

PELELIU LINES OF JAPS RIPPED

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By MALCOLM JOHNSON
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PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 27.—Battered 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 Sunday north of the Palau islands.)

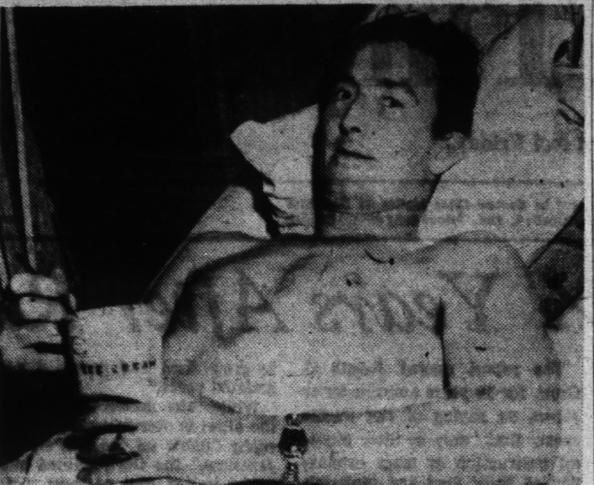
Less than 2000 Japanese were believed holding out in the two pockets on the island's coral ridges, where they were fighting viciously from caves and pillboxes.

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

The U. S. casualties consisted of: Killed—marines 880, army 106; wounded, marines 3689, army 769; missing, marines 401, army 5.

As the marines and soldiers of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' forces continued the steady drive on Peleliu, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Southwest Pacific airmen hit Ceram's airfields 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 radarman 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 Capitol ave., was brought to the naval hospital at Charleston, S. C., from England aboard the hospital ship Dogwood.

He suffered a compound fracture 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 'DIMOUT'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (U. P.)—Workmen today began removing heavy paper-board blackout blinds which have shielded capitol and senate and house office building windows 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 his credit, was at home on furlough today. 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.

By CLINTON B. CONGER
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ROME, Sept. 27.—British 8th army troops expanded their bridgehead across the Rubicon and drove up the Po valley today as American 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 inland approached the town of Savignano, on the Rimini-Forli highway eight miles northwest of Rimini.

Still Holding Ridge

In the mountainous terrain through which the Americans were driving on Bologna, the 8th army made gains varying from a half mile to three miles, but in one sector the Germans unleashed a counter-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, however, 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, Thunderbolts and Lightnings dropped explosives 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 plant at Mainz.

R. A. F. medium bombers, meanwhile, 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 and 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 supplying the German forces opposing Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d army.

Frankfurt, which lies in the rear of German positions on the American 1st army front, also was bombed effectively by the night raiders, two of which were lost in the double attack.

REBEKAHS MEET TODAY

Irvington Rebekah Lodge 608 will meet at 8 p. m. today at 5420½ E. Washington st.

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

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (U. P.)—

With U. S. AIRBORNE TROOPS AT VEGHEL The Netherlands, Sept. 25 (Delayed)—

This is one of the strangest front lines of the war.

I am writing this on a mahogany table. The fancy leather chair in which I sit rests on an inlaid 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 rocking, and the wall and mural are shaking.

Hit Steel Plants

None of the big bombers was lost on the mission, the communiqué reported.

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.

Anshan was attacked first on July 29 by Superfortresses and the raid was repeated on Sept. 8.

In Loyang and Kaifeng, cities in the Japanese-occupied portion of China, military targets were attacked.

Enemy anti-aircraft fire in all the raids was reported weak, the communiqué said, and fighter opposition was light.

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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 lightning rippling off the roof, accompanied by a high whine that seems to split the brain.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27, 1944

MY STRANGEST FRONT LINE STORY'

'I Sit at Mahogany Desk Within Block of Battle'

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 immediately 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 officers and men who come back from that front door step battle-ground 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.

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Fall Fireflies

from the Bandbox

Fascinating little head-pieces to lend enchantment and glamour to your after-five costumes; to dress you up to a pretty perfection for evening.

1. Sequin butterflies flitting on a comb to set your head shining at night, 3.95
2. Felt calot, 2.00; sequin-dotted circular veil, 2.95; sequin hat-pins, each, 50c.
3. Curled Edwardian looking ostrich tips in the prettiest possible colors. On a comb, 2.00

Budget Hat Shop, Third Floor

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Designed to give a "suit" look to separate skirts, an ensembled effect to dresses; to keep you cozy all winter.

1. Ribbed yoke, fitted waist. Cherry, yellow, black, beige, blue, lilac. 5.98
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Colorful and Unrationed Play Shoes

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To take the fashion load off your rationed shoes; to add color and gaiety and comfort to your around-the-house costumes.

Easy to look at—and very easy to wear!

1. Wide strap fabric lift in green, red, brown or blue.

2. Knitted-like narrow-strap sandal. Red, green, multicolors.

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