

OKINAWA

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Sumoto

Our fighting men
~~The tanks~~ on Okinawa ~~are~~ are meeting
~~met~~ desperate resistance,
even fiercer than on Iwo, but in spite of that they pushed
forward a mile and a quarter today. They reached a point
less than half a mile from Yonabaru City, the eastern
anchor of the Jap defense line on Okinawa. It was the
most successful job ~~they~~ they'd done in two weeks,
because they captured the airfield. In the northern
suburbs of the city of Naha, the defenders stopped the
advance of the Leathernecks.

Dispatches from Guam report that the capture of
Naha is no longer a matter of first importance, because
the city is devastated. The next objective is a place
called Shuri, the center of the battlefield.

Admiral Nimitz announced today that since Easter
Sunday, the American troops have either taken or wrecked
three hundred and eighty-six big calibre enemy guns.

In all this they have been helped by heavy
gunfire from cruisers, battleships and destroyers of the
Pacific fleet.

PACIFIC

Those five hundred Superforts that raided Japan have left more than a quarter of the City of Nagoya in ruins. The B-29s were over the third largest city of Japan for almost an hour and a half, and dropped their fire bombs at the rate of forty tons a minute.

According to the Tokyo radio, they also attacked targets on the islands of Shikoku and Honshu. They were escorted by fighter planes. Colonel Carl Storrie of Denton, Texas, reported that they did a ^{great}~~damn good~~ job, and he said: "A couple more like that and we can scratch Nagoya off the list."

The Twenty-First Bomber Command reports only two Superforts were lost by enemy action. Flak was meagre, and fighter resistance in the air not aggressive.

JAPAN

Baron Suzuki, Premier of Japan, has called upon the subjects of the Mikado to form a Peoples' Volunteer Corps, somewhat on the lines of Germany's Volksturm. He called a meeting of the forty-six governors of the prefectures of the home country and urged them to obtain the cooperation of all the people of the home islands. The Japanese know full well that they may expect an invasion of those islands, and one thing that bothers them sorely is that they don't know when, or whether it will be preceded by an Allied landing on the Asiatic mainland.

CHINA

On the mainland, the Chinese armies that defeated three Japanese divisions last week are ready to cash in on the results of the victory. They are closing in on what is left of the Mikado's units, which will probably be wiped out. Major General McClure, in command of the Chinese army, estimated that recent battles have cost the Japanese in central China more than eleven ~~mm~~ thousand casualties, and he said that was conservative.

There are further indications that the movements on the Chinese mainland are preparing for amphibious operations by the Allied command. The Chinese who moved into the east coast port of Soochow have been reinforced, and heavy street fighting is now going on.

PHILIPPINES

In the Philippines,
^ tonight the Yanks have control of all the northern coast of Mindanao. General MacArthur tonight tells us that Philippine guerrillas have captured the port of Cagayan in northern Luzon, and the Twenty-Fifth U.S. Infantry Division has captured the pass which is the gateway to the Cagayan Valley.

In other words, we are surely and not so slowly conquering one after another of the Japanese positions in the Philippines.

Meanwhile, the Australians of the Sixth Division have progressed further and further on the northern coast of New Guinea.

LUCE

Russia will join us in the war against Japan, says Representative Clare Luce of Connecticut. The Soviet Union cannot afford to stay out, she thinks. Furthermore, she is one of those who believes that the Pacific war will be over sooner than many people expect, probably within a year.

In this Mrs. Luce goes against those who are actually engaged in the job of subjugating Japan, the admirals and generals.

RUSSIA

Still more war news from Europe. The Red Army today took a hundred and seventy thousand more German prisoners. They include ten generals, making the total Russian bag a hundred and one German generals captured. Since V-E Day on Tuesday, the Russians have taken one million, two hundred and thirty thousand prisoners.

An American soldier today received a decoration from the Russian Army. Lieutenant Robert L. Kotzebue of Houston, Texas, who commanded the first American patrol that made contact with the Red Army near Reisa, on the Elbe. This, by the way, was the first time, so far as I know, that credit has been given for what happened on that historic occasion.

Well, that's not quite true. Lieutenant William D. Robertson of Los Angeles, has already been mentioned and given publicity. But Lieutenant Robertson's patrol joined the Russians at Torgau, four hours after Lieutenant Kotzebue and his men made contact near Reisa -- two days after I took a look at the Russians at both Reisa and Torgau in the P-51 in which I afterwards flew on to Berlin.

At Leipzig, at a special ceremony, General Courtney Hodges, commander of the First Army, also presented the Order of the Legion of Merit to Colonel-General Shadov, Commander of the Fifth Russian Guards Army. Shadov, in turn, presented the Order of Suvarov First Class to Hodges.

But we hear that the highpoint of the ceremony came when Lieutenant Bob Kotzebue of Texas A. & M. was decorated by the Russians.

Kotzebue, by the way, sounds like a Russian name. Alaska once belonged to the Russians, and along the coast of Alaska there is a body of water, which lies between Russian territory and North America, the name of which is Kotzebue Sound.

WAR CRIMINALS

Still no definite news about Heinrich Himmler, former chief of the Nazi Gestapo. It was officially denied today that Himmler either had surrendered or been captured by the Allies.

The only definite information about him is that the United Nations War Criminals Commission has indicted him and charged him with mass murder, naming specifically the massacre at Lidice and the Nazi program for exterminating Jews. At least five of the governments of the United Nations have filed accusations against Himmler.

In Moscow, the Russian official newspaper IZVESTIA, calls for the immediate trial and execution of Doenitz, Goering, General von Falkenhorst, and many others.

There have been many caustic remarks about courtesies American army officers have extended to Goering.

Said a Paris radio commentator: "The generous Americans invited him to lunch." And he added: "One would ~~ink~~ think we were back in the old days when opposing leaders were bowing to each other."

General Eisenhower made reply to all this, today. "Any such instances," he said, "have been in direct violation of my express and long standing orders." And he added that any past instances of this nature are the results of faulty judgment on the part of individuals, who will be personally acquainted with expressions of his, Eisenhower's, definite disapproval. Said he: "In the name of this great force and in my own, I regret these occurrences."

In other words, no more friendly luncheon parties for captured Nazi big shots.

U-BOATS

An American flag officer today accepted the surrender of the first German warship to give itself up to the forces of the United States since V-E Day. ~~As a~~ ~~matter of fact, it was~~ ^Q ~~Nazi~~ ^{-- the} Submarine [^] U-Eight-Fifty-eight. [^] ~~Actually, she was~~ ^{She is in fact} the first German under-water boat to be taken intact by the United States since the beginning of the war. ~~She is~~ [^] a seven hundred and forty toner, two-hundred-and-forty feet long. In addition to anti-aircraft guns, she ^{is armed with} ~~had~~ [^] hundred and five millimeter and [^] a thirty-seven millimeter cannon.

Her approach was not unexpected. She was out of Hamburg eight weeks and had not fired a single torpedo in that time. She had made contact with our Navy as long ago as last Wednesday, by order of Nazi Admiral Doenitz. The U-boat came to the surface three hundred miles south of Cape May, brought out a black flag as a signal of surrender, and ^{then made} ~~attained~~ [^] radio contact with our ^{people,} ~~men-o-war.~~ [^] Tonight the Stars and Stripes fly over U-boat Eight-fifty-eight.

The surrender was made to Commander J.P. Norsleet, on behalf of Rear Admiral Draemel, Task Force Commander under Vice Admiral Leary in command of the Eastern Sea Frontier. Most of her crew were taken aboard an American destroyer, but nineteen of them were left on the submarine, as hostages, just to make sure they wouldn't scuttle her.

Further north, another U-boat surrender to the Canadian Navy off the Newfoundland Grand Banks, and tomorrow still another is approaching the coast of New Hampshire under escort.

So far, altogether nineteen U-boats have surrendered, of which fifteen are now in British ports. A hundred or so, more have been found in nests along the coasts of France and Norway.

Naval circles in London today said the German submarines will be junked. That the Allies do not need them in Europe, and if they were used against Japan, it would be a breach of the neutrality of Russia.

GERMANY

The new Nazi Fuehrer evidently has hopes of cajoling the Allies into continuing a Nazi government of Germany, or at least a strong authoritarian government. Count von Krosigk, the so-called Foreign Minister under Admiral Doenitz, says Germany will go Bolshevik unless there is a strong totalitarian ruler to keep them within bounds. Hunger, he says, will bring chaos, and chaos will bring a political swing either to the right or to the left.

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DIETRICH

The most exciting military news from Europe today concerns a dance given by General Omar Bradley last night. Bradley's headquarters are at a pleasant little German watering place not far from Kassel. The chief center of attraction was not the General himself, it was Marlene Dietrich. Robert Meyer of the United Press reports that her sweet shins were kicked around by more army boots than she'll ever care to remember.

Never, says Bob Meyer, has there been so much pulling of rank since the Yanks hit the beaches. A plain lieutenant just didn't have a look in.

General Bradley got a dance with Dietrich, and for a while there was nobody who dared to tap him on the shoulder and say, "Excuse me, may I cut in?" Finally, a Colonel got up his courage, and General Bradley took it with a smile and yielded the fair Marlene into the arms of his subordinate.

BONDS

Here are messages from two of our leading Admirals, about the latest War Bond Drive. Says Admiral Nimitz:-
"The Seventh War Loan Drive is timed to coincide with the drive of our fleets, air forces and ground troops to the very gates of the Japanese Empire. Now is YOUR chance to increase YOUR share in the coming victory."

To which Admiral Halsey adds: "Your fighting men are looking for good news from home, that the Seventh War Loan has been subscribed. Let the good news come!"

CONFERENCE

The conference at San Francisco today ~~accomplished~~ accomplished something important, though it was not exactly spectacular. Four of the big five powers agreed on a formula for including such regional systems as the Pan-American Union into the new organization for world peace. Russia was not in agreement, because Molotov was not there. Accordingly, the Soviet delegation had to cable to Moscow for instructions. It was one of the most difficult problems of the conference. There were no fewer than seven drafts before the ~~ix~~ four big powers represented came to an agreement.

EDEN

The British Foreign Secretary, on his way home from San Francisco, was at the White House today for half an hour. He had an audience with President Truman, *after which* ~~and~~ all he would say about their conversation was that they discussed subjects of mutual concern, *but that* They did not talk about the conference at San Francisco, because it seems to be getting along quite well under the able guidance of Secretary Stettinius. *Anthony* Eden told reporters he had no idea whether the heads of the Big Three powers intend to meet soon.

KENNEDY

The incident of Edward Kennedy of the Associated Press and the premature story of German surrender was officially closed today. Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force in Paris makes the announcement and ~~xx~~ says at the same time that Kennedy has been discredited and ordered to return to the United States. Likewise his assistant, Morton Gudebrod. Correspondent Robert Bunnelle of the London Bureau of the Associated Press, who was suspended, has been reinstated.

Ed Kennedy himself says that his conscience is clear in the matter, and that he did what he considered to be his duty. He further adds that he himself is responsible for the actions of Gudebrod, who was under his instructions.

DEWEY

Governor Tom Dewey, speaking at Ithaca, New York, at the dedication of a huge new frozen food plant to be used by the staff of Cornell University for research, said that this and similar plants all over the country will solve the problem of encouraging farmers to grow more food; also will help stabilize markets, prevent crops of vegetables and fruit from going to waste, and will improve our American diet. In other words improve the nation's health.

An official of the French Food Ministry said today that if the people of France are to be adequately fed, that country will have to import three million tons of meat, one million for France, and two million for French Africa.

At Washington, a committee of Congress, which has been studying the food problem, issued a report that there has been too much government interference.

Representative Jenkins of Ohio insists that the suggestion that the government take over direct control of our food distribution system is the worst possible answer to the impending crisis. The production and distribution of food, said he, should be classified as an essential war industry.

WINDSOR

Who will be the next Governor General of
Canada? Why, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Windsor!

At any rate, so says the Detroit Free Press. The Free
Press today says it has positive information that H.R.H.
will occupy the palace at Ottawa -- probably within
a month.

MORMONS

In the inter-mountain states of the West, several millions of people will be affected by the news of the death of Heber F. Grant, head of the Mormon Church.

His official title was ^{Prophet} ~~Prophet~~ Seer and Revelator of the Church ~~of Jesus Christ~~ of Latter Day Saints. In that

capacity, he was one of the most influential ^{men in} ~~persons west~~

^{America.} ~~of the Rocky Mountains~~ The heads of the Mormon Church

for the last half century have been ^a strong conservative influence.

~~President~~ Heber Grant had been ill for more than two years. He was eighty-eight years old; and, ^{an} ~~the most~~ interesting ^{personality; and,} ~~character.~~ ^{He was} the first native born citizen of Utah to become President of his Church, an office he held for twenty-six years. Although a pacifist, he urged all members of his Church to join the armed forces of the United States and support every phase of the nation's war effort.

SPY

A ~~good~~ spy story from Quebec comes to light tonight for the first time. At New Carlisle, in the Province of Quebec, an innkeeper was waked up at half past six in the morning of November Ninth, Nineteen Forty-Two.

The guest who disturbed him registered as William Branton of Toronto. He was in civilian clothes. When he checked out, he paid his bill with two one-dollar bills of ancient date and size. That aroused the suspicions of the innkeeper, who telephoned the provincial police.

Detectives made a search of the man's room and found a box of matches made in Belgium. Thereupon a plain-clothes man trailed the suspect to the railway station and climbed on the train with him.

After observing him for some time, the detective questioned the socalled William Branton. His papers appeared to be all right and he said he was a radio salesman in Toronto. But the cop went through William Branton's luggage and found there a sending-receiving

radio set, a loaded Mauser revolver, chocolate, pills and clothing.

Of course, the possession of the radio set alone was warrent enough for arresting him. He asked to be booked as a prisoner-of-war, because he knew too much, but he was arrested as a spy and turned out to be a German marine lieutenant. He had procured the identification papers of William Branton from the body of a Canadian who perished in the famous Dieppe Raid of September, Nineteen Forty-Two. A German submarine had brought him to Canada, the most powerful in the German Navy.

Censorship still conceals information of what was done to this spy, but King George the Sixth long since decorated the detective who nabbed him.

MOVIES

Many newspapers and magazines every year publish lists of the ten best movies. The Harvard Lampoon is always refreshing, because it compiles lists of the ten worst. In the Lampoon's list are "Hollywood Canteen", "Follow the Boys", "Till We Meet Again", "Thousands Cheer", and "Winged Victory." Among the worst discoveries of recent times, says the Lampon, are Maria Montez, Frank Sinatra, and/or Van Johnson. The most frightening, says the undergraduates' magazine, are the Andrew Sisters in anything but a total blackout. —

Tut Tut, Boys. What say
you Hugh?