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22nd Regiment Regains Lost Ground On Isle

By JAMES LINDSLEY

GUAM, May 16 (AP)—United States Marines battled furiously on the edge of Naha, capital of Okinawa island, today after retaking ground lost in the bloodiest Japanese counterattack of the offensive.

A British broadcast of a Reuters dispatch heard by CBS in New York said Naha had fallen to the Americans. There was no confirmation from U. S. headquarters.

The Japanese launched their counterattack around midnight Monday after a heavy artillery barrage, said Al Dopking, Associated Press war correspondent.

At dawn one 22nd marine regiment officer said "We've been fighting like maniacs since midnight." Dopking reported that before the battle was over one American company had only two men left out of 240. Another company had only eight survivors.

American headquarters said the marines not only beat back the Japanese but also drove the enemy into the interior of Takamotoji town with heavy losses.

Simultaneously, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced carrier plane raids destroyed or damaged 357 enemy aircraft and pounded 18 enemy airfields on the Japanese home islands of Honshu and Kyushu. Nimitz listed 176 aircraft destroyed, 108 either destroyed or damaged, and 73 machinegunned without observed results.

TRAPPED JAPS FIGHT SAVAGE DAVAO BATTLE

By DEAN SCHEDLER

MANILA, May 16 (AP)—Trapped Japanese troops fought a savage hand-to-hand battle today with Americans of the 24th infantry west of Davao city on Mindanao.

Maj. Gen. Roscoe B. Woodruff's battle-seasoned veterans attacked with knives, bayonets and even falling fists as the struggle mounted in savage fury. The battle raged in 12-foot cogon grass in foothills between the Talomo and Davao rivers.

Pincer Garrison

To the northwest, the 31st and 40th infantry divisions were pinning a large enemy garrison in Bukidnon province.

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DONOVAN TO AID IN PROSECUTION

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP) Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, chief of the highly secret office of strategic services, will help prosecute Europe's war criminals.

Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, designated by President Truman as this country's chief war crimes prosecutor, today announced the selection of Donovan and two other top assistants:

Sidney S. Alderman, general solicitor for the Southern Railway and Assistant Attorney General Francis M. Shea, both of Washington.

Jackson's announcement, issued by the war department, referred to the three as "experienced trial lawyers."

Donovan, a Congressional Medal of Honor winner in (Continued on Page Two)

Smoke Rationing Set By Military

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP) The armed forces will start rationing cigarettes, cigars and smoking tobacco at all military and naval establishments and prisoner of war camps in this country June 3.

Supplementing an earlier announcement by the war department, the navy said identical orders would be issued covering all navy, marine and coast guard stations.

As announced by the war department, military personnel, their dependents and authorized civilian employes will be allowed six packages of cigarettes, 24 cigars or four ounces of smoking tobacco weekly. Ration cards will be issued to all eligible persons.

The navy announced that orders covering the navy, marine corps and coast guard services are now being prepared and will be promulgated immediately.

Max Schmeling In Prison Camp

PARIS, May 16 (AP)—Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight boxing champion who was reported several times to have been killed in the war, sneered at the mention of Joe Louis when he was seen in a prison camp, Stars and Stripes reported today.

The army newspaper said Maj. Clement Wheeler, USAF officer from San Antonio, Tex., talked with "der Max" for more than two hours recently when he visited a prison camp behind American lines to which Schmeling fled.

Pointers On Mowing Lawns

It's just a suggestion, but before you start mowing the lawn you could run over it with a fine toothed comb and remove all pebbles and dog bones. Or better still, borrow the state highway department's big magnet, which will probably be as big as your front yard anyway and you'll just have to turn it around and the job's done, and get out all the big nails and slugs of metal.

This warning, free and without obligation to the customer accepting same, is to aid in keeping the lawnmower in a fair state of repair. As you know, lawnmowers bit the dust along with real rubber girdles and automobiles. War casualties, all.

One repair house reported 42 lawnmowers lined up, patiently waiting the gentle hand which would sharpen the blades, fix the ratchets in the gears, and in general put them back on lawns most of which resemble a good stand of alfalfa with this week's soaking.

All-in-all, this same repair house said some 300 lawnmowers had been in for an overhaul job since spring.

If it takes too long to get your lawnmower fixed, you might rent a horse, a band of sheep, or like our little feller in the picture, sharpen a scythe.

APPROVAL OF DEFENSE PLAN ASSURED U. S.

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16 (AP)—A United States plan guaranteeing to any group of United Nations the right to organize for collective defense goes before the world security conference today backed by enough votes to assure its eventual approval.

The plan is designed primarily to give the Pan-American defense system a strong and permanent position within the proposed world security organization.

Treaty Proposed

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YUGOSLAV DEMANDS CONFUSE SITUATION

By LYNN HEINZELING
KLAGENFURT, Austria, May 16 (AP)—Yugoslav demands in the Austrian province of Carinthia presented the allied powers today with a confused and extremely delicate situation.

Two distinct military administrations are functioning in this provincial capital, with Yugoslav military authorities operating seemingly as if the British eighth army did not exist, although British military police patrol the streets and the military strength in the area is predominantly British.

The situation in Klagenfurt has not reached the tenseness of that in Trieste, but obviously some agreement must be reached so the eighth army either will turn its job over to Marshal Tito's partisans or carry out the task it entered Austria (Continued on Page Two)

Government Demobilizes Swiss Army

BERN, May 16 (AP)—Although Swiss newspapers were commenting extensively upon dangers in the Polish and Trieste questions, the government was proceeding today with demobilization of the Swiss army.

The newspaper Berner Tagwacht said in a front page editorial that the fear of a new war had prompted the western allies to arm Italy with equipment the British and American armies left behind.

Tagwacht said Russia was now establishing a cordon sanitaire on her western borders even as the western powers after the last war erected buffer states against communism.

Jap Troops Cut Off In China

CHUNGKING, May 16 (AP)—A large force of Japanese troops cut off from their main base at Paoching after an unsuccessful attempt to retake Rungkow, 55 miles to the west, are attempting to fight their way through Chinese lines in Hunan province, headquarters of the Chinese combat command said today.

The combat command, under Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure, said the Japanese pocket stretched roughly from an area 22 miles northeast of Tungkuo, which is on the Paoching-Chingkiang highway, to a point 31 miles southeast. Most escape routes to the east toward Paoching, main base of the abortive Japanese drive in Hunan, are in Chinese hands.

Tapped For The "85" Club



Still dizzy, wild-eyed and bewildered but wearing huge and apparently permanent grins, the group of more than 100 enlisted men cheer as they prepare to leave Camp Beale, Calif., for home under the new point release system.

Highway Commissioners To Handle Road-Naming Puzzle

PORTLAND, May 16 (AP)—The state highway commissioners today had the problem of naming highway 99 or 97 the main inter-regional route plunked in their lap after two opposing Oregon delegations argued merits of routes passing through their districts.

Spokesmen for Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties argued the Medford-Ashland road served twice as many people as a proposed routing over highway 97 through Klamath Falls. Chamber of commerce officers said agriculture and lumbering will expand after the war.

Malcolm Epley, managing editor of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, told the commis-

Gigantic Moving Problem Faces Army Leaving Europe

PARIS, May 16 (AP)—The gigantic task of preparing millions of tons of war material for quick shipment from Europe to the Pacific theater fell today to the U. S. army.

Brig. Gen. Morris W. Gilland, deputy chief of staff for supply in the European theater, whose organization must supervise the job, said that V-E day found the American armies with more than 5,500,000 tons of supplies on the continent.

Packing Problem

It is a problem of rehabilitating, packing and shipping much of this material, which includes 700,000 tons of ammunition and more than a million separate

William DeCew Liberated, Report

Another Klamath Falls airman, reported missing since March 2 of this year, has been liberated from a German prison camp it was learned today when Mrs. Thirza DeCew was advised that her husband, S/Sgt. William DeCew, was "back with the military control."

The message was received this morning from the war department.

Sgt. DeCew was shot down while on a bombing mission over Glessen, Germany. Nothing had been heard as to his status as a prisoner of war, since the message that he was missing reached here in March. Details as to his liberation were not learned. Mrs. DeCew called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William DeCew Sr., Great Falls, Mont., and relayed the good news to them.

Conference Set On War Crimes

LONDON, May 16 (AP)—An international conference on German war crimes will start in London May 31, it was announced today by the United Nations war crimes commission.

The commission also announced it had arranged for "certain European governments" to send investigation officers into Germany to help military authorities gather evidence of war crimes there.

DOENITZ MEN NOT OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT

Officers Used During Disarmament Only

By TOM OCHILTREE
Associated Press Staff Writer

Supreme allied headquarters announced today that the group of German officers led by Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz is being used temporarily by the allies during the disarmament of the reich but is not recognized as constitutional German government.

The announcement said that Doenitz and other selected German officers are being used temporarily to carry out duties in connection with the feeding, disarmament and medical care of German forces. It specified that these officers "are fully controlled."

Not to Take Burden

Earlier, Prime Minister Churchill, appearing before the house of commons against a background of questions concerning Doenitz' exact role, said that in general it was the intention of the allies "that Germans should administer their country in obedience to allied directions," and the allies did not intend to assume the full burden of administering Germany.

Supreme headquarters said German participation in administration of the reich will be for a long time on low levels, particularly in the rural areas. The German high command will be dissolved.

Krosigk Out

Count Ludwig Schwerin von Krosigk, so far as the allies are concerned, does not exist officially as Doenitz' foreign minister, Robert Murphy, political advisor to Gen. Eisenhower, said.

Without making a direct mention of Doenitz, Churchill said: "I am not sure whether any machinery of government, whether central or regional, can be said to exist at present in Germany and in any case I should prefer in replying to this question to speak of administration rather than government."

Allied Supervision

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Kawano is survived by his wife, Sode; two daughters, Natuko and Mary; three sons, Thomas, James and Jack. PFC Jack Kawano is in the army, and at the latest report was serving in Italy. The family has notified the Red Cross of his father's death and the soldier will be informed. A stepson, Shizuo Takaki, also survives.

The Kawano family formerly lived in Loomis, Calif., near Sacramento.

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The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Japs on Okinawa make a desperate counterattack last night. They hit suddenly with fanatical fury that our front echelons—cooks, bakers, mechanics—had to drop their skillet pans and grab rifles. The fighting was at close quarters. Eyes and bayonets were used. Grenades flew like snowballs. The little yellow men were repulsed, but one of our companies had only TWO men left of 240 and another had only 1 left.

... Mindanao, in the Philippines, the same kind of close quarter fighting on one point near Davao our and the Japs fight in grass and high. They use bayonets knives—even slug each other helmets and fists and grapple like wrestlers. One dead American plane and another wearing airdrop gear, wearing airdrop gear, seek to rush into our lines and human bombs of them, but the explosive is set by our bullets before they get

... RE coming to think of these Japs as silly little savages can think of nothing better than committing suicide and getting it over with. They are fanatical warriors. DING THEIR LIVES FOR E—time for hard-pressed to get herself better ordered to meet our coming onslaught. The Japs, with their smashed and their air force falling, are in much the same as the British found them in after Dunkerque.

... the time being, we are compelled by the circumstances of the Jap game. We have bases, such as Okinawa, to GET AT the Jap in Philippines. In order to get things back into gear, we OVER-ALL, operating with plenty of room. It is taken for granted that play the game the Jap no longer than we have to.

... ITZ confirms today that our carrier planes did raid up home islands two days ago, as Tokyo radio reported. We bombed up 18 airfields destroyed or damaged 357 planes. We shot up Jap tank boats, snarled things generally for the enemy—all loss of ten of our planes for those who were lost, less costly than the kind thing were having to do in Okinawa and in the Philip-

... is fighting the war OUR Europe, we're coming to see inevitably in the wake (Continued on Page Two)

Hayes Able To Talk Here

... verable flying conditions led Sam Hayes, veteran radio newscaster, to Wednesday noon luncheon meeting here and regrets telephoned by Hayes from at noon.

... up in Eugene, Hayes' proceeded on to Medford to weather in the mountains, could not reach Klam-

... Denton J. Rees, Klamath nationalist, veteran of Bataan separated prisoner of Cam in the Philippines, stepped into the speaker's place and out an excellent address. Rees discussed the psychology of the fighter, explained the suicide attacks while in and said, in his opinion, there would never be a surrender of the Japs such as witnessed in Ger-

... Rees was well accepted for several hundred who for the inter-service section at the Willard, included Lions, Rotary, Soroptimist and the County chamber of Commerce. Vern Owens was visit here was to cre-

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