

U. S. Stepping Stone to Tokyo; That's Amchitka, a Navy Base



Victory Parade



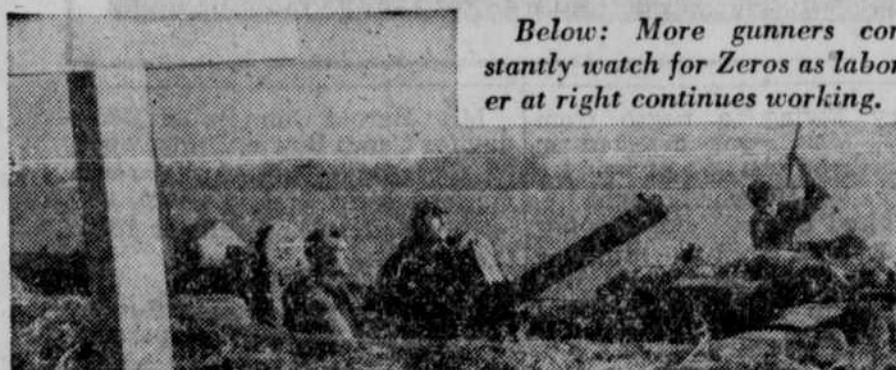
Navy forces on their way to Tokyo have landed forces on the Aleutian island of Amchitka, about 70 miles from the Japanese-held island of Kiska. Jap Zero planes vainly sought to dislodge our forces. During one foray U. S. navy gunners knocked all attacking Jap planes out of the sky. All attempts to bomb or strafe the navy landing party ceased shortly afterward, and since completion of a landing strip for U. S. fighter planes, Jap aircraft are rarely seen.

Photo at top shows a typical navy gunner, his features highlighted by the bright Alaskan sunlight. The beard is a protection against the sharp wintry blasts for which the Alaskan territory is famous. Left: A pilot pushes his way through the drifting snow towards his tent. He has just returned from a bombing patrol flight despite the weather. Their success in ridding the area of Japanese planes has not dimmed the constant care and watchfulness exercised by the navy men in their efforts to catch and destroy the enemy.

A machine gun crewman is silhouetted against the sun as he watches for Zeros. Note tents in background at right, which were set up on arrival.



The silent messenger pictured above enabled U. S. forces to slip in quietly. This blinker was the communication between ship and shore. Here a message is being read to the operator who blinks it in code to a ship in the harbor. Left: Although they were deep in mud at Amchitka, these enlisted men found baseball equipment in the first load of freight delivered there, but the mud-clear airfield was being used to strike out Japs.



Below: More gunners constantly watch for Zeros as laborer at right continues working.

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1741

Favorite Apron

APRONS are certainly turning out to be fashion's pet these days and this one, with patchwork border, is one of the favorite models.

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African Sergeant Major Is Permitted Four Wives

Among the troops who helped to drive the Italians out of Ethiopia in 1940 were sturdy native soldiers from the African Gold Coast.

The British carefully refrain from interfering with their customs. About half of them are Moslems, others Christians, but their marriage customs are peculiarly their own.

Some of the non-Christians may have as many wives as they choose in private life. But in barracks they are "rationed" according to rank; that is, one wife for a private, two for a sergeant, and four for a sergeant-major.

The Gold Coast soldier is about average height. He goes to school for an hour a day under British tutors, and serves under British officers. He lives in cement and white plaster barracks that are pin-bright. His boots shine like glass and he is scrupulously clean.

ASK ME ? ANOTHER!

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. What is the khamsin which was mentioned so often in news reports from Africa?
2. What country flies its flag upside down while at war?
3. What per cent of the numerical strength of modern air armies is in training planes?
4. How do military experts rate the two biggest factors, production and supply, and battle, in winning this war?
5. What is anchor ice?
6. Before Henry J. Kaiser built ships, of what three great dams did he head the construction?

The Answers

1. It is a hot African wind which fills the air with sand.
2. The Commonwealth of the Philippines is the only country in

the world that flies its national flag upside down while at war.
3. Approximately 60 per cent.
4. Seventy-five per cent rests on production and supply and 25 per cent on battle.
5. Ice formed at the bottom of a body of water.
6. Grand Coulee, Boulder and Bonneville dams.



Tanks to Good Use
Our men in the Solomons use the auxiliary gas tanks from taken Japanese airplanes for bathtubs.

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

From 1907 to 1912, guayule rubber from Mexico represented about 7 per cent of the world's rubber supply. In 1941, it was less than 1 per cent.
More than 86,000,000 motor vehicles have been produced in the United States since 1900, with an average of five tires per vehicle. That gives you an idea of the number of tires that have been made to maintain motor transportation!
A Spanish historian back in 1519 described a ball made of the gum of a tree that grows in "hot countries." He was referring to what we now call rubber.



Throw in the Piano
The average piano contains more than 200 pounds of valuable metal.

BEAT THE HEAT
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For you to make



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Household Hints

Several strands of wire placed from end to end lengthwise over the poultry feed trough will prevent chickens from getting into the trough with their feet and wasting and contaminating the feed.

So that they will not appear spotted, iron shantungs and ponges dry.

Gilt frames can be cleaned by dipping a soft cloth in milk and rubbing gently over the soiled spots. Repeat several times if necessary.

When drying a sweater or sweat shirt, use a wire coat hanger and bend the ends almost together while putting the garment on the hanger or removing it. This prevents stretching the neck of the garment.

Baked ham is glorified by pouring honey over the ham before browning. It gives a delicate brown color and a delicious flavor.

Start root vegetables in boiling, salted water, about one teaspoon of salt to a quart of water.

JUST SAY

Nothing New
Wife—I see by the paper that women are getting men's wages these days.
Hubby—Humph, haven't they always?

At Ease
She (thoughtfully)—Why do so many women rest their chins on their hands when they are thinking?
He (brutally)—To keep their mouths shut so they won't disturb themselves.

So, No Men
He—The artists whose paintings show that angels are all women certainly didn't know women.
She—That is perhaps true. It may be that they knew only men.

Even though it's true that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, it doesn't mean he'll swallow anything.

These Days
"I hear you've been doing very well at school, Alfred," said the fond grandparent. "What is your best subject—reading, writing or arithmetic?"
A look of quiet contempt crossed young Alfr's face as he replied:
"Don't be so absurd, grandpa! I produced the best plan for post-war reconstruction."

When you hear a Marine called a "Leatherneck," it has nothing to do with the epidermis of his neck. Years ago the Marine uniform was equipped with a high stiff leather collar. From that time on, "Leatherneck" has been the word for a Marine. The word for his favorite cigarette is "Camel"—the favorite cigarette also of men in the Army, Navy, and Coast Guard. (Based on actual sales records from service men's stores.) And though there are Post Office restrictions on packages to overseas Army men, you can still send Camels to soldiers in the U. S., and to men in the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard wherever they are.—Adv.



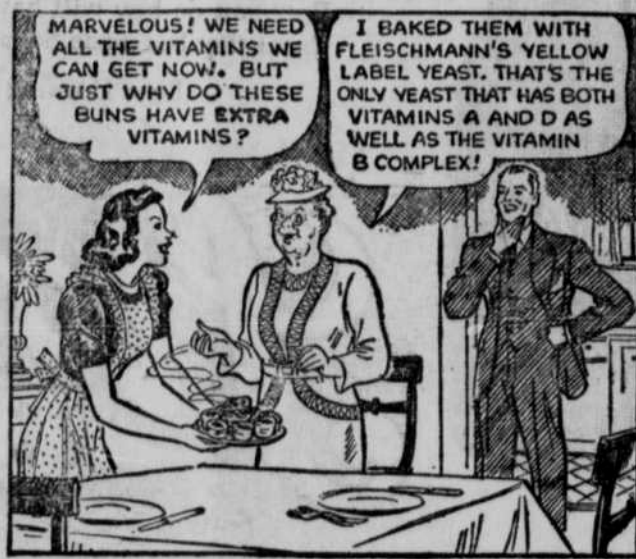
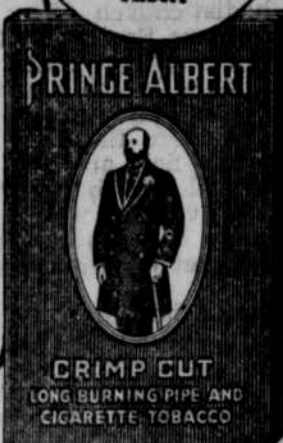
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