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SUPERFORTS SMASH JAP HOMELAND THIRD TIME WITHIN A WEEK

Superfortresses have been at it again, striking the Japanese homeland for the third time this week. The latest blows were carried out shortly after midnight Friday by upwards of 450 B-29's which flew out of the Marianas without fighter escort. The giant bombers dropped 3,000 tons of fire bombs on four Japanese cities in the first large-scale incendiary mission since June 20. They struck three important seaports on Kyushu: Sasebo, Moji and Nobeoka and hit the Honshu industrial city of Okayama.

It was the first Superfort attack on Moji, Nobeoka and Okayama but Sasebo had been hit before. Sasebo contains important military targets packed into a congested area. It is an important anchorage and would accommodate the imperial Japanese fleet before the fleet was reduced as an effective force. Moji, with a population of 120,000, is an important coal shipping center on the northern tip of Kyushu. Nobeoka, a city of about 80,000, is a heavy producer of explosives and chemicals while Okayama, with a population of 162,000, is an important rail hub and military arsenal in addition to being a troop training center.

6TH DIVISION TROOPS GAIN IN DRIVE AGAINST JAP STRONGHOLD AT KIANGAN

In the Philippines American troops are mopping up on both Luzon and Mindanao. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced Thursday that the major phase of the Luzon campaign was over and that the Yanks are now wiping out isolated groups in northern Luzon's Cagayan valley. Troops of the 6th Infantry division pushing west of the Cagayan valley up Highway 4 made a 400-yard gain against the Jap stronghold of Kiangan, once reported as headquarters of the Jap Fourteenth Army. These 6th division units are now within six miles of Kiangan which the Japs have renamed Sakura Machi which means "Cherry City".

Highway 4 in the area in which the 6th division is fighting is a one-way, winding mountainous road. Since June 13 the 6th has been killing about 150 Japs daily. Filipino guerrillas, fighting the Japanese about 40 miles northwest of Kiangan, captured high ground and defeated three Jap counterattacks. On Mindanao, American troops made an advance of two miles and liberated two towns about 20 miles northwest of Davao.

AMERICAN REDEPLOYMENT FROM EUROPE, MEDITERRANEAN BEING STEPPED UP

Allied forces in various parts of the world are shifting personnel and changing functions as the war effort in the Pacific area quickens. The War department revealed Friday that the Persian gulf command is being disposed of and that more than half of the personnel has already returned to the United States. Redeployment of the remaining troops will be stepped up next month. Supreme Allied Headquarters in Paris announced that the U. S. 28th and 30th Infantry divisions are on the list of those designated to leave Germany next month for the Pacific. It was also reported that France has named her commander-in-chief of the Far East expeditionary force which will be placed at the disposal of the United States.

Gen. Joseph McNarney, chief of American forces in the Mediterranean, reported that 89,000 soldiers in his theater are now eligible for discharge. McNarney said he was doing his best to get everybody out as (Continued on Next Page)

CHINESE TAKE LIUCHOW RAIL STATION Chinese troops have captured a railway station in the western suburbs of Liuchow and have taken a part of the airfield south of the city. Other Chinese troops flanking Liuchow on the north continued pushing forward as did those on the southeast.

23 MORE JAP SHIPS WRECKED AS FLYERS CONTINUE WIDESPREAD ATTACKS

American planes in strikes against the Japanese merchant fleet have sunk or damaged 23 more Jap vessels in waters between Japan's homeland and the southern Ryukyus. At least 12 ships were sunk or damaged in the fully-protected waters between Japan and Korea. American bombers from the Philippines concentrating on Japanese industries have again hit the island of Formosa, striking the enemy's main sugar refineries and assaulting other refineries producing emergency fuel. American heavy bombers ranging by night along the Asiatic coast bombed fuel stores at Nanking and the Canton river front. Allied bombers unloaded 286 tons of high explosives on enemy bases in Borneo and carrier planes operating off Borneo's west coast damaged three Japanese freighters. American naval units shot down three Jap planes in the Makassar straits between Celebes and Borneo.

JAPS ON OKINAWA SHOW THEY LEARNED PLENTY FROM EXPERIENCE

A review of the battle of Okinawa shows that the Japanese are learning from experience. For the first time since the Pacific campaign began, the Japanese employed independent machine-gun brigades, which meant that 100 soldiers manning 20 guns could hold a hill and repulse as large a force as one battalion. The Japs favored mass artillery fire. They showed less tendency to carry out banzai charges. They surrendered in droves at the finale. Women were used in a score of combat jobs.

Also on Okinawa, the Japs used a new "spider" trap whereby a Jap soldier would crouch in a foxhole until an American tank was well over him at which instant he would set off a land mine, blowing up himself as well as the tank. From the standpoint of learning enemy defensive methods, Okinawa was the richest strategic prize the U. S. has yet won.

SPEED YANKS FROM EUROPE soon as possible and that all men eligible for discharge (Cont'd from Page 1) would be homeward bound in September. McNerney said that at the time of the German capitulation there were about 508,000 officers and men in the theater and added that by next January less than 8,000 American troops would remain in the Mediterranean. Of these about 5,000 will be in an occupation air force while about 2,500 will be salvage troops. However, an extra division may have to be kept in Italy to take part in the occupation of Trieste. McNerney said 50,000 already have been shipped from the Mediterranean direct to the Pacific. The General also disclosed that the final overall U. S. casualty figure in the Mediterranean theater from the initial African landings until final victory was proclaimed this May totalled 186,000. During the same period, German casualties amounted to about 1,341,000.

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS WORLD Baseball: AL: After sharing the top spot in the standings with New York for one day, the Detroit Tigers Thursday once again assumed the leadership when they defeated Washington and the Yanks lost to St. Louis. Tigers (Newhouser 12-4) 5, Senators (Wolff 8-4) 2 - Prince Hal's even dozen wins now tops in both circuits; Browns (Jakucki 6-5) 9, Yanks (Page 1-2) 4 - Vern Stephens' 13th homer helps mates break losing streak; Indians (Bagby 2-8) 11, Athletics (Knerr 1-5) 0 - Jim Bagby's first shutout, Jeff Heath's 2d homer of year make it the 9th straight loss for A's; Boston at Chicago - Pain... NL: Cards (Burkhart 8-2) 6, Phils (Ice 3-6) 1 - Cut Brooks' lead to 3 games; Cubs (Passeau 8-2) 11, Dodgers (Pfund 3-2) 8 - Five runs in the 5th cinch it for Bruins; Boston (Tobin 7-8) 7, Reds (Lisenbee 1-3) 6 - Workman's 9th home run with a man on in the 9th decides tilt; Pirates (Strincevich 7-3) 3, Giants (Feldman 5-6) 1 - Nap Royes accounts for lone New York run with four-bagger...Tommy Holmes of the Braves, current NL batting leader, has hit safely in 24 consecutive contests...It was Vance Dinges' second-inning single that ruined Blix Donnelly's bid for a no-hitter when the Cards defeated the Phils 6-0 Wednesday.

Minors: AA: Indpls 6-4, Mil'kee 4-5; K City 5-14, L'ville 0-10; Mpls 3-10, Toledo 1-4; St. Paul 4, Col 3...IL: J City 9-1, Toronto 4-0; Buffalo 5-3, Syracuse 4-6; Roch 1, Newark 0; Montreal 8, Baltimore 0...SA: Atlanta 12, Nashville 3; L Rock 7, N Orleans 0; Chatt 3, Birm 2; Memphis 11, Mobile 5...PCL: Frisco 3, LA 2; Oakland 5, Hollywood 2; Seattle 4, S Diego 1; Sacs 6, Portland 1...EL: Wmsport 2-1, Elmira 0-3; Utica 3-2, Hartford 1-3; Scranton 2-12, W Barre 1-7; Bing 5-3, Albany 1-6. WANTED: Japanese and Filipino postage stamps. Call Cockatoo. FOR SALE: Marvel wrist watch, 17-jewel shock-proof. See Ellis, Div Hq Rear Mess.

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