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JAPS SURRENDER. COMMIT SUICIDE OKINAWA BATTLE

Flame Throwers and Tanks Pace Drive For Hills—Enemy Dead, 73,000.

Guam, Sunday, June 17—(U.P.) U. S. 10th army troops captured three vital heights on Yaeju-Dake plateau Saturday and reduced the last Japanese position to an area of less than nine square miles while counted enemy dead mounted to more than 73,000 in the final battle of Okinawa.

The beaten, frenzied enemy committed suicide and surrendered in ever increasing numbers as separate drives into the dominating hills split their "fortress of death." Flame-throwers and tanks paced the American push as the 10th army pounded down the stretch toward the southern end of the island.

Enveloping enemy positions in surprise moves which so bewildered the Japanese that they fired on their own men, two infantry divisions struck across the center of the plateau to take Yuza hill and fanned out along the southeastern shore against demoralized enemy troops.

As the bloody 78-day old campaign neared its end, Tokyo reported possible preparations for new invasions in the Ryukyus. Tokyo said "fully laden cargo ships and landing craft" were being assembled off Okinawa and said the U. S. naval patrol line had been extended to Amami, 110 miles north of Okinawa.

S. land based and carrier aircraft punctuated the Japanese report with a heavy strike against Amami's installations.

Squeezing the last Japanese—now numbering only a few thousand—the 7th and 96th army divisions swept up the three major hills that dominate the slopes to the southern tip of the island.

Flame-throwing tanks, which wiped out fleeing Japanese by the dozens and rolled over their bodies, led the 96th in a push up Yuza hill (Hill 167), vital central plateau position. The 520-foot peak, regarded as the most important height in the southern area, was taken despite vicious machinegun and mortar fire.

The 96th by nightfall had cleared the summit and was battling down the southwestern slopes toward the southern shore, threatening to split the Japanese pocket in two.

The 96th was only a mile and a quarter east of the 1st marines on Kunishi Ridge, at the western edge of the plateau, and the same distance from the 7th infantry on the east.

MEDFORD GIVEN CIVIL AIRFIELD

Permit to build and operate an air strip for civilian fliers here was received Thursday from the Civil Aeronautics Authority in Seattle by the city Council. Frank Rogers, city superintendent, announced yesterday. The permit, which is valid for 30 days, should serve until a final one is sent from Washington, D. C., Rogers said.

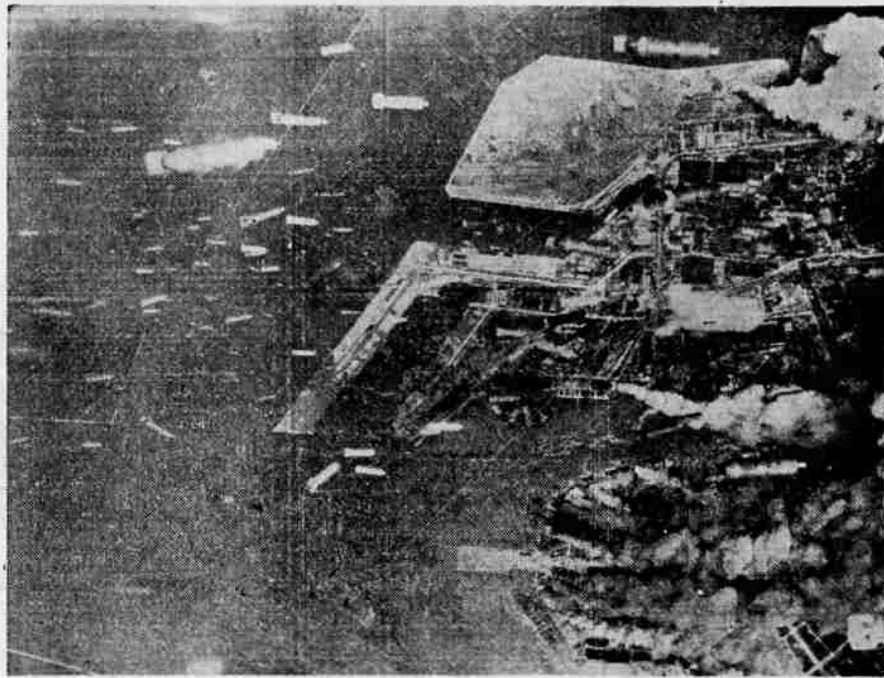
Date of start of construction is not known, but according to the announcement, it will be begun soon as equipment and manpower are available. The strip is to be located near the fairgrounds on city owned property adjacent to the fairgrounds which will be leased from the county.

Main purpose of the air strip will be to encourage and help civilian fliers. Rogers said, and to keep in line with future plans and developments in civilian flying and flying schools. Though the present plans are for a dry weather strip only, a permanent run-way will be constructed east of the one now planned if and when the necessity arises, the superintendent pointed out.

Klamath Falls Gets 50 More Dwellings

Portland, Ore., June 16—(U.P.) Approval for 50 houses to be constructed soon at Klamath Falls, Ore., was given today to the Federal Public Housing Authority. The houses will bring to 140 the number of temporary dwelling units in Klamath Falls, George W. Coplin, regional representative of the National Housing Agency, said.

B-29 Fire Bombs Rain on Osaka



Fire bombs rain on Osaka, Japan's second largest city and largest industrial center during early stage of June 1st devastating raid. Large fires can be seen at left as thousands of bombs descend to add to conflagration. 21st Bomber Command photo.

COL. CHINN SEES WAR PROLONGED BY LUMBER LACK

Portland, Ore., June 16—(U.P.) Representatives of the War Production board and the Central Procurement Agency, military services declared today that the current critical shortage of lumber and plywood may prolong the war. Manpower shortage is blamed.

According to Col. Raleigh Chinn, in charge of the Portland Procurement Agency, military services now have on order approximately 600,000,000 feet of Douglas fir, with additional requirements known to total more than 200,000,000 feet.

F. H. Brundage, western log and lumber administrator, reported a downward trend in lumber since last July has resulted in log inventories being 179,000,000 feet less than last year on June 1. Decrease in Douglas pine since Jan. 1 now amounts to 13.4 per cent; in western pine, 7 per cent and in two, 5 per cent.

Two Medford Men Earn Air Medals In Raiding Japan

A B-29 base, Saipan, June 15 (U.P.)—Five Oregon men, members of combat crews of the big B-29 Superfortresses, have been awarded the air medal for a number of successful flights over Japan.

The men helped pioneer the Marianas-to-Japan Superfortress "Run" the army air forces said, and are among the experienced crewmen participating in the almost daily mass raids.

The Medford men receiving the awards were: T. Sgt. Robert M. Tuttle, 323 Valley View Dr., Medford; 2nd Lt. Robert C. Cuffell, 909 N. Central Ave., Medford.

NELSON BROTHERS HOME FROM OVERSEAS SERVICE

Capt. Ibsen Nelson and Pfc. Clarence Nelson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson, 306 Hamilton street, are in Medford visiting their parents after recently returning to the States from overseas duty with the army. The captain will be home 30 days and his brother 60 days.

Capt. Nelson, who was wounded last year on Biak Island, has served in the Pacific theater 38 months with the 41st Infantry division and wears the purple heart, the bronze star with an oak leaf cluster and three bronze battle stars. Pfc. Nelson was recently released from Stalag Luft 2B where he was imprisoned six months by the Germans. He wears two bronze battle stars and both young men have been awarded the combat infantryman's badge.

3 Vet Leaves Discharged

Fort Lewis reports S/Sgt. Elroy V. Kifer, 721 Narregan, has been granted a furlough, and T/Sgt. Alfred C. Hocker, Eagle Point Star Rt. and S/Sgt. Gertrude C. Stiefvater, 322 S. Central Ave., have been discharged.

OREGON FISHING INTERESTS HOPE TO IMPEDE DAMS

Oppose Umatilla, Willamette and Rogue Projects John W. Kelley Says.

Salem, Ore., June 16—(U.P.) Fishing interests are trying to obstruct the building of approximately \$160,000,000 worth of federal projects, John W. Kelley, executive director of the Post-war Development and Readjustment commission in Oregon said today.

He said they are opposing construction of the Umatilla dam in the Columbia plus five dams proposed for the Willamette. Kelley said opponents declare the \$49,608,000 dam at Umatilla would destroy salmon runs so fish could not reach Snake river spawning grounds. They have proposed to Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes a substitute plan—that of constructing a dam on Foster creek, 55 miles below Grande Coulee, to provide added power.

Fishing interests suggest ripping the banks of the Willamette, rather than construction of the five proposed dams. This, Kelley said, beside being costly, would forever interfere with irrigation.

Dams on the Rogue river and its tributaries, where the U. S. Reclamation Bureau plans projects totaling \$30,000,000 are also opposed.

BOY LOSES LEG IN MOWING MACHINE

Marvin Frymire, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Frymire, who reside near King's highway, suffered loss of his left foot Friday evening when he stepped in front of the sickle bar of a tractor-drawn mowing machine being operated by a neighbor in a nearby field. The limb was completely severed at the ankle.

The little boy, according to his father, was playing with another child at the time of the mishap. He was rushed to the Community hospital where, his father said, he was resting as well as could be expected.

TRUMAN GETS PLEA

Sacramento, June 16—(U.P.) Mayor Tom B. Monk of Sacramento tonight telegraphed to President Truman urging him to intervene in a jurisdictional canny strike which has closed down three plants processing food for the armed forces.

Speed of sound waves varies with the temperature of the air.

HEAT WAVE HITS FRISCO DISTRICT, RELIEF SIGHTED

San Francisco, June 16—(U.P.) The weather man today predicted the end of the heat wave that has left San Francisco sweltering under a broiling sun with hot winds for the last three days.

The prediction is for "fair and cooler" tomorrow—and just in time as the thermometer soared to 87 today, highest of the year.

Swimming pools and beaches were crowded today as throngs sought relief. Two persons were drowned. Leonard Lungren, 45, San Francisco, died attempting to rescue his son at Ocean Beach. The son was saved. Dolores Chapman, 15, Albany, drowned in a pool at Antioch, Calif., while attempting to rescue a schoolmate, Lucille Jorgensen, 16. Miss Jorgensen was rescued by a bystander.

The fire department reported 170 calls in the 36 hours—mostly to extinguish grass fires.

COURT TO DECIDE SOLDIER'S TANGLE

Five Oregon men, members of combat crews of the big B-29 Superfortresses, have been awarded the air medal for a number of successful flights over Japan.

Decision to end the trier in court was reached by the former Japanese prisoner of war, boyhood pal, now stationed at Pendleton, Ore., and the baby. It was not the reunion the ex-prisoner dreamed about during his time in prison—but a conference to salvage respect and sanity, officers said.

Indiana sheep shearers clip about 400,000 sheep annually.

BULLETIN

Table with columns for Coast, National, American and various cities like Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, Hollywood, etc.

NATION TO GREET GEN. EISENHOWER HERO'S WELCOME

Washington to Greet Monday, New York Tuesday, Home Town Thursday.

Washington, June 16—(U.P.) A 35-year-old Texas-born Kansan who lately has been living in Europe was on his way back home tonight to accept the tribute of a grateful nation.

Having tasted the acclaim of London and Paris, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will receive the plaudits of the capital on Monday, New York on Tuesday, and Abilene, Kan., his home town, on Thursday.

The capital planned to give the balding five-star general the biggest reception ever accorded a hero returning here. The city has declared time-out for "Eisenhower Day." Stores and schools will be closed for the parade, and all federal employees who can be spared from their jobs will be permitted to glimpse the general.

With Eisenhower will be 53 other homecoming heroes—27 officers and 26 enlisted men scheduled to arrive at the national airport at 11 a. m. Monday in three four-engine Sky-masters. Eisenhower will be flying in a luxuriously equipped private plane inherited by President Truman from the late President Roosevelt.

The party will be met at the coast by 100 bombers and fighters which will provide a roaring escort to the capital. Top priority for greeting the general and his companions has been assigned to Mrs. Eisenhower and other relatives. With Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, they will be at the airport.

Then it will be the turn of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and the thousands who work at the Pentagon. The Pentagon ceremonies over Eisenhower and his party will drive to the capitol where he will address the congress.

After a mammoth civic luncheon, Eisenhower will pay a brief call on President Truman at 2:45 p. m. Then, after an afternoon press conference, an hour or two of "free time" with Mrs. Eisenhower, he will be the president's guest at a buffet dinner in the White House.

The next day the general will go to New York for an even bigger reception—and his first baseball game in years. The climax of his homecoming will be on Thursday at Abilene. It will be the smallest of the lot, in terms of crowd size, but it will be the warmest. For at Abilene the general will be reunited at long last with his mother, Mrs. Ida Eisenhower. She is 83.

GOLD MINING TO RESUME JULY 1

Washington, June 16—(U.P.)—The War Production Board announced today it would permit resumption of gold mining, effective July 1.

Gold mining was banned on Oct. 8, 1942, in order to conserve machinery manpower and supplies for production of more urgently needed lead, zinc and copper.

Aluminum Trust To Stay in Northwest

Portland, Ore., June 16—(U.P.) Arthur W. Davis, chairman of the board of the Aluminum company of America, said here today that his company is "in the northwest to stay."

He pointed to Vancouver plant and to the company's current quest for alumina-bearing ores in Oregon as indicative of this policy. Originally designed to produce 30,000,000 pounds of aluminum a year, the Vancouver plant has expanded nearly sixfold since its opening in 1940.

OSC ALUMNI HEAD

Corvallis, Ore., June 16—(U.P.) Ursel G. Narver, Portland farm paper publisher, today heads the Oregon State College Alumni association.

BRITISH CARRIER FORCE BOMBARDS BY-PASSED TRUK

Once Mighty Bases Hard Hit—Enemy Leaves 100,000 On Atoll.

GUAM, Sunday, June 17—(U.P.) A British Pacific fleet carrier task force blasted military targets on by-passed Truk Atoll with aerial bombing and naval gunfire Thursday and Friday, it was announced today.

Land-based marine and army fighters of the tactical air forces teamed for a sweep against air fields, barracks, radio stations, harbor facilities and other installations in the Amami group, 250 miles south of Kyshu.

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported a series of American aerial strikes against a variety of objectives, ranging from the Carolines to the sea lands off the Japanese home islands.

The British bastion against the once-mighty bastion of Truk was a heavy offensive blow. Carrier aircraft and warships pounded the atoll day and night, hitting air fields, dock facilities, harbor craft, town, radio stations and gun emplacements.

The communiqué said only negligible shore battery fire answered the Royal Navy's ship bombardment, and attacking aircraft reported moderate anti-aircraft fire. Two enemy planes were destroyed on the ground. None were air-borne. One British Seafire fighter was missing.

It is believed as many as 100,000 Japanese still are holed up on Truk, isolated from their homeland. Truk is 2,100 miles from Tokyo, 640 miles southeast of Guam, and 2,100 miles east of Manila.

VANDENBERG ASKS APPROVAL RUSSIA 'POWER' PROPOSAL

San Francisco, June 16—(U.P.) The United States and Soviet Russia urged a United Nations conference committee tonight to make a last minute change in the recommendatory powers of the general assembly.

Russia proposed, and Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., of the United States delegation, agreed, that the power of the assembly to make recommendations should be limited to any matter "which affects international peace and security."

Russia had been expected to make some last-minute proposal on this issue, but Vandenberg surprised the committee by describing the Russian proposal as "very fair" and urging its acceptance.

The move came as the committee on the assembly's political powers and functions was preparing to approve its report to the parent commission and to present it at the public session tomorrow night. The last-minute proposal may cause postponement of that session and will add another snag to those which may prevent the conference from adjourning next Saturday.

The committee was about to vote approval of its rapporteur's report when the Russian delegate reopened the question of the assembly's powers to discuss international matters and to make recommendations.

2,075 Superforts Made in One Year

Seattle, June 16—(U.P.)—One year from the time the first giant Superfortresses raided the Japanese homeland in their strike at Yawata June 15, 1944, the Boeing Aircraft company disclosed today that it has produced 2,075 B-29s in its Seattle, Renton and Wichita plants.

Additionally, officials said, the two Washington and one Kansas plants have turned out the equivalent of another 149 Superfortresses in spare parts.

WAR BULLETINS

London, June 16—(U.P.)—Two Polish leaders from London arrived in Moscow today for discussions on a new Polish government. All interested parties are now in the Soviet capital and formal talks are expected to begin momentarily.

Manila, Sunday, June 17—(U.P.)—American Infantry, in a sustained drive down the Japanese-held Cagayan valley of northeastern Luzon, have advanced five miles northeast of Echague and captured the Ipil airfield west of Echague, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Guam, Sunday, June 17—(U.P.) Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz sharply refuted criticism of the Okinawa campaign in a special press conference today and defended the operation conducted by Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., commander of the U. S. 10th army.

ALLIED WARSHIPS NEAR BORNEO OIL PORT, TOKYO SAYS

A large allied fleet approached the great east Borneo oil port of Balikpapan Saturday, Tokyo radio reported.

Invasion-jittery Japan, announcing a concentration of American troops and landing craft east of Okinawa, warned the empire that new landings may be expected. Tokyo mentioned Amami island, 110 miles north of Okinawa, where naval patrols have been active. Heavy forces of land-based and carrier planes swept Amami in a destructive assault Saturday to accentuate the Japanese report.

Australian ground forces pushed another four miles below captured Brunel in northwest Borneo. They drove toward Tutong, 12 miles distant, as Tokyo told of the warships nearing Balikpapan on the eastern coast. There was no confirmation of the enemy claim. Balikpapan is some 435 miles across Borneo from Brunel.

Tokyo said one carrier, three battleships, 16 destroyers and other warships were heading for Balikpapan. Heavy bombers struck the port area, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced.

Other enemy broadcasts told Japan's women that they must fight in the front lines in case of an invasion of the homeland and said Japanese forces were carrying on "a battle which would make even the gods weep." Another 80,000 persons will be evacuated from Tokyo to Hokkaido, in northern Japan, to work "voluntarily" on farms, the enemy radio said.

Chinese troops maintained the pace of their offensive. They gained six miles east of recaptured Ishan toward the former airbase city of Luichow. Along the Japanese central China corridor, Chinese troops 350 miles to the east fought to stem an enemy drive for highways in that area.

Spray, Labor Main Coast Farm Worry

Los Angeles, June 16—(U.P.)—The west coast agricultural situation is in pretty good condition, Rep. Clinton P. Anderson, D., N. M., head of a congressional committee investigating food shortages and newly-appointed secretary of agriculture, said today.

"There are two problems," Anderson admitted. "One is the manpower gamble, but that's a gamble all over and it doesn't seem to be any worse here than elsewhere. The second problem is a shortage of certain vital sprays, but I'm going to see to it that the farmers get them."

POINT VALUE OF LARD, OIL UPPED

Washington, June 16—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration tonight raised the point value of lard, shortening and oils from 10 to 12 points a pound, effective at midnight.

Point values of butter and margarine remained unchanged at 24 points a pound for butter and 12 points a pound for margarine. The increases became necessary, OPA explained, because the War Food Administration sharply reduced civilians' allocation of lard, shortening and oils for the third quarter in the face of a short world supply and large demand.

NIMITZ REFUTES LAWRENCE CLAIM BUCKNER BUNGLED

Okinawa Operations Upheld—Admiral Sharply Criticizes Writer.

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In the first press conference of its kind ever held in the Pacific, Nimitz told 76 press correspondents that officers in charge of the Okinawa campaign had been responsible for moving forces to the inner approaches of Japan, despite limited resources.

His sharp attack was directed against the criticism of David Lawrence, of the Washington Post. Lawrence had charged in an article that the army commanders bungled in failing to take air bases fast enough so that the navy could go about landing men and supplies.

Nimitz said the military and tactical decisions of the Okinawa campaign were made by General Buckner, but that they had his (Nimitz) concurrence.

Lawrence had also charged that the army commanders misused the marines on Okinawa, hurling them against the tough Shuri line instead of making "end run" plays with a landing behind the lines.

Lawrence said that this had resulted in men afloat suffering casualties unprecedented in ratio to those suffered by ground forces.

"Casualties ashore were normal for this type of operation," Nimitz declared, "but I must admit that those afloat were higher than I had expected to receive."

Lawrence's article, Nimitz said, "could not 'in justice to the officers and men who have been fighting on Okinawa, be permitted to pass without correction.'"

He said the article "shows that the author has been badly misinformed, so badly as to give the impression that he has been made use of for purposes which are not in the best interests of the United States."

"I don't know just where Lawrence got his information, but it must have been from somebody with an axe to grind."

"This conference is the best way I know to refute this unwarranted attack on responsible leaders of the Okinawa operation."

OPA said also that many areas reported an uneven distribution of these products for civilian use.

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