

Raid By Raid Chronology Of Victory In Aleutians

June 3, 1942—Japanese carrier planes bomb Dutch Harbor, United States navy base, and Fort Mears, army air base. Attacks co-ordinated with blow at Hawaii.

June 4—Dutch Harbor and Fort Mears again bombed. Fort Glenn also raided.

June 7-8—Tokio announces Japanese landings in Western Aleutians.

June 11—Navy patrol planes report enemy forces in Kiska Harbor.

June 12—Enemy forces reported at Attu. Regular United States army and navy bombing of Kiska and Attu begin.

July 4-5—U.S. subs raid Kiska shipping; sink or damage five Japanese destroyers.

July 17—Japanese reported on Agattu, near Attu.

Aug. 8—U.S. surface forces bombard Kiska where Japs have established submarine and seaplane bases. Attack is concurrent with invasion of Southeastern Solomons.

Sept. 25—Navy reports 150 Japanese (estimate) killed, 7 seaplanes destroyed, two subs strafed, one transport fired in single air attack on Kiska.

Oct. 3—U.S. troops disclosed to have occupied Andreanof Islands, 195 nautical miles east of Kiska in September.

Oct. 7—Navy reports Japanese have abandoned Agattu and Attu.

Nov. 29—Japanese show up on Attu again.

Jan. 12, 1943—U.S. troops occupy Amchitka Island and establish air base, 63 nautical miles east of Kiska. Air base in Andreanofs located on Adak Island.

Feb. 28—American planes completed nine bombing attacks on Kiska in February, dropping more than 1,000 bombs.

March 26—American naval forces repel strong Japanese convoy headed toward Kiska and Attu.

April 3—Kiska raided 145 times during month.

May 11—U.S. army forces land on Attu with powerful naval support.

May 30—Organized Japanese resistance on Attu ended. Enemy lost an estimated 3,000 men on the island.

May 31—Kiska raided 53 times during the month.

June 23—Kiska raided 41 times in June.

July 6—U.S. task forces start series of bombardments of Kiska.

July 10—U.S. planes attack four Jap supply ships, leaving one sunk, one sinking, two damaged in action southwest of Kiska.

July 19—Aleutians command aircraft, on first raid on Japanese side of Pacific, bomb Paramushiro, 861 nautical miles west of Amchitka.

July 22—Navy bombards and Air Force bombs Kiska; seventh bombardment, 20th air attack of month.

July 23—Aerial reconnaissance shows Japs have finished 3,700-foot runway on Kiska.

July 26—U.S. Navy reports 10 flights of planes carry out greatest series of bombing raids aimed in any one day at Kiska.

July 30—American warships bombed Kiska for eighth time in July after bombers carry out month's 61st air attack on Japanese installations there.

Aug. 1—Period of official silence in connection with situation at Kiska begins.

Aug. 20—Three weeks of silence cloaks Kiska situation, indicating important events may be developing.

Aug. 21—Capture of Kiska, without opposition, by American and Canadian troops is announced.

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