

# U. S. AIRMEN DESTROY 31 AXIS PLANES IN COMBAT

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### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THE Russians enliven an otherwise quiet news day by printing their first complete war map. It is a full-page affair, carried in the Russian newspapers, and showing the whole long front, from Leningrad to the Caucasus. It discloses that Russian gains during the past winter have been somewhat greater than had been supposed.

The Red army, for example, is shown to be nearing Velizh, on the upper Dvina, some 70 miles NORTHWEST of Smolensk, which means that Russian forces are slightly in the REAR of that important German base.  
They have reached Yartsevo, 36 miles east of Smolensk, where a fair-sized tributary of the Dnieper comes in from the north. In flat Russia, rivers are important defense lines, and they have this river to cross.  
West of Krostov, they are within 12 miles of Taganrog, on the Sea of Azov, where the Germans held last winter, which means that Taganrog is within range of their artillery. In the Caucasus, they are slowly squeezing the Germans back toward the Taman peninsula and the Kerch strait.

It may be taken for granted that the Russians have it in mind to push the Germans entirely out of the Caucasus as soon as possible. The bridgehead the nazis now hold there would be immediately dangerous in the event of a new German offensive aimed at the coveted Caucasus oil.  
Hitler claims to be organizing such an offensive now.

THE Russians formally announce the end of their winter offensive, which lasted four months and 20 days.  
At Stalingrad, they say, they inflicted on the Germans the worst defeat in the history of warfare. They add, winter offensive, they add, cost Germany 1,193,525 men, including 850,000 killed. They say they destroyed 9150 German tanks, 5090 German planes and 20,360 German guns.  
They recovered 185,000 square miles of Russian soil (about twice the area of Oregon).

WITHOUT in any way seeming to discredit the hard-fighting Russians, we shall be realistically wise if we take these statistics with at least a small pinch of salt.  
In these statistical battles that are fought with adding machines

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### Tokyo Havoc Presaged in Kaiser's Plan to Turn Out Plane Capable of Flying 17,000 Miles Without Stop

PORTLAND, Ore., April 6.—(AP)—A gigantic cargo plane capable of flying almost three-quarters of the distance around the world without stopping—that's the latest Henry J. Kaiser scheme.  
The shipbuilder, recently turned plane producer, said today his engineers were drawing up plans for such a plane, and he could be in production before the war ends. He added that government and military agencies have not yet seen the plans.  
As projected by his engineers, the ship would dwarf the army's huge transports and four-motored bombers.  
It would be a 282-foot flying wing, without body, without tail. Four engines, developing a total 8000 horsepower would power the craft. Fully loaded, it would weigh 175,000 pounds.  
"Loaded with only fuel, it will be able to fly 17,000 miles with-

## Black Market Indictments Hit Seven Packing Concerns

### Consumers Overcharged, U. S. Asserts

NEWARK, N. J., April 6.—A nation-wide conspiracy moved 10,000,000 pounds of black market beef and lamb to the meat-hungry eastern market and took a \$2,000,000 overcharge from consumers, the OPA declared today in prosecuting the individuals and firms it said were involved.  
New Jersey headquarters of the OPA announced that seven mid-west and New Jersey corporations and eleven individuals had been indicted on charges of conspiracy to violate a nationwide scale federal regulations governing meat prices and quotas.

Nathan L. Jacobs, chief attorney for the OPA headquarters, said the indictments "were returned by a federal grand jury here last Tuesday and impounded since then."  
The government charges the defendants were responsible for bringing into New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut more than 10,000,000 pounds of "black market beef and veal" between December 16 and January 31.  
The defendants named in the indictments are:  
The Enkay Packing company, Inc. Nathan Krupack and George Moran of Paterson, N. J.  
The Superb Packing company, Inc., State Packing company, Inc., Peter Golias and Morris Freund of Chicago.  
Sam and Albert Simons, Jacob

### Slayer of Police Chief Hanged at Walla Walla

WALLA WALLA, April 6.—(AP)—Claiming he was innocent of the murder nearly eight years ago of a police chief, Frank Chadwick of Puyallup, Roy W. Jacobs went to his death on the gallows of the Washington state prison shortly after midnight today.  
Jacobs was convicted in Tacoma last October. He first was arrested soon after the July 15, 1935, robbery of the Orting, Wash., State bank, when Chadwick and Harry Storem, a Puyallup police officer, were killed. He presented an alibi to exonerate him from a murder charge and was sent to McNeil island on pleading guilty to a Mann act violation.  
In July last year John C. Bjorklund, then Pierce county sheriff, acted on a tip and arrested Jacobs, then living near Seattle, to reopen the case.

### Army Doctor of Salem Kills Himself With Gun

REDDING, Calif., April 6.—(AP)—Capt. Frederick Paul Sedgwick, 32, of Salem, Ore., died in his apartment here yesterday of a bullet wound which Police Sergeant Earl Sholes said was self-inflicted. He was a member of the U. S. army medical corps.  
Sgt. Sholes said Mrs. Sedgwick told him that her husband went into the bedroom after breakfast and that she later heard a shot. Mrs. Sedgwick and associates of the captain, who was stationed at Camp Baird near here, said he had been dependent for several days, perhaps because he had been unable to continue research work in which he was interested.

### Political Error Forces Snell To Change Appointee

SALEM, Ore., April 6.—(AP)—Governor Snell had himself a new state liquor commissioner today after Matthias Wilhelm, Eugene, whom he appointed to the commission Saturday as the democratic nominee, turned out to be a republican.  
The new member is Hugh Kirkpatrick, Lebanon democrat.  
The governor's office was thrown into an uproar yesterday when staff members saw a dispatch from Eugene saying that Wilhelm had changed his registration to democratic yesterday, two days after his appointment. The governor's secretary contacted Snell and the governor, holding that Wilhelm's appointment was illegal because he was a republican when appointed, and announced the new appointment.  
The state liquor law requires that both major parties be represented on the commission.  
The governor issued a statement asserting that he thought Wilhelm had been a democrat all the time.  
Kirkpatrick has been in the automobile business in Lebanon for 25 years, and was mayor of the town for six years.

### Five Fliers From Lost Bomber Safe; 4 Others Sought

CHALLIS, Idaho, April 6.—(AP)—Five army fliers who bailed out of a bomber a week ago awaited rescue from an isolated mountain cabin today while planes combed the central Idaho wilderness for four other crewmen and one of the searching craft, which failed to return to base.  
The lost plane carried three men. A biplane, it disappeared in the Salmon river country shortly after coming here from an unidentified air base to join the search for the bomber crew. Names of those aboard were withheld pending outcome of the search.  
The five men telephoned from a ranger station atop a peak 50 miles west of Challis, Major Harry E. Gilmore, commanding officer of the air base at Walla Walla, Wash., reported.  
They said all nine fliers parachuted while the bomber was flying at 14,000 feet in the Middle Fork country.  
The plane later crashed and burned 25 miles east of Challis. Reported safe were: Flight Officer Howard E. Thompson, Springfield, Ore., co-pilot; Second Lt. Austin Finley, Broken Bow, Okla., navigator; Staff Sgt. Morris Becker, Ozone Park, N. Y., radio operator; Staff Sgt. H. R. Weigand, Walla Walla, assistant radio man, and Sgt. E. M. Gundman, Compton, Calif., gunner.  
The men said they had to work three days to get the telephone at the ranger station in working order.  
The ranger station is supplied with food and the men should be fairly comfortable, forest officers said.

### Mayor W. F. Harris Informed Council That City Must Pay Part of Salary of Dog Catcher

Mayor W. F. Harris informed the council that the city must pay a part of the salary of the dog catcher. Council members held such demands are collected by the county, and in view of the additional fact that the city receives none of the license revenue it was held that it is the duty of the dog law enforcement district to provide the services of the dog catcher. Chief of Police Erwin Short told the council that 30 dogs were destroyed last month. The cost to the city for publication and feeding of impounded animals amounted to \$33. Fines collected

### THE MAIN HOSPITAL building at the U. S. Veterans hospital here, which houses four of the seven wards for patients' care, plus the various administrative facilities necessary for the institutional work.

I revisited the hospital somewhat in the same frame of mind, or in the manner, which an "old grad" returns to his alma mater at homecoming. As perhaps you recall, last December I spent several weeks there as a patient, most of the time, or at least more than half the time, in Ward one, which is housed in the lower right hand corner of the building, as you view it in the picture above. The first week or so I was in the infirmary, which occupies the upper floor.  
Everything—floors, walls, furnishings, personnel—was so immaculate, the atmosphere of everything was so positively well ordered, the patients' wants were so unobtrusively taken care of, that I had the feeling all my troubles would vanish in those surroundings and under such treatment. I think they would at that, for a while; but, like most troubles, would return later.  
Maintenance of veterans hospitals, such as the one we have in Roseburg, and of other hospitals for patients' care elsewhere, is

### Council Eyes Fresh List Of Fire Hazards

The Roseburg city council last night gave consideration to removal of the campaign for forced removal of buildings considered to be fire hazards, heard first and second readings of an ordinance to fix garbage disposal rates, discussed proposed street improvements and transacted other routine business.  
Last year the city conducted a campaign, directed by Glenn Taylor, fire chief, in which more than 20 old sheds, abandoned dwellings and other structures were torn down. The greater number were razed through voluntary action by the owners, but condemnation proceedings were required in some cases. The fire chief at last night's meeting submitted a new list of buildings on which official action was requested, but the council is taking additional time to make further investigation before instituting condemnation action.

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The Buka attack described as "an extended night harassing raid," brought a shower of fragmentation and demolition bombs down on the Japanese at Chinatown and Kalki, near Buka, and struck dispersal bays and runways at the airfield, leaving "apparently burning" aircraft, the announcement said.  
All the allied planes returned from the Buka foray, where extensive anti-aircraft fire and searchlights were encountered, and the communiqué mentioned no losses from the other widespread sorties.  
Japs Cling to Kavieng  
Meanwhile, Japanese warships and merchant vessels clung stubbornly to the neighborhood of Kavieng, New Ireland, despite a three-day allied bomber pounding which was reported yesterday to have "destroyed or dispersed" one concentration.  
Allied airmen sank or severely damaged seven enemy warcraft and five cargo ships in the Kavieng raids, but reconnaissance yesterday disclosed both warships and merchantmen were in the area again. A light cruiser, probably one of those hit Sunday, was reported aground onto the beach.

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Millerand was one of the first of the French elder statesmen to sound a warning against the growing Hitler Germany after Adolf Hitler came to power.  
In an address in 1925, he publicly proclaimed the necessity of a two-year army conscription term against "the German menace." Decriing France's low birth rate, he declared "there seems no other way out."

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## Toll Includes 18 Junkers Transports With Supplies For Rommel's Tunisian Army

Great Battle in Sicilian Straits Also Sees Enemy Destroyer Sunk, Other Craft in Convoy Set Afire; Other Clashes Add 17 Planes to Axis Losses

By EDWARD KENNEDY  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 6.—(AP)—Thirty-one enemy planes, 18 of them big Junkers transports believed bearing gasoline and supplies to Marshal Rommel's Tunisian army, were sent crashing into the sea by American Lightning yesterday during one of the greatest air battles in this theater.  
In the course of the battle, which began with an allied attack on a sea convoy, an enemy destroyer was blown up and several other ships were hit and set ablaze, a communiqué from General Eisenhower's headquarters announced.  
While land activities consisted of intense patrol operations with no major engagements developing, the air war continued at a fiery pace and resulted in the shooting down of 48 German and Italian planes—the biggest bag the allies have scored in a single day in the Tunisian campaign. The British and Americans lost 12 of their aircraft.  
The heavy blow at vital Nazi air arteries in Tunisia came when Lightning fighters escorted bombers on a sea sweep scoring one of the greatest air battles ever seen in the Mediterranean area.  
The Americans attacked and one of the biggest air battles ever seen in the Mediterranean area. It lasted 25 minutes.  
The Lightnings sent burst after burst of cannon fire into the big transport formation and sent plane after plane spinning into the sea. Flames which burst from the planes when they hit the water, the American pilots said, indicated they were laden with gasoline or oil for Rommel's tanks and air force. No troops were seen aboard the transports, the pilots said.  
In addition to the 18 transports, the fighters disposed of six dive-bombers and seven opposing fighters.  
The enemy convoy, consisting of merchant vessels, small freighters, large barges and submarines and destroyers, was attacked 15 miles north of Cape Bon by Mitchells at two levels. The low-level formation scored hits on the destroyer and two barges and then the "upstairs" formation set the ships afire.  
In brilliant sunshine allied air forces went out on a tremendous scale yesterday and carried out more than 1,000 sorties.  
In the other air operations yesterday 17 more enemy aircraft were destroyed—bringing the day's total of 48.

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