

Japs Spend Year Burrowing Tunnels In Attu's Tundra

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MURDER POINT, Attu Island, May 20 (Delayed) (AP)—Whatever else the Japanese have been doing on Attu for the last year, they must have spent most of their time digging in the mushy tundra.

American soldiers advancing on Japanese positions all over Attu have found literally miles of tunnels and caves. Every sniper's nest is a pint-sized underground house, sometimes with four or five tunnel-connected firing positions. Machine gun emplacements are elaborate caves with side passages for storage of ammunition or food, other niches for the crews to sleep in.

Typical Post

A typical Japanese command post is an underground hut some 20 feet long and half that wide, beautifully screened with blocks of tundra, protected from shell fragments by tundra battlements. . . . The only part of it extending above ground is the smoke pipe for the central heating stove. Most such huts are built into the sides of hills so that some drainage is provided. When the drains fail to work, however, the Japs simply lay catwalks over the water and go on using the installations.

Elaborate Positions

Most elaborate of all are the anti-aircraft positions, which include three or four rooms, all underground except the single roofless circle which holds the gun itself. Crews slept, worked and played in the caves they had built.

At the west arm of Holtz bay, the trench system was so elaborate that it was possible to cross the entire valley without once exposing oneself to the sight of anyone in the bay—the distance is almost two miles. At the airport in the east arm of Holtz bay, workers even lived under sheds placed in recesses in the side of the plateau.

Sand Bar Installation

One of the strangest of all the installations was on a sand bar directly behind a gun position in the east arm of the bay. Starting with a gravel mound about 20 feet in diameter, the Japanese had built it up to a cone. If intended for concealment, it was a flat failure. It stood out as far as it could be seen. A stove pipe came out the top.

To enter, a man clambered up the gravel to a point about four feet below the top, there entered a twisting slit trench so narrow that a normal sized American wearing a canteen belt had to take the belt off before he could go through it. The trench turned sharply, slanted down, entered a four-foot-square four-foot-high, floored chamber. One corner contained a tiny stove, another a bag of rice.

No Windows

The chamber was windowless, had been completely roofed before some American dropped a grenade into it. An occupant could not look or shoot out, could not even see the gun closest to him. Unless it had been removed so carefully as to leave no trace, there was not even a telephone wire into the place. The litter on the floor (aside from a packing box) contained two postcards, a Japanese dictionary and the inevitable bottle of pills.

The relations of forces on the Soviet-German front have changed. The fact is that Germany is becoming more and more exhausted while the Soviet Union is more and more developing its reserves and becoming ever stronger.—Josef Stalin.

Today the greatest successes of the Russian front have led thousands of Americans to throw their hats in the air and proclaim that victory is just around the corner. We still face reverses and misfortunes.—President Roosevelt.

Named 'Sweater Girl for 1943'



Dark-haired Alice Wallace (above), a photographer's model, was chosen "California Sweater Girl for 1943" by the Associated Apparel Manufacturers of Los Angeles, which annually makes such a choice.

Prisoners held by Japan are not included in the new regulations due to present lack of transportation facilities to the Far East. ROSE POOLE, Publicity Chairman.

Bandelier National Monument, in New Mexico, had 13,689 visitors during 1940.

UNLIMITED SERVICE
KANSAS CITY, (AP)—Cpl. Reuben Morose, 28, was mildly amazed at his latest official notice.

It was from the draft board through which he had been inducted into the army a year ago. And it advised him he'd been classified 4-F.

Red Cross Notes

For over three years Fred Fleet very competently carried the work as disaster chairman for our local chapter. This year he was appointed home service chairman as well; the home service work has more than tripled in the last few months and is getting heavier as the war goes on, so Otto Smith has taken over the work of disaster chairman.

In the home service department we have an interesting item today. March 28, 1942, the local chapter sent a message to Italy for Mrs. Maria Sari who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sari at 5327 South Sixth street. The message was to her husband, Ezio Sari, and asked for news of their family. On May 13, 1943, over a year later, a reply arrived, which Mrs. Sari was kind enough to translate for us. It read: "Happy about your news. We all well. Brothers safe and well. Ilda (daughter) in eighth grade. Regards to uncle and aunt. Kisses to you and the boys."

We are also advised by Helga Lott of Chiloquin, Ore., that she has had a reply from her homeland to a message which the local chapter sent for her in August, 1942. These are only two of the many services which the home service department covers.

Recently the Algoma Community club disbanded and gave the amount remaining in their treasury, \$21.67, to the Red Cross.

Last week the International Red Cross committee ship "Caritas I" sailed, carrying the largest shipment of prisoners of war relief supplies ever cleared from the United States. In the cargo were 500,000 standard food packages. Included also were 22,500 invalid food parcels, for distribution to the sick and to prisoners recovering from wounds, and 3,000 medicine kits, containing special household medicines. These are all for American and United Nations prisoners, including Belgian, Yugoslav, Polish, Greek, Norwegian and Netherlands prisoners. The "Caritas I" will dock at Marseilles, France, and this is the second occasion on which a ship from the territory of one belligerent held by an enemy belligerent. Her cargo will be trans-shipped by rail to Geneva, thence for distribution to the prison camps on the continent.

The regulations by which close relatives of United Nations prisoners of war may send standard food parcels to identified prisoners in Europe through the American Red Cross, may be obtained from your local Red Cross chapter. The regulations, effective June 10, cover prisoners of Belgian, Polish, Yugoslav, Norwegian, Netherlands, Greek, etc., nationality; no packages may be sent to prisoners of war from the United States, as the army and navy are supplying all these.

SUB SINKING RECORD MADE BY ESCORTS

LONDON, June 4 (AP)—Increasingly deadly allied convoy escort services sank more enemy submarines in May than in any other month of the war and in the past two months the number of operating U-boats in the Atlantic appears to have decreased. A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, declared today.

He told the house of commons that in the last 12 months the total enemy submarines sent to the bottom exceeded the number sunk in all of the previous war period and that in the last six months the rate of destruction was 25 per cent above the previous half year.

Paying tribute to the work of the U. S. airforce and the RAF in bombing U-boat bases, Alexander predicted that "as time goes on bombing of the building yards

and component factories should have an ever increasing effect" on the battle of the Atlantic. He said it appeared that the number of sea maulers sent to the bottom during the month just ended was greater than the Germans could produce in all the facilities available to them.

COME CLEAN, BOYS!
PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—When dump trucks filling in a housing project dribbled dirt down the middle of their block and verbal protests failed, 30 housewives joined hands in a human chain and blocked the street. One driver got caught inside the chain and the women kept him prisoner until he cleaned up his dirt.

The jellyfish is almost pure water, being composed of 99 1/2 per cent water.



Scores Treated For Injuries in Celanese Explosion

CUMBERLAND, Md., June 4 (AP)—A score of persons were treated in Cumberland hospitals today for injuries suffered when a shattering explosion virtually wrecked one building of the Celanese corporation of America's plant.

proximately 40 persons were injured, five of them seriously, in the blast which blew a huge hole in the roof of the Celanese plant's three-story, block-long Aceton Recovery building late yesterday.

We will do everything possible in order not to be involved in this war, but we know now that it is not within our power to remain out.—President Ismet Inonu of Turkey.

LESS DRIVING—MORE SERVICE?

In many cases, the effect of wartime conditions on car driving is a considerable reduction in the distance a car travels every month.

And the strange effect of this is that it can happen that less driving may create a need for more service.

Official sources have said that any car which travels less than 90 miles a month does not get enough "exercise" to keep in good "trim." While this low mileage may not always prevail here, the same kind of logic calls for a recasting of ideas about servicing.

That's why it is a smart move to go into the details of possible special servicing requirements resulting from wartime driving. A good car dealer is always glad to talk over problems concerned with car care and driving habits, and is always glad to give helpful advice.

If the way you use your car now is changed to any extent from peacetime habits, it may have made necessary a new slant on the attention you give it. It pays to know about such possibilities and make sure your car is getting the proper attention whether it results in more service or less.

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CAR DRIVERS STOP

GET READY FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY LAW

IT HAD TO COME! Oregon had to take steps to protect the motoring public from the reckless, financially irresponsible driver. Last year more than 70,000 automobile drivers were involved in accidents in this state.

Under wartime conditions the situation was getting worse. And so the Oregon Legislature, at the last session, passed a law patterned after successful laws in many other states. This "Oregon Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Law" goes into effect Wednesday, June 9.

Briefly, it requires the driver involved in an accident, whether at fault or not, to establish proof of financial responsibility in the amount of \$11,000; otherwise his car license and his driver's license will be revoked.

Financial responsibility can be established in any one of 3 ways:

- 1) Post cash or securities in the required amount
- 2) Provide a surety bond
- 3) Carry an automobile insurance policy (standard limits)

Please note, the law does not require you to buy insurance, although of course that is the easiest, cheapest and least complicated way to protect yourself.

If you already have a standard limits automobile insurance policy this new law does not affect you.

Drivers who would find it inconvenient to put up \$11,000 cash or post a bond should take out automobile insurance now. Insurance is always easier to secure before an accident than after an accident.

This law protects YOU—take steps to protect yourself!

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