

Rather than stage counter-amphibious landings and make an attempt to re-take Kerama Retto, the Japs held back their concentration of forces on Okinawa, choosing to defend that island against the Americans, who they knew would soon attack. They did on Easter Sunday!

During our occupation of Kerama Retto, the Japs certainly made it "hot" for us. Our anchorage was under numerous air attacks. Our gunners today have bagged five planes. One was a Val dive-bomber, whose 500-pounder just missed our fantail by fifty feet. The other four were suicide planes.

Yes, the fanatical Japs are using such tactics in the Pacific. Pilots deliberately attempt to crash dive ships, rather than make a bombing run, strafe and swim. To meet such an attack, you literally have to knock 'em out of the skies otherwise they