

PELELIU LINES OF JAPS RIPPED

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American Casualties
Total 5500.

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PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 27.—Be-
leaguered Japanese forces were cut
up into two isolated pockets on the
western coast of Peleliu today by
army troops, which breached the
center of the enemy position while
marines hammered at both ends of
the line.

(A Tokyo broadcast, recorded by
N. B. C., said a "very heavy U. S.
task force" had been sighted Sun-
day north of the Palau islands.)

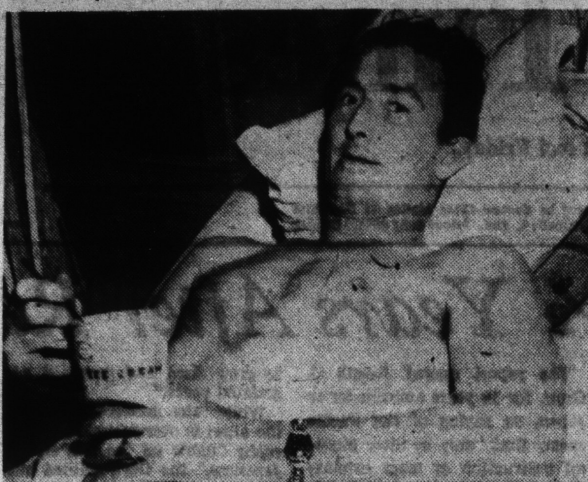
Less than 2000 Japanese were be-
lieved holding out in the two pock-
ets on the island's coral ridges,
where they were fighting viciously
from caves and pillboxes.

Headquarters disclosed that the
count of enemy dead on Peleliu
and nearby Angaur had now
reached 8288, while American casu-
alties in the first 11 days of the
campaign totaled 5500, including
dead, wounded and missing.

The U. S. casualties consisted of:
Killed—marines 580, army 106;
wounded, marines 3639, army 769;
missing, marines 401, army 5.

As the marines and soldiers of
Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' forces con-
tinued the steady drive on Peleliu,
Gen. Douglas MacArthur's South-
west Pacific sirmen his German's air-
dromes and Japanese shipping lines.
Five small vessels were sunk and
four others damaged.

Blown Clear Back to the U. S.



Radarman 3-c Roy Page O'Neal enjoying ice cream in the naval
hospital at Charleston, S. C. He was wounded off the French coast and
brought to the U. S.

THE EXPLOSION of a mine
off the coast of France blew ra-
darman 3-c Roy Page O'Neal
from the bridge of his ship, the
fleet tug U. S. S. Partridge, and
sank the ship.

Radarman O'Neal, whose wife
Mrs. Eunice O'Neal lives at 844
N. Capitol ave., was brought to
the naval hospital at Charleston,
S. C., from England aboard the
hospital ship Dogwood.

He suffered a compound frac-
ture of the right leg, a fracture
of the spine and five broken ribs
from the explosion.
Radarman O'Neal was in the
water for an hour clinging to a
board before a Canadian vessel
picked him up. Before entering

the navy a year ago last July
he was employed by the Link-
Belt Co. here.

CAPITAL ENDS 'DEMOUT'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (U. P.).
Workmen today began removing
heavy paper-board blackout blinds
which have shielded capitol and sen-
ate and house office building win-
dows since the war began.

HOOSIER MAKES 108 RAIDS

BEDFORD, Ind., Sept. 27 (U. P.).
—T. Sgt. Paul E. Mathis, veteran
with 108 combat missions to us
credit, was at home on furlough to-
day. His tunic bore 24 oak leaf
clusters and the purple heart.
Mathis was out of action only eight
days, because of a flak wound.

5TH BATTLING TO RETAIN GAINS

British Widen Bridgeheads
Over Rubicon, Drive
Up Po Valley.

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ROME, Sept. 27.—British 8th
army troops expanded their bridge-
head across the Rubicon and drove
up the Po valley today as Ameri-
can 5th army infantrymen joined
the Germans in ferocious battle to
retain the allied gains in the rough,
difficult Apennine mountain sector.

The 8th army, after clearing up
the last enemy resistance south
of the Rubicon, sent Canadian units
to the outskirts of the town of
Bellaria, on the Rimini-Ravenna
coastal highway seven and a half
miles north of Rimini. Meanwhile,
other 8th army units further in-
land approached the town of Sav-
ignano, on the Rimini-Ferrara high-
way eight miles northwest of
Rimini.

Still Holding Ridge

In the mountainous terrain
through which the Americans were
driving on Bologna, the 5th army
made gains varying from a half
mile to three miles, but in one sec-
tor the Germans unleashed a coun-
ter-attack and advanced to drive
the Americans from the strategic
spur of Mt. Alafine ridge, just south
of Castel Del Rio and 20 miles south
of Bologna.

The main mass of the ridge, how-
ever, still was firmly in possession
of the Americans.

2000 Yank Planes Blast War Plants In West Germany

LONDON, Sept. 27 (U. P.).—
Nearly 2000 American Flying
Fortresses, Liberators and fighters
smashed today at war plants and
rail yards in the Rhineland and
western Germany in a wide-spread
softening-up bombardment ahead
of the allied armies.

More than 1100 heavy bombers
escorted by Mustangs, Thunder-
bolts and Lightnings dropped ex-
plosives through a heavy overcast
on a tank factory at Kassel, rail
yards at Oppau, synthetic oil and
chemical plants at Ludwigshafen,
rail yards and an industrial plant
at Cologne, and an ordnance depot
at Mainz.

R. A. F. medium bombers, mean-
while, flew through thick clouds to
attack the German frontier town of
Goch, eight miles south of Cleves
on the Niers river.

Frankfurt Bombed

The raid followed in the wake of
R. A. F. night attacks on the Rhine-
land depots of Karlsruhe and
Frankfurt.

Huge fires, that sent smoke and
flame belching 8000 feet, were
started at Karlsruhe, an industrial
rail center and inland port supply-
ing the German forces opposing Li-
Gen/George S. Patton's 3d army.

REBEKAHS MEET TODAY

Irrington Rebekah lodge 608 will
meet at 8 p. m. today at 5420 1/2 E
Washington st.

JAPS BLASTED BY SUPERFORTS

Three Cities Are Targets for
Huge Ships; All Raiders
Return Safely.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (U. P.).

China-based American B-29 Su-
perfortresses struck Anshan in
Japanese-occupied Manchuria for
the third time in a daylight attack
yesterday, while other Superfor-
tresses attacked Darlen, Manchuria
and Loyang and Kaifeng in occu-
pied China, the 20th bomber com-
mand reported today.

Results of the Anshan mission,
aimed at Japanese steel production,
were not known because the bomb-
ing was accomplished under a heavy
cloud cover, the communique said,
but observed results of the other
raids were reported good by return-
ing crews.

Hit Steel Plants

None of the big bombers was lost
on the mission, the communique re-
ported.

Anshan is the second largest steel
producing center of the Japanese
empire, ranking next to the great
steel center of Yawata, Japan,
which also has been attacked in
other Superfortress raids.

THIS IS THE THIRD BATTLE

for the Japanese-occupied portion of
China, military targets were at-
tacked.
Enemy anti-aircraft fire in all the
raids was reported weak, the com-
munique said, and fighter oppo-
sition was light.

'MY STRANGEST FRONT LINE STORY' 'I Sit at Mahogany Desk Within Block of Battle'

By WALTER CRONKITE
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WITH U. S. AIRBORNE
TROOPS AT VEGHEL, The
Netherlands, Sept. 25 (Delayed).—
This is one of the strangest front
line stories of the war.

I am writing this on a mahog-
any table. The fancy leather chair
in which I sit rests on an
unlaid floor. Indirect lighting
casts a pleasant glow over the
room. Industrial murals on the
walls are easy on the eyes.

But the mahogany table is
dancing, the leather chair is rock-
ing, and the wall and mural are
shaking.

OUTSIDE, down at the corner

where the drugstore would be if
the setting outside matched this
inside, there is a British Sherman
tank.

Another couple of blocks across
the canal and down the road is a
German 88 mm. gun.

These two don't like each other.

The roar of the tank seems to
shake one's very innards and it is
so loud it hurts the ears.
The 88's answering fire comes in
staccato cracks that is like light-
ning ripping off the roof, accom-
panied by a high whine that
seems to split the brain.

stretch of the corridor eight days
ago and fighting two valiant
battles during the week to keep it
open.

The third attempt to breach the
corridor came yesterday evening
when the Nazis shoved an armored
spearhead across the road im-
mediately southwest of here.

WE ARE HERE in a modern
"milling plant of a co-operative
society, on the banks of the canal.
We are eating from a huge table
in a directors' room which would
do credit to Hollywood.

It would seem so far from war
if it weren't for the rattle of small
arms fire, which ring us in the
woods and houses 400 yards from
here, and the scream of shells.

And if it weren't, too, for the of-
ficers and men who come back
here from that front door step
battleground with blood on them
to mark the enemy's effort.

DANIELLE DARRIEUX FIRED ON IN PARIS

PARIS, Sept. 27 (U. P.).—Film
Actress Danielle Darrieux narrowly
escaped death and her husband was
wounded seriously Sunday night
when French police patrols fired on
their car in Neuilly.

The police opened fire when Miss

Darrieux' chauffeur failed to halt
quickly enough in response to their
signal.
Her husband, attache at the
Santo Domingo legation in Paris,
was hit three times in the abdomen
and a woman riding with them was
shot in the thigh. Both were re-
moved to a hospital.

Fall Fireflies

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