

MARINES ACCEPT TOKYO'S DARE IN LANDING ON CAPE

No Surprise Element When Yanks Arrived on Gloucester—Navy Guns Help.

By George Jones
United Press Staff Correspondent
With U. S. Marines at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—Three hours ago I crouched in the first landing boat to touch Cape Gloucester, the cape the Japanese had dared us to try to take from them.

For 10 days our bombers had telegraphed our punches. The enemy now knew we wanted the cape and its airfield, and wanted them badly. Tokyo radio even beamed broadcasts to us, daring us to try and take it.

No Surprise
"We're going in with nothing but our own fighting power!" Rear Adm. Daniel E. Barbey had warned us. "There will be no element of surprise this time."

But the taunting Tokyo broadcast far from the scene had forgotten one thing. He had reckoned without the murderous accuracy of our aerial and naval marksmen. For 10 days Cape Gloucester had been made target of the most punishing bombardment in Pacific annals. That merciless barrage finally had driven the defenders to cover, at least temporarily.

At 7:45 a. m. our Higgins landing boat grounded on the beach and the first group of green-clad jungle fighters leaped into the pounding surf. Led by Capt. William Moran of St. Louis, Mo., they raced up the sand and dived into the protective jungle. There was no enemy opposition.

Clash in Jungle
As I wrote this, three hours later, things were different. Americans and Japanese were dying in clashes back in the jungle. The marines have fought their way inland along an arc extending roughly 3500 yards from their initial beachhead.

It was almost dusk last night when our two assault forces of destroyer-transporters rendezvoused off the New Guinea coast. We commenced the slow journey across the Vitiaz straits through glassy waters under a star-filled sky.

Our group was to attempt a beachhead on the southwestern shore of the cape and strike inland to the airfield. The other was to land five miles east of the cape near Point Silmitani.

Marine officers on our ship received final instructions and then gathered in the dimly-lit wardroom. They drank mugs of coffee and smoked nervously. Someone turned on the radio. Through bursts of static and interference we listened to President Roosevelt's address to the nation.

One hour before dawn the

Reappointed



Paul E. Gurske, Portland, who has been serving as a member of the State Industrial Accident Commission as successor to C. M. Rynerson, has been reappointed for a four year term by Governor Earl Snell. Gurske, who represents employees on the commission, is also in charge of the administration of the motor vehicle accident fund.

At the same time, our big guns opened up and the first grape cluster of red hot tracers arched toward the air drome. Yellow flames burst from their muzzles at few second intervals for the next hour as they bombarded airstrips and beachheads mercilessly.

The marines were sweeping inland and along the coast. They have been told to "make every shot count. Be sure of your target and then give them hell."

Three Children Die In Flaming Home
Anderson Ranch Dam, Ida., Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Denton were burned to death here early today in a fire that consumed the house in which they were residing.

Mrs. Denton was taken to St. Alphonsus hospital in Boise suffering from shock at loss of the children.

The fire, said Green, was caused by an overheated stove.

END "WORK HOLIDAY"
Haltfax, N. S., Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Some 20,000 Nova Scotia coal miners and steel and shipyard workers went back to their jobs today, ending a one-day "work holiday" which caused one of the greatest industrial tieups in the province's history.

Daily Meteorological Report
Forecasts
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday except occasional showers or snow flurries in southeast portion tonight. Little change in temperature.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 49, lowest 30.

Total monthly precipitation, 1.17 inches. Deficiency for the month, 1.47 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 8.15 inches. Deficiency for the season, 1.89 inches.

Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 53%; 5 a. m. today, 95%.

Tomorrow
Sunrise 8:39 a. m., sunset 5:49 p. m. Observations taken at 4:30 a. m., 120 meridian time:

Weather	Precipitation	Part 24 Hrs.	Lowest Temp.	Highest Temp.	Wind
Boise	35	22	Cloudy		
Boston	36	10	P. clud.		
Chicago	33	26	Snow		
Denver	47	18	Clear		
Eureka	54	40	Clear		
Havre	37	8	Clear		
Los Angeles	55	46	Rain		
Medford	49	34	Clear		
New York	42	15	Clear		
Omaha	36	12	Clear		
Phoenix	60	35	P. clud.		
Portland	46	31	Clear		
Reno	38	26	Clear		
Roseburg	42	33	Foggy		
Salt Lake	22	12	Cloudy		
San Francisco	51	45	Cloudy		
Seattle	51	30	Clear		
Spokane	37	18	Clear		
Wash'ton, D. C.	48	22	T. Cloudy		
Yakima	39	18	Cloudy		

SOLDIERS AIDED IN SEAL CATCH ON NORTH ISLES

\$7,000,000 Fur Harvest on Pribilofs Done 60 Per Cent by American Troops.

By Russell Annabel
United Press Correspondent
Headquarters, Alaskan Department—(U.P.)—Because of the threat of Japanese attack last summer against the bleak but enormously valuable Pribilof Islands, the greater part of the work of killing and skinning 117,000 fur seals there was carried out by United States troops, it was disclosed here.

The troops comprised 60 per cent of the sealing crews, and aided in all phases of the work from selecting bachelor seals to be pelted to final task of processing the carcasses for oil and fertilizer. Although none of the men had ever seen a fur seal before the great herds hauled out on the eternally foggy beaches in May, they soon became so expert that a crew of 40 men could kill and skin up to 800 seals an hour, an officer stated.

Working with the troops during the \$7,000,000 fur harvest was a specially trained crew of civilian workers from Fauke Fur Co. of St. Louis, Mo., the firm which holds the government contract for finishing and marketing the skins. Superintendent of the civilians was Lee C. Macmillan, veteran employee of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, who has taken part in 22 sealing operations in the Pribilofs.

Capt. George Beyer, Stanton, Neb., commanding officer of a unit on St. Paul, the larger of the two seal islands, stated that Army trucks and jeeps were a new and welcome addition to the sealing equipment, as they were used not only to drive from herd to herd but also to haul the thousands of carcasses from the killing grounds to the processing plant.

"The crews would pile into jeeps and trucks at 4 a. m., Capt. Beyer said, "and drive to the 'hauling grounds' where they would select a herd of three-year-old bachelor bulls and drive the animals a few hundred yards inland to the killing grounds. Aided by 120 part-Russian Pribilof natives who were brought to the island from their relocation center in Southeastern Alaska for the sealing operation, the troops killed the seals with six-foot clubs. The foreman would measure each carcass with wooden calipers and call out the figures to an assistant whose job it was to record this biological data.

"An expert with a keen knife—usually a native—would cut around the flippers and make an incision the length of the seal's underside, and following this two men would rip the pelt off, using heavy metal tongs for the purpose. The silky brown pelts were hauled in jeeps and trucks to the processing shed where, after being soaked in sea water for 24 hours, they were cleaned of blubber and then treated with salt and boric acid

and packed in barrels, 90 skins to the barrel."

The troops were amazed by the ferocity and hardihood of the great bull seals who will fight to the death in defense of their harems of 20 or more cows each. They verified the statements of the Pribilof natives that the powerful, battle-scarred bulls neither eat nor drink from May until September. "They don't even go into water," said Cpl. Roy Kopperude, Lake Preston, S. D. "Maybe they are afraid other bulls will steal their cows. Anyway, they just stay there on the rocks and fight and snort around for four months, and how they are able to do it is something that beats all of us."

The current price of seal pelts is around \$80, but this year the seal oil is as valuable as the pelts because of its high glycerine content and consequent need in the manufacture of munitions. The carcasses of the seals are ground up in machines and processed for fertilizer.

While the Japs did not venture near the island this year, they have visited the Pribilofs many times in the past to poach seals. Lee Macmillan stated he had taken part in several skirmishes with Jap fur pirates, and there are Pribilof natives who admit to having killed at least one boatload of Japs who attempted to land and take seal pelts. A move is at present under way in the territory to obtain a medal for one native who shot it out with a skulking band of Japs and forced them back to sea with their dead and wounded.

What's Doing at U. S. O.'s
A New Year's Eve celebration has been planned by the staff of the Main Street USO to mark passing of the old year. The celebration, to begin at 8:30 p. m., will last until after midnight.

Planned for the evening is group singing; New Year's message by the Rev. Louis C. Kirby; numbers by Mrs. Alexander's string band; solos by Harry Young; numbers by servicemen from Camp White; a pantomime New Year's greeting at midnight with the singing of Auld Lang Syne. Carlos Morris will act as master of ceremonies. Refreshments will be served by senior hostesses of the club.

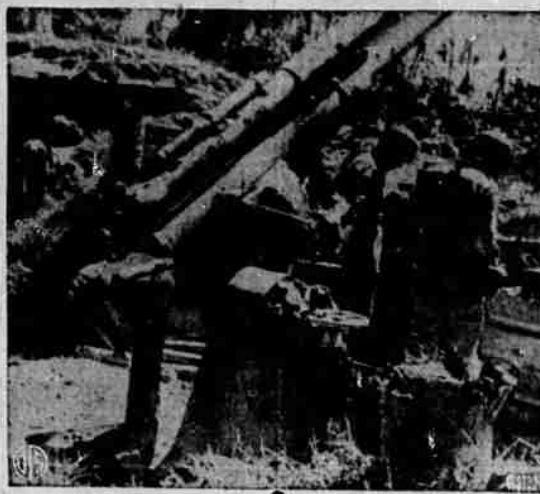
Saturday, New Year's Day, a program has been planned and taking part will be Mrs. Lulu Saulsberry and the high school girls' trio, Betty Jane Johnson, Betty Jane McKenzie and Mary Lou Swoppe, accompanied by Roger Wolf.

Open house will be held all day Sunday. In addition the usual services and program of the club there will be a vesper service at 4:30 p. m. in the library which will be conducted by the Rev. Wolford A. Dawes, pastor of the First Baptist church, and special musical numbers.

Adjutant Charles K. Cox, director of the West Main USO, and Mrs. Cox, extend greetings to one and all for a happy new year.

BODY AND SOUL
Los Angeles, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—When asked to show his license, Abraham L. Joyce, 81, told police he was just selling pencils to keep "body and soul together." They found \$2,534 in his wallet.

Yanks Did a Good Job



Anti-aircraft gun left by Japs at Butaritari, Makia Atoll, Gilbert Islands, was found shot full of holes, when Yanks occupied the area. Two Americans are examining parts of the gun, after the battle.

REDS CHARGE FINNS WITH WAR BRUTALITY

Washington, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The Soviet embassy in its information bulletin today charged the Finns with war crimes including robbery, destruction of property, and beating of Russians in concentration camps.

The embassy publication said that "a brutal regime reigns" in concentration camps at Petrozavodsk where prisoners al-

legedly are forced to work 16 hours daily and "for the slightest offense are beaten with ramrods and flogged."

CATHOLICS PLAN
Chicago, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The 19th annual two-day meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical association convened today to formulate an ideology, embracing religion, politics, and industry, for direct action in post-war world adjustment.

Normal Increases Banned For Rent

Washington, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The U. S. emergency court of appeals today ruled that the price administrator is not required to permit increases in rents after defense activities have begun in a section "on the sole ground that the increases are normal."

In the ruling, the court dismissed complaints of eight owners of rental property in Seattle, Wash., against established rent ceilings.

SCHOOLBOY ARGUMENT ENDS IN GUN DEATH

Meadville, Pa., Dec. 29—(U.P.)—A schoolboy argument over a game ended in the slaying of a nine-year-old boy for which his 10-year-old companion is being held.

Assistant District Attorney Kenneth W. Rice, of Crawford county, said that George David First, Jr., 10, had admitted shooting Conrad Kratz, 9, through the heart. A charge of murder was filed against the boy.

SAGEBRUSH DENTIST
Chicago, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Wyoming's "sagebrush dentist," Dr. Will Frackelton, 74, died last night while on a holiday visit to Chicago after an illness of four months.

Frackelton's Sheridan, Wyo., practice once included such patients as "Buffalo Bill" Cody, "Calamity Jane," and Frank Grouard, the Indian scout.

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

TEAMSTER HEAD SEES WILLKIE AS NOMINEE

Indianapolis, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Daniel J. Tobin, head of the International Teamsters union and a leader in the American Federation of Labor, predicted today that Wendell L. Willkie would be the 1944 Republican presidential nominee.

Writing in the January issue of his union's magazine, the International Teamster, Tobin also predicted that if the war ends by next June, the Republican party will sweep into power in the November general elections.



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