

JAPS' KEY BASE AT RABAUL SMASHED BY AIR ARMADA

Surprise Daytime Assault Blasts Nip Warships, 177 Planes, Fires Installations

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Oct. 14.—(AP)—General MacArthur threw every bomber and fighter plane he could risk in a gigantic smash Tuesday at Japan's key sea-air bastion of Rabaul on New Britain, and the resultant devastation prompted the conservative general to say, "I think we have broken its back."

The raid by the biggest air armada ever amassed in this area "marks the turning point in the war in the south Pacific," declared the airforce commander, Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney.

The far-reaching results—they may speed the unhinging of the whole perimeter of defenses anchored to Rabaul—were: Destruction or severe damage of 177 enemy planes, an estimated 60 per cent of the airforce on Rabaul's airdromes.

Sinking of at least 17,600 tons of ships, including three destroyers and three merchant ships, as well as 43 small seagoing cargo vessels and 70 harbor craft.

Severe damaging of a submarine, its 5,000-ton tender, a 6,800-ton destroyer tender and a 7,000-ton cargo ship.

Wrecking and firing of wharves and waterfront installations at Simpson harbor, one of the finest in the world.

These accomplishments cost the allies five planes out of the participating hundreds, the bulk of which were Americans. The raiders expended 350 tons of bombs, 25 tons more than the bomb load dropped last week on Wake island, and more than 250,000 rounds of ammunition.

Escorted over Rabaul for the first time in the war by fighters, the Liberators and Mitchells struck by daylight at a base so bristling with defenses that heretofore attacks were made under cover of darkness. But that was before MacArthur acquired forward air bases on islands north of New Guinea.

Japs Taken by Surprise. The sharp scaling down of Rabaul's striking power followed a series of heavy raids since mid-August which have destroyed approximately 500 enemy planes at Wewak, New Guinea.

The Japanese were so completely surprised at Rabaul that they got only 40 fighters in the air, of which 26 were downed.

One immediate result of the raid, General MacArthur said, is to give the allies mastery of the air over the Solomons seas and adjacent waters.

Today's communique announced the crushing of all organized enemy resistance on Vella Lavella, with 200 Japanese slain in final operations. Bougainville underwent new allied attacks in which 21 Japanese planes were shot down at a cost of three American raiders.

Alabama Strike Closes 17 Mines. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 14.—(AP)—At least 17 Alabama coal mines, employing more than 6,500 men and including several of the state's largest industrial food producers, were shut down today in a work stoppage which both union and operator spokesmen said resulted from government release of the mines to their owners.

A survey indicated that 12 mines, including the state's largest, joined those idle on the morning shift. Five were shut down yesterday. Approximately 25,000 men are employed in all the state's mines.

The closed mines produce approximately 50 per cent of the coal used in the steel and iron plants of the Birmingham district. Industrial fuel supplies are low.

Atlanta, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Nearly all of the 8,500 striking truck drivers in six southern states returned to their jobs today, but the vote to go back, a Memphis union spokesman said, was coupled with a notice to strike if the War Labor board does not take action on their wage raise request in 30 days.

Stamp 29 in Book 4 Good For Sugar Buying Nov. 1. WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Stamp No. 29 in the new ration book No. 4 will be used for buying sugar beginning Nov. 1, the OPA announced today.

The new book will be distributed in a school house registration the last two weeks of this month. Continuing the present consumer ration for another two and one-half months, stamp 29 will be good for five pounds of sugar through January 15, 1944.

Stamp 14 in ration book one, good for five pounds since August 16, expires the first day of November, when stamps 15 and 16 which have been used for home canning sugar, expire on the last day of October.

As a minor but glorious achievement, British midget submarines steal through German mine-

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Fifth Army Cracks Nazi Line on Volturno; Battles Raging for 4 Large Russian Cities

Kiev Combat Bloodiest of Fall Drive

Nazi Escape Route From Crimea Periled as Reds Lunge Into Melitopol

MOSCOW, Oct. 14.—(AP)—The Red army, now inside or on the threshold of four of Russia's large cities—Kiev, Gomel, Zaporozhe and Melitopol—appeared on the way today to winning some of its greatest victories.

Surging across the mud flats of the lower Dnieper river, the Soviets fought their way into Melitopol, a city of 76,000 inhabitants, after breaking the German hold on the Molochna river line.

On the middle Dnieper river, Red army forces within two miles of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev hastened their efforts to take the city before the Nazis could complete demolitions.

Capture of Kiev would be a prize of the first order for the Red army. At the time of its capture by the Germans in September, 1941, its population numbered 850,000.

Gomel, at the northern end of the active front, became a battleground as Soviet forces which crossed the Sozh river came to that White Russian center.

The Red army of the south appeared battling for a substantial prize—the bottling up in the Crimea of the German 17th army. Front line dispatches said no withdrawal appeared under way. They added that the Germans' main railway communication with the Crimea was already cut at Melitopol, leaving the Germans only the single-track line.

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2 U. S. Destroyers Lost, Navy Reports

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Loss of two American destroyers in the Mediterranean was reported today by the navy in a communique which also told of an unsuccessful Japanese bombing raid on Attu island in the Aleutians.

The destroyers, the Buck and Bristol, both sank as a result of underwater explosions, the navy said.

The Buck, a 1,500-ton ship, went down off Salerno October 9 and the Bristol, a 1,700-ton vessel, was sunk yesterday.

The navy said casualty details had not been received.

The bombing raid on Attu, taken from the Japanese late in May, was the first carried out since American occupation of that little island on the tip of the Aleutians chain.

Ten Japanese bombers flew high over Massacre bay at a great height, the navy reported. Their bombs were dropped without causing damage.

American fighting pilots flew up to intercept the bombers and they were driven off. No planes were shot down in the engagement.

Each of the two destroyers, each of which carried approximately 250 officers and men, brought to 122 the number of naval craft lost since the war began.

Bill Lists \$99,000 For Umpqua River Harbor

Allotments for improvements and general maintenance of Umpqua harbor facilities are included in the appropriations proposed in the rivers and harbors bill now before congress. The bill carries \$55,000 for harbor and channel work and \$10,000 for extension of the turning basin, together with \$34,000 for channel dredging and mooring dock construction at Winchester Bay. The bill has been approved by the rivers and harbors committee.

Former Douglas Teacher Steps up In Wacs Service



Gladys I. Maupin

FORT DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 14.—Pvt. Gladys I. Maupin of Oakland, Ore., who taught school in Douglas county, Ore., for seven years before she joined the WACS in June, 1943, has been promoted to the grade of technician 5th grade (corporal). She is a clerk and typist in the office of the Bakers and Cooks school at First War Training Center, Fort Des Moines, Ia.

The sister of Mrs. Zone McNabb of Oakland, Corporal Maupin was assigned to the office of the Bakers and Cooks school at the completion of basic training.

She was formerly principal of the elementary school at Yoncalla, Ore. She also has taught at schools in Pleasant Valley and Gunter, Ore. She is a member of the Oregon State Teachers association and the Parent-Teacher association.

A graduate of Oakland high school, Corporal Maupin also is a graduate of S. Oregon Normal school at Ashland.

She has a nephew, Pvt. Clyde Maupin of Elkton, Ore., who is with the marines in the Pacific war zone.

Western Douglas To Have Unit Of Mounted Police

Organization of a western Douglas county unit of the Mounted Police is under way at Reedsport, it was announced today by Sheriff Bud Carter, who, with Captain Al Bashford, commanding officer of the Mounted Police, and W. H. (Doc) Carter, went to Reedsport last night to assist with the work of forming the unit. Sixteen members already have been signed, it is reported, and others are expected to volunteer for service. Officers are to be named at a future meeting.

The western Douglas unit, it was stated, will be an important factor in the campaign to prevent livestock thefts. The Mounted Police maintain patrols in rural areas and have materially reduced livestock and poultry losses in the central part of the county. Thefts, however, have been on the increase in the coast area.

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The resolution, approved 7 to 1 by a subcommittee headed by Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the full committee, will be laid before the latter group next Tuesday in this form:

Resolved by the senate of the United States:

"That the war against all our enemies be waged until complete victory is achieved."

"That the United States cooperate with its comrades-in-arms in securing a just and honorable peace."

"That the United States, acting through its constitutional processes, join with free and sovereign nations in the establishment and maintenance of international authority with power to prevent aggression and to preserve the peace of the world."

How Senators Split

A canvass showed this lineup on the full committee:

For the resolution 12—Demo-

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Jolt Given 2 Who Thought Selves Outside Draft

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 14.—(AP)—Men 38 years old or older can be drafted into the army, Col. Elmer V. Weston, state selective service director, said today in telling of the sad experience of a Portland shipyard worker.

This man, on reaching his 38th birthday, quit his job, telling his employer and friends that he couldn't be drafted because of age.

He left his wife and children, got himself a lady friend, and began making the rounds of the Portland night spots and had a nice vacation at the coast.

The United States employment service pleaded with him to get back into an essential industry, but he told them he wouldn't, as he couldn't be drafted, so why get into an essential industry?

The man's draft board became concerned about it, and asked state selective service headquarters to do something about him. So state headquarters obtained permission to draft the man.

The man reports for induction in a few days. His wife and children will get dependency allowances, probably more money than they ever had for support. And the lady friend must find a new boy friend.

Colonel Weston also told of a 49-year-old pool hall worker in Portland. This man was advised that his job was nonessential, and he was asked to get into essential industry. He replied that he wouldn't leave his pool hall job, and defied the army to draft him, pointing out he was over 38 years old.

State headquarters got a waiver of age for him, too, and he'll go into the army soon.

Plenty of Pheasants Await Hunters in Douglas; Quail, Grouse Also Legal Targets

Despite the shortage of ammunition, bird hunters are breaking out their few remaining shells in preparation for the opening of the season this weekend.

The season on waterfowl opens half an hour before sunrise Friday, while the season on pheasants and other upland birds begins at the same time Saturday. Due to light hunting last year, pheasants are reported very numerous throughout Douglas county this year and hunters are anticipating enjoyable and successful sport.

The Douglas county season on pheasants is from October 16 to Nov. 7, inclusive. The bag limit is four pheasants in any one day but not more than eight birds in any seven consecutive days or in possession at any one time; provided, that not more than one hen may be held in possession at any one time.

Quail, Grouse Also Open

California or valley quail may be killed in Douglas county during the period from Oct. 16 to Nov. 7, with a bag limit of 10 birds in any one day or in possession at any one time.

Sooty or blue grouse and ruf-

fed grouse may be hunted in Douglas county, west of the Pacific highway, from Oct. 16 to Oct. 31, inclusive, with a bag limit of two in the aggregate of both kinds in any one day and not more than six in the aggregate of both kinds during the entire open season.

Water Fowl Limits Cited

Bag limit on ducks, geese, brant and coot from Oct. 15 to Dec. 23, is ten ducks in the aggregate for all kinds in any one day, of which not more than three of any one, nor more than three in the aggregate may be redheads or buffheads, and of which not more than one may be a wood duck. Geese and brant are limited to two in the aggregate of all kinds in any one day and not more than four in the aggregate of all kinds in possession at any one time. Coot are limited to 25 in any one day and not more than 25 in possession at any one time.

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Subsidy Rates on Milk in Oregon Areas Announced

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 14.—The state AAA office today announced milk subsidy rates for Oregon farmers, which are expected to increase the state's milk production in the last three months of the year.

In western Oregon, including Hood River county, the rate will be 45 cents a hundredweight on whole milk, 5 cents a pound on butterfat.

In all other counties it will be 35 and 4 cents.

For butter it will be 80 per cent of the butterfat figure and for cream, 20 per cent of the butterfat rate.

AAA officials explained that dairymen who deliver whole milk will be paid at the whole milk rate even though it is marketed on the basis of butterfat content. The butterfat rate will apply only for those delivering separated cream for manufacturing.

Payments will be made for the entire month of October although county AAA committees are not entirely ready yet to handle the program.

Dairymen were advised to assemble all October sales records and hold them until application forms are made available locally. County committees will make the payments for the commodity credit corporation.

The subsidy payments were determined nationally on three factors—the increase of milk prices over the 1940 average, price advances in dairy feed since September, 1942, and the average proportion of dairy feed purchased in different areas.

Highway Board Works On Postwar Program

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 14.—(AP)—The state highway commission began work today on its postwar highway program, estimating it would take at least six months to draft even a tentative program.

Under a bill before congress, Oregon would have \$19,000,000 a year to spend for three years on postwar roads. The commission this week completed conferences with all 36 Oregon county courts, and will coordinate the county plans with state plans.

River Bridged After Fierce Night Attack

Seven German Divisions Used in Futile Effort to Check Allied Advance

LONDON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—A German news agency broadcast from Berlin said British troops landed at the mouth of the Volturno river tonight in a flanking attack on German positions in Italy.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Oct. 14.—(AP)—British and American troops of Lt. Gen. Clark's Fifth army cracked the strong German lines along the Volturno river in a fierce night attack early yesterday and have established several armor-reinforced bridgeheads across that most formidable obstacle in the path to Rome, allied headquarters announced today.

Gen. Clark struck at a time to take advantage of favorable weather when dry ground allowed deployment of his forces and after a terrific artillery barrage had softened the enemy's defense positions on the north bank.

Engineers bridged the Volturno to get American tanks across the stream, which for days had been virtually impassable because of high water.

But the Germans had rushed fresh contingents south from the Rome area in recent days to meet an expected attack, and as the British and Americans clawed their way up the steep banks fierce fighting raged up and down the north side of the stream.

Seven German divisions were in line across Italy to oppose the allied advance.

This advance was along the line.

Hard Combat Won

After a heavy fight troops northwest of Benevento captured the town of Guardia, four miles north of the Calore river and only nine miles east of the Volturno. This advance threatened the left flank of the Germans fighting behind the Volturno defenses.

The British and Canadians in the center of the line drove forward five miles. They pursued the enemy and occupied Gildone, less than a mile southeast of Campobasso, and made other gains to swing the east end of

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U. S. Bombers Hit Central Germany

LONDON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—U. S. bombers, supported by Thunderbolts, attacked targets in central Germany today.

It was the first daylight raid for the American bombers since they hit Muenster and Coesfeld Sunday.

The targets were not specified in the first announcement from U. S. army headquarters, but the use of the description "central Germany" suggested the possibility of a fairly deep penetration.

The attack marked the resumption of major operations which, in addition to the Muenster and Coesfeld raids, included a record, long-distance flight to eastern Germany, Poland and east Prussia last Saturday.

The passengers, none of whom were believed seriously injured, were taken to a Miles City hospital.

The coach section of the train left the tracks, apparently because of a broken rail, and all the other cars were derailed, Meyer said. The locomotive passed over the piece of track and did not leave the rails.

The wreck was near Sheffield.

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