

## Jan 28, 1943

### JAP AIR RAID ON SHIPS FAILS IN ALEUTIANS

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Two-Plane Attack First In That Area in Months.

Washington, Jan. 28.—(A. P.)—American soldiers on Guadalcanal in the Solomons are continuing their westward advance "despite stiff enemy resistance," the navy said Thursday in telling also of a two-plane Jap raid unsuccessfully directed against American ships far to the north in the Aleutian islands.

It was the first such Japanese attack in the Aleutian islands in months, a navy spokesman said.

The Japanese planes probably were operating out of Kiska.

What type of United States ships were attacked was not specified.

Text of the communique, No. 264:

"North Pacific:

"1—On Jan. 28, two Japanese float planes attacked United States ships operating to the westward of our positions in the Aleutian islands. No damage was suffered.

"South Pacific:

"2—On Jan. 26, United States troops on Guadalcanal island continued to advance to the west despite stiff enemy resistance. Forty Japanese were killed and five prisoners and some enemy equipment were captured."

## Feb 7, 1943

### JAPAN RENEWS AIR ASSAULTS IN ALEUTIANS

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Americans Retaliate and Shoot Down Three Nip Planes.

Washington, Feb. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of the Navy Knox Saturday announced renewal of Japanese air attacks on American positions in the western Aleutian islands simultaneously with the continuing sea-air engagements between United States and Japanese forces in the Solomon islands area.

Only "moderate losses," the naval secretary declared, have been sustained by either the American or enemy surface and air fleets in the series of actions which have been going on in the vicinity of Guadalcanal for ten days.

The fourth Japanese air raid since Jan. 28 on American air fields in the Andreanof group of the Aleutians was disclosed in a navy communique which Knox read to a special Saturday press conference.

#### YANKEES GAIN ANOTHER MILE.

The communique also announced that American ground forces on Guadalcanal have advanced another mile beyond Tassafaronga. United States air forces made two bombing raids on enemy positions in the central Solomon islands, to which the Japanese replied with weak nuisance raids on Henderson field.

The new raid in the Andreanof islands was carried out last Thursday afternoon by five float-type Japanese planes. Bombs were dropped on the American installations, but the navy said they caused no damage.

#### AMERICANS DROP BOMBS ON KISKA.

United States army heavy bombers retaliated a few hours later with an attack on Japanese positions at Kiska island. Fighter planes which escorted the American bombers shot down three of the five enemy planes which attempted to intercept the American force. All of the United States planes returned safely to the Andreanof bases.

Altho the Japanese air forces at Kiska have been unusually active of late with their recurrent raids on the American Andreanof positions, Secretary Knox said he did not believe that the strength of the enemy invasion bases in the westernmost Aleutians had been increased.

Discussing the naval situation in the south Pacific, Knox stated reports received in Washington indicate that a major engagement has not yet been fought between United States and Japanese forces, which are still maneuvering and "trying out their footwork."

## Mar 3, 1943

### NAVY RAINS 1,000 BOMBS ON KISKA IN SINGLE MONTH

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Nine Raids Carried Out Against Jap Positions Without Losing a Plane.

Washington, March 3.—(A. P.)—Carrying out nine raids thru fog and storms in the Aleutians, United States aircraft during February dropped half a million pounds of bombs on Japanese positions at Kiska without the loss of any planes, the navy reported Wednesday.

It also reported that the eighty-first raid on the Japanese base at Munda on New Georgia island in the south Pacific had been carried out by a patrol bomber. No details were given.

Navy communique No. 298 said:

"North Pacific:

"1—During the month of February, 1943, United States aircraft, operating under adverse weather conditions, executed nine bombing attacks on Japanese positions at Kiska. During the raids, which have been previously announced, more than 1,000 bombs were dropped and ten enemy planes shot down. No United States planes were lost during these operations.

"South Pacific:

"2—On March 2 a Hudson patrol bomber (Lockheed A-29), while returning from a mission, dropped bombs on Japanese positions at Munda, on New Georgia island."

Estimates of the weight of bombs dumped on the heavily battered Kiska positions were based upon the average weight of 500 pounds each for bombs carried in the type of planes customarily used in those attacks.

In reporting that ten enemy planes were shot down in the nine raids it was pointed out that previous announcements of actions during the month had reported the destruction of eight of those planes.