



Corpsman Amputates Leg Of Marine In Air Attack

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—A Navy corpsman, Rex H. Gregor of Rochester, Minn., who had never seen such an operation, amputated a wounded Marine's leg during a bombing raid over Vella Lavella.

Gregor, a pharmacist's mate, second class, went aboard a flaming craft, braving Japanese bombs and exploding ammunition, to rescue medical equipment. Later, he exposed himself to Jap bombs to stay with two of his patients he could not get to shelter.

"In a month of action on Vella Lavella I saw many heroic deeds, but none to compare with Gregor's actions," said 1stLt. Grant J. Limegrover of Wilkesburg, Pa., who was in charge of Marines with whom Gregor was serving.

JAP GETS THROUGH

While landing barges were being unloaded on the beach, three Jap dive bombers came over. 1stLt. Limegrover's men, an anti-aircraft unit, shot down two of the planes, but the third scored a direct hit on one of the craft.

Gregor dashed to the vessel and, with a party of volunteers boarded the flaming craft to bring off 14 wounded men.

"One of the boys had a leg almost blown off," Gregor continued. "There wasn't a doctor there and he had to have immediate treatment. I called for an ambulance, gave him a sedative, removed the remainder of his leg as best I could with the equipment available, put clamps on the arteries, gave him some blood plasma and sent him to a field hospital."

1stLt. Limegrover interrupted to say the physician informed him the victim had a good chance to live thanks to Gregor's speedy action. —Sgt. R. Cady, combat correspondent.

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 Femme: "Are your kisses dynamite?"
 Sergeant: "They sure are, sister."
 Femme: "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition."

Student Chaplains Study At Lejeune

CAMP LEJEUNE — This Base now has 26 regular chaplains, representing Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths. In addition, students from Naval chaplains' school at the College of William and Mary come here for a course designed to acquaint them with military life. —Sgt. Charles E. Kopp, combat correspondent.

Post Exchange Records Soar

CAMP PENDLETON—As far as Marines stationed here are concerned, this was a jewelry Christmas for loved ones.

In cranking all sales records in the chain of post exchanges here, Marines swelled the total by spending between \$4000 and \$5000 a day for gifts at the jewelry counter.

Leathernecks kept the post office busy by sending out approximately 200,000 yuletide cards, all purchased in the exchanges.

The exchange in the training center, as the result of the holiday buying, is expected to gross \$100,000 for December, the first exchange to do so at Camp Pendleton.

Marines Outwit Big Jap Force In Island Swamp

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—A Marine patrol played hide-and-seek in a swamp during the afternoon and evening of 7 Nov. with a Jap force three times its size.

The patrol, led by 1stLt. Joe Hyde of Temple, Tex., had only one man wounded against an undetermined number of Japs killed or wounded.

The patrol had returned to the mouth of the Laruma river from a mission and saw that it was cut off by Jap landings on both sides of the river. It was observed by a large force of Japs.

Inspections Ordered For Base Automobiles

Mechanical inspections of all privately owned automobiles must be made before 1944 Base tags are issued, it was announced this week by the Base rationing board.

Inspection will be made at the Base rationing office, Bldg. 14, before applications for tags are submitted to the Provost Marshal's office in front of Gate 1.

JAPS JOIN ANCESTORS

BAR and rifle men immediately went into action and killed 12 Japs. While the Japs were reorganizing the Marines plunged into the swamps.

PFCs, Allen F. Murphy of Los Angeles and Pascual Ugarte Jr. of San Antonio, Tex., cut through the swamps to the beach and found that it would be impossible to move because the Japs were just ahead of them, so they dug in for the night.

Next morning they discovered a patrol from another Marine unit stranded. Patrol bombers flew overhead and PFC. Murphy signaled "SOS". The pilot acknowledged the signal with a wave of his hand and later landing boats were sent for them. —Sgt. Solomon Blochman, combat correspondent.

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Buddies Together Again In USNH

USNH, MARE ISLAND—Marine buddies who have weathered three major sea-air battles during a year's tour of duty aboard a heavy cruiser are together again here.

PFCs, Willie C. Swearingen and A. L. Grisson, who enlisted together, have served both in the South and North Pacific. Swearingen is recovering from a shrapnel wound in his ankle and Grisson is recuperating from appendicitis.



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