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### U. S. TASK FORCE WINS NIGHT NAVAL BATTLE

#### Four Jap Ships Sunk in Raid On Vella Gulf

American Vessels Escape Undamaged; Scene Lighted by Blazing Craft

By ART BURGESS  
ABOARD THE FLAGSHIP OF A NAVAL TASK FORCE, Aug. 7—(delayed)—(AP)—A light American naval force of "Jack the Giant Killers" sank at least four Japanese warships today in one of the most daring attacks of the war.

The United States ships steamed right into the enemy's stronghold in Vella Gulf in the Solomons and destroyed one cruiser and three destroyers. I was the only war correspondent aboard the flagship of the American task force.

(General Douglas MacArthur's communique of Aug. 8 said one cruiser and two destroyers were definitely sunk and the fourth vessel "probably so," in a battle which started shortly before midnight of Aug. 6. And, it added, we sustained no losses.)

From the bridge deck and the direction platform above, I had an unopposed view of the entire battle in the narrow gulf between strong Japanese bases on Kolombangara and Vella Lavella islands.

Cruiser Explodes  
I saw the Japanese cruiser, a three-stacker with an airplane hoist, explode soon after it was hit by torpedoes and shells from our ships in the waters northwest of famed Munda airfield on New Georgia island which is now in American hands.

The cruiser, standing broadside to us, first caught fire in her bow from torpedoes, and when our gun batteries opened upon her in a masterful naval tactical maneuver, I saw additional fire break out followed by a terrifying explosion.

The blast sent flames thousands of feet in the air, enabling me to take down notes as if under a hundred watt lamp. The fire—in sheets of yellow, orange and red—spread over the water, lighting up the channel from

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#### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
RUMORS of German jitters fill the air.

A SWISS newspaper, quoting a traveler just returned from Germany, says the most PERSISTENT rumor is that a military dictatorship will be set up in September.

These discussions, it is added, were participated in by Keitel, head of the German army, Doenitz, head of the German navy, and (among others) the JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.

(NOTE, please, that these rumors follow the downfall of fascism in Italy and the setting up of what appears to be a military dictatorship. Ideas, you know, DO SPREAD.)

THIS returned Swiss traveler thinks possible replacement of Hitler may be more wishful thinking than the truth, but adds: "There is CERTAINLY much speculation among the people as to the possibility of ending the devastating battles and returning to peace, in which human wisdom would again have the upper hand."

YOU'D be silly to believe these rumors implicitly. But DON'T

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#### Appeals to Kidnapers



B. W. Gurney, center, holding the hand of his daughter, Marlene, 8, is shown in Albany, Ore., as he broadcast a nationwide appeal to kidnapers of his 2-day-old baby girl, who disappeared from an Albany hospital. Radio announcer is at left.

#### Russian Drive Cuts Two Railroad Lines

MOSCOW, Aug. 9—(AP)—Russian tank forces crashing back toward the gates of Kharkov from the north have encountered stubborn resistance from the north have encountered stubborn resistance from fresh German reserves rushed into the battles raging near Dolzhik, 15 miles northwest of that big industrial center of the Ukraine, front line dispatches said today.

The red army, in its largest advance announced in a special communique last night, cut the second of two railroads linking Kharkov with Byransk, 250 miles to the northwest, by capturing Bogodukhov, 35 miles to the northwest of Kharkov.

The Russians had looped a steel column almost directly west of the city, while thrusting a broad wedge within 20 miles of Sumi, approximately midway of the 200-mile front.

Their greatest progress was being made at the northern end of the front, along the Orel-Bryansk railway, however, where they captured 130 tons and villages. Including one place 17 miles west of Orel.

The German retreat apparently was being carried out with a loss of men and material comparable to that suffered by the nazis in the earlier stages of the Russian offensive. The communique said that the Germans lost 77 tanks and 125 planes in combat, and that the red army captured 48 German tanks, including 15 Tigers, in working order. A large number of Germans were reported killed.

#### New Clues Sought in Baby Kidnapping Case

ALBANY, Aug. 9—(AP)—State Police Sergeant Earl Houston said today he would continue to press for new clues in the mysterious disappearance of two-day-old Judith Gurney although no substantial leads had been developed in the six days since the baby disappeared from a hospital crib here.

A nurse from the hospital was questioned at length yesterday by District Attorney Harlow Weirick and state police, but Houston said no additional information was gained.

#### Industrial Towns Of Italy Bombed

LONDON, AUG. 9—(AP)—Large areas of Milan, Turin and Genoa—cities that contain two-thirds of Italy's war industry—were reported in ruins today under the hammer blows of British-based Lancasters of the RAF, which blasted all three Saturday night.

The triple attack was the heaviest since Italy was warned more than a week ago by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower that the allied air assault would be resumed and intensified because of Premier Pietro Badoglio's resistance to peace moves.

The weather was good and the air ministry said "well concentrated" attacks were carried out on war factories at Milan and Turin and on shipping facilities and yards at Genoa.

The Italian high command said in a Rome broadcast that "damage was considerable, mainly in the central quarters" of Milan and Turin. The Fiat airplane and engine works and the Italian Royal arsenal are located at Turin.

#### Bomber Crash Derails Train; Flier is Killed

Damage to Tracks Caused By Falling Plane Forces Fast Freight Off Rails

WENDOVER, Utah, Aug. 9—(AP)—An army bomber crash landed on the Western Pacific tracks seven miles east of here last night, and ten minutes later a freight train was derailed by the breach in the tracks.

Second Lt. Richard L. Blue of Rantoul, Ill., was injured fatally in the bomber crash. Ten other fliers were injured, some critically.

The train crew escaped injury. Public relations officers at the Wendover air base said the bomber, flying south, attempted a crash landing near U. S. highway 40-50, which parallels the rail line.

The bomber struck the salt flats between the highway and tracks, scattered wreckage over a wide area, and slid on its belly across the rails, which run east and west. The bomber, badly damaged, came to a rest on the south side of the tracks. It did not burn.

#### Train Hits Wreckage

The freight, thundering through the night, was derailed as the last trucks of a double diesel locomotive passed over wreckage left by the bomber.

Twenty-six freight cars piled up in a huge mass of twisted wood and steel. Three others were derailed but remained intact.

Two hundred feet of rail was torn up and the line's traffic was stopped. Officials estimated the rails would be replaced sometime tonight.

Railmen at the scene said damage might run as high as \$200,000.

Engineer of the freight was Otto Kelly of Salt Lake City. He said the train crew was unaware

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#### President Takes Short Vacation in Canada

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—(AP)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt had returned to the capitol "from a short vacation in Canada" on the north shore of Lake Huron.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early told reporters that Mr. Roosevelt "did not see anybody to my knowledge" on his vacation trip.

An official statement drafted by the president said the vacation was spent near McGregor and Whitefish bays on Lake Huron.

#### Roseburg Boys In New Guinea On Hero List

Hayes, Boyer, Trozelle Named in Dispatches for Deeds in Jungle Battles

By VERN HAUGLAND  
SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Aug. 7—(delayed)—(AP)—Trickling back from the front lines opposing the Japanese in the Mount Tambora area overlooking Salamaua come tales of quiet heroism of Australian and American soldiers, fighting side by side.

There is the one about Corp Fred Hayes, of Roseburg, Ore., who was fifth in line in an American patrol climbing a steep jungle trail. The Japanese shot and killed the first three and wounded the fourth. Hayes bravely pushed on, killed one Japanese and wounded another. If there were any more they fled.

Sgt. Alfred Boyer, also of Roseburg, heard that a pal of his had been wounded. He went into the battle zone and was told his friend had been killed. Returning to the rear, he began worrying for fear his friend merely had been wounded. To make sure, he stayed around the fighting scene and carried in five seriously wounded men.

In particularly tough fighting on Mount Tambora, Sgt. John Trozelle

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#### MacArthur Says Victory Certain In Pacific Area

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 9—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur said today Japan had used her fullest resource of concentrated attack on the Pacific fronts, "has failed, and is now on a defensive."

"The margin was close but it was conclusive," the commander-in-chief of all allied forces in the south and southwest Pacific said in a statement expressing supreme confidence in final victory.

"Although for many reasons our victories may have lacked in glamorous focus, they have been decisive of the final result in the Pacific," he said. "I make no predictions as to time or detail, but Japan, on the Pacific fronts, has exhausted the fullest resource of concentrated attack of which she was capable, has failed, and is now on a defensive which will yield just in proportion as we gather force and definition. When that will be I do not know, but it is certain."

#### Goering is Said Be New Head Man Germany

Hitler Stripped of Power At Meeting of Leaders, Spain Dispatches Report

MADRID, Aug. 9—(AP)—Press dispatches reaching Spain from Berlin yesterday said that "powers of great magnitude" have been given to Reichsmarshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering after a meeting of Nazi party chiefs and army leaders.

News of the meeting at Adolf Hitler's headquarters, announced by Berlin over the weekend, lent color to various reports current in Spain that the army is taking over conduct of German affairs in preparation for a long defensive war.

Although, these reports say, Adolf Hitler remains as a figurehead leader, the real rulers of Germany are Goering, Field Marshal General Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the high command, and Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, commander in chief of the navy.

#### Nazi Posts Retained

German reports reaching Spain indicate the German army considers it necessary to retain the Nazi party as a facade behind which it can operate without causing an upheaval within the country.

This view, it was said, was prompted by recent disorders in Italy, which jettisoned the fascist party when the military dictatorship of Marshal Pietro Badoglio took over. German leaders are reported to believe that if Italy withdraws from the war it will be the result of administrative chaos as much as a public clamor for peace.

It was understood that Goering was chosen as the Nazi representative in the new set-up because he has long been aware of the army's views and holds the confidence of the military leaders.

If German reports here are accurate, the army's power now extends to press, production, civil rationing, foreign affairs and transport. It was said that the army has long been convinced that it would have to take full control of Germany if the nation

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#### Standley Pays Visit To Russian Industries

MOSCOW, Aug. 9—(AP)—Admiral William H. Standley, U. S. Ambassador, returned to Moscow today from a four-day aerial visit to soviet defense industries in the Urals.

His aides expressed his satisfaction and pleasure at the trip which marked one of the few wartime occasions on which the Ural stronghold was open to a foreigner.

Sverdlovsk was among the cities visited.

### Americans Land in Rear of Defending Forces to Drive Back Enemy Reinforcements

Surprise Movement Is Unopposed and Results in Capture of 300 Prisoners; Bombs and Leaflets Are Rained on Italian Factories

By Associated Press  
Two coastal columns of Americans and British, smashing ahead steadily toward the northeast tip of Sicily, have captured San Agata, San Fratello and Acireale in a double-flanking movement which threatens to enfold German defense forces huddled behind Mt. Etna at Randazzo, allied headquarters dispatches announced today.

The American seventh army of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., smashed through the north coastal anchor at San Fratello and went on to take San Agata, 50 miles west of Messina, the window through which Sicilians look across only two miles of water to Italy.

#### Springfield Man Dies Food Poison

EUGENE, Aug. 9—(AP)—William Kiest, 75-year-old Springfield resident died in the Sacred Heart hospital here last night two hours after being admitted. Kiest's death was the second fatality in the Lane county food-poisoning case which is still baffling local medics. Dale Mitchell, 2, of Lorane, died last week.

Approximately 40 persons remained hospitalized here. Five were released from the Eugene hospital over the week-end but two returned today for further treatment. Three were released from Sacred Heart, but five new cases were admitted over the week-end.

At least a half dozen of the cases remained in a serious condition.

#### County's War Bond Record Unbroken

"It was a close squeak, but we made it," H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the Douglas County War Savings staff, declared today in reporting the county had oversubscribed its quota of war bond purchases for the 15th successive month.

Purchases for the month totaled \$131,047 as compared with the quota of \$130,000, or 101 per cent. "The oversubscription of \$1,047 was the lowest margin by which the county has surpassed its goal so far in the campaign," Pargeter said.

The August quota is \$110,000. Douglas county's sustained record is recognized in a bulletin sent from the state headquarters to all counties.

#### Ralph Terrell, Former Roseburg Resident, Dies

Ralph W. Terrell, 67, for many years a resident of Roseburg, died suddenly Saturday at his home in Medford from a heart ailment.

Born in Salem in 1875, he made his home in Roseburg from 1901 until 1915, being employed with the Wallenberg department store and later with the L. A. Abraham store. After moving from Roseburg to Medford, he was a frequent visitor here as a travelling salesman.

He was the son of the late Judge and Mrs. Grover P. Terrell, pioneer residents of Marion county. He served in the Spanish-American war. He was married in Roseburg in 1901 to Silvia Stearns.

Surviving are the widow; a son, Irvine, of Fresno, Calif.; a sister, Lila Dolphin, Milwaukie, Ore., and one granddaughter.

The body is to be brought to Roseburg and funeral services will be held at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel at 2 p. m. Tuesday. Interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

#### Youth Confesses Killing Neighbor Who Owed \$1

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Aug. 9—(AP)—A 14-year old boy confessed that he killed a 77-year old neighbor, saying he was "mad" because the neighbor owed him a year-old \$1 debt for picking berries, district attorney Burritt L. Haag said today.

The boy was held without charge for investigation, Haag said. The neighbor, Frederick R. Buckingham, of nearby Castanea township, was shot through the head with a shotgun Saturday night while sitting on a bench on his front lawn.

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#### Italian Town Bombed

Moving around the westward road circling Mt. Etna, the British also had captured Bronte and Biancavilla, placing them within five miles of the Cesaro-Randazzo road and in position to cut off the Germans still opposing the Americans.

San Maria de Licodia, high up on the south side of Mt. Etna, also was captured and nearly half the mountain itself was in allied hands.

Italian Town Bombed.  
Milan, Turin and Genoa, cities which harbor two-thirds of Italy's war industry, came in for one of the burning, scarring and searing air attacks which have made Germany writhe. Hundreds of RAF planes from Britain dumped tons of explosives in an across-the-Alps blow Saturday night.

Dispatches from Bern, quoting travelers from Italy, said scenes of "indescribable panic" resulted from the allied bombing in northern Italy, with passengers hurling themselves from trains to seek shelter.

Virtually all parts of Milan were hit, this dispatch said, and the railroad stations at both Milan and Genoa were battered. Fires were visible in Chiaso, Switzerland, 30 miles from Milan.

Along with the bombs, the planes dropped leaflets containing a picture of Premier Marshal

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#### Espionage Charged To Federal Worker

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—(AP)—Bond of \$50,000 was set today for Roberto Lanus Vallechilla, 35-year-old foreign language translator in the office of the coordinator of inter-American affairs, charged with espionage.

The federal bureau of investigation said the suspect, a native of Colombia, admitted he had written three letters in secret ink to transmit war production information to the enemy.

The FBI said Lanus formerly worked with the international labor organization, a league of nations affiliate, in Geneva and later agreed to serve as a secret Nazi agent. He was trained by German experts in espionage work, the FBI added, before coming to New York three years ago. He joined the staff of the inter-American coordinator's office in February, 1942.

#### Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Rasmussen  
Footprints on the sands of time may never be noticed as long as the impression of Betty Grable's legs in concrete remains visible to the naked eye.

