

THAT WAS THE TEXT OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORT ON AIR ATTACK ON TOKYO BAY SHIPPING.

MANILA:

GENERAL MACARTHUR ANNOUNCED IN MANILA THURSDAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, THAT HE WOULD ENTER JAPAN NEXT TUESDAY, WEATHER PERMITTING WITH HIS POWERFUL ALLIED SEA AND AIR LANDINGS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE FORMAL JAPANESE SURRENDER DOCUMENT WOULD BE SIGNED THREE DAYS LATER, FRIDAY AUGUST 31ST IN THE TOKYO AREA. MACARTHUR HIMSELF, APPARENTLY WILL GO IN WITH THE AIRBORNE FORCES, LANDING AT THE ATSUGI AIRDROME, JUST SOUTHWEST OF TOKYO ON TUESDAY. TOKYO RADIO ANNOUNCED IN AN IMPERIAL COMMUNIQUE, THAT THE FIRST AIRBORNE LANDINGS WOULD START ON SUNDAY. MACARTHUR DISCLOSED DETAILS OF THE DIRECTIONS WITH WHICH THE JAPANESE MUST COMPLY. HE SAID THAT WHILE THE AIRBORNE FORCES ON LANDING, MARINE AND NAVY PERSONNEL WILL GO ASHORE AT YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE SOME 15 MILES SOUTHEAST OF ATSUGIA AIRFIELD. THE ENTIRE LANDING AREAS WILL BE CLEARED OF ALL JAPANESE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND GREAT COASTAL DEFENSE GUNS WILL HAVE THEIR BREACH BLOCKS REMOVED. JAP SHIPS WILL NOT MOVE. CIVIL AND SPECIAL POLICE WILL BE ON DUTY IN LANDING OPERATIONS. THE GENERAL HAS CONFIRMED THE JAPANESE STATEMENT THAT AIR OPERATIONS OVER JAPAN WOULD BEGIN ON SATURDAY. MACARTHUR ALSO SENT A NOTE WITH MANILA EMISSARIES SAYING BESIDES U.S., BRITISH, RUSSIAN, AND CHINA REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ALLIES ALSO WOULD SIGN THE FORMAL SURRENDER DOCUMENT IN THE TOKYO AREA. THESE WILL INCLUDE AUSTRALIAN, CANADIAN AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES. FROM WASHINGTON CAME REPORTS THAT ADMIRAL NIMITZ WOULD SIGN FOR THE U.S. AND THAT MACARTHUR WOULD SIGN FOR THE BIG FOUR, BUT THESE HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. A SPOKESMAN IN CHUNGKING SAYS JAPAN WILL SIGN SEPARATE SURRENDER WITH CHINA IN NANKING AFTER THE FORMAL TOKYO SIGNING. ALL JAPANESE SHIPS AT SEA WERE ORDERED TO THROW ALL THEIR EXPLOSIVES OVERBOARD !

LONDON:

RUSSIAN AIRBORNE TROOPS LANDED IN THE AMERICAN BOMBED KURILE ISLANDS WEST OF THE ALEUTIANS WEDNESDAY IN AN UNEXPECTED SKY JUMP WHEN THEY PARACHUTED REOCCUPIED THE HISTORIC PACIFIC BASE OF "PORT ARTHUR" WHICH THEY LOST TO THE JAPANESE FORTY YEARS AGO. SOVIET PARATROOPERS DROPPED FROM THE SKIES AS RUSSIAN BROADCASTS REPORTED THAT MOSCOW'S FAR EASTERN ARMIES HAD CAPTURED AND INTERNED HENRY PU YI THIRTYNINE YEAR OLD JAPANESE PUPPET EMPEROR OF ENEMY SPONSORED MANCHUKUO .

CHUNGKING:

GEN CHIANG KAI CHEK TROOPS WILL OCCUPY THE FORMER BRITISH CROWN COLONY OF HONG KONG THE ENEMY'S ISLAND FORTRESS OF FORMOSA, NORTH EASTERN SMALL PART OF THAILAND, THE JAPANESE DISCLOSED WEDNESDAY. BRITISH AUTHORITIES IN CHUNGKING DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE INCLUSION OF HONG KONG AS ONE OF THE AREAS TO BE OCCUPIED BY CHINESE TROOPS.

WASHINGTON:

THE WAR DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO COMMENT WEDNESDAY ON A REPORT BY TOKYO RADIO THAT 480 THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND OVER 100 THOUSAND WOUNDED. RADIO TOKYO ALSO SAID THAT OVER 200 THOUSAND SURVIVORS WERE LEFT HOMELESS. SCIENCE WAS ALSO ENCOUNTERING A NEW STUDY WHEN THE JAPANESE RADIO ADDED THAT "THE DEATH TOTAL IS MOUNTING DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF THE ATOMIC BOMB RAIDS". THESE LATEST FIGURES WERE THE RESULTS OF ONE ATOMIC BOMB DROPPED ON HIROSHIMA. OVER 120 THOUSAND CASUALTIES WERE LISTED AFTER THE SECOND ATOMIC BOMB BLEW UP NAGASAKI. THE NUMBER OF DEAD IS MOUNTING AND MANY WHO RECEIVED BURNS CANNOT SURVIVE THEIR WOUNDS BECAUSE OF THE UNCANNY EFFECTS THE ATOMIC BOMB PRODUCES ON THE HUMAN BODY, SAID RADIO TOKYO .

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FRIDAY

"9 U.S. DESTROYERS BLAST CONVOY IN TOKYO BAY" BY RICHARD JOHNSON

WITH ADM. HALSEY'S THIRD FLEET IN JAPAN JULY 26 (UP)

ON THE DARK AND WINDY NIGHT OF JULY 22 NINE DESTROYERS OF THE THIRD FLEET CATFOOTED INTO TOKYO BAY AND BLEW HELL OUT OF A JAPANESE CONVOY IN AN OPERATION COMPARABLE TO A JAPANESE SEA RAID ON ALCATRAZ ISLAND OR A NAZI SWOOP AROUND THE STATUE OF LIBERTY.

CAPT. W.H. HEDERMAN, OF WASHINGTON D.C., COMMANDED THE SENSATIONAL OPERATION, WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT THE LOSS OF A SINGLE SHIP OR A SINGLE MAN.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY BY LT. HADDEUS R. BEAL, 28, OF LAKEVILLE, CONN., AN OFFICER ON HEDERMAN'S STAFF.

THE JAPS WOULD HAVE BEEN LESS SURPRISED BY AN EARTHQUAKE, BEAL TOLD CORRESPONDENTS.

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"WE CLOSED TO 10,000 YARDS AND OPENED FIRE WITH OUR TORPEDOES. IT WAS SO QUIET BEAL SAID HE COULD HEAR DOWN THE LINE AS THE TIN FISH HIT THE WATER EXCLAMATIONS OF "TWO TORPEDOES AWAY" AND OTHER SIGNALS FROM OTHER DESTROYERS.

TIN CANS" OPEN UP

IN LESS THAN FOUR MINUTES 18 SILVER FISH WERE STREAKING THRU THE WATER AT THE SAME TIME THE TIN CANS OPENED UP WITH THEIR FIVE-INCH GUNS.

IT WAS APPARENT THAT NOT UNTIL THAT MOMENT WERE THE JAPANESE AWARE OF THE DESTROYERS' PRESENCE.

"WE SAW ONE-HALF OF ONE SHIP EXPLODE AND THEN ANOTHER CAUGHT FIRE," BEAL SAID. "THEY TRIED TO TURN AND RUN BUT WE REVERSED COURSE AND BLAZED AWAY. THEY TRIED TO FIRE BACK, BUT APPARENTLY THE ENEMY WAS SHOOTING ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. SOME OF OUR MEN THINK THE JAPANESE BELIEVED THEY WERE UNDER AN AIR ATTACK-- U.S. PLANES HAD BEEN OVERHEAD AS WE STARTED THE ATTACK."

THE ONE-SIDED BATTLE LASTED LESS THAN HALF AN HOUR. THE CONVOY WHICH CONSISTED OF THREE MERCHANT SHIPS AND ONE ESCORT, WAS LEFT SINKING. ONLY THE ESCORT SHIP WAS KNOWN TO HAVE ESCAPED. WE OFFICIALLY CLAIM THE...