

YANKS GIVE JAPS BLOODY LESSON IN FIGHT FOR MAKIN

Hand to Hand Combat Features
Gilberts Invasion—
Nips Try Many Tricks.

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With Fighting 69th Makin, Gilberts, Nov. 25—(U.P.)—A fanatical Japanese officer dived into an American foxhole under the dark and ran his sword under the shoulder blade and into the left lung of a private of the 27th division.

The soldier grabbed the sword, keeping the Japanese from withdrawing it for another blow, and started swinging his jungle knife. The Japanese died, slashed wide open. The soldier went to a field hospital with his wounds.

Scores of Instances
Such has been the heroic fighting on this island. There are scores of other instances.

Sgt. Chester Dey of Lambertville, N. J., got mad when four Japanese rushed his machinegun and wounded all but one member of his crew. He picked up a rifle and went out, swinging the weapon like a club. He won back his gun from the dying Japanese.

Another soldier, whose name, like that of the man who tussled with the sword wielder must be kept secret, received orders not to fire from his foxhole for fear of hitting his comrades. When a Japanese jumped into his foxhole he pulled off his helmet and beat the Japanese to death with it, then, to make sure, strangled him with a strip of canvas.

Get Jap Sniper
Pvt. Vernon L. Woods of West Point, Ga., a company first aid man, was with a platoon pinned down amidst trees by enemy rifle and machinegun fire. A soldier with Woods saw a Japanese sniper aiming and killed him with a quick hip shot, then the soldier charged other Japanese. He got a bullet in the abdomen. Woods dressed the wound under fire until both were rescued.

A Japanese sniper thought it was funny and kept laughing as he drove Corp. Robert C. O'Keefe of Stamford, Conn., another first aid man, back into a foxhole as O'Keefe tried three times to reach Pvt. George W. Carpenter of Marshfield, O., who had two leg wounds.

O'Keefe made it on the fourth try. The laughing Japanese put in another bullet that passed under O'Keefe's arm and inflicted a third leg wound on Carpenter. The two stuck it out through the night, firing rifles and machineguns. Next day 13 dead Japanese, killed by Carpenter and his squad, lay in front of the position.

Grenade Impotent
When a grenade landed in his foxhole, Pvt. Charles Donohue of Brooklyn, N. Y., rammed it into the sand with a rifle butt. It exploded, knocking out one soldier, but neither Donohue nor three others with him was injured.

A Japanese sneaked up to Corp. Loren Scott of Overland, Me., in the dark, trying to find position, and said in excellent English:

"Are you in there?"
"Yeah," said Scott, and shot him through the heart.

Navy Snips Edge Of Middle Blouse

Washington, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—The navy is eliminating four to six inches from the length of the uniform jumper—sometimes called "middle blouse"—worn by all enlisted men below the rating of chief petty officer. The navy estimated today that it will save \$2,000,000 annually as a result.

'Admiral' Gives Piggy-Back Ride



"Admiral," an American golden eagle who is a movie star in his own right, has a customer for a piggy-back ride in Little Joel Ganley, 2.

BOMBERS RESUME RAIDS ON REICH

London, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—A powerful force of U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators resumed the daylight bombing offensive against Germany today, battling through one of the most heavily defended areas in the reich to drive home a heavy and concentrated attack on an important enemy target.

Returning to the attack after a two-day lull, an hour-long procession of the giant bombers and their Thunderbolt and Lightning fighter escorts streamed out across northwest Germany through heavy anti-aircraft fire and sporadic Nazi fighter opposition.

Preliminary reports on the raid said the target, not immediately identified by the U. S. 8th air force, was given a thorough-going plastering.

Nazarene Choir To Give Cantata Sunday Evening

The thirty-voice choir of the Medford Church of the Nazarene will present a cantata, "The Chorus in the Skies," at 7:30 p. m. Sunday, under direction of John Eby with Mrs. Ruth Eby accompanist.

The cantata numbers include: "O Hill and Vales of Bethlehem," choir.
"While Shepherds Watched," ladies' quartet, Clara Dennison, Velma Dunesan, Verl Michael and Esther McNe.

"Room in My Heart for Thee," mezzo-soprano solo, Mrs. Bernice Youkum.
"Come and Worship," choir.

"Peace, Good Will," ladies' chorus.
"Glory to God," soprano obligato, Mrs. Helen VonStein.

"Mary Watched Beside the

JAPANESE RADIO SINKS SARATOGA

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 16—(U.P.)—L. D. Brewer, monitor for the British Broadcasting corporation, reported today he recorded a Tokyo radio broadcast saying American forces have invaded New Britain island in the Solomon islands.

The same broadcast, Brewer reported, claimed the American aircraft carrier Saratoga was sunk in the South Pacific.

New Britain is the seat of Japan's big Rabaul naval base, the enemy's "Pearl Harbor" of the South Pacific.

(The Japanese frequently and erroneously in the past have claimed the sinking of the Saratoga and many other American aircraft carriers. It was reported officially yesterday that the Saratoga was a unit of a naval task force which approached close to the big Japanese naval base at Truk in an unsuccessful effort to lure the Japanese fleet out for a fight.)

FLEEING JAPANESE CHASED, STRAFED

Chungking, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—Chinese troops pursued retreating Japanese columns northward through the Rice Bowl area of central China today, while American and Chinese warplanes bombed and machine gunned the fleeing invaders.

A Chinese high command communique said the Japanese forces driven out of Changteh last week were withdrawing rapidly toward the Yangtze river under relentless attack by land and air.

Enemy rear-guards battled the pursuing Chinese and the communique said heavy fighting was in progress at a number of points.

ALASKA FORCES PLAN DRILL FOR DEFENSE
Headquarters, Alaskan Department, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—A full-fledged dress rehearsal for preparedness in the defense of

Alaska is scheduled for January when a composite force of troops from Alaskan and Aleutian bases participate in the most extensive combat maneuvers ever held in the territory.

Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., commander of the

Alaskan department, today announced the six-week maneuvers would take place in the rugged foothills of an Alaska range north of Talkeetna.

Geologists believe the Sierra Nevada range is still rising.

Nazi Plane Output Reduced by Raids
London, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—The Daily Telegraph's air correspondent said today that British and American air raids have cut

German plane production by one-third. Only 650 planes were produced in October out of the quota of 900 to 1000, the correspondent said.

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