

Yank Offensive Threatens Japs' Solomons Hold

Enemy Expected to 'Throw Book' in Frantic Defense

The following article was written by United Press correspondent Robert C. Miller, who landed on Guadalcanal with the marines in the opening of the Solomons campaign and who accompanied army and navy bombers on several attacks against Munda and witnessed navy shelling of Munda and Kolombangara island.

By ROBERT C. MILLER
LOS ANGELES (U.P.)—The occupation of Rendova island and the attacks by American forces on enemy installations on New Georgia island jeopardizes Japan's hold on the northern Solomons and increases the vulnerability on her important navy and supply base of Rabaul, 600 miles to the north.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's announcement of simultaneous landings on Tobriand and Woodlark islands north of New Guinea may signalize the beginning of an Allied pincers drive against Rabaul, Buka, Bougainville and her dozen or so other bases in the South Pacific.

The attack in the New Georgias certainly should have come as no surprise to the Japanese who have been under ceaseless aerial assault since the Munda base first was discovered by an American reconnaissance plane early in December.

Greater Losses Expected
American losses, both on land and at sea, probably will be greater than those suffered in the southeastern Solomons campaign where the initial invasion on last Aug. 8 caught the Japanese completely by surprise, enabling us to land troops with little opposition.

On the other hand, the Munda attack has undoubtedly been better planned and is being made with superior troops and equipment plus coverage from land-based aircraft from Guadalcanal and the newly developed base on the Russell Islands.

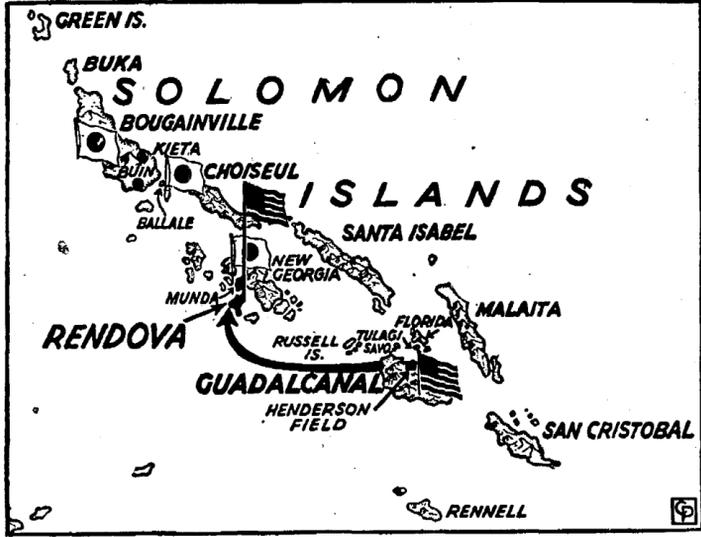
Nor can there be any doubt that the enemy will throw the book at us in an attempt to hold these strategic islands 180 airline miles northeast of Henderson field from which it will be possible to attack every Japanese stronghold in the Solomons from Buka southward with fighter-escorted bombers.

Gives Yanks Big Advantage
Rendova island just across the straits from Munda gives the Americans a huge advantage in the attack as it places Munda within artillery range of our big guns and will afford the infantry troops working their way up the coast coverage for the final assault upon the Munda airfield and installations.

Like Guadalcanal
The topography of the New Georgias is like that of Guadalcanal, with heavy jungle, high mountains, and dense underbrush aiding the Japanese defenders.

The objective of the American soldiers and marines is a four-mile-wide neck of land upon which the Japanese have constructed Munda airfield. The airfield, built on a coconut plantation, is located

Here's New Set in Solomons War Theater



The heart of the Jap-held Solomons has been pierced by American forces in their landing on Rendova island in the New Georgia group, only five miles from the enemy base at Munda, shown on the map above.

on the northwestern tip of 45-mile long New Georgia island. The New Georgia group of islands is composed of six islands of which New Georgia itself is the largest. Rendova and Teparia lie off the southwestern shore forming a narrow channel, a shallow, reef-choked narrows some five miles wide. It is across this channel that American artillery shells are being hurled today against the Japanese military positions.

It is impossible to move naval craft in close to the shore at Munda as Munda bar, a huge sandbar, blocks all approaches to the field from the west. The capture of Munda and its installations will place several Japanese bases within easy range of our fighter-escorted bombers. The Nipponese seaplane base of Rekata bay, 90 miles across the channel from Munda, is jeopardized by the attack as are the Choiseul island installations and the Faisi and Bui bases in the northern Solomons. All these airfields probably have suffered heavy aerial onslaughts by American heavy bombers from Guadalcanal which are supporting the invasion.

Between the New Georgias and Rabaul lie several enemy stepping stone bases which are centered mainly around Bougainville island, a 105-mile long island some 200 miles north of Munda. It was from Bougainville, Buka—just off the northern tip—Kieta and the Shortlands, from which the Japanese launched their aerial attacks upon Guadalcanal.

The Japanese have never been able to utilize Munda as an operating base because the day and night bombing attacks by American planes neutralized it as an active field. Only once, on Christmas eve of last year, did the Japanese attempt to base planes at Munda. A combined army, navy, and marine corps air raid against the base destroyed or damaged every plane the Japanese flew into the field a few hours earlier. Since then very few planes have been observed by reconnaissance planes at Munda, although numerous improvements have been made on the defense installations.

Sunk Transport Sent Many Japs Before Her
LOS ANGELES (U.P.)—The navy department announcement

that the Japanese finally got the 7700-ton transport MacCawley off Rendova island during the New Georgia island invasion revealed today that the Japs had removed from the Pacific one of the fighting transports in the Pacific war.

The former Grace liner Santa Barbara, the MacCawley was built for the elite South American passenger trade and her builders never thought she would destroy nearly a score of Japanese fighters and torpedo bombers, have her decks sprayed with shrapnel and salt water from bursting 1,000-pound bombs and yet safely transport thousands of American troops to South Pacific battle fronts before succumbing to a Japanese torpedo.

The famed MacCawley led the transports into Guadalcanal Aug. 6, when the Solomons invasion began, and her gunners accounted for at least eight torpedo bombers within the next three days. It was the MacCawley which led the second convoy into Guadalcanal a few weeks later.

From then on her hull was a familiar sight off Guadalcanal and each visit seemed destined to be her last one. Torpedoes from low-flying Japanese torpedo planes just grazed her stern on one occasion and later a Jap bomber downed by her alert gunners crashed in flames a few yards off her bow when the enemy pilot failed in his suicide crash dive.

She carried a mixed complement of navy and merchant marine personnel and many of her officers were former Grace line men who accepted navy commissions and stayed with the ship when she was taken over by the navy.

Six State Men Held in Japan
The war department announced today the names of 232 U. S. soldiers who are held as prisoners of war by the enemy. One is held in Germany, and 231 are held by Japan, the announcement stated.

Wisconsin men held in Japan: Pvt. Norman A. Paul, mother, Mrs. Mary Paul, Curtiss; Pvt. Leo L. Dewane, sister, Mrs. Veronica Toughy, Maribel; Pfc. Lewis R. Phillips, mother, Mrs. Rose Phillips, 705 S. Pearl st., Janesville; Pfc. Robert M. Pribbernow,

11 State Men, Jap Prisoners, Die of Disease

The war department announced today the names of more American soldiers who have died of disease in Japanese prison camps since the fall of Bataan and Corregidor.

This list makes a total of over 600 such deaths reported through the international Red Cross from Japan out of 13,724 army personnel listed as prisoners of war of Japan.

The following men died in the Philippines:

Wisconsin: Pvt. Charles L. Ganske, Mrs. Lucy Ganske, mother, Chetek. Pfc. Donald C. Gehl, Andrew Gehl, brother, Marshfield.

Pfc. Harold G. Fanning, Mrs. Lulu Fanning, mother, Route 1, Milton.

Pvt. Daniel G. Golland, Mrs. Sophie Golland, mother, Milwaukee. Staff Sgt. Clinton L. Hickok, Mrs. Viola Hickok, mother, Lancaster.

Pfc. James J. Hildensperger, Joseph Hildensperger, father, Wausau. Capt. Louis T. Hunold, Mrs. Ihmgard Hunold, wife, Ripon.

Sgt. Ronald J. King, Mrs. John King, mother, 1938 S. Terrace st., Janesville. Pfc. Joseph F. McCrea, Mrs. Percy Yates, sister, 1343 Sharon Ave., Janesville.

Pvt. Vernon G. Thorpe, Mrs. Essie Thorpe, mother, Route 2, Bloomington. Pvt. Elmer H. Verhagen, Mrs. Mary van Eperon, mother, Route 1, Black-Creek.

Pvt. Thorpe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thorpe, Beetown, Wis., died June 11, his parents were informed June 1. He has two brothers in service, Elverson F., in Australia, and Raymond C., in Texas. mother, Mrs. Martha Rietdorf, Oshkosh; Pvt. William H. Sommerlund, mother, Mrs. Minnie Sommerlund, Granton; Pfc. Loyd Stieg, father, Herman Stieg, Port Washington.

Maneuvers Set for State Guard at Devils Lake

200 Will Bivouac at Devils Lake

The first maneuvers of the southwestern Wisconsin units of the Wisconsin state guard will be held July 31-Aug. 1, when more than 200 guardsmen of the second battalion, third infantry, mobilizes for a two-day bivouac at Devils Lake. It was announced today by Lieut. Col. Clausen F. Stekl, Baraboo, battalion commander.

Units participating in the maneuvers will be Company E, Platteville, Capt. Homer D. Ralph, commander; Company F, Monroe, Capt. George W. Armstrong, commander; Company G, Madison, Capt. Emanuel E. Bender, commander; and Company H, Baraboo, Capt. Frank M. Holaday, commander.

The troops will be quartered over night in the CCC camp barracks at Devils Lake. Training will include day and night combat problems in the field.

Mess call will be sounded for dinner and supper on Saturday and breakfast and dinner on Sunday. There will be chapel services Sunday morning, with Capt. George Schiffmayer, Baraboo, acting as chaplain.

Evanville Man Wins Commission

EVANVILLE—Donald Montgomery, son of Mrs. Gertrude Montgomery, was graduated as an army pilot and was commissioned a second lieutenant at Yuma, Ariz., recently.

Lieut. Montgomery spent a few days leave with his mother and other relatives and has now returned to a western army field. He was graduated from Evanville high school in 1937 and entered the army two years ago. He received his early training in Texas.

Weather

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1943. OFFICIAL REPORT BY UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU. Precipitation 24 Hours or more. Temperature Highest Lowest Yesterday Last Night. Chicago 75 57 0 0. Cleveland 75 57 0 0. Dubuque 75 57 0 0. Duluth 70 55 0 0. Fargo 70 55 0 0. Green Bay 74 56 0 0. Kan. City 70 55 0 0. La Crosse 74 60 0 0. Madison 73 58 0 0. Mad. Airt 75 53 0 0. Miami 90 78 0 0. Milwaukee 74 55 0 0. Mpls.-St. P. 73 61 0 0. New York 75 61 0 0. Park Falls 70 58 0 0. St. Antonio 94 75 0 0. S.S. Marie 78 75 0 0. Wash. ton 76 59 0 0. Wausau 72 56 0 0. Winnipeg 67 60 0 0. MADISON WEATHER: Yesterday: High 75, Low 57, Wind 10-15, Clear. Today: High 71, Low 59, Wind 10-15, Partly cloudy. Tomorrow: High 70, Low 58, Wind 10-15, Partly cloudy. Mean temperature yesterday 63. Normal 71. Accumulated degree days since July 1: 2. Total precipitation since Jan. 1 13.90 in. Normal 15.90 in. Sun rose at 5:21 sets at 8:41. Warmest in 1911, 96. Coldest in 1904, 52. Wettest in 1928, 1.78 inches.

A suit of clothes now costs in Italy nearly twice what an Italian semi-skilled worker can earn in a month.

Madison's Men, Women in Service

Wilson Commissioned

Melbourne J. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wilson, 818 Terry pl., recently completed flight training at Luke field, Ariz., and received his wings and a commission as second lieutenant. Before entering the service he attended the University of Wisconsin.



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Two Complete Courses

Corp. Donald H. Krueger and Pfc. Victor P. Martinelli both recently completed training courses at Chanute field, Ill. Corp. Krueger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Krueger, 20 N. Henry st., took a teletype maintenance course, and Pfc. Martinelli studied instrument navigation.

Oakey Graduates

First Lieut. Robert H. Oakey, 39, of 901 Wingra dr., was graduated from the medical field service school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., Thursday, prepared for duty with the sanitary corps. He holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Kaech Returns to Post

Sgt. John H. Kaech, 9 N. Baldwin st., has returned to his medical corps duties at Camp Berkeley, Tex., after spending a 10-day furlough with relatives in Madison and New Glarus. He was accompanied by his wife who has been making her home in Albilene, Tex., while her husband is stationed near there.

Karberg at Camp Mackall

After several months of service in the public relations office at Camp McCoy, and temporary duty at Camp Robinson, Ark., Sgt. Paul F. Karberg, Madison, is now stationed at Camp Mackall, N. C., where he is company clerk in the personnel section of a parachute infantry regiment, part of an airborne division.

Truax Nurses Promoted

Two nurses stationed at Truax Field received promotions to first lieutenant authorized by Col. Oscar L. Rogers, post commander. They were:

Mary Ann Grossneck, daughter of Mrs. Mary Grossneck, Milwaukee, and Lucy P. Martyn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David T. Martyn, Columbus, Neb.

Lieut. Grossneck studied public health at Marquette university and took nurse's training at St. Vincent's hospital, Los Angeles, Calif. She has been in the army about a year and is now in charge of the hospital mess hall at Truax Field.

Lieut. Martyn trained at Cook county hospital, Chicago, and entered the army about 19 months ago. She was stationed at McClellan field, Ala., before coming here.

12 Are Promoted

Twelve promotions were announced at Truax Field by the public relations department today. They were as follows:

To the rank of major: Russell C. Morrison, 702 W. Lakeside st., Madison.

To the rank of captain: Carey P. Hunt, Richmond Va., who now

lives at Hotel Loraine; William Koski, 2730 Gregory st.; Philip W. Nash, Plainfield, N. J., who now lives at Hotel Loraine; John M. Ruddy, Montreal, Canada, now living at 330 N. Carroll st.; William G. Evans, Jr., Huntington, W. Va., now living at Hotel Loraine; and Justin F. Jason, Wareham, Mass., now living at 2506 Buckeye rd.

To the rank of first lieutenant: Vernon W. Garrison, Lexington, Ky., now living at 1004 E. Dayton st.; Alan D. Beggs, Hopkins, Minn., now living at Lakeview Heights; Aubrey W. Stallings, Edna, Tex., now living at Hotel Loraine; Stephan Polansky, Coaldale, Pa., now living at 1008 Rutledge st.; and Manuel A. Silverman, Rochester, N. Y., living at 509 N. Lake st., here.

Risser in North Africa

Staff Sgt. Everett Risser, former employe of the conservation department and brother of Sen. Fred Risser (P-Madison), has arrived in North Africa with the army air forces, the senator was informed today.

Kohn Commissioned

Edward J. Kohn, son of Mrs. Charles Kohn, 10 Breese terrace, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States marine corps Wednesday at Quantico, Va. Kohn enlisted Jan. 27 at Des Moines, Ia., and took basic train-

ing at San Diego, Calif. Upon its completion, he was selected for officer training and, while awaiting transfer, spent eight weeks as instructor at San Diego.

He arrived at Quantico on May 5. Kohn now will have an additional 10 weeks of advanced training.

Berge Visits Here

On leave from his duties in the air transport command, Flight Radio Officer Reuben P. Berge is spending several days with relatives and friends in Madison. His father, Ole G. Berge, lives at 105 Talmadge st.

During recent months Berge has visited a dozen countries on three continents, and one week participated in a successful rescue mission. He is an American Airlines employe under army command, holding a rank equivalent to first lieutenant.

Flight Officer Berge is a graduate of East high school and received his radio training at RCA institute in Chicago. He is well known among Madison persons who, before the war, operated amateur radio stations.

Prisoners to Can Food for Maine Institutions

SOUTH WARREN, Me.—(U.P.)—Maine's state institutions can expect adequate supplies of canned vegetables despite war shortages. Prison labor will construct and then operate a new cannery here which will be supplied with vegetables grown on prison farms. Fifty-two thousand feet of winter-cut lumber will be used.

FASHIONS FOR THE 4TH!

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ACROSS: 1. Military group, 6. Garment, 11. Foretell, 12. Jap gateway, 13. Like milk, 14. Musical drama, 15. Pig pen, 16. Past of fax, 18. Weight of tax, 19. Take as one's own, 21. Packs away, 24. Unravel, 28. Coating of seeds, 29. Sheep's coat, 30. Mountain pass, 41. Ancient, 32. Leg joint, 34. Poker stake, 35. Inlet of Aegean sea, 37. Chief Teutonic gods, 38. Rotards, 40. Girl's name, 43. Tavern, 44. Canadian province (abbr.), 47. Italian city, 49. Fluid in veins of gods, 51. Tine, 52. Artless, 53. Clans, 54. Old English coin.

DOWN: 1. Nickname (poss.), 2. Leave.

CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation:
PK FMHLM LHJJCD SM RHPJDHPJMM
APDI TCJCE, PD PB JC GCJWMB
FMHLM—EVBMMGG.

Yesterday's Cryptquote: SHAME ARISES FROM THE FEAR OF MEN, CONSCIENCE FROM THE FEAR OF GOD—JOHN SON.

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