

3 JAP WARSHIPS SUNK IN RABAU COMBAT



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Foe's Losses Also Include 64 Bombers

Nippon Cruiser, Eleven Destroyers Damaged; Allies Lose 17 Planes

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 13.—(AP)—American aircraft carriers have won their first big long range duel of the war with Japan's mighty naval and air fortresses of Rabaul.

They beat that New Britain stronghold to the punch Thursday, sending in the bulk of more than 200 planes which sank a Japanese cruiser and two destroyers, damaged a cruiser and 11 destroyers and shot down 24 enemy interceptors.

Rabaul dispatched 70 revenge-bombing and torpedo bombers in four attacks aimed at sinking one of the carriers. Sixty-four were shot into the sea during an hour and 20 minutes of flaming action without accomplishing their mission.

(Navy Secretary Knox said in Washington the enemy's target was a large aircraft carrier and that "not a dent" was made in the big ship.)

Carrier planes were aloft in battle readiness to tangle with the enemy bombers while anti-aircraft batteries of the carrier and escorting warships dotted the sky with bursting ack-ack.

Allies Lose 17 Planes
Seventeen allied planes were lost in defending the carrier and in raising the toll of enemy warships at Rabaul this month to two cruisers and five destroyers sunk, 10 cruisers and 13 destroyers damaged and a cruiser probably damaged.

General MacArthur's headquarters said that minor damages were sustained by some of the ships in the allied carrier force. There were casualties among the crews.

EXTRAVAGANT JAP LIES PUZZLE U. S. COMMAND

(By the Associated Press)
In view of the lopsided American triumphs in the air, on the sea and on land, the American high command was frankly puzzled by the extremity of Japanese lies about sinking upwards of 90 U. S. ships in non-existent naval battles. Washington speculated that the Japanese morale may have been in bad need of bolstering because of the long series of reverses.

One Japanese broadcast even asserted that all Halsey's South Pacific fleet was destroyed. More realistic were the words of Navy Sec. Knox:

"Our ships are ranging all over the Pacific and the Japanese fleet has not been seen. We've given the enemy plenty of opportunity for a scrap, but they don't seem to be interested."

A spokesman for Gen. MacArthur said Japan continually was feeding hundreds of planes into Rabaul and Wewak, New Guinea, in the absence of critical actions elsewhere.

SOUTH PACIFIC ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Rembert James, Associated Press war correspondent who

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Hunter in Hospital After Battle With Bear

JUNEAU, Alaska, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Olaf Heller, Auk bay fisherman, was recovering in a hospital here today from a hand-to-paw battle with a bear and a six mile crawl to the coast.

The brown bear charged him while he was deer hunting. He fired his rifle once before a swing of the bear's paw broke Heller's leg but he summoned sufficient strength to strike the bear over the head with the stock of the gun and the bear sauntered away.

Heller said he shoved the protruding leg bone back into place, made a splint with his shirt and crawled to the coast where a boat finally picked him up.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Retzelstein

The Roseburg high school football team missed a fine opportunity to turn its defeats into victories by failure to have the scores broadcast from Tokyo.

Recent Election Victories Put "Certainty" in G. O. P. Predictions on Presidency

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The republican national committee's publicity machines were busy today turning out single-page supplements to Chairman Harrison E. Spangler's eight-sheet "victory memorandum" of Oct. 25, saying:

"Since this victory memorandum was issued, the 1943 elections have come and gone, and the results more than ever confirm the prospect of victory for 1944."

The supplement then lists the state-by-state results and adds: "These results give the republicans 26 governors in the 38 states outside the solid south. These states have 86,000,000 people—or nearly two-thirds of the entire population—and have 339 electoral votes." (266 are sufficient to elect a president.)

Elaborating on the claims of a republican "trend" contained in the pre-election memorandum, the Spangler supplement contrasts the republican picture of 1936, the party's poorest year, and the present, this way:

	1936	1943
Senators	17	38
Representatives	89	208

Governors 8 | 26 || State legislatures (controlled by GOP) | 9 | 27 |

Both the Oct. 25 memorandum and the supplement are being mailed to republican party workers and voters. The original memorandum, accompanied by charts and maps, pointed out that the 1944 election will be decided in the 38 states outside the solid south it added that in 1940 President Roosevelt carried these northern states by a majority of slightly less than 2,450,000, that a turnover of 1,250,000 would reverse that result, and voting since 1942 indicated the "necessary turnover is certain."

The supplement listed highlights of the recent off-year voting, which included: Kentucky elected the first republican governor since 1927. In 1940 Roosevelt carried Kentucky by nearly 150,000.

"In New York, a republican lieutenant governor elected by a plurality of nearly 350,000. This represents a shift to the republican ticket of nearly 600,000 votes since Roosevelt carried the state in 1940 by about 225,000."

John Donald Collier, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Collier, Sutherland, was drowned late Friday evening in a goldfish pond. The child and his mother were visiting at the home of a neighbor and the boy was playing alone in the yard when he apparently stumbled into the pond and was drowned in about two feet of water.

Artificial respiration was carried on for more than an hour and the Roseburg fire department's inhalator was rushed to the scene by Harry Plinniger, civilian defense coordinator, in the county's disaster car. The inhalator was not used, however, as the child was pronounced dead by a physician by the time the equipment reached the scene.

The child was born Nov. 13, 1941, lacking only one day of being two years of age. The family has resided at Sutherland for the past 18 months, the father being employed by the Smith Wood products company. Surviving, besides the parents, are a sister, Margaret Claire; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Watson, Sutherland, and paternal grandmother, Mrs. Claire Collier, Parkridge, Ill.

Funeral services will be held in the Methodist church in Sutherland at 2 p. m. Monday, conducted by the Rev. J. B. Needham, with interment following in Valley View cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

Sinus Trouble Sends Sen. McNary to Hospital

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP) Senator McNary of Oregon, leader of the senate republicans, is in the naval hospital here for a checkup and treatment for a cold that developed annoying sinus trouble.

The senator caught cold two weeks ago and the sinus infection followed.

McNary's friends said he had been working hard and was tired and his physician advised that he rest in the hospital until the cold was brought under control.

Bill Extending Tenures Of Filipino Heads Signed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP) President Roosevelt has signed the bill extending for the war's duration the tenures of President Quizon and Vice-President Osmena of the Philippines. Under the Philippine constitution Quizon's term would have ended next Monday and Osmena would have succeeded him.

Tailor Fined \$1,200 for Breaking Rationing Law

LONDON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Peter Theoharus, a tailor, was fined \$1,200 for breaking the rationing law by making and selling double-breasted coats and trousers with cuffs.

Yanks Regain Italy Ground From Nazis

Foe's Stubborn Defense Aided by Winter; Allied Planes Strafe Germany

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 13.—(AP)—American troops in sharp fighting have captured two more towns north and northeast of Venafro, and a British patrol has crossed the Sangro river along the eastern end of the nazi winter line in Italy, it was announced today.

On Mount Camino above Mignano, southwest of Venafro, allied forces battled back to seize again high grounds they had occupied Wednesday but lost in German counterattacks Thursday. This surge added new positions beyond Wednesday's advance.

There was bitter fighting under extremely difficult conditions at several points as the allies lashed out against the massive nazi line, but the front as a whole saw little change during the last 24 hours, allied headquarters announced.

Allied airplanes struck out in new forays into the Balkans yesterday, bombing an oil refinery at Berat and the nearby Kucove airfield in Albania, and the air-drome at Mostar in Yugoslavia, besides carrying out widespread operations against German transports and supplies in Italy.

A naval communiqué disclosed a heavy sea bombardment of enemy positions along the gulf of Gaeta Tuesday night and again at dawn Wednesday. RAF planes joined in the blasting of the nazi's western coastal flank, dropping flares to guide the gunners on British destroyers.

U. S. troops in the rush above Venafro captured Filignano, four miles north, and Pozzilli, two miles northeast of Venafro. The Germans were putting up the most stubborn resistance on the Fifth army front in the Venafro and Mignano regions.

In one clash, Americans seized a hill, killing 30 nazis and wounding 30 more. The retreat of Germans ran into one of their own minefields, suffering further casualties. American losses were one killed, and three wounded.

On the western coast, German patrols were active, crossing the Garigliano river in some cases.

A Berlin broadcast said a British General Staverly and a British staff officer were captured in a thrust against allied troops west of Isernia.

With the Germans dug into

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U. S. Engineer Decorated for Bravery on Attu

ALASKAN DEPARTMENT, U. S. Army, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Lt. Col. James D. Bush, an officer of the fighting engineers who stopped the last frantic suicidal charge of the Japanese at Attu, has been decorated with the army's silver star for gallantry in action.

The engineers' stand broke up the screaming Japanese on the morning of May 29 after they had swarmed over Chicago valley and overrun American infantry positions, and prevented the enemy from seizing artillery which could have been turned on our troops in Massacre valley.

"It was a question of kill or die," recalled the 36-year-old officer whose home address is Mobile, Ala., and whose wife and three children now live in Leesburg, Va. He fought in the darkness with rifle and grenades and finally succeeded, with other officers, in rallying the engineers to a defense line at the bank of a roadway built only the night before.

Bush said he killed four Japs and took one prisoner. "He acted like he wanted to give up. He threw up his hands. I didn't know if he had a grenade but took a chance and didn't kill him."

Bush said he didn't believe the Japanese committed mass suicides as has been reported. "Some did kill themselves but we killed a lot. Almost everybody killed one or two Japs."

Shortage Expected to Lead To Resurrection of Pipes

(By the Associated Press)
A growing scarcity of popular brand cigarettes and low-priced cigars—attributed to labor shortages, early Christmas buying and heavy overseas shipments—was reported today in many cities throughout the nation.

Especially scarce were inexpensive cigars. The Cigar Institute of America said the normal reserves of cigars for Christmas sales were being sold now to meet heavy demands, and add that prospects were slim for obtaining extra supplies for the Yuletide.

There is widespread voluntary rationing of both cigars and cigarettes, an Associated Press survey showed.

Many cities reported extreme scarcity of one or two popular brands of cigarettes, but none reported a general scarcity of advertised brands.

Little shortage of pipe tobacco was reported anywhere, and if the shortage of cigarettes and cigars becomes more acute, a general resurrection of pipes is expected.

Wholesalers all over the country reported manufacturers of popular brands of cigarettes had limited future consignments to

British Battling German Invasion Of Leros Island

CAIRO, Nov. 13.—(AP)—German forces attacking British and Italian troops on Leros island in the Aegean sea have succeeded in reinforcing their beachheads and are attempting to consolidate them despite heavy casualties. A Middle East communiqué announced today.

RAF fighters and bombers sped to the support of the beleaguered British garrison, the fighter planes strafing the German beachheads in long sweeps over the island, and bombers blasting away at nearby island bases from which Germany could rush reinforcements.

The Maritza airfield on the German-held island of Rhodes was hit heavily, Antimachia airfield on nearby Cos island was raided twice during the night, and an enemy convoy was attacked in daylight yesterday near Antokythera island, which lies about midway between Crete and the Greek mainland. At least two vessels were hit, the British announcement said.

Shipping and the harbor of Suda bay on Crete were blasted twice by the British yesterday.

Advices to allied headquarters here said there was no question that the situation on Leros was critical.

(The Berlin radio made the flat announcement early today that the island had fallen, and said that British gains made during the Aegean campaign begun shortly after Italy's capitulation had been reduced to the islands of Samos, Nicaria and Catelrosso. There had been no previous announcement from either the allies or the Germans that Nicaria, which lies 12 miles west of Samos, was in British hands.)

The Dodecanese islands of Cos and Symi previously had been retaken by the nazis.

Youth Admits Racket in Gas Ration Stamps

OREGON CITY, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Jack Grenfell, county officer, said today a juvenile had admitted purchasing mileage ration stamps from Portland service stations for from 25 cents to \$1 each, and also had obtained gasoline without coupons by paying \$2 for five gallons.

Portland Restaurants In Ration Point Jam

PORTLAND, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Four Portland restaurants will have to make up short ration points or close for 30 days, the OPA announced.

The agency accused the firms of accepting foods from suppliers without having enough ration points on hand to pay for them.

Reds' Advance Breeds Panic Over Border

Bessarabia, Rumania, Hungary Upset; Battle Continuing at Kerch

LONDON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Russian forces have captured Zhitomir cutting the major German railroad from Odessa to Leningrad, an order of the day from Marshal Stalin said tonight.

Capture of the vital rail center 90 miles west of Kiev was announced by Gen. Vatutin, conqueror of Kiev.

Zhitomir is a hub of rail lines and highways in the Ukraine, and lies only 60 miles from the pre-war Polish border.

MOSCOW, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Russian troops have driven within 12-mile artillery range of the Odessa-Leningrad railroad in their wide breakthrough toward Poland and panicked Rumania, and advanced Cossacks are reported operating in the immediate vicinity of Zhitomir, junction of the communication line.

(The German communiqué today disclosed fresh retreats on that critical front far west of Kiev, saying "fighting is proceeding between numerically superior enemy forces advancing on Zhitomir and German formations.")

Berlin broadcasts said the Russians had massed 30 infantry divisions and several tank corps, perhaps 500,000 men—near Krivoy Rog in the Dnieper bend area and "heavy fighting may be expected there shortly."

(The Germans said their counterattacks northwest and west of Kiev wiped out or drove back Russian tank spearheads. A regiment of Russians was reported dispersed east of Perekop, northern entrance to the Crimea, after crossing salt marshes.

(By the Associated Press)
More than 4,000 Germans died, 1,500 trying to flee from the invested Crimea northeast of burning Kerch. A hundred towns were captured by Vatutin's First Ukrainian army spreading swiftly in the snow and slush in all directions beyond Kiev.

In a vain effort to check the Russian momentum, the Germans fell in great force upon the Russian flank near Fastov, 30 miles southwest of Kiev. There the Russians destroyed 2,000 men and 70 tanks in negating the nazi challenge.

On all fronts, the Russians re-

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South American Rubber Imports to U. S. Tripled

PORTLAND, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Rubber imports from South America now are triple those of a year ago, Robert Ormond Case, assistant to the president of the Rubber Development corporation, declared today.

Case, back from conducting American newsmen through Brazilian and Bolivian rubber plantations, said the imports "already have cracked the Baruch estimates" of the minimum amount of natural rubber required by the United States this year.

He described the South American natural rubber as equal to that of the East Indies but said that while the output will continue upward it will be limited by manpower difficulties.

Kidnaper of Gurney Baby Sent to Asylum

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Mrs. Catherine Wright, 26, charged with the abduction of a 2-day-old girl from the Albany hospital last August, was committed Friday to the state hospital for the insane.

County Judge Arnold signed the commitment papers after a third examination of the woman, in whose house the baby, Judith Gurney, was found a week after the abduction. Police said she had feigned pregnancy and had fooled her husband into thinking the baby was hers.

The infant, daughter of B. W. Gurney, a labor union official, was unharmed.

"I don't care what happens. I want to get it over with," Mrs. Wright said in a hearing Friday.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S nothing startlingly NEW in the war news as this is written—just hard fighting on established fronts.

THE Japs are getting minor reinforcements down from Buka Island and seem to be getting them ashore on Bougainville (where our Marines are fighting).

They're apparently coming in self-propelled (motor-driven) barges. The distance isn't great and they sneak in at night.

THE little yellow men claim to have sunk a total of four of our battleships, along with a miscellaneous total of our cruisers, destroyers and transports. This rising of their propaganda sights gets under Navy Secretary Knox's skin, and he denies their claims "in whole or in detail"—says they're just fishing for information.

Australian Premier Curtin, who has been generally on the pessimistic side (realistic is probably a better word) asserts that "victory is definitely in sight."

THE big Russian fighting at the moment appears to be up to the northwest of Smolensk, where the Russians are pointed toward the BALTIC SEA.

If they make headway there, the Germans will have to pull out of the Leningrad area or risk being trapped.

Your map will explain why.

FARTHER south, the Russians are headed toward the Polish and Rumanian borders and appear to be making fair progress. (In this connection, don't forget the Rumanian oil fields the Germans are using.)

The first heavy snows are falling in the Ukraine.

PRISONERS and captured documents indicate that the Germans have chosen their present Italian front as a "winter line" and that Rommel has issued orders to hold it at all costs for at

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Turkey Supply For Thanksgiving Low

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 13.—(AP)—If you don't want to give up ration points for your Thanksgiving dinner you'll likely eat chicken—few turkeys will be available for civilian consumption.

That was the word today from the Northwestern Turkey Growers' association, marketing unit for growers throughout the western states.

"The army still is taking all the turkeys we can give them and the prospects for the civilians are pretty slim," said J. R. Garrett, association assistant secretary-treasurer.

For two months the army prohibited the sale of turkeys to civilians in order to stock up for holiday needs of the military services. And although that embargo has been lifted, turkeys are still available for the early holiday trade.

By Christmas and New Year's, however, there likely will be a near-normal supply.

Difficulties of obtaining usual types of food were partially responsible for the situation, Garrett explained.

"There is less protein in the feeds turkey growers are able to obtain," he said, "and as a result the turkeys are fattening more slowly."

This year's total crop is estimated near the 175,000,000 pounds of 1942 but a larger proportion than usual likely will be sold in the western states, Garrett said.