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RECORD FLEET OF SUPERFORTRESSES POUNDS VITAL OSAKA-NAGOYA AREAS

More than 650 Superfortresses attacked the Nagoya and Osaka area on the island of Honshu on Tuesday in a record daylight raid. This is the third time that more than 600 B-29's have bombed Japan and headquarters said that while exact figures could not be released, Tuesday's attack was the largest yet made on the Japanese homeland. Preliminary reports say that the B-29's dropped nearly 4,000 tons of explosives in the Osaka-Nagoya area, hitting the great industrial centers just at noon. Before reaching the mainland the Superforts split into several task forces, spread out for miles, and dropped their bombs from medium to high altitudes. It was the first daylight strike in nearly a month.

Osaka is Japan's second largest city and manufactures such important war commodities as iron and steel. It is the site of great electrical power plants, oil plants and shipyards. It has been struck six times by B-29's. Nagoya, one of Japan's largest industrial centers, has now been bombed by B-29's 17 times.

1,000 THIRD FLEET CARRIER PLANES OVER JAP HOMELAND AGAIN

American carrier planes also struck the Jap homeland in great strength as more than 1,000 carrier aircraft of the Third Fleet opened up an assault at dawn against the great Jap naval base of Kure. At last report the great attack was continuing. Kure is located on Japan's inland sea, about 200 miles from the Nagoya-Osaka sector, and is one of the enemy's most important naval bases. Earlier Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that Allied warships had caught an enemy convoy in Tokio bay. Two merchant vessels and a cargo ship were probably sunk and an escort craft damaged.

Other American warships bombarded Oura town on Chichi in the Bonins while light naval units of the North Pacific Fleet shelled objectives on Paganisiro in the Kuriles. Before shelling the island, the American warships probed the sea of Okhotsk, between Russia and the northwestern Kuriles, but no Jap shipping was encountered. Other Allied warships patrolled off China's Chekiang coast to sink or damage several Japanese ships in the east China sea.

LT. RUDOLPH OF 20TH INFANTRY PRESENTED MEDAL OF HONOR BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN

2d Lt. Donald E. Rudolph, formerly of the 20th Infantry regiment of the Red Star 3th Infantry division, was presented the Medal of Honor July 5 by President Harry S. Truman in ceremonies at the White House. Rudolph, the first soldier from the Philippines to win the nation's highest honor to her fighting men, was decorated for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty at Manoz, Luzon, P. I. on Feb. 5, 1945. (Description of Medal of Honor on Page 3).

Rudolph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Rudolph, of 711 16th Ave North, Minneapolis; Minn. His wife, Mrs. Helen Rudolph, lives with her mother, Mrs. Clara Furberg, at 1411 Jefferson St., NE, Minneapolis.

The 24-year-old platoon leader is credited with knocking out eight Jap pillboxes, a Jap medium tank and killing 16 Japs. (Editor's note: At Manoz, Red Star troops, spearheaded by the 20th Infantry, routed the Jap 2d Armored division, killing 1,247 Japs and destroying 57 light and medium tanks in a bitter six-day battle.)

Modest and reticent, Rudolph reluctantly told of his exploits: "I was moving up with my platoon when I suddenly came to another company's area", he related, "I found a platoon pinned down by Jap fire and was told there were at least a dozen pillboxes dead ahead. And right out there between us and the Japs was a wounded American. I told them I'd go out with a medic and cover him while we fixed up the wounded man. One medic agreed to go so we crawled out. (Cont'd on Next Page)

RUDOLPH AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR (Cont'd from Page 1) I fired my rifle to keep the Japs down and we got the fellow out. Something had to be done about those pillboxes so I asked if anybody would cover me while I went out to see what could be done. One guy said he'd go with me. I picked up a discarded Jap pick-ax and loaded myself down with white phosphorous grenades and we took off. We worked our way around to the side and then while this fellow covered me I went out on top of the pillboxes, dug a hole in them with the pick and dropped the grenades in on the Japs." Working on one of the pillboxes, Rudolph threw two grenades into the embrasures, then knocked out some of the supports and jumped on the top of the position until the covering of wood, tin and earth caved in on the occupants.

"These damn Japs are unorthodox as hell", Rudolph declared. "I don't know why they didn't try to come out of those holes unless it was because I fired one clip from my M1 into them just for good measure. I guess I got about eight pillboxes and then the other fellows came up and finished off the rest. The one guy I'd like to meet is the fellow who covered me while I was working. Funny thing, I'd never seen him before and haven't seen him since, don't even know his name," Rudolph observed.

At approximately 7 p.m. on the same day, the forward elements of his company were attacked by a single enemy tank. Lt. Rudolph with two companions crawled and ran across 150 yards of flat terrain in the face of machinegun fire spurting from the oncoming tank and while the two men covered him, Rudolph climbed up the side of the tank and dropped a WP grenade through the turret. The resulting explosions completely destroyed the tank.

"The heroic action taken by Lt. Rudolph in the face of intense fire and heavily-fortified positions not only served as an inspiring example to the assault troops but also cleared the path for an advance that resulted in the destruction of a large proportion of the enemy armored strength on Luzon and in one of the most decisive victories in the Philippine campaign!" Rudolph's citation stated.

"Lt. Rudolph is the first man to receive the Medal of Honor in the 6th Infantry division and the whole division is proud of him," said Maj. Gen. Charles E. Hurdis, commanding general of the Red Star division. His company commander, 1st Lt. Carroll D. Eods, of Lockhart, Tex., said Rudolph was "hell on wheels" when it came to fighting Japs. His battalion commander, Lt. Col. Floyd Simmons, of Midwest, Wyo., described Rudolph as "the ideal type of soldier whose performance of duty, in battle and out, is always superior."

At the time the action took place, Rudolph was a platoon sergeant in E Company of the 20th acting as a platoon leader in place of his lieutenant who had become a casualty earlier in the Luzon campaign. For his display of leadership and extraordinary courage, he was given a battlefield commission as a second lieutenant. Rudolph was drafted in February, 1941, a few months after graduating from Minneapolis' North high school. (Passed by Base Censor and GHQ for mailing)

MIDWEST SWELTERS AS FLOODS SWEEP THREE EASTERN STATES

While most of the U. S. sweltered Monday and the Midwest broiled in record summer heat, floods swept three eastern states. Cloudbursts caused rivers to spill banks and caused several million dollars worth of damage in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts. No loss of life was reported. Heatwave hot, moist weather was a boon to Midwest farmers by aiding the corn crop which had been delayed by late planting. Sunday Des Moines' temperature hit 101 degrees while Kansas City reached an even 100. In Champaign, Ill. early Sunday morning showers followed by heat above 90 caused corn to grow three and one-half inches in 24 hours. Despite rain and rising humidity, Oregon forest fires still gained Monday against more than 2,000 fighters. The Tillamook area's huge blaze in northwest Oregon now covers about 140 square miles.

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS WORLD Baseball round-up for Monday: AL: In New York, the White Sox beat the Yanks 1-0 in 11 innings. Bill Zuber lost his own game in the 11th when he walked Johnny Dickshot, made two wild pitches and an error...Babe Newsom won his fourth straight in beating the Tigers 1-0. Cleveland beat Washington 2-1...NL: The Pirates beat the Braves for the fourth time in a row, 8-5. Jim Russell paced the Bucs with two singles, a double and a home run while teammates Bob Elliott and Bill Salkeld also clouted circuit blows.

5TH DIVISION TAKES BANAUE In one of the toughest actions of the bloody campaign to push the Japanese out of the wild and rugged mountain areas of northern Luzon, troops of the Red Star 6th Infantry division advanced eight miles to capture Banaue and to move within two and one-half miles of Philippine Army forces advancing from the west.