

Jap Beholds Allied Flier

This snapshot, taken by a Jap who watched, shows a Japanese officer about to deliver the beheading stroke to an Allied flier with his Samurai sword as grinning Jap soldiers look on in the background. The photo was made somewhere in Japanese occupied territory. There is no clue to nationality of the victim. (Photo courtesy of Life Magazine.)



Marines Join Battle

Yanks Opening Offensive Against Okinawa Capital

By AL DOPKING GUAM—(AP)—A determined U. S. offensive against Naha, Okinawa's capital city, was shaping up today after the Sixth Marine Division, newly committed to the island's southern front, bridged the Asa River estuary despite efforts of two Japanese human bombers to blow up the span.

Blockade Begins

B-29's Sow Mines In Japanese Waters

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Big Gen. John H. Dwyer of Fremont, Calif., commands the Tenth Army B-29's mining the enemy waters. Operations have not been confined to the areas mentioned today. Mines have been dropped in all major ports of Japan, and particularly in the Strait between Kyushu and Honshu Islands.

Gen. Dwyer personally led the first mission May 27 in the opening of the first attempt in military history to impose a complete mine blockade on a major nation.

THE OBJECTIVE

The objective of the mine-laying campaign is to completely cut off Japan's fuel supplies by other operations can aid in destruction of Japan's productive power. It is estimated to per cent of all Japanese transportation is waterborne. Mines also were strewn in strategic areas to support the invasion of Okinawa.

All missions were flown at night, generally under 10,000 feet altitude. Parachutes from six to nine feet in diameter were automatically released from the Navy-made mines on contact with the water. Lemay explained that an aerial mining campaign must be maintained to ensure that a ship cannot be used to evade mine operations, and contact is not necessary.

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WEATHER

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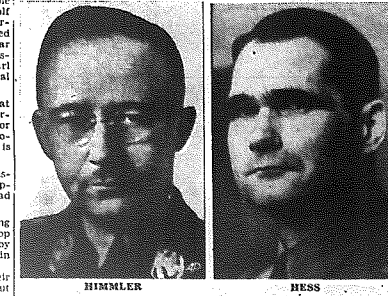
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HIMMLER



HENLEIN

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WITH U. S. THIRD ARMY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA—(AP)—Konrad Henlein, who before the war delivered the Sudetenland to Hitler, died yesterday a suicide in a war prison camp.

It was reported at an American corps headquarters that Henlein dashed his wrists with a razor blade concealed under adhesive tape in a cigarette case.

By taking his own life Henlein escaped execution by the Czechoslovak Government. He had been sentenced to death in absentia by the Czechoslovak government in 1938.

Allied military authorities said Henlein gave Hitler an indirect service which enabled the German Army to turn and break the French Maginot Line specifically. The Maginot Line was built along Czechoslovak fortifications in the Sudeten Mountains. After annexation of the Sudetenland, German artillerymen and experts in specialized weapons practiced many months' developing a case-mating technique.

Reds Free 6,000 U.S. Fliers

LUNEBURG, Germany—(AP)—Six thousand American fliers have been liberated by the Russians in the Baltic, where the fleeing Germans left their prison camp in chains of the Miuskai Mountain, 400 miles from Berlin. The fliers of Stalag Luft 1 had awaited the arrival of the Russians. Their German captors had fled. The Americans, 300 RAF fliers were liberated.

Goering said the flight of Rudolf Hess to England was a complete surprise to Nazi circles.

Only three people know who he did it. They are close members of his family and I cannot name them.

Goering repeated that Hitler was dead, but his ideas on the Fuehrer's end varied greatly from those expressed by Field Marshal Goebbels and Goebbels, also Allied captives.

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Asked if he had anything to say, other than his reply to question, Goering asserted: "Only this—please remember that Germany can be helped. I am very thankful to the German people who have stood by their guns. I've lowered and his eyes gleamed the ground as he added: "Even though it appears now that we've let them down."

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