

Japanese Mop-Up in New Guinea Nears End

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ness from the new enemy-constructed Henderson airfield, with which the Japanese had hoped to dominate allied supply lines to Australia.

Patterson said the American position in the Solomons had further improved during the past week, but said the Japanese were expected to make new attempts to reinforce their troops on Guadalcanal.

Other Places Blasted

Meanwhile, united nations warplanes blasted the enemy from Burma to the South seas, striking on a rising scale against Japanese bases on the northwest approaches to Australia and

spread-eagling hundreds of miles of skyway.

A communique said allied bombers set fires in a heavy attack on Lae, and pounded enemy targets at Finschhafen and Madang, in northern New Guinea; Cape Gloucester and Gasmata, New Britain; and points in the Arore islands, on Ambon and Timor.

A Japanese barge concentration was also attacked off Wilaumez peninsula.

Coincidentally (Australia's Air Minister Drakeford predicted that Australian airmen, piloting Australian planes, would drop Australian-made bombs on Tokyo before 1943 ends, but said a long bitter war was in prospect before Japan is defeated.

In Burma, U. S. heavy bombers, flying from India, delivered a punishing attack Tuesday on rail targets at Thei in central

Burma, 80 miles south of Mandalay, and RAF warplanes continued their offensive against Japanese bases in central and western Burma.

British headquarters said the RAF blasted Toungoo airfield, Akyab island, an airbase at Schwebo and other objectives.

Nazi Efforts to Check Russian Advance Fail

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Leningrad. Without a reference to specific gains or losses, the communique said that axis shock troops "were successfully employed" in local combat on the central front and south of Lake Imen.

"The German command declared the Russians were repulsed during continued violent assaults along southern sectors and had lost 52 armored cars during one 48-hour period this week. Trapped troops at Stalingrad were reported to have stood firmly against mass assaults.

"Between Jan. 11 and 20, 801 soviet tanks were destroyed, captured or rendered unserviceable on the eastern front by detachments of the army," the communique said.

Reported ill—Miss Lena Porter, deputy in the county clerk's office, is reported to be ill at her home in the Douglas hotel apartments.

British, French Join in Pressure on Rommel

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intended to hold open a corridor for Rommel's withdrawal, axis troops made a new advance against French positions southwest of Pont du Fahs.

This was in the section where a communique yesterday disclosed a German penetration of seven miles. Today's war bulletin described the new gain as "a small advance," and said allied bombers and fighters, including the French LaFayette escadrille, were striking in support of the French troops.

Minor engagements continued in the Bou Arada region north of the French positions. There a German thrust was reported yesterday to have been repulsed after a hard mauling.

Reports from the front said that the German penetration in the ridged, ravine-cut country southwest of Pont Du Fahs created a fluid front from which one of the decisive battles of the Tunisian campaign might take form.

Allied plans for a counter-move were kept secret, of course, but it seemed certain that one was in the making.

French, British Units

Fighting French troops from equatorial Africa joined with the British eighth army in speeding Marshal Rommel's retreat toward Tunisia.

The news that the Fighting French actually had made contact with the onrushing British after sweeping northward across hundreds of miles of Libyan desert was disclosed last night in a communique from Brig. Gen. Le Clerc's headquarters.

Le Clerc said his troops now were "brilliantly taking part with their British allies in the advance on Tripoli," moving steadily forward on the eighth army's flank, thus compressing Rommel's fleeing Africa corps into a narrow strip along the Mediterranean coast.

The Fighting French maneuvered effectively sealing the air which the allies had thrown around the axis forces in North Africa, was regarded here as a death blow to any hope Rommel may have entertained of making another stand against the eighth army somewhere east of the Tunisian border.

The Berlin radio, apparently preparing axis listeners for the fall of Tripoli, reported last night that the city was ablaze from continuous aerial bombardment. Allied advisers, meanwhile, said that axis troops and equipment already were streaming westward from Tripoli toward the Tunisian frontier, some 100 miles away.

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Eugene Woman Injured In Truck-Auto Crash

SALEM, Jan. 21 (AP)—Mrs. Mattida Knight, Eugene, was taken to Albany hospital last night for treatment for facial injuries received in an auto accident. The Knight car, driven by Harrison M. Knight, collided head-on with a Cascade Lumber company truck on Illahos hill, south of here, state police said.

Striking Coal Miners Return to Their Jobs

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colliery local, said two miners not members of the local appeared at the mouth of the colliery before the starting whistle blew but left at his request.

There was no disorder.

Snow Upsets Traffic, Slows Industries

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stay off the roads and hold traveling to a minimum. The Columbia River highway was open but ice under the snow pack made it extremely slippery.

New In Washington, D. C.— Bruce Thompson, formerly of this city, is reported to be now engaged in field work for the American Red Cross with headquarters in Washington, D. C. His wife and two small daughters are remaining at Boise, Ida., until he is definitely located by the association. While in Roseburg, Mr. Thompson was in the Farm Land association office.

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