

HIDEOUS WAR

scream and scream and charge with automatic weapons and bayonets."

It was September 18, 1942, that Marine reinforcement arrived, including the arrival of sorely needed food supplies—the supply line was reopened. With the help of an artillery battalion the troops totaling some 23,000 men finally began a limited campaign to drive out the Japanese from the island of Guadalcanal; however, by the same token the Japanese reinforced their Army—by a series of mighty troop-bringing trips, via the Tokyo Express. It proved no easy thing, and was very bloody for both sides.



Radio Tokyo News Item

Tokyo described the Marine invasion as "one of summer insects, which have dropped into the fire by

themselves, to die a thousand deaths."

Breakfast could never be prepared on time, for even though it seemed such an easy task, it was not. Japanese snipers were never far away, and glowing fires put somebody under the limelight. Often times snipers picked off the cooks, and Marines only were able to eat their meals until well after daylight...Australian sheep tongue.