendously. Consciousness becomes vague. One tent burnt down. Strating planes hit the next room. My room is an awful mess from the sand and pebbles. There was a ceremony to grant the Imperial Edict. Last line of unanose broken through. No hope for reinforcements. Will die for the cause of Imperial Edict.

May 27—Strafing by planes. There are less than 1,000 left of more than 2,000 troops.

Two Days Food
May 28—Battle. The remaining ration is only for two days. Our artillery has been completely destroyed. The company on the bottom of Attu Fuji has been completely annihilated except one. Com. Yengami is still holding Unanose. Continuous cases of suicide. Half of sector unit has been blown away. Heard that they gave 400 shots of morphine to seriously wounded and killed them. Ate half a fried thistle. It is the first time I have eaten something fresh in six months. It is a delicacy.

May 29—Battle hopeless. Today we assembled in front of HQ field hospital. The last assault is to be carried out. All the patients in the hospital were made to commit suicide. Only 33 years of living and I am to die here. I have no regrets. Banzai to the emperor.

Educated in U. S.
The diary indicated that the officer had been educated in California, having graduated from Pacific Union college medical department, Agria, Calif., in 1932.

Ensign Green, who before going into service was employed

by Gates & Lydiard, stated that before the Aleutian run he made Atlantic trips, including one to Russia, and reports that life in the merchant marine is anything but dull. While here he is also visiting his sisters, Mrs. Robert

Miksche, Mrs. Jack Root and Miss Betty Jane Green. Another sister, Mrs. Dorothy Pruitt, is now in California, and a brother, Horace (Bus) Green, is in the army.

JAPANESE AGENT GETS YEAR AND \$9,000 FINE

New York, Sept. 23—(U.P.)—John C. Leclair, 41-year-old professor of history, who pleaded guilty to charges that he was an

unregistered propaganda agent for the Japanese, was sentenced by Federal Judge J. Waites Waring today to one year and a day in federal penitentiary and fined \$9,000.

Leclair was charged with writing propaganda for Japan between April, 1938, and June, 1941.

BENGAL RELIEF
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