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LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 28.—Two Indianapolis students at Purdue university enrolled in electrical engineering have completed a course in ultra-high frequency technique. They were Richard Sprague and Wilford Shockeney.

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Bays Also to Be Guest at Sept. 12 Meeting of Democrats.

A luncheon honoring Governor Schricker and Democratic State Chairman Fred F. Bays will open the fall meeting of the Democratic Editorial association at the Claypool hotel Sept. 12, Frank G. Thompson, president, announced today.

A business session will follow the luncheon, with officers and committees presenting reports. A feature of this session will be a round-table discussion of newspaper problems arising from war conditions. Wives and daughters of the Democratic editors will be guests at the governor's mansion during the afternoon. Hostesses will be Mrs. Schricker, Mrs. Edna Bingham, Mrs. Barbara Kinnally, Mrs. Kathryn Coleman, Mrs. Ray E. Smith, Mrs. Margaret Amis and Mrs. Eleanor Poynter Jamison.

Keynote Talks Listed  
Chief event of the session will be a banquet at which Governor Schricker and Winfield K. Denton, nominee for secretary of state, will sound the party keynote for the fall campaign.

Democratic nominees for congress and nominees for state officers will be seated at special tables during the banquet.

A dance in the Riley room of the Claypool will follow the banquet and complete the activities for the day. Marion T. Ayers, Shelbyville, is chairman of the dance committee.

O. K. TERRE HAUTE HOUSING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Terre Haute has been added to the critical housing area for war workers and now is in line for special consideration for housing materials, Senator Frederick Van Nuys (D., Ind.) announced today. The ruling came from the national housing administration.

## Marine Raiders on Makin Kill All but Two of 330 Jap Troops

By FRANK TREMAINE  
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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET, PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 27 (Delayed).—United States marines with navy support obliterated the Japanese base on Makin island in the Gilberts in their raid Aug. 17 and killed all but two of the estimated 330 enemy troops of its garrison, it was announced today.

The two Japanese who remained alive went into hiding, and could not be found. Marines of a specially trained battalion selected from 7000 volunteers went through the island with pistols, hand grenades and knives, killed all but eight Japanese the first day, spent part of a second day destroying everything they could find of use to the enemy, and re-embarked with their mission accomplished to the ultimate limit.

Found American Gasoline

Their losses were less than 1 to 10 of those of the Japanese. Japanese reserves were driven to the fighting line in American-made trucks and the marines destroyed 1000 gallons of American aviation gasoline which the enemy had obtained before Pearl Harbor.

The marines destroyed the seaplane base, three radio stations, all installations in the island, food stores and a small quantity of bombs.

Machine-gunner Bags 2 Planes

A marine machine-gunner firing at 2000 yards range set fire to a small Japanese seaplane which landed in the lagoon during fighting, along with a big seaplane bomber. The port motor of the bomber was hit and it crashed as it tried desperately to take off. There were no survivors.

The navy supporting force sank a 3500-ton transport and a 1000-ton patrol boat. There were about 100 men on the transport and about 30 on the patrol boat. Again there were no survivors.

Lieut. Col. Evans F. Carlson, 46, Plymouth, Conn., who led the expedition, and Maj. James Roosevelt, son of the president, second in command, told the story.

"We wanted to take some prisoners but we couldn't find any," Col. Carlson said.

Japs Had Edge in Sniping

He disclosed that he and Roosevelt organized and trained the marine battalion on orders of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief in the Pacific.

"It was founded on the theory that we should organize units which were super-mobile and streamlined," Col. Carlson said.

"Our attack was based on the element of surprise. We were able to get in, strike hard and get out quickly."

"I drew heavily on my experience with the Chinese 8th route army with which I spent a great deal of time."

"When those boys got going they just went in without waiting for anyone to tell them what to do."

"Man for man our boys were far superior, though the Japanese had the edge on us in sniping."

Roosevelt Fired Twice

"One sniper on our flank kept trying to get Jim (Maj. Roosevelt) but he never got him."

"No sir, we got him," said Maj. Roosevelt.

Maj. Roosevelt added that he personally did not get any Japanese, though he fired his pistol twice.

Both he and Col. Carlson were too busy moving about directing operations to do much shooting themselves.

"I don't think there's a better group of men anywhere, thanks to the colonel," Maj. Roosevelt said. "He welded a great team."

Fleet Came Through Storm

Comm. John M. Haines, Coronado, Cal., commanded the little United States supporting fleet at Makin island, which is at the north end of the Japanese-occupied British Gilberts 2450 miles southwest of Hawaii and 1325 miles northeast of the southern Solomons where the United States navy and marines even now seem nearing a definitive victory, their biggest of the war.

Toward the last of its voyage there, lashing rain squalls and treacherous unpredictable currents hindered navigation but the fleet hit the rendezvous point at the time appointed.

Silently the marines got ashore in the blackest hour of a moonless night in small boats through a dangerously heavy surf.

They all landed off about the same time.

Japanese on Alert

The landing was completely undetected. The marines sorted themselves out and started for the vital base area.

But the Japanese, even though surprised, were on the alert.

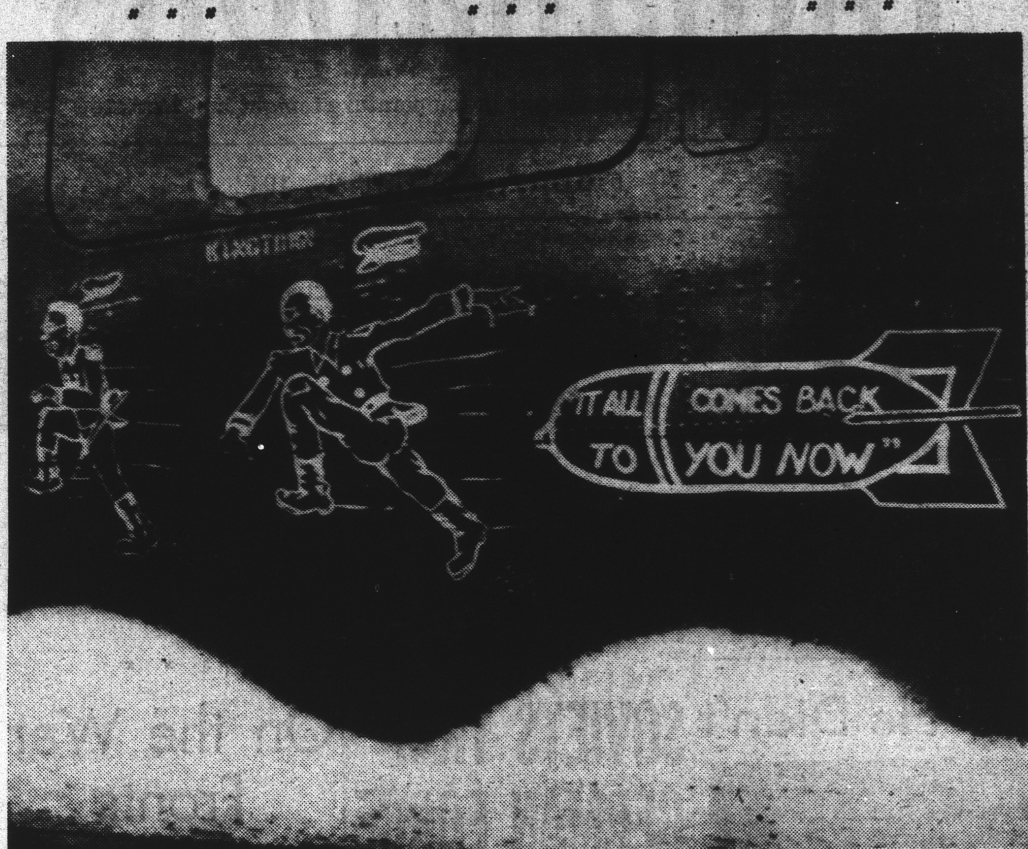
A group under Lieut. Wilfred S. Le Francois, Watertown, N. Y., formed the advance element and pushed quickly across the island to make the first contact with the Japanese.

Lieut. Le Francois, a former enlisted man who served under Col. Carlson in Nicaragua, got five machine gun bullets in his shoulder.

Lieut. Charles T. Lamb, Snowhill, N. C., another former enlisted man, stepped into the command. He was wounded a few minutes later and a sergeant took charge.

Used American Trucks

By this time the enemy reserves were already on the move in American-made trucks fueled with American gasoline.



Sentiments of the crew of a B-17 flying fortress toward the Japs is expressed in this novel insignia painted on the fuselage of the flying monster, somewhere in the Pacific area.

trees, strapped there so they would not fall if they went to sleep, opened fire and the enemy troops, trying to organize a defense, opened with machine guns, automatic rifles and hand grenades.

Policing up after it was all over the marines found some flame throwers but the Japanese had used them.

Snipers Waited Several Days

Many of the Japanese troops who hurried into the fighting were fully dressed — an additional indication, aside from the tree-top snipers, that even though the marines outsmarted them in effecting a surprise landing, the enemy had been on the alert.

It was indicated that the Japanese were similarly on the alert in every tiny island they held in the Pacific, fearing that the navy and marines, and possibly army troops, might attack at any hour.

Natives told the marines that the snipers had been in the trees for several days, apparently since they got word of the marine landing in the Solomons.

The Japanese hand grenades got in six salvos of bombs before the marines disposed of them.

A Corporal's Job

Then the marines went after the machine gun nests which dotted the base area.

Corp. Edward W. Wygal, Filer, Ida., knocked out a nest with one hand grenade. He found two Japanese left in it. The first he disposed of with his pistol. The second attacked him and Corp. Wygal eliminated him with his knife.

One group of marines was separated from the main body. Under Lieut. Oscar F. Patross, Raleigh, N. C., they got behind the enemy lines. They heard firing, moving across a road the Japanese had built and killed eight Japanese.

The group kept on advancing and spent the entire day behind the Japanese lines, cutting communications and destroying a radio station.

This group lost only three men before it withdrew and returned to its ship.

"It was one of the coolest and most outstanding jobs I have ever seen," commented Col. Carlson.

At 11:30 a. m. Japanese planes

swept overhead. They had come apparently from Jaluit and Wotje, the enemy bases in the Marshall islands to the north which a navy task force had devastated in January.

They reconnoitered and dropped a few bombs.

At 1:20 p. m. 12 enemy bombers and a protecting force of zero fighters appeared and opened a 75-minute attack.

"They really went to town," said Col. Carlson. "But they hit their own troops more than they did our positions."

It was during this raid that the marine machine gunner knocked out the two planes which landed in the lagoon.

Four More Air Raids

By 4 p. m. the fighting was nearly over and the marines were looking vainly for the eight Japanese remaining so they could take back some prisoners.

The next day Japanese planes attacked four times while the marines were killing the remaining six enemy troops they found and destroying the base.

No marines were casualties in any air raid.

The Japanese were not sure where the marines landed, Col. Carlson said. They methodically bombed the entire 35-mile atoll from north to south.

Plenty of Heroes

When night began to fall the marines, unable to find the two Japanese remaining on the island, called their mission complete.

"Our losses were light," Col. Carlson said. "Much less than 1 to 10."

There were many stories of bravery.

Lieut. Lamb, who had taken over the advance group from Lieut. Le Francois, only to be wounded himself, nearly drowned trying to get back to his ship for treatment. But next day, eager for action, he looked around and saw a sloop lying off shore, it looked deserted and he rowed out to investigate. A Japanese marine hiding aboard it fired point blank through a port hole but missed. Lamb tossed a hand grenade through the port, boarded the sloop and disposed of the marine.

Sergt. James Faulkner, Red Oak, Tex., was hit in the hand early in the action.

"Got me again," he said, and carried on.

"He was next hit in the side and leg, repeating the comment. He was operated on his hand and head. Ten minutes later Sergt. Faulkner raised his bandaged head and said: "Damn you guys. You're trying to starve me."

He ate a large bowl of soup as he lay on the operating table.

One Against Eight

Pvt. John Hawkins, Southgate, Cal., was on guard duty the first night. He heard a stealthy movement nearby. He challenged and when he got no response opened fire. It was a Japanese patrol of eight men. They fanned out trying to surround him, firing from both sides. He got three of them before he was seriously wounded and taken to a ship.

Shortly afterward Pvt. Hawkins was found walking on deck. "I just felt that if I got up and walked once I wouldn't die," he explained.

Pvt. Donald Daniels, Seattle, was shot in the head from above by a sniper. Then he was shot in both ankles. He refused help, not wanting to take a man from the firing line. He dragged himself along the ground to a dressing station.

All the wounded mentioned are doing well.

Greeted by Generals

The raiders were greeted on their return here by Admiral Nimitz, Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, army commander for Hawaii; Maj. Gen. Willis Hale, commanding the seventh air force based here, and Brig. Gen. Harry F. Pickett, commandant of marines of the 14th naval district.

Comm. Haines presented Nimitz with a Japanese sword and pistol which Col. Carlson took from the body of the Japanese commander.

Others also brought souvenirs, including the sarong which the native king of Makin island gave Capt. James N. W. Davis, Evanston, Ill., who lost his clothes going ashore.

Maj. Roosevelt was wearing a bandage on the middle finger of his left hand.

He was asked if he had been wounded.

"I cut it on the coral and it got infected," he said.

The entire operation ashore took the marines 40 hours.

Col. Carlson said the men of the Japanese garrison averaged about 20 years of age.

"They were a higher type than any Japanese I saw in China," he said. "They were darn good boys."

Natives Provided Coconuts

He said the natives of the little British island were most co-operative.

"They fed us and were very cordial," Col. Carlson commented.

"They climbed the coconut trees and got us coconuts and even took them to the front to give the boys something to drink."

The natives had been forced to work for the Japanese.

Col. Carlson said he believed there were some Britons on the island when the Japanese landed last Dec. 24 but the marines found no trace of them and could not find what had been their fate.

SERGEANTS ADVANCE TO HIGHER GRADES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (U. P.).—The war department announced today that all first sergeants and supply sergeants will be automatically advanced to higher grades Sept. 1 under the pay readjustment act.

First sergeants, now in grade two, will be advanced to grade one, that of master sergeant. They will be entitled to \$138 per month base pay.

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