

MARINES BREAK JAP GRIP ON TULAGI AREA

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Counterattacks of Nippons Repulsed at 3 Beachheads as Battle Rages in Seventh Day

Tulagi Harbor Control Lost to Allied Superiority In Aircraft; MacArthur's Forces Continue to Blast Invaders in New Britain, Smash Them in New Guinea

(By the Associated Press)

American "Devil Dog" marines appeared to have won the first round in the seven-day-old battle of the Solomon islands today, beating off furious Japanese counterattacks at three invasion beachheads in the 900-mile-long island chain.

A correspondent of the Australian broadcasting commission said it was believed that the marines, strongly reinforced, had broken the Japanese hold on the Tulagi area.

"The Japanese have been driven from many of their defensive positions after fierce hand-to-hand fighting," the correspondent said.

Tulagi harbor is one of the finest naval base sites in the southwest Pacific.

An unconfirmed Australian report said American parachute troops had been used as shock forces in the assault.

Dispatches to the Yorkshire, England, Post reported that the Japanese fleet had "lost control of Tulagi harbor" and declared: "The allies have air superiority and are using it at sea as well as on land."

A U. S. navy communique said the marines, firmly entrenched after six days of violent hand-to-hand fighting, were now consolidating their positions.

"Supporting naval forces are engaged in bitter fighting," the navy said.

The communique did not specify whether the enemy was bringing up warship reinforcements or using land-based aircraft to bolster the defense of their ground forces. However, allied reconnaissance showed a spurt in enemy shipping activity around Rabaul, New Britain, a major base for Japanese troops and supplies moving to the Solomons.

Striking to paralyze enemy reinforcements, American flying fortresses smashed at the Rabaul base for the fifth time in five days yesterday. General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said the raiders led a 15,000-ton ship and two medium-sized vessels in flames and a fourth enemy ship foundering.

Some 2,000 miles west of the Solomons allied airmen attacked Japanese shipping and base installations in the Dutch Timor-Banda sea area with undetermined results. The raid off Timor was believed to have been the same convoy from which one ship had been sunk and two others, including a destroyer, have been damaged in two previous attacks.

In connection with these operations, the exiled Netherlands government in London announced tonight that a Netherlands submarine had torpedoed two Japanese supply vessels.

A submarine operating with the eastern fleet attacked a convoy of Japanese supply vessels and two ships were hit, the communique said.

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In the Papuan peninsula of New Guinea, where quiet prevailed today, it was disclosed that American Aircobras were used as divebombers for the first time in the southwest Pacific last Sunday during a big-scale allied raid on Japanese positions at Kokoda, 60 miles across the Owen Stanley range from allied-held Port Moresby.

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STALINGRAD, STEEL CITY, TO FACE NAZI ATTACK

Blow Shaping As Caucasus Peril Mounts

Mediterranean Battle Continues With U. S. Fliers Blasting Ships

(By the Associated Press)

Adolf Hitler's invasion armies were reported massing huge numbers of troops for an assault on the Volga steel city of Stalingrad today and at the same time the German high command said other Nazi columns had captured Elista in a thrust more than half way across the Caucasus toward the Caspian sea.

Elista, the capital of the Soviet Kalmuck republic, lies 230 miles southeast of Rostov and only 175 miles from the vitally important city of Astrakhan at the Volga delta.

The loss of Astrakhan would be a serious blow to Russia's river-borne line of war supplies.

As the axis struck to throttle the united nations' vital supply routes, the German-controlled Paris radio broadcast a report under an Istanbul, Turkey, date line asserting that two Russian warships, fully manned, had entered a Turkish Black sea port and the crew had been interned.

The report closely followed Nazi propaganda assertions that the Russian Black sea fleet, with many of its major bases knocked out or imminently threatened, would either attempt a dash through the Dardanelles or seek refuge in Turkey.

On the Soviet front, dispatches from Rostov said a mighty new German offensive against Stalingrad appeared to be taking shape as the invaders concentrated vast quantities of men and equipment in the Don river bend.

Reds Admit Situation Bad. Front-line advisers said both armies were hurling almost unprecedented numbers of troops into the struggle amid indications that one of the mightiest battles

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Eugene Cadet One of 3 Killed in 2-Plane Crash

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Three army fliers were killed yesterday in the flaming crash in separate accidents of two training planes from Minter field.

The dead were announced by Lt. James A. Lewis, Minter field public relations officer, as:

Flying Cadet Paul C. Averill, Jr., 22, Boulder, Colo.

Lt. Stewart T. Smith, 25, flight instructor, Manteca, Calif.

Flying Cadet Herbert A. Jones, 22, (259 E. 2nd st.) Eugene, Ore., next of kin, mother, Mrs. Irma Jones, same address.

Averill was flying one plane solo. Lt. Smith and Jones were in the other. Lt. Lewis said no cause had been ascertained for either crash, which occurred within half an hour of each other.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written, three brief messages have come from Australia.

From the marines—characteristically brief: "We are HOLDING OUR OWN."

From Curtin, Australia's premier: "It's at least an even break so far. Gains greatly outweigh losses."

From an Australian government "spokesman": "Supplies of the highest possible value, which will REVOLUTIONIZE offensive operations in the north, have arrived in Australia."

It is no mere skirmish that is going on down there in the Solomons.

Our men are attempting the most difficult of all modern military operations—a landing on hostile shores protected by LAND-BASED aircraft. The Japs tried it in force at Midway and FAILED.

If we succeed, it may change the whole face of the Pacific war.

NOTE the Australian spokesman's statement that critically important supplies have arrived IN TIME.

It is important. Unsupported heroism isn't enough to win. Fighting men must have tools. Getting fighting tools to fighting men IN TIME is the job of communications. Communications, in a war that circles the globe, is admittedly our gravest problem.

Getting the tools there in time is encouraging.

THIS dispatch comes from India: "While Mohandas K. Gandhi lounged under arrest in one of Aga Khan's beautiful palaces, drinking goat's milk and eating dates and peaches sent specially from Bombay, violence spread wider over the (India) countryside."

The dispatch continues: "Hindus stormed Moslem shops in Bombay, leading to fears of an outbreak of dread religious-political rioting; telegraph wires were cut; traffic was snarled; stones flew and mounds of debris and broken glass piled up in the streets."

That is good reading for Hitler and the Japs.

BRITISH rule in India has obviously failed to give these Hindus SOMETHING WORTH FIGHTING FOR. They don't care much who rules them.

Before blaming the British too bitterly, remember this: The British didn't invent the

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Ceremony Here to Honor Workers Of Aircraft Warning System

A brief ceremony is to be held at the Roseburg armory at 8 p. m. Monday, August 17, to honor filter center and observation post workers who have accumulated 500 or more hours of service.

Two Oregon workers, Mrs. Mildred Fienberg, Portland, and Mrs. Faye McKay, North Bend, who lead all other workers in the state in the number of accumulated hours, are to go to San Francisco for presentation of medals as a part of the broadcast ceremony. The Roseburg filter center had two candidates who were runners-up for the state honors, holding second place, Lieut. Runyan stated.

Approximately 30 filter center and about 15 observation post workers in Douglas county will receive service pins at the program to be held in Roseburg, it was stated. Notice will be sent to those entitled to the awards and they will be given an invitation to attend the ceremony, which will be open only to those receiving announcements.

Spotlighting Jap-Held Aleutians



Closeup look at the three tiny Aleutian islands seized by Japan from the U. S. shows them to be mere specks on the map with a total area only half that of Rhode Island. But Bataan was no bigger than these three rocky, fog-swept islands, and with 10,000 Jap troops reported occupying them, Attu, Agattu and Kiska may yet become a battle arena as famous as the Philippine peninsula. In various attacks by U. S. air and surface craft on the Japs since their occupancy of the islands last June, the invaders have lost 21 ships, sunk or damaged, and an undetermined number of airplanes, and their shore installations have been blasted into ruins.

Dutch Ship Sunk; Raider Sought in South Atlantic

(By the Associated Press)

A four-day lull in announced ship sinkings was broken by the navy yesterday in disclosing the loss of a small Dutch merchantman with a death toll of 23 crewmen in late July when a submarine's torpedo sent her to the bottom off the east coast of South America.

Only 14 seamen were rescued after the attack which broke the vessel in two and made it the 420th announced wartime merchant victim in the western Atlantic area, as tabulated by the Associated Press.

A British merchant vessel directed to the scene by a navy patrol plane picked up the survivors after two days spent on life rafts around which a school of sharks had been hovering.

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Dependents' Pay Bill Voted Effective Now

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Legislation permitting the war and navy departments to make immediate payments to dependents of service men under the recently-enacted allowance and allotment acts was passed by the house and sent to the senate today.

The original legislation provided that first payments be made November 1, but benefits started to accrue June 1.

RAF Again Raids Mainz; Nazis Hit London Outskirts

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Powerful British air squadrons rained high explosives and incendiaries on Mainz again during the night as Nazi raiders ended London's long freedom from attack by bombing the outskirts of the capital.

The attack on Mainz—the second successive night assault on that German industrial center—was accompanied by raids on Nazi airbases in the low countries, the air ministry said.

Five RAF planes were lost in the overnight operations.

Although the air ministry did not go into particulars, it was understood unofficially that the "strong force" raiding Mainz compared with that sent against the same city the night before when 250 to 400 bombers participated.

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Accidental Self-Slash Kills Albany Butcher

ALBANY, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Joe Reiling, 33, a butcher, died yesterday from an accidental cut suffered while boning beef.

Coroner E. C. Fisher said Reiling's knife slipped, slashing him in the groin and causing an internal hemorrhage. He was employed by the D. E. Nebergall Meat company.

A widow and two children survive.

Fire Destroys Dormitories At Navy Yard

Arson Suspect Arrested At Bremerton; Federal Project Loss \$100,000

BREMERTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—A Puget sound navy yard employee was taken into custody early today for investigation into a \$100,000 fire which destroyed five units of a new federal dormitory project last night, leaving 207 men homeless in this overcrowded city.

He was arrested, Police Chief Arthur Morken said, after an attempt had been made to start a fire in a dormitory unit across the road from those destroyed.

The suspect resided in this unit. While navy shore patrolmen guarded the entire housing area, city, state and naval officials investigated the blaze government and relief agencies repaired dormitory buildings to provide shelter for as many of the homeless as possible. They said only 67 men would be without shelter by nightfall.

The only known casualty of the blaze, elderly Jack Erickson, who resided in a shack near the area, was recovering in a hospital from burns on the face, hands and body. Erickson, asleep when the fire reached his shack, was burned while escaping. Taken to a hospital for treatment, he returned and rushed into the burning cabin to rescue a trunk containing his life savings. He collapsed when he brought it outside and was returned to the hospital.

Incendiarism Evident

A small blaze started in one of the unfinished units but was quickly extinguished. Fifteen minutes later a second fire broke out of control and spread to roofing tar. Fire Chief Ernest Yett said.

Police Chief Morken said that three hours after the first fire broke out a fire was discovered in a lavatory of a dormitory unit, 70 feet away and across the road from the destroyed structures. It was discovered before it had an opportunity of spreading. Morken said that paper towels in a waste

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Price Cut Order On Tomatoes and Peas Rescinded

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—After what it described as "further detailed consideration" the office of price administration reversed itself yesterday, as it rescinded a reduction ordered two weeks ago in prices of standard quality canned peas and tomatoes.

The order had not taken effect, OPA pointed out, and officials declared the reversal "leaves things just as though the order had never been issued."

It was indicated, however, that increases in prices of canned peas and tomatoes probably would be among the widespread "adjustments" in food prices which OPA will authorize in mid-September.

Until that time, all canners may continue to charge the agriculture department's support prices of 95 cents a dozen cans for tomatoes and \$1.10 a dozen for peas. The reduction originally announced would have cut tomato prices from 2 to 4 cents a dozen cans and trimmed the price on peas from 5 to 10 cents a dozen cans.

Certified canners would have been allowed to continue selling standard quality peas and tomatoes to the agriculture department at the support prices.

This provision, OPA said today, would have prejudiced the interests of uncertified canners, and any relief which might have been granted them would have come too late in the vegetable canning season.

Certified canners are those who purchase their raw materials at the agriculture department's support prices and are certified by

Sales Levy Urged as Item In Tax Bill

Manufacturers, State Commerce Bodies Plead With Senate Group

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The Associated State Chambers of Commerce joined The National Association of Manufacturers today in urging the state finance committee to write a sales tax into the revenue bill.

Appearing in behalf of the State Chambers, Arnold A. Baar of Chicago recommended a retail sales levy, a 35 per cent limit on normal and surtax assessment on corporations and a post war rebate of all excess profits over 80 per cent.

The NAM program, outlined by J. Cheever Cowdin of New York in advance of his testimony before the committee called for the raising of \$35,243,000,000 in federal revenues in 1943, and the bolstering of the government's financial structure by a \$2,000,000,000 slash in non-war expenditures.

The NAM suggested an 8 per cent sales tax and called for heavy increase in corporate and individual income levies, but urged that the combined normal and surtax levies on business be held to 40 per cent instead of the 45 per cent previously voted by the house. It also urged consideration of a compulsory individual savings plan.

Too Heavy On Business

Baar told the committee the Chambers, which he said included 25 state and two regional organizations, believed that business "cannot possibly produce the additional revenue requested by the

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REA Projects Halted In Metals Priority

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—War production board announced today it had halted all construction of electric power and light projects, including 15 partly completed farm projects of the rural electrification administration, because of the need of the armed services for copper and steel.

Since new projects of private utilities already were near a standstill because of earlier restrictions, virtually the entire impact of the action was felt by the REA.

In anticipation of the long-pending move, it was stated, REA Administrator Harry Slattery issued instructions on July 20 to REA borrowers to halt construction on uncompleted projects.

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U. S. Carrier Wasp, Other Convoy Ships Hit, Berlin Says

(By the Associated Press)

Late today, the German high command asserted that the United States aircraft carrier Wasp had been set afire by six bomb hits and was "now trying to reach Malta" after a running attack on the big allied convoy.

There is no confirmation of this German claim. She delivered planes to Malta in June.

The 14,700-ton carrier, completed April 25, 1940, carries a normal complement of 72 planes, maximum 84, and 1,800 men, including flying personnel.

The British aircraft carrier Eagle, 22,600 tons, which the British have acknowledged was sunk by submarine attack, was the first victim of an attack on a large convoy which the Germans say has been under way since Tuesday.

The Germans said that in addition to the destruction of the Eagle, nine freighters had been sunk thus far. Damaged along with the Wasp, they said, were the 22,450-ton British aircraft carrier Furious, three cruisers and six large freighters and tankers.

"The convoy was dispersed," said the communique. "The greatest part of the protective forces is sailing back westward. The remaining units are attempting to reach Malta. The battle is still progressing. Further great successes are to be expected."

The announcement said that the convoy of 46 ships in all, counting an escort of three battleships, four aircraft carriers and numerous cruisers and destroyers. Large cargo ships totaled 21, it was said.

Says Northwest Power Use Must Be Curtailed

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Non-essential uses of power must be curtailed if the Pacific northwest is to attract more war industries, Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Ravor said last night.

The hardship of reduced consumption will have to be borne by the customers of private power companies because Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams are producing almost exclusively for essential war industries, Ravor said.

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Heroic Sgt. Arthur Karlinger Died in Air Battle With Guns Blazing at Japs

Sergeant Arthur Karlinger, aviation machinist in the army air forces, who died in action February 3, went to his death with guns blazing and with one Japanese pursuit plane to his credit, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Karlinger, who reside north of Roseburg.

Karlinger, a graduate of Roseburg high school, was posthumously decorated, being awarded the silver star for exceptional service.

Other than the official army notification of their son's death, Mr. and Mrs. Karlinger had received no details until the arrival of mail recently from Australia.

They received a letter from Colonel E. L. Eubank of the army air forces and another from Staff Sergeant Conrad J. Kersch, a personal friend of Sergeant Karlinger and an eye witness of the gallant battle in which he was killed.

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