

Yanks Make Second Landing in Palau Group, Capture Airport Despite Heavy Resistance

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PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 18 (UPI)—American invasion forces extended their foothold in the southern Palau Islands today, capturing one-third of tiny Angaur and the southern end of Peleliu, together with its airfield, 560 miles east of the Philippines.

Army troops of the 51st Infantry division, which landed on Angaur Saturday, rolled through the three-square mile island against little opposition and penetrated as much as 1500 yards at one point.

Marines on Peleliu, six miles north of Angaur, met stiff resistance but with the support of a steady naval and air bombardment, fanned out for one-third of a mile on the southwest coast and were driving northward.

Tighten Morotai Grip

At the same time, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's veteran army forces tightened their grip on Morotai, in the Halmaheras, at the southern end of the American line extending around the southeastern corner of Mindanao from the Palau Islands. Southwest Pacific headquarters said the troops reached all the perimeter objectives against negligible opposition and continued to consolidate their beachhead.

While construction battalions

rushed completion of the Pitu airfield, 250 miles south of the Philippines, allied bombers dropped more than 210 tons of explosives in neutralization raids on other Halmahera airfields.

Action on Angaur

On Angaur, army troops under Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller pushed more than 1000 yards inland within a day after they landed, joined their beachheads on the north and northeast end of the island, captured a radio station and started a drive southward.

The American line, bulging as much as 1500 yards from the beachhead, extended from the phosphate diggings on the west coast to a point 200 yards south of rocky point on the east coast.

Observers believed the Japanese garrison of less than 2000 men may be overwhelmed by the end of the week.

The invasion of Angaur eliminated the threat of Japanese artillery from the rear of the 1st division marines hacking their way northward through Peleliu.

Despite the heavy opposition in which the Japanese were using artillery and mortars, the marines drove one-third of a mile from their beachhead on the southwest corner, seized a large part of the town of Asias-Omaoak and occupied

high ground in the Ngarekeuk area.

William Ewing, in a pooled broadcast from an American flagship off Palau, said the marines captured the highest point on Peleliu, a 200-foot hill overlooking the entire island—and reported that the battle was progressing favorably "beyond our greatest expectations." Losses were heavy in taking the hill by frontal attack, he said. He added that total American casualties had been relatively light.

In four days of fighting, the Americans have counted 1400 Japanese dead.

Capture Airport

The marines captured the second radio station on the island, a powerplant and the Peleliu air field which is large enough to accommodate medium bombers and fighters.

Headquarters disclosed that the marines on Peleliu consisted of elements of the 1st regiment under Col. Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller, Saluda, Va., the 7th regiment under Col. Herman H. Hanneken, Kingsbury, N. C., and the 50th regiment under Col. Harold D. Harris, Alexandria, Ga.

Allied bombers from Nimitz and MacArthur's commands, meantime, continued widespread attacks on bases through the Central and Southwest Pacific.

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CANGANY TRIAL FINALLY BEGINS

Four-Month-Old Burglary Case Being Heard by Judge Gause.

The four-month-old burglary case in which one special judge rejected suddenly from the bench finally went on trial in criminal court today before a jury and Special Judge Harry C. Gause.

Originally the case was to be tried before Special Judge William B. Miller, who resigned on the day of the trial after declaring that "adverse criticism in the newspapers" forced him to quit.

Judge Miller said he couldn't try the case because if he found the defendants not guilty "someone would say the case was fixed" and if the defendants were found guilty they would think the court was prejudiced.

Gause Selected

Later Judge W. D. Bain of criminal court named another panel of attorneys and Mr. Gause was finally selected.

When the case was called to trial before Judge Gause in July Prosecutor Sherwood Blue asked for a continuance because one of the defendants, a prisoner at the Indiana reformatory, was not in court. Recently Edward McElfresh, a defense attorney, asked for a jury trial, taking the responsibility for a verdict away from the judge.

The defendants are William Cangany, 27, of 533 Rybott st., Joseph Alfred Rolland, 28, of 857 S. Pershing ave., and Herald Weidman, 19, a prisoner at the reformatory.

Charged With Burglary

They are charged with burglary of the Vonnegut Hardware Co., 3833 N. Illinois st., where a safe containing several thousand dollars was stolen last winter. Only Cangany and Holland were on trial today, the prosecutor having elected to have a separate trial for Weidman, who is expected to testify for the state.

When the case first was called to trial four months ago, Weidman charged in court that detectives agreed to drop his case if he would testify for the state.

Proposed New Playfields Listed

Ten proposed new city park locations have been given post-war priority rating by Park Supt. Paul V. Brown.

Playground space, he said, is most vitally needed in the following vicinities: 16th st. and Central ave.; 38th and Meridian sts.; Fountain square; 30th and Illinois st.; 22d and Alabama st.; Michigan and Rural sts.; Michigan and Grant sts.; 48th and Meridian sts.; 16th st. and Northwestern ave. and South Irvington.

Mr. Brown said the post-war subcommittee on parks, headed by J. I. Holcomb, will inspect recreation improvement sites in a day-long tour Wednesday.

RULES ON VOTING BY SERVICEMEN'S WIVES

Wives of service men are entitled to vote at any residence they choose to establish, regardless of the residence of their husbands, the state election board ruled today.

The board said that a service man's wife may change her residence "by declaration or by other evidence such as moving her effects or registering at another address, or otherwise indicating her desire to have her residence at a different place than that of her husband."

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Indianapolis Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, conference, Hotel Antlers, all day.

Indiana-Kansas International convention, War Memorial, evening.

Indiana Amateur Athletic union, convention, Indianapolis Athletic club, all day.

International association of Barber Examiners, Claypool hotel, all day.

Indiana State-wide Rural Electrification Council meeting, Washington hotel, 10 a.m.

Association of Retired Railroad Employees, meeting, 8:30 p.m., 2 p.m.

Camp Fire Blue Bird leaders' meeting, Camp Fire room, 108 E. Washington st., 7:30 p.m.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Newsboys Band alumni luncheon, Washington hotel, 12:15 p.m.

Lawrence, 12:15 p.m.

Exchange club, dinner, Marott hotel, 6:30 p.m.

Photoglass, electrical insulation exhibit, Antlers hotel, all day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

These lists are from official records theretofore, is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.

Iva Glenn Hamilton, Beach Grove; Helen Wright Britton, 957 N. Norman; Curtis Bell, 1118 S. Arsenal; Dorothy Edward Richard, 910 N. 16th; 1831 Pleasant; Elizabeth Marie Meyer, 949 E. Southern; John Tipton Shields, 5312 Woodsides dr.; Betty Mae Lane, 1829 E. Michigan; Don F. Callier, 1112 College; Veins Sullivan, 321 E. 13th.

Summit N. J.; Lois Patricia Hume, Champaign, Ill.; Margaret Mary Betsley, 1206 E. Finley; Margaret Mary Betsley, 1206 E. Finley; Ulysses Andrew Temple, 249 N. Beville; Mary Emma Gwin, 1010 Langley; Clarence W. Terry, 510 W. North; Irene Williams, 521 Douglass.

Joseph C. Calvert, 1117 S. Richmond; Alta V. Kline, 1117 S. Richmond; Joseph Curtis Freeland, 1851 W. Wilkins; Agnes Evelyn Mount, 516 N. Keystone.

Thomas Miller, Alton; Roper, R. C.; Helen C. Akers, 1827 N. 16th; Horace Oakley Harlan, Greenfield; Helen Marie Beteman, 64 N. Dearborn.

Franklin L. Johnson, 1112 S. Meridian; Marcella Cecilia Sauer, 2118 Napoleon.

Eugene F. Robinson, Plaza hotel; Mary Katharine Lewis, 727 Franklin.

John C. Hough, Harrison; Helen M. Allen, N. D. Baker, hospital, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Ernest Carl Lindquist, St. Louis; Mo.; Mary Elizabeth DeQuincey, 1022 N. Meridian.

William Henry England, 518 S. Meridian; Alice Elizabeth McDaniel, 1022 N. Meridian.

John Agnes Ditchley, at 946 S. Senate.

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