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Forthcoming Anniversaries

18 October 1943: Strong attack by Japanese 20 Bde on Australian 9 Div at Scarlet Beach, New Guinea
18 October 1944: HMAS Geelong sinks off New Guinea
18 October 1950: 3RAR, with American tanks in support, captures Samgapo, Korea
19 October 1942: Japanese counter 25 Bde's attack at Templeton's Crossing on the Kokoda Track
19 October 1950: UN forces occupy North Korean capital, Pyongyang
20 October 1942: 16 Bde attacks Japanese positions at Eora Creek
20 October 1944: RAN supports US landings on Leyte, Philippines
21 October 1943: 9 Div secures Scarlet Beach, repulsing the last of a series of Japanese attacks
23 October 1942: Second Battle of El Alamein begins
24 October 1945: UN Day, UN Charter ratified
25 October 1942: 9 Div attacks Axis forces at El Alamein
25 October 1944: HMAS Shropshire in the Battle of Surigao Strait

Member contributions are always welcome.

Scarlet Beach

At dawn on 22 September 1943 the 20th Brigade, commanded by Brig J.V. Windeyer, was landed by Rear Admiral Daniel Barbey's US Navy Task Force. Scarlet Beach was strongly defended by the well-entrenched Japanese. They were beaten back after several days of fierce fighting. This was Australia's first opposed amphibious landing of the war – a preliminary operation prior to the capture of Finschhafen which



Landing at Scarlet Beach by Roy Cecil Hodgkinson (AWM)

would be developed into an airfield base to attack the Japanese.

Prior to dawn on 17 October Japanese launched a counterattack from several flanks including from the sea in barges. Attacking along a wide front, the main Japanese thrust was made between the Song and Siki Rivers, where groups broke through the Australian lines and reached the beach. The Japanese counterattack lasted for about a week and resulted in a small contraction of the Australian lines and a splitting of their force before it was defeated. By the end of October 1943 the Japanese main force withdrew to Sattelberg, suffering heavy casualties.

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