

UNDATED PACIFIC WAR:-

POWERS OF THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS BY ORDER OF AMERICAN ADMIRAL. THE REPORT OF ADMIRAL CHESTER W NIMITZ TODAY AS "MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS" FORMALLY ESTABLISHED AMERICAN MILITARY AUTHORITY IN THE FIRST PRE-WAR JAPANESE TERRITORY TO BE INVADDED BY U.S. FORCES. ACTUALLY THE CHANGE SO FAR HAS AFFECTED ONLY KWAJALEIN ATOLL, WHERE A POWERFUL AMERICAN FLEET STANDS BY READY TO REPEL ANY JAPANESE ATTEMPT TO SAVE THEIR MANDATED ISLAND OR TO STRIKE AT OTHER MID PACIFIC OUTPOSTS OF THE RISING SUN. THE AMERICAN SHIPS STEAMED INTO SPACIOUS KWAJALEIN LAGOON, SOME 2,000 MILES FROM TOKYO, TUESDAY. THIS WAS THE CLOSEST A UNITED STATES FLEET HAS ANCHORED TO THE HOME ISLANDS OF NIPPON IN THIS WAR. STILL NEARER TOKYO, TWO NAVY BOMBERS FROM THE AEUPIANS, RAIDED PARAMUSHIRO WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND RETURNED SAFELY WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING ANY OPPOSITION, THE NAVY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY. THIS WAS THE TENTH RAID IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS ON JAPAN'S MOST NORTHERLY NAVAL BASE; AT THE NORTHERN TIP OF KWAJALEIN ATOLL, IN THE MARSHALLS. SEABEES, PRESUMABLY, WERE TRANSFORMING SHELL SHATTERED ROI ISLET INTO THE FINEST AIRBASE IN THE MARSHALLS, A NEW SPRINGBOARD FOR STRIKING AT ENEMY BASES IN ANY DIRECTION. BUT FOR THE DISMEMBERED BODIES OF JAPANESE LYING AMONG THE DEBRIS AND TWISTED GUN BARRELS THE SCENE AT ROI ADJACENT NAMUR RESEMBLED CONEY ISLAND ON A HOT SUMMER DAY AS MARINES POURED SUPPLIES ONTO THE CRODDED BEACHES. ARMY TROOPS BROUGHT TANKS INTO PLAY TO ANNHILATE THE NERVE WRACKED REMNANTS OF THE KWAJALEIN ISLETS GARRISON IN THE OSOUTH AFTER MARINES HAD WIPED OUT JAPANESE OF ROI AND NAMUR WITH BAZOOKAS, FLAMETHROWERS, LIGHT ARTILLERY, AND MACHINE GUNS. FROM THE START IT WAS A HOPELESS FIGHT FOR THE ENEMY DRIVEN TO THE VERGE OF INSANITY BY TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT THAT CRUMBLED PILLBOXES AND TORE OPEN SUPPOSEDLY IMPREGNABLE BLOCKHOUSES. "MAYBE WE HAD TOO MANY MEN AND SHIPS FOR THIS JOB," COMMENTED REAR ADMIRAL RICHMOND K TURNER, COMMANDER OF AMPHIBIOUS FORCES. BUT "IT WAS MANY LIVES SAVED FOR US AND SHOULD BE DISCOURAGING TO JAPS EVERYWHERE TO KNOW THAT WHEN WE HIT WE REALLY HIT HARD AND FOR KEEPS" A CHINESE ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT JAPANESE WERE CONCENTRATING TROOPS IN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN CHINA POSSIBLY FOR DRIVES TO ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE THE CHINESE HELD SEGMENTS OF RAILWAYS RUNNING THE LENGTH OF CHINA. SUCH AN OPERATION IF SUCCESSFUL WOULD AID THE NIPPONESE MERCHANT FLEET IN SUPPLYING SOUTHERN FRONT. THE CHUNGKING SPOKEMAN SAID THE ENEMY HAS EIGHT DIVISIONS IN BURMA. THEY USED ONLY FOUR TO CONQUER THE COUNTRY. AMERICAN TRAINED CHINESE FANNED OUT THROUGH THE JUNGLES OF NORTHERN BURMA TO EXTERMINATE ISOLATED ENEMY MACHINE GUNS NESTS WHILE OTHER ALLIED FORCES CAPTURED ANOTHER VILLAGE ON THE UPPER CHINDWIN. GENERAL MACARTHUR'S COMMUNIQUE TODAY REPORTED THAT EIGHTY JAPANESE PLANES WERE DESTROYED DURING A SURPRISE MIDDAY ATTACK ON WEWAK. TO THE SOUTHEAST TWO AUSTRALIAN COLUMNS PRESSED CLOSER TO THE MADANG SHIPPING CENTER, ONE PUSHING UP THE COAST AND THE OTHER FIGHTING FROM THE INTERIOR RAMU VALLEY. PATROL CLASHES WERE REPORTED ON BOUGAINVILLE WITH 40 JAPS SLAIN. A 6,000 TON JAP MERCHANT SHIP WAS SUNK AT KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND.

WITH THE NAVY DEPARTMENTS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TENTH BOMBING OF PARAMUSHIRO COMES A REPORT FROM TOKYO THAT THE IMPERIAL FORCES DEFENDING THE ISLAND HAD REPULSED A LARGE NAVAL AND AIR FORCE. THE JAPANESE SPOKEMAN WAS QUOTED AS BELIEVING THE OPERATIONS WAS AN AMPHIBIOUS ONE AIMED AT THE CAPTURE OF THE ISLAND. BUT DUE MAINLY TO THE BITTER RESISTANCE PUT UP BY THE CRACKED JAPANESE FORCES, ANY EFFORTS TO EFFECT A LANDING WERE QUICKLY DISPERSED. THE ATTACKING FORCE, IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN COMPARABLE IN SIZE TO THE ONE THAT IS MEETING SUCH STRONG RESISTANCE AND TERRIFIC LOSSES IN THE MARSHALLS. THE UNIDENTIFIED SPOKESMAN, IN SPEAKING OF THE DAMAGE TO THE ISLAND SAID, "THE DAMAGE SUFFERED TO DEFENSIVE INSTALLATIONS WERE MINOR. MOST OF THE DAMAGE SUSTAINED IS NO DOUBT REPAIRED. TEMPORARY DESTRUCTION WAS NOTED IN THE BARRACKS, DOCKS, WAREHOUSES, HANGARS AND AIRPLANE STRIPS. (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

RADIO FACILITIES WERE DISCONTINUED FOR THE TIME BEING AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WILL BE CONTINUED. THE LOSSES OF THE ENEMY, WHILE UNCONFIRMED, IS KNOWN TO BE GREAT. THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE ENTIRE ATTACKING AIRFORCE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE OR TWO PLANES, IT IS REPORTED. WHILE THE NAVAL FORCES LOSSES WERE ALSO BELIEVED TO BE QUITE LARGE AS NEARLY HALF OF THE FORCE RETREATED IN A DISORGANIZED AND RAPID MANNER AND THE BALANCE OF THE FORCE SOON FOLLOWED. THIS RETREAT, NO DOUBT WAS DUE TO THE ACCURACY OF OUR SHORE BATTERIES AND THE LOSSES ENCOUNTERED BY THE ENEMY. THIS REPORT IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN AND HER AXIS PARTNERS, IN KEEPING WITH THE POLICY OF HIROHITO, THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW AND REALIZE HOW SERIOUSLY THE BARBARIC NATIONS OF THE ENEMY ARE ATTEMPTING THE COMPLETE ANNIHILATION OF THE JAPAN AND HER EMPIRE.

IN THE FACE OF THIS REPORT FROM TOKYO COMES THE RUMORS VIA THE INTERNATIONAL GRAPE VINE, THAT A SWIFT SMOOTHLY COORDINATED TASK FORCE OF THE NORTH PACIFIC FLEET, CONDUCTED A SMALL DIVERSIONARY RAID ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF PARAMUSHIRO. THE RAID IS SAID TO HAVE LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY FORTY FIVE MINUTES AND EVERY INDICATION, POINTS TO ITS BEING A RECONNAISSANCE, AND NOT AN ATTEMPTED AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS. THE ATTACKING FORCE IS SAID TO HAVE CONSISTED OF NINE U.S. NAVAL WARSHIPS, OF THE SMALLER CLASSES, AND A COUPLE OF NAVY PATROL PLANES. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES. AFTER THE SHELLING OF THE SHORE INSTALLATIONS, THE ENTIRE TASK FORCE RETIRED FROM THE SCENE OF ANOTHER AMERICAN "TWIST TOJO'S TAIL" OPERATION IN TRUE U.S. NAVY STYLE, ORDERLY AND WELL ORGANIZED. DAMAGE TO THE JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND IS SAID TO CONSIST MAINLY IN THE BARRACKS, AIRPLANES AND SEAPLANES BASES AND HANGAR FACILITIES, COMMUNICATIONS, FUEL STORAGE, SUPPLY DEPOTS AND AMMUNITION DUMPS.

CONFIRMATION OF THIS RAID, BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND TO BE SHELLED BY AN AMERICAN WARSHIP, IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

WASHINGTON:-

CALLING THE SPANISH SITUATION A HEADACHE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DEFINED ALLIED POLICY TOWARD SPAIN AS AIMED AT KEEPING THAT STRATEGIC COUNTRY NEUTRAL IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD.

LONDON:-

ALLIED AIR POWER GAVE WESTERN GERMANY ANOTHER BODY BLOW WITH A STRONG DAYLIGHT ATTACK BY AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS WHILE HUNDREDS OF LIGHTER AIRCRAFT CROSSED THE CHANNEL IN A DAYLONG PROCESSION TOWARD THE MILITARY TARGETS OF NORTHERN FRANCE. CLOUDBANKS RISING FIFTEEN THOUSAND FEET IN SOME PLACES PROTECTED THE FLYING FORTRESSES AND LIBERATORS FROM SERIOUS FIGHTER OPPOSITION BUT CREWS REPORTED THE NAZIS AT THE UNANNOUNCED TARGET VIRTUALLY ROOFED THE AREA WITH ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY.

MASSED GERMAN TROOPS WITH TANKS AND PLANES HAVE LAUNCHED THEIR EXPECTED HEAVY COUNTER OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE BRITISH AMERICAN BRIDGEHEAD SOUTH OF ROME AND BITTER FIGHTING IS IN PROGRESS WITH IN SIGHT OF THE ETERNAL CITY'S RADIO TOWERS. ALLIED HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST FOUR SMASHED BY THE NAZIS HAD BEEN REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES. DROVES OF TANKS LED THE HARD GERMAN THRUSTS, THE DISPATCH ALSO SAID THE BATTLE FOR CISTERNA WOULD BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE BLOODIEST AND MOST FIERCELY OF THE WAR.

LONDON:-

MOSCOW ANNOUNCED THE RED ARMY COMPLETELY CLEARED THE COAST OF THE GULF OF FINLAND UP TO NAROVA RIVER ABOVE THE ESTONIAN GATEWAY TOWN OF NARVA.

AMERICAN NAVAL FORCES SHELLED PARAMUSHIRO ISLAND ONLY TWELVE HUNDRED MILES FROM TOKYO IN A POSSIBLE PRELUDE TO INVASION OF THE HOME ISLANDS OF JAPAN WHILE AMERICAN TASK FORCES WERE WIPING OUT 8,122 JAPANESE ON KWAJALEIN ATOLL TO ESTABLISH AN OFFENSIVE BASE IN THE MID-PACIFIC MARSHALL ISLANDS. IN CONTRAST TO THE HEAVY TOLL TAKEN OF THE ENEMY THE U.S. FORCES LOST 286 KILLED 82 MISSING AND 1,148 WOUNDED IN THE MARSHALL INVASION THE NAVY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY. IN ADDITION THEY TOOK 264 SHELL SHOCKED AND TERRIFIED JAPANESE PRISONERS. THE AMERICAN LOSSES WERE ONE FOURTH OF THOSE KILLED IN THE GILBERT ISLANDS INVASION LAST NOVEMBER WHILE JAPANESE LOSSES WERE DOUBLED. THE TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT RIPPED UP THE KWAJALEIN ISLAND LIKE A GIANT PLOW. AT KWAJALEIN AMERICANS ARE ONLY ELEVEN HOURS FROM TOKYO BY FLYING FORTRESS. TOKYO RADIO WARNED SIMULTANEOUSLY NOTING THE THREAT CONTAINED IN THE BOMBARDMENT OF PARAMUSHIRO IN THE NORTHERN KURILE ISLANDS. VICHY RADIO QUOTED A JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE AS SAYING THE INVASION OF THE KURILES WAS ALREADY UNDERWAY. BUT VICHY RADIO HAS SO OFTEN GARBLED REPORTS OF PACIFIC WAR ACTION THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY. MORE SIGNIFICANT WAS THE REPORT FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT NORMAN BELL THAT THE AMERICAN TASK FORCE CARRIED AS AN OBSERVER BRIG. GEN. E.D. POST CHIEF OF STAFF FOR LT. GEN. SIMON BOLIVAR BUCKNER WHOSE TROOPS OF THE ALASKAN DEPARTMENT WERE AT THAT MOMENT ENGAGED IN ASSAULT MANEUVERS. THE BOMBARDMENT OF PARAMUSHIRO LAST FRIDAY NIGHT WAS THE FIRST ATTACK BY AMERICAN SEA FORCES ON NIPPONS HOME ISLANDS. IT SEEMED SO EASY BELL WROTE THAT NONE DISAGREED WITH THE SAILOR WHO SAID "WHY WE OUGHT TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE THAT PLACE". THE JAPANESE DEFENDERS WERE SO TAKEN BY SURPRISE AND SO CONFUSED THAT THEY FIRED ALONG THEIR OWN SHORELINE AT IMAGINARY LANDING BARGES INTO THE AIR TO THE EAST INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND TO THE WEST INTO THE SEA OF OKHOTSK. THEY DIDN'T HIT A SHIP IN THE AMERICAN FORCE WHICH INCLUDED CRUISERS, DESTROYERS AND POSSIBLY BATTLESHIPS. BRILLIANT STAR SHELLS ILLUMINATED THE BLACKED OUT SNOW COVERED ISLAND AS THE TASK FORCE MOVED IN UNDER BRIGHT MOONLIGHT TO BOMBARD THE HARBOR AT THE SOUTHERN END OF PARAMUSHIRO FOR TWENTY MINUTES. THE ONLY JAP SHIP SIGHTED WAS LEFT BEACHED AND AN AMMUNITION DUMP OR FUEL STORAGE TANK WAS LEFT BLAZING SO BRIGHTLY THE DEPARTING SHIPS COULD SEE IT UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED BELOW THE HORIZON. THE SEA RAID WAS TEAMED WITH BOMBINGS BY THE NAVY'S ALEUTIAN BASED AIR WING FOUR ON PARAMUSHIRO AND ON SHIMUSHU WHICH LIES IN THE NARROW STRETCH OF WATER BETWEEN PARAMUSHIRO AND SIBERIA'S KAMCHATKA PENINSULA.

ALLIED HQ. IN ITALY:

SLAMMED BACK BY AMERICAN FORCES IN THEIR LATEST ATTACK ON THE ANZIO BEACHHEAD POWERFULLY REINFORCED NAZI DIVISIONS RECOILED MONDAY AND PREPARED TO LAUNCH THEIR HEAVIEST ONSLAUGHT AGAINST THE SWEAT STAINED AMERICANS AND BRITISH HOLDING THE SHELL RAKED AREA SOUTH OF ROME. "EACH LOCAL ATTACK THAT HAS BEEN LAUNCHED BY THE GERMANS WAS A FEELING OUT BLOW FOR A REAL TEST OF THE BEACHHEADS SECURITY" WROTE DANIEL DELUCE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IN A SOMBER DISPATCH FROM THAT FRONT. POINTING OUT THAT THE BEACHHEAD CONSISTED OF LOW ROLLING HILLS AND CULTIVATED PLAIN UNSUITED FOR DEFENSE DELUCE ADDED "THE BEACHHEADS SECURITY DEPENDS ON ITS MEN AND GUNS. BUT IT IS EASIER AND LESS SUBJECT TO CENSORSHIP TO DISCUSS THE STRATEGICAL FATE OF THIS BEACHHEAD ON ANOTHER CONTINENT THAN BY TALLOW CANDLE LIGHT IN A BLACK WINDOWED ROOM BETWEEN THE ENEMY AND THE SEA." BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS NEAR THE ADRIATIC SEA DROVE INTO THE VILLAGES OF PIZZOFERRATO TWO AND A HALF MILES NORTHWEST OF SANTANELO AND MONTENERDONO FOUR MILES SOUTH OF TORRICELLA.

LONDON:

THOUSANDS OF FINNS FLED FROM HELSINKI MONDAY THEIR CAPITAL STILL SMOKING FROM A RUSSIAN BOMBING WHICH WROTE FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT A FIERY NOTICE TO GET OUT OF THE WAR NOW. THE CRISIS FOR FINLAND APPEARED NEARING A SHOWDOWN. THE RUSSIANS RAIDS INVOLVING A TOTAL OF 200 PLANES WERE AMONG THE STRONGEST THROWN AGAINST FINLAND IN THE TWO WARS WITH RUSSIA AND WERE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS THE BEGINNING OF DIRECT ACTION BY THE SOVIET UNION TO WIPE OUT HER NORTHERN FRONTIER PROBLEMS AS SHE ALREADY IS PROCEEDING TO SETTLE IN HER OWN WAY THE POLITICAL PROBLEM OF POLAND.

WASHINGTON:

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS REQUESTED IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE MONDAY TO DESIGNATE FEBRUARY 11TH FOR NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THOMAS ALVA EDISON THE INVENTOR. THE RESOLUTION WAS BY REPRESENTATIVE SUNDSTROM OF NEW JERSEY. AN IDENTICAL MEASURE BY SENATOR HAWKES OF NEW JERSEY ALREADY HAS BEEN ADOPTED IN THE SENATE SO THE PROPOSAL NOW GOES TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

BERN SWITZERLAND:

A SWISS ITALIAN FRONTIER DISPATCH TO THE SWISS NEWSPAPER DER BUND REPORTED MONDAY THE ARREST OF SENATOR GIOVANNO ANGELLI FORMER FOUNDER OF THE FIAT AUTOMOBILE WORKS AND OWNER OF TURINS NEWSPAPER STAMPA OTHERS REPORTED ARRESTED BY THE ITALIAN PUPPET GOVERNMENT ENCLUDED BEN. AMBROSIO CLERICI FORMER AIDE DE CAMPOFE KING VITTORIO ENANUELE AND A FORMER BOXING CHAMPION NAMED FIERMONTE.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK:

THE TWO ALLEGED MURDERERS WHO ESCAPED WITH SIX OTHER PRISONERS FROM ERIE COUNTRY JAIL FRIDAY NIGHT SURRENDERED TO DEPEW AND CHEEKTOWN POLICE AT 8:50 AM MONDAY. JOSEPH AUGELLO 22 OF BUFFALO AND BERNARD BERMAN 20 OF THE BRONX WERE CAPTURED AS THEY BOARDED AN EAST-BOUND FREIGHT TRAIN IN THE GARDEN WILL RAILROAD ABOUT SIX MILES EAST OF THIS CITY. THEY OFFERED NO RESISTANCE POLICE SAID.

WASHINGTON:

HIGH LABOR TURN-OVER IN THE CHICAGO AREA IS GRAVELY HURTING WAR PRODUCTION THERE WAR MANPOWER COMMISSIONER PAUL V. MCNUTT REPORTED MONDAY. IN A TWO MONTH PERIOD 11,000 WORKERS WERE HIRED IN WAR INCREASE MCNUTT REVEALED BUT LOSSES OFF-SET ALL BUT 1,300 OF THAT NUMBER.

WASHINGTON:

SECRETARY OF STATE HULL SAID MONDAY THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS CONSTANTLY EXPLORING ARMISTICE TERMS TO BE IMPOSED ON GERMANY BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHEN ANY INFORMATION THUS FAR COMPLIED HERE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE ALLIES ADVISORY COMMISSION IN LONDON. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THE SECRETARY EMPHAZIZED HOWEVER THAT IT IS THE TASK OF THE COUNCIL TO STUDY ARMISTICE TERMS AND LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME AMERICAN PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

CHICAGO:

MEMBERS OF THE MOULDERS AND FOUNDRY-MEN WORKERS UNION OF NORTH AMERICA A-F-L STRUCK MONDAY IN MORE THAN 35 CHICAGO FOUNDRIES PRODUCING FORGE FOR WAR MATERIAL AFTER REFUSAL OF THE REGIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR A SIX CENTS AN HOUR WAGE INCREASE.

TUESDAY

USS EPROSTON

JUNE 27, 1944

SHAEF:

THE FALL OF CHERBOURG ENDS THE SECOND PHASE IN A CAMPAIGN OF LIBERATION, TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE INITIAL ASSAULT. ALLIED FORCES HAVE ESTABLISHED A FIRM BEACHHEAD WHICH INCLUDES MOST OF THE PENINSULA AND A MAJOR PORT. CHERBOURG LIBERATION CAME AFTER A FINAL DAY OF FIERCE FIGHTING IN THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF THE CITY. IN THE BATTLE GERMANY LOST THE GREATER PART OF FOUR INFANTRY DIVISIONS, NUMEROUS NAVAL AND MARINE UNITS AND COMMUNICATION TROOPS. LIEUTENANT GENERAL CARL WILHELM VON SCHLIEBEN, COMMANDER OF CHERBOURG GARRISON, AND KONTER ADMIRAL HENNECKE, SEA DEFENSE COMMANDER OF NORMANDY, HAS BEEN CAPTURED.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL OMAR N BRADLEY, COMMANDER OF AMERICAN GROUND FORCES IN NORMANDY, PRAISED THE "MAGNIFICENT JOB" OF THE TROOPS WHO CARRIED OUT THE ATTACK ON CHERBOURG. HE DECLARED THAT "IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO SAY TO THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE, 'HERE IS YOUR FIRST LARGE CITY TO BE RETURNED TO YOU'".

ROME:

ALLIED ARMIES HAVE CONTINUED THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST THE ENEMY, WHO IS OFFERING STRONG RESISTANCE ON POSITIONS EAST AND WEST OF LAKE TRANSIMENO. FIFTH ARMY TROOPS ARE PRESSING ON IN COASTAL SECTOR AND ARE NOW SOME 10 MILES NORTH OF PIOMBINO, INLAND AMERICAN AND FRENCH TROOPS HAVE ADVANCED SEVERAL MILES IN NUMEROUS AREAS. EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF CHIUSI AND HAVE ADVANCED SEVERAL MILES TO THE NORTHWEST.

LONDON:

HEAVY BOMBERS OPERATING FROM RUSSIAN BASES ATTACKED A GERMAN OPERATED SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT AT DROHOBYCZ IN POLAND MONDAY. THE RAID TOOK PLACE IN EXCELLENT WEATHER AND CREWS REPORTED GOOD BOMBING RESULTS. THE BOMBERS WERE ESCORTED BY MUSTANGS AND YAKS OF THE RED AIR FORCE.

CENTRAL PACIFIC:

ON SAIPAN ISLAND MARINES SCALED MOUNT TOPATCHAU ON SATURDAY WHILE ARMY FORCES CAPTURED KAGMAN PENINSULA, WINNING COMPLETE CONTROL OF MAGICIENTE BAY ON THE EASTERN SHORE. THE SAME DAY GUAM AND ROTA ISLANDS IN THE MARIANAS GROUP WERE ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT OF A FAST CARRIER TASK FORCE. TWO ISLANDS IN THE KURILES WERE BOMBED BY ARMY AND NAVY PLANES AND RAIDS WERE CONTINUED IN THE MARSHALLS.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:

HEAVY BOMBERS DROPPED 80 TONS OF BOMBS ON ENEMY DIVOUAC SUPPLY AND DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS IN NUMFOR AREA WHILE LIGHT NAVAL UNITS DESTROYED TWO BARGES OFF THE NORTHEASTERN COAST AND ANOTHER OFF MANOKWARI IN RECENT FIGHTING IN SARMI-MAFFIN BAY AREA. ANOTHER 475 ENEMY DEAD HAVE BEEN COUNTED. ENEMY TARGETS WERE BOMBED AND STRAFED IN ATTAPE-NEWAK AREA, WHILE AT NIGHT PALAU AND TRUK WERE BOMBED.

BURMA:

BITTER FIGHTING CONTINUES AT MOGAUNG, WHERE CHINESE TROOPS NOW HOLD THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE TOWN. TROOPS CONTINUED TO ADVANCE SOUTH FROM KAMAING. AT YITKYINA CHINESE TROOPS MADE PROGRESS ON THE WEST SIDE AND AMERICAN TROOPS ADVANCING FROM THE NORTH HAVE NEARLY EFFECTED A JUNCTION. MOPPING UP CONTINUED WEST AND EAST OF THE KOHIMA-IMPHAL ROAD.

FOURTEENTH USAAF:

STRAFING AND BOMBING OF JAPANESE TROOPS, INSTALLATIONS AND VILLAGES WERE CONTINUED WITH GOOD EFFECT IN CHANGSHA AND THE YELLOW RIVER AREA SUNDAY. IN SALWEEN RIVER AREA AIRCRAFT OF A TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON SUCCESSFULLY DROPPED MORE THAN 35 TONS OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO CHINESE GROUND FORCES.

SHAEF:

FOURTEEN ALLIED WARSHIPS - HEADED BY THE US BATTLESHIP NEVADA - STEAMED WELL WITHIN RANGE OF CHERBOURGS NOTORIOUSLY TOUGH SHORE DEFENSES SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND BLASTED HER BATTERIES INTO SILENCE.

FOR THREE AND HALF HOURS THREE US BATTLESHIPS, FOUR CRUISERS AND SEVEN DESTROYERS UNDER REAR ADMIRAL MORTON L DEYO, STOOD OFF OF A SEMICIRCULAR BAY AND THREW STEEL INTO THE MIGHTY CONCRETE EMBLEMMENTS PROTECTING GERMAN GUNS.

SEVERE ENEMY FIRE FAILED TO TURN THEM BACK AND SOME SHIPS WERE WITHIN EIGHT THOUSAND YARDS OF THE SHORE.

THE ACTION CALLED FOR CLOSE COOPERATION WITH LIEUT GENERAL BRA- DLEYS GROUND FORCES. MARKSMANSHIP HAD TO BE PERFECT, WITH SHELLS EXPLODING IN THE DOCK AREA OR ALONG THIN STRIPS OF THE COAST.

ANYTHING HITTING OVER TWO THOUSAND YARDS INLAND WOULD HAVE ENDANGERED ALLIED TROOPS WAITING IN THEIR POSITIONS FOR THE SIG- NAL TO MOVE IN ON CHERBOURG.

SHIPS PARTICIPATING IN THE BOMBARDMENT WERE THE US BATTLESHIPS NEVADA, TEXAS AND ARKANSAS. US CRUISERS TUSCALOOSA, QUINCY AND TWO BRITISH CRUISERS, GLASGOW AND ENTERPRISE. US DESTROYERS OBRIEN, MURPHY, RODMAN AND EMMONS. TWO BRITISH DESTROYERS, ONSLOW OFFA AND MELDREAK. MINESWEEPING FORCES WHICH CLEARED THE WAY FOR WARSHIPS WERE MADE UP FROM BOTH AMERICAN AND BRITISH FLOTILLAS.

THUNDEROUS BOMBARDMENT BEGAN SHORTLY AFTERNOON WHEN SHIPS RENDEZVOUSED IN THE CHANNEL OFF CHERBOURG PENINSULA. SILENCE OF A BRIGHT SUNDAY AFTERNOON WAS BROKEN FIRST WITH A SALVO FROM THE NEVADAS FOURTEEN INCH GUNS. OTHER BATTLESHIPS THEN OPENED UP ON SHORE BATTERIES, FOLLOWED BY THE QUINCY AND TUSCALOOSAS EIGHT INCH GUNS AND THE BRITISH CRUISERS SIX INCH GUNS.

SHELLS FELL CLOSE TO THE BATTLESHIPS AS THEY STEAMED IN PLAIN VIEW OF THE SHORE GUNS BUT THERE WAS NO MENTION OF ALLIED DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. THE DESTROYERS LAID A SMOKESCREEN BEHIND WHICH THE BOMBARDMENT CONTINUED.

DEYOS SUMMARY OF THE ACTION AS HIS FORCE FINALLY STEAMED BACK TOWARD AN ENGLISH PORT: "SATISFACTORY OPERATION".

NOTE TO ALL HANDS:

THE CAPTAIN CONGRATULATES THE SHIR ON ANOTHER WELL FOUGHT ACTION. WE LEFT SOME FINE BLAZES ON THE BEACH AND BELIEVE WE SANK ONE SMALL CRAFT AND DAMAGED FOUR OTHERS. TO ALL HANDS, A HEARTY "WELL DONE!" IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED.

FROM COMMANDER TASK FORCE 94 TO TASK FORCE 94:

SKILLFUL PERFORMANCE EXCELLENT COOPERATION AND FIDELITY TO OUR TASK HAVE BROUGHT RESULTS. MY APPRECIATION TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN.

March 4, 1944 OKHOTSK SEA

From MATSUWA To Paramushiro
EDITORIAL

THE MISSION FROM WHICH WE HAVE JUST RETURNED WAS WITHOUT DOUBT ONE OF THE MOST DARING MADE BY A NAVAL TASK FORCE IN THIS WAR. WHILE TO SOME OF YOU IT MAY SEEM THAT WE MERELY STEAMED OUT ON A "SHOOT" AND HAD TO COME BACK WITHOUT SHOOTING, THE IMPLICATIONS GO MUCH DEEPER. FOR ONE THING, WE PROVED WHAT SECRETARY KNOX PUT OUT ON THE RADIO THE SAME DAY - THAT "THE UNITED STATES NAVY CAN NOW GO WHEREVER AND WHENEVER IT WANTS."

WHILE HE WAS SAYING THAT, WE CARRIED IT OUT BY THUMBING OUR NOSES AT THE MIKADO IN HIS OWN BACK YARD. WE WENT THROUGH A PASS IN THE KURILE CHAIN THAT USED TO BE CALLED IMPOSSIBLE EXCEPT IN DAYLIGHT. AFTER THIS PASS, WE SPENT SIX HOURS IN BEHIND THE JAP'S HOME DEFENSE LINE, PASSING WITHIN THREE MILES OF SOME OF HIS ISLANDS AND SEARCHING A BELT FORTY MILES WIDE BEHIND THAT LINE. WE WERE LOOKING FOR THE REMAINS OF A CONVOY THAT OUR SUBMARINES GOT TO FIRST COMING BACK OUT INTO THE OPEN SEA. WE WERE TO SHOOT UP OUR OLD HUNTING GROUNDS, KURABU ZAKI ON PARAMUSHIRO, AND WERE ACTUALLY IN THE APPROACH TO THE FIRING POINT WHEN IT WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE TARGETS WERE INVISIBLE.

THE DAYLIGHT HOURS WE SPENT JUST OVER THE HORIZON, SEARCHING FOR A NY JAPS WHO MIGHT VENTURE OUT, AND WITHIN NOT OVER TWENTY MINUTES AIR TIME FROM THE AIR FIELDS AT KURABU ZAKI AND MATSUWA, AS YOU ALL KNOW, THEY WOULDN'T COME OUT. THAT EVENING ANOTHER RUN IN TO SHOOT UP THE BEACH WAS WELL UNDERWAY, BUT AGAIN THE WEATHER AND VISIBILITY CALLED IT OFF AND WE HAD TO RETURN TO BASE FOR FUEL.

ALL IN ALL WE STEAMED FOR THIRTY HOURS (TWELVE OF THEM IN BROAD DAYLIGHT) WITHIN EASY REACH OF THE JAP. YOU SHOWED THAT THE "SOFT" AMERICANS CAN TAKE IT BY STAYING AT YOUR GUNS FOR TWELVE HOURS STRAIGHT IN THE WORST KIND OF WEATHER -- AND THERE I INCLUDE THE BLACK GANG WHO ARE JUST AS MUCH BEHIND A GUN DOWN BELOW, AS THE GUNNERS TOPSIDE. IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT WE DIDN'T GET ANY JAPS - THEY JUST WOULDN'T COME OUT AND MEET US. IF THEY HAD, I'M SURE WE'D HAVE A FEW LITTLE RISING SUNS PAINTED ON THE BRIDGE BY NOW.

OUR PRESENT MISSION IS TO BE A (HUNTER-KILLER) GROUP AT THIS BASE, TO SHOW THE ENEMY HOW THESE ATTACKS SHOULD BE HANDLED, IN CASE HE TRIES ONE. OF COURSE, HE WILL NOT PROFIT BY THE EXPERIENCE --- IT WILL BE ALL LOSS.

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