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Washington, July 17. — (A. P.)—The navy announced Saturday that army bombers raided Japanese positions on Kiska island four times Thursday, starting several fires among the enemy's anti-aircraft batteries.

Navy communique No. 443 said:

"North Pacific:

"1. On July 15th, a force of army Liberator (Consolidated B-24) heavy bombers, Mitchell (North American B-25) medium bombers and Lightning (Lockheed P-38) fighters, carried out four attacks against Japanese installations at Kiska. Several fires were observed in the vicin-

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ity of the enemy anti-aircraft batteries."

Kiska has been shelled five times this month and attacked from the air in sixteen different raids in operations designed to soften up the enemy's defenses in preparation for the time foreshadowed by Secretary Knox's statement Friday that "we propose to drive the Japanese out of the Aleutians."

The air attack fell the same day as the latest shelling of the enemy-held island, which had been reported by the navy Friday. A small American warship bombarded Japanese defenses at Gertrude cove, southwest of Kiska harbor in the early morning.

Apparently a break in the weather, which has held bombing operations to a minimum in the western Aleutians since April, made it possible for the Aleutians command to co-ordinate the aerial assault with the surface attack.