

Caves Of Iwo Jima Reveal Grim Picture Of Japanese

By GEORGE McARTHUR
IWO JIMA (AP) — Unknown thousands of Japanese soldiers lie buried in honeycombed caves beneath Iwo Jima while American Marines ironically practice on the 8-year-old battlefield to defend Japan.

An Air Force Captain who has studied the fantastic underground defenses said "I've seen at least 5,000 bodies."

A Marine engineer said "There may be 10,000 bodies here. We all know there were 20,000 Japanese here and only a handful got off. It stands to reason the rest are still down in the caves."

The bodies are not buried. They rest where the men died or were carried.

The caves have been placed off limits by the military. However, many bodies have been uncovered accidentally by demolition squads exploding old ammunition and

sealing off caves for maneuvers by the 3rd Marine Division—part of the American force committed to the defense of Japan.

CAVES SEALED
 Marine Maj. Roland M. Daly of Spokane, Wash., reported sealing off two caves, one with 500 bodies and the second with up to 1,400. Although his estimates were hasty and probably high, demolition men report finding some bodies in almost every big cave.

The caves are littered with old and dangerous ammunition and explosives.

Chaplain Capt. George S. Bieber, Williamsburg, Pa., has made an extensive study of the underground positions since he came to the island in October, 1953. He has mapped 18 fantastic underground honeycombs scattered over the five mile long island. He has made no effort to map the hundreds of smaller caves.

He is confident he is on the track of the General's Cave, last command post of Lt. Gen. Tadachichi Kuribayashi, who defended the island to the death. The general's fate has never been conclusively proved. With him may be documents detailing the full grim picture of the underground defense.

STUCCO
 Many bodies rest where men committed suicide. Some line passageways where they were placed in an effort to keep the Marines from determining the extent of Japanese casualties. Some wounded were apparently simply abandoned to die. Some are found in the bunks carved in the side of the caves.

Many Japanese were buried in mass graves after the Marines seized the island. Bodies later were taken from some of the caves and buried. But many caves—including the mysterious General's Cave—were never located, or even suspected.

Some of the caves extend seven levels down, literally honeycombing the volcanic island.

Bieber's studies of the caves have become more or less official. He has had to use oxygen on one of his deep explorations. The caves are oppressively hot and sulphur fumes fill many.

The intense heat and the sulphur fumes may have preserved some bodies.

When the island fell, Marines sealed off hundreds of caves.

REOPENED
 Erosion and earthquakes reopen the passages. Blasting to seal one entrance may reopen others. And the depths of many of the caves have never been reached. On one blast recently set off a chain reaction and explosions continued for hours.

Bieber found one laboratory which had apparently been scorched by a flamethrower. The doctor was there with a blackened telescope and wristwatch. Burned vials, medicines and microscopes lined the cave wall.

Bieber found one Japanese wearing a uniform with no insignia. By him was a message which told the defenders of Iwo Jima to prepare themselves since much United States activity had been noticed around Okinawa.



THE WEATHERFORD STAMPS QUARTET, from Los Angeles, California, will be featured in a program at the Church of the Nazarene, corner of Garden and Martin Streets, Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend their musical program of old and new religious songs.

Kidnap Reward Offer Told

PORTLAND (AP) — The sharp-featured man who tried to abduct George Brice III from school last week for ransom continued elusive Tuesday but a \$5,000 reward kept interest spurred.

The reward, offered by a citizens' group unidentified by Police Chief James Purcell, was for information leading to arrest and conviction.

Numerous men have been picked up, questioned, then released. Latest was Monday when what was called a "hot" lead was developed in the arrest of a man near Oregon City. It turned out an error, though, when Mrs. Brice, the boy's mother and wife of a wealthy realtor, and others who had been present at the abduction attempt said it was not the wanted man.

The abduction was upset Friday because Catlin-Hillside school which the Brice boy attends was not having spring vacation. Public schools were closed and when the man learned at the Brice home that the boy was in school, he forced Mrs. Brice to drive him there, then let her go in at first alone. He followed later and that led to rumple in which an instructor was slightly wounded. The man then fled.

Roving Cyclist On Long Trip

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Walter E. Devine cycled into Maryland's capital yesterday, got the governor's autograph and said he had only nine more to go.

The 32-year-old cyclist, red hair billowing from under a hunter's cap and his chin, said he started out by bike from Portland, Ore., in 1952. He claimed 16,000 miles on his log, photographs, signatures and state seals from 39 governors.

"Going to All States on This Bike" was emblazoned on his yellow corduroy shirt.

Hoover Warns U.S. Police

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has warned the nation's police to be on guard against possible attempts to smuggle small atomic weapons into the United States.

Hoover, it was learned Monday night, sent a letter to all police officers early this year, giving them an idea of what to look for.

The letter, reportedly sent out with President Eisenhower's approval, contained descriptions of two atomic devices coupled with advice against amateur attempts to dismantle any suspicious device. The officers were urged to notify the nearest FBI office, if they should discover such an object.

Hoover was understood to have suggested that police pay special attention to any article that is very heavy for its size.

The U.S. Customs Service, which checks luggage of travelers at ports of entry, already is under orders to watch carefully for possible atomic weapons.

The New York Times said Tuesday Hoover's letter was accompanied by detailed descriptions of two types of bombs that might be smuggled into the country. One was a sphere-shaped device and the other a gun barrel device.

The fissionable plutonium or uranium used in such bombs, the description said, is heavy for its size and 50 pounds would be no larger than a softball.

Students Report On Music Meet

Klamath Union High School students who were selected to play in the All-State Orchestra at Portland returned Saturday and reported fine training under Director Frank d'Andrea. Students were transported in private cars by parents and teachers.

Three days of intensive training was climaxed for the students by a concert in the Civic Auditorium Friday, March 19, of the full 150-piece orchestra composed of outstanding student musicians of Oregon.

Students who made the trip from here are Jewell Shannon, Florence Lampropoulos, Betty Baggett, Pat Iseensee, Judy Brauner, Janice Shaw, Helen Cramer, Lucy Cornelius, Shirley Woodard, Kay Jensen, Tommy Grigsby, Kenny Jensen and Marion Mullen.

Adults making the trip are Walter P. Smith, KUHS orchestra director; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Jensen; Mrs. E. J. Mullen and Chester Newton, KUHS instructor.

Conference Held On Atomic Burns

TOKYO (AP) — The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's top medical specialist conferred Tuesday with diplomats and scientists concerning 23 Japanese fishermen showered by radioactive ashes in a mighty hydrogen test blast.

Prof. Merrill Eisenbud, director of the AEC's health and safety laboratory, talked with U.S. Ambassador John M. Allison and other officials.

He will meet Wednesday with Japanese doctors treating the fishermen, who were injured March 1.

The U.S. Embassy said Eisenbud was under strict orders "to say nothing — or as little as possible." It stressed that his orders forbade even an informal press conference.

The scientist arrived Monday night and was whisked to a U.S. Army hotel under tight security restrictions.

ITALIAN RIOT

ROME (AP) — Riot police broke up a student demonstration Tuesday demanding the return of Trieste to Italy. About 100 of the youths were marched off to police headquarters.

J.D. Swift Rites Planned

Funeral services for Justin Denton Swift, resident of Klamath Falls since 1911, will be held Wednesday, March 24, 3 p.m., from O'Hair's Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. D. L. Proett, Peace Memorial Church, officiating.

Mr. Swift was born April 6, 1869 in Iowa and was brought west to Eastern Oregon when five years old.

He was identified with farming and livestock raising near Klamath Falls, and lived at one time on Bare Island in upper Klamath Lake where he grazed cattle. He was also employed for some years by the Larum Lumber Company, Modoc Point.

He was a member of the Woodman of the World at one time and attended the Pelican City Community Church.

Mrs. Swift died many years ago, and Mr. Swift did not remarry.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Vera Martin, Stockton, California, Mrs. Mattie Coon, Peck, Idaho, and Lucille Swift, Oakland, California.

RED ATTACK
HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The French army announced today its troops had beaten off a big new Vietminh attack on the besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu. They claimed to have destroyed one company of the Communist-led rebels.

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