

Wave After Wave of U.S. Planes Blasted Jap Ships To Bottom Off Kahili Base

(Editor's Note: Last Saturday morning United States army, navy and marine air forces in the South Pacific's greatest coordinated aerial attack up to that time, struck in wave after wave on the airdromes and anchorages of Kahili, a prime Japanese base in the Solomon Islands. In this delayed dispatch from U. S. air headquarters for the Solomons, War Correspondent Lief Erickson reports in fresh detail how the raid smashed the Japanese anchorage.)

By LEIF ERICKSON
GUADALCANAL, July 17 (Delayed) (AP) — Nine Japanese ships including a light cruiser and three destroyers were blasted and sunk off Kahili today in a raid by 192 United States planes smashing at the key Japanese base in the Solomon Islands with the heaviest air strike yet delivered in this area.

(Both a communique issued the day after the raid and stories from South Pacific headquarters listed only seven ships sunk and an eighth probably beached.)

The United States air command in the Solomons reported that 49 Japanese fighter planes were shot down in futile attempts at interception and that our losses were only five planes—three fighters, a dive bomber and a torpedo plane.

Enthusiastic and excited pilots returning from the attack said the enemy's anchorage at Kahili mission, midway between Buin and Kahili on southern Bougainville island, was filled with flaming, smoking wrecks.

In addition to the warships destroyed, three small cargo vessels and two tankers were sent to the bottom.

The light cruiser was blown apart by a direct hit amidships. One of the tankers also was shattered down to the stern by direct hits and resultant explosions.

"If we could give the Japanese the business like this every day he'd soon have his fingernails bitten off to his elbow," the air headquarters spokesman said.

Fellow pilots in a navy Avenger torpedo plane squadron gave Lieutenant Bill Rowbotham of Long Beach, Calif., credit for the direct hit which blew up the light cruiser. Rowbotham said both he and Lieutenant (jg) Lewis Sanders of Gordon, Neb., put their heavy bombs into the ship.

"I saw fire and smoke shoot up 2000 feet," Sanders said. "It was white smoke. That is an ammunition explosion."

The average Harvard student spends \$5000 to get his degree; 125 years ago the average cost was less than \$3000.

Details of How Allies Beat Axis at Propaganda Of Rome Bombing Disclosed

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON, July 23 (AP)—The United Nations beat the propaganda-minded axis to the punch by telling the world about the Rome bombing eight minutes after the first explosives fell on the capital of fascist Italy.

Details of how this was accomplished came out today, emphasizing how such generals as Dwight D. Eisenhower have added the propaganda weapon to the plane, tank and shell, in the global conflict.

Recognizing the high importance of getting out first with the allied story of the raid, the army made minute arrangements which went off without a hitch.

Just as the first bomb left its fortress bay, the plane flashed a signal to Algiers. That was at 2:13 a. m. PHT Monday.

Algiers relayed the information by shortwave to the U. S. army's Pentagon building in Washington.

There the news was broken to reporters who had been routed out of bed, and to an office of war information (OWI) man who had a telephone line open to New York.

At 2:21 exactly, before the

Oregon Cheddar Cheese Production Increased Over 1941

SALEM, July 23 (AP)—Oregon's cheddar cheese production in 1942 was up more than 2,400,000 pounds over 1941, while butter production dropped the same amount, the state department of agriculture said today.

Evaporated milk production totaled 38,200,000 pounds, a gain of 11,000,000 pounds, but this was offset by declines in production of condensed milk.

Dried milk production soared from 3,900,000 to 7,800,000 pounds.

Director of Agriculture E. L. Peterson said he doubted that 1943 production would be as high as in 1942.

Pelican VFW Buys More War Bonds

A \$1000 bond and a \$500 bond were purchased this week by Pelican post, No. 1383, VFW, adding to the several thousand dollars worth of bonds previously purchased by that organization.

The VFW auxiliary also purchased a \$300 bond at the same time.

Transportation News

KLEIN PROMOTED TO SP VICE PRESIDENT

Promotion of Herman W. Klein, from freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific company, Portland, to assistant vice-president, system freight traffic, San Francisco, to become effective at once, was announced this week.

He will be succeeded by F. C. Nelson, now freight traffic manager, central district, with headquarters in San Francisco.

Klein is widely known in transportation and general business circles throughout the Pacific northwest.

E. G. Childers, chief yard office clerk, at the Southern Pacific returned July 15 from a two weeks' vacation.

G. H. Kilborn, superintendent for the Shasta division of S. P., has been visiting here the past two days.

J. B. Foster, Southern Pacific yardmaster, has returned from a two-weeks' vacation.

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