

Trap Japs At Wewak

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, New Guinea—(AP)—A trap, already narrowed to 150 miles, was compressed today on thousands of Japanese at Wewak, British New Guinea.

The capture of 80 jungle coast miles in 28 days by Australians who are within 70 miles of Wewak on the east was disclosed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Americans have been approximately 80 miles from it on the west, since Wewak was bypassed in the April 23 invasion of Milne Bay. There is 80 miles between Wewak and Milne Bay, but Yank patrols since have pushed back east toward Wewak for at least ten miles.

These thousands of imprisoned Japanese have been left behind by additional leapfrog operations which have carried MacArthur to Blak Island in the Schoutens off North Dutch New Guinea. Blak is more than 400 miles northwest of Wewak.

The Aussies approaching Wewak from the east have crossed the mouth of the Sepik River. In their 80-mile march from Buna Harbor, they overran the Japanese strategic supply depot of House Bay, capturing ammunition, food, trucks and fuel. The Japanese retreated steadily toward Wewak and offered the Aussies only token opposition.

How many thousands of the enemy are trapped at Wewak is not definitely known. At the time Milne and Hollandia in Dutch New Guinea, were invaded, the number of Japanese bypassed was estimated at 60,000.



GOP TEAM: DEWEY AND BRICKER—The Republican Party's candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States—Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York and John W. Bricker of Ohio—are shown together in the convention hall at Chicago.

Word Picture Of How Marines Go About Wrestling City From Japs

By REMBERT JAMES WITH THE UNITED STATES MARINES IN GARAPAN CITY.

(Sapran, June 24—Delayed)—The Japanese on Sapran are not crawling like the "creeping Americans" in a classical repetition of the "word picture" of how the Marines go about wrestling the city from the Japs.

These Japanese troops, trapped on Sapran, are being held in a "word picture" of how the Marines go about wrestling the city from the Japs.

Before entering Garapan with the Marines who today became the first American troops to invade a sizeable Japanese city, the Marines were given a detailed observation post some of the preparations.

The Japanese were in the highway and surf. Into it also crawled two Marine privates. One was hamstringing his left hand and killed the guy beside him. He was holding at his shoe where strap had chewed off part of the rubber heel.

These boys later moved into the city. A sergeant said the Japanese were 75 yards ahead of a gray street wall, but he saw Marines moving along the highway edge behind the wall. The Japanese were falling and slipping were being from trees 30 yards ahead.

Both ways to the right a mortar fired and set a possible dump of Japanese. The mortar "boom" and men ran and man the street and then the advance the draw away. The Japanese were being driven into the sea by the tanking. They were not the machine gun.

From the highway from 200 to 300 yards from the tanking, the most advanced patrol, "Get some tanks up there quick," he told the company commander. "The Japs are coming down the highway with tanks."

The company commander pressed the request over his radio set, but the counter-attacks didn't seem to see how long it took for the tanks to arrive. The tanking down the highway, they passed a half-track mounting a large gun—American tank-kicker.

Rizz, axes back they heard a blast. A Japanese mortar had landed squarely inside the tank-kicker.

Later from a hillside observation post they got the score on the Garapan tank battle: five Japanese tanks knocked out by American tanks and antitankers, and the attack repulsed with no American tank losses.

Down below, men in small sections moved steadily ahead. The Marines were still advancing.

U. S. Loses China Base

CHUNGKING—(AP)—The U. S. Air Force has abandoned its airfield at Hengyang, strategic city surrounded by Japanese forces, and a communist today said American P-51's dropped thousand pound bombs on the field—formerly one of the 14th's principal forward bases in China.

The P-51 attack, which took place Monday was aimed at making the airfield useless to the enemy. It left one runway destroyed. Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters said.

The communist added that Hengyang was reported to be in flames. Loss of this Hunan Province center would be the greatest military blow to China since 1938.

Gen. Claire L. Chennault's Air Force was going all-out in an attempt to arrest Japan's drive down the Canton-Hankow railway an offensive designed to bisect China and make difficult the supply problems of both the Chinese Army and the American Air Force. The communist reported attacks on a dozen different points along the railway and in the vicinity of Hengyang.

Stilwell's communiqué described Hengyang as a "Japanese stronghold" and said it was hit twice in a day by P-51s with casualties and destruction of military installations.

A Japanese broadcast reporting the fall of the American base described it as "one of the most important bases of the United States Air Force in China, from which the enemy had long planned to raid the Japanese mainland."

It said that other American bases at Kienow, Hsiang, and Szechuan were under virtual attack as the result of the capture of the Hengyang field and that American airmen are now operating chiefly from bases at Lunging, to the south, and Kueilin.

Cadet Maddox Dead In Crash

LAURENS, S. C.—(AP)—Aviation Cadet Marshall Earl Maddox, 29, of Laurens, was killed yesterday in the crash of a twin-engine combat training plane near the Hixsonville Air Base.

This was announced last night by Col. Kent M. Landon, commander of the base.

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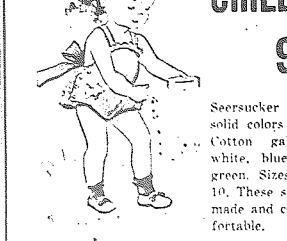
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