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KISKA DAMAGED BY CO-ORDINATED SEA-AIR ASSAULT

Canadians Join in Bombing to Soften Jap Base for Invasion.

Washington, July 24.—(A. P.)—The navy disclosed Saturday that heavy American air raids preceded and followed the American warships' bombardment of Japanese positions on Kiska island Thursday.

As a result of the combined operations, enemy coastal batteries, anti-aircraft positions and building areas were hit, many fires were started and one large explosion was observed.

The communique also disclosed that Canadian flyers are participating in the campaign to soften up Japanese defenses in Kiska, stating that some of the fighter planes in the attack were piloted by R. C. A. F. flyers.

One American plane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire, but the crew was rescued.

The navy bombardment had been announced Friday. A communique said that heavy and light surface units assaulted enemy shore posi-

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CO-ORDINATED SEA-AIR ATTACK MADE ON KISKA

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tions and that enemy guns replied, but no ships were damaged.

Saturday's war bulletin gave the first intimation of a co-ordinated sea-air drive to prepare the way for amphibious invasion of Kiska, and strongly indicated that much heavier damage than was expected had been accomplished Thursday.

TWENTIETH RAID ON KISKA THIS MONTH.

The latest war bulletin said:

"North Pacific:

"1—On July 22, prior to and after the surface bombardment of Kiska (previously reported in navy department communique No. 448) army Liberator (Consolidated B-24) heavy bombers, Mitchell (North American B-25) medium bombers, with Lightning (Lockheed P-38) and Warhawk (Curtiss P-40) fighters heavily bombed enemy coastal batteries, anti-aircraft positions and building areas. Numerous fires were started and a large explosion observed. A number of the Warhawks participating in the attacks were piloted by pilots of the royal Canadian air force. One United States plane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire. The crew was rescued."

The communique was No. 449.

The Thursday raid raised to twenty the number of air attacks on Kiska this month. The island has been surface-bombarded seven times during the month.