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Finds Mud Slows Aussie Activity On Tarakan

ABOARD A CRUISER IN THE CELEBES SEA — (By Wireless) — My D-day landing on Tarakan island having been woefully short of dignity, since I hit shore out of breath and scrambling for cover, I decided to try again on D-plus-one.

This time I took a couple of rear admirals and assorted other officers along to make it more official.

During a pause on the way ashore I was below decks on a PT boat reading a fistful of mail which had just arrived by courier plane from Manila. So I missed seeing a Jap shell of maybe three-inch caliber hit the water a hundred-odd yards from us. That's what a batch of mail does to you out here.

Well, the PT with Admirals Forrest Royal and Russell Berkeley and the rest of us headed for the southern pier where I'd had trouble the day before. I mumbled to Admiral Berkeley that maybe it might be more comfortable to shift to a smaller boat that could take us clear to the inner end of the pier, so that we wouldn't have to do a tight-rope act, maybe under fire, on the pinnacles spanning those three breaches in the pier timbers.

The admiral thought the Aussies would have repaired the gaps by now, so we clambered onto the pier and set out.

The first two breaches on the 400-yard pier had been patched somewhat all right. But when we got to the third one—the big one—it was still a gaping abyss, with only the pipes to cross on.

The admirals looked, hesitated, pondered, and came to the judicious conclusion that maybe the northern pier might be better. So our little column did a rightabout. Admiral Royal commended a LCVP and we proceeded to the north pier, which was intact.

You don't go around saying to admirals, "I told you so," but a certain smugness may have crept into my expression.

It was low tide, and the muddy shore still bore deep tracks left by the boots of the Australian assault infantry that plunged ashore on D-day from small boats. Small craft were fast in the mud here and there. A bulldozer named Miss Vermont was bogged in yard-deep muck. But trucks of many kinds were plying the beach and roads, in some places over steel airstrip matting were laid on sheets of fiber to thwart the oozy mud. Big LSTs were unloading onto a causeway prefabricated from huge metal tubes and floated in on D-day.

Aussie troops were everywhere. I saw one with two fresh-killed ducks and a look of happy anticipation. Others were sleeping on cots, protected rightly from the broiling sun by sheets of tin roofing placed over mosquito-net braces.

A cluster of oil tanks was in utter ruin. Some fires still burned. Shellholes gaped. Areas of several acres were burned and blasted till literally nothing remained. But despite five days of our shelling and bombing plus Jap demolitions, a number of fragile native houses looked intact, and several big Jap pillboxes had an unscathed appearance. The Japs apparently had decided to abandon them unmanned and make their stand at an airstrip, which on D-plus-one was still being held.

We made our way to the tent of the commander of the Aussie troops. We learned that electrically controlled land mines were slowing the Aussie advance on the airstrip, and blown up bridges were impeding the tanks. The troops were proceeding cautiously, with few casualties, and the commanders seemed satisfied with the progress.

Our little procession presently returned to the pier, and as we were boarding Admiral Berkeley's barge we heard a Swiss river art up inland, and we had seen a boat.

But amid the confusion and the emperor's new clothes, we had seen a boat. It was a small motor launch, and it was carrying a woman. She was a young girl, and she was looking at us with a look of curiosity and interest.

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CHANDLER TAKES OVER LANDIS' CHAIR—Sen. A. B. "Happy" Chandler, baseball's new commissioner, occupies the huge chair left vacant by death of Judge Kenesaw Landis, for many years the czar of organized baseball. Chandler came to Chicago to discuss feasibility of moving commissioner's office to Cincinnati.

60 Teams Qualify For State Contest

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 7 (UP)—More than 60 team entries will be entered in the 19th annual Oregon state high school track meet at Oregon State college on May 11 and 12, it was indicated today on the basis of week-end qualifying meets.

Jefferson high of Portland is the defending champion and will be hard to beat again this year, after barely trailing Grant for district nine honors. Only six of the nine Portland schools will be represented in the state meet.

Here is the lineup by districts, with scores of the week-end qualifications:

District 1: La Grande won the meet and 10 schools won places, including a one-man spree by Lilly of Boardman, who gave his team all its 15 points with victories in the 100-yard dash, 220 and broad jump. The scores: La Grande, 45½; Pendleton, 40; Mac Hi, 22½; Hermiston, 18; Boardman, 15; Vale, 14; Baker, 13; Adrian, 10; Helix, 8; Athena, 7; Nyssa, 7; Echo 5; Ontario, 4; and Imbler, 1.

District 2: Seven schools represented, led by winning Bend team with 48½ points. Redmond was next with 46½, Prineville was third with 23 and Hood River fourth with 11 5/6. George Rasmussen of Bend set a new pole vault record at 12 feet. (The B division was won by Moro with 9, Arlington second with 7½ and Rufus third with 3½).

District 3: Klamath Falls placed seven men and a relay team in scoring 56½ points to win the district meet at Medford. Medford was next with 44½, Ashland had 31, Grants Pass, 14 and Rogue River 3.

District 4: Springfield won the Eugene meet with 45 points and Eugene was next with 29½. Others were Roseburg, 16½; Cottage Grove, 15, and Coquille with 10½. Springfield, district winner last year, placed nine competitors while Eugene will have five at Corvallis and a relay team.

Corvallis Qualifies 16

District 5: Corvallis won the district meet and qualified 16 men, while second place Albany qualified 8 and Harburg, 1. The three-school delegation was the lowest from any district.

District 6: Seppoose won the title with 45 points, followed by Beaverton, 29; Seaside, 24; Hillsboro, 20; Astoria, 15; Veneta, 13; Forest Grove, 12; Tigard, 9; St. Helens, 7; Willamina, 7; Tillamook, 4; Clatskanie, 4; and McMinnville, 1.

District 7: Salem won the district meet with 14 men and a relay, with Woodburn, Molalla, Clatskanie and Silverton following.

District 8: Milwaukie topped the field with 59 points and qualified four. Oregon City was second with 41 and qualified three, Columbia Prep of Portland was third with 35½ and qualified at Parkersburg, 26; West 35; Sun 17 and qualified two; Canby, 16½; Gresham, 13; and qualified two.

38 Wife set 9: Jefferson beat Grant, Geramit district title, point totals Arthurian, 36; Jefferson, 31; legend in, 16; Franklin, 11; Tech, 8 and Roosevelt, 6. Qualified 10 Grant men, 10 Jefferson men and Jefferson 60 officers in nine events.

ation for the state meet based on finishing first or second in a district meet, except in the Portland meet qualified just three men.

Eliminaries will be held next day and finals Saturday.

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La Grande High Wins District Track and Field Meet

Pendleton Is Nosed Out By Tigers by Close Margin As Mac-Hi Finishes Third

The La Grande high school tigers won the annual Eastern Oregon track and field meet on the local field Saturday afternoon by rolling up a total of 45½ points against stiff competition, the closest of which was from the Pendleton Buckaroos, who finished second, but 5½ points behind the local team. Mac-Hi was a poor third with 22½ points.

Other point winners were Hermiston, 18; Baker, 15; Vale, 14; Adrian, 10; Helix, 8; Nyssa, 7; Athena 7; Echo, 5; Ontario, 2, and Imbler, 1.

La Grande placed at least one man in every event except the 440-yard run.

One of the outstanding highlights of the meet was the showing of Lilly of Boardman, who made all his school's points, by winning the broad jump and 100 and 20 yard dashes.

La Grande's victory was something of a surprise, as Pendleton had been given better than an even chance to win, but the local lads put on a burst of speed that proved too much for the team that beat them out in two meets earlier this season.

The scores follow, with competitors finishing in the order named.

100-yard dash—Lilly, (B); Kelly (P); Garrison (LG); Mulligan (P); Knapp (LG). Time 10.5 sec.

220-yard dash—Lilly (B); Kelly (P); Garrison (LG); Olson (McL); Braggiotti (H). Time 23. sec.

440 yard run — Myrick (P); Brinton (Baker); Poppe (V); Burr (McL); Follett (H).

880-yard run—Culp (V); Hankenrider (H); Lamb (Mc); Lee Graham (LG); Wilson (LG). Time 2:09.

1 mile—Nelson (A); Lemon (Baker); Hendricks (P); Leal Graham (LG); Porter (Mc). Time 4:51.

Half-mile relay—Pendleton, La Grande, Vale, Baker, Mac-Hi. Time 1:37.2.

220-yard hurdles — Ballantyne (B); Smythe (LG); Raymond (H); Rowell (H); Moore (N). Time 25.2.

120-yard high hurdles — Glass (LG); Raymond (H); Moore (N); Smythe (LG); McElrath (Mc). Time 16 sec.

Shot put—Esselstine (E); Kilgore (LG); Sektan (Mc); Sheard (A); Rugg (He).

Pole vault—Shepard (A); Rundy (LG); Shoemaker (LG); Aichel (Mc) tie for third. Height 10 ft. 6 in.

High jump—Elliott (A); Hoshino (P); Moore (N); Sektan (Mc); Knapp (LG). Height 5 ft. 9 in.

Broad jump — Lilly (B); Cox (P); Hammack (V); Heleman (P); Garrison (LG). Distance 20 ft. 11 in.

Discus — Smythe (LG); Sektan (Mc); Kelly (P); Rugg (He); Winstrom (Mc) and Byer (Imbler) tied for 5th place. Distance, 120 ft. 5 in.

Javelin—Myrick (He); Wells (P); Schoonover (He); Goode (O); Ward (LG). Distance 153 ft. 5 in.

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Browns Drop Two To Unpredictable Detroit Tigers

NEW YORK, May 7 (UP)—The Detroit Tigers, sporting an odd combination of lightwad twirling and a "hit or miss" batting order, were responsible today for a new wartime shortage — score-board zeros.

It's either feast or famine for the Bengals, who generally spend their time shutting out the opposition or getting shut out. Yesterday it was the opposition that got horse-collared — twice. Lefty Hal Newhouser blanked the champion St. Louis Browns with just one hit to win, 3 to 0, and in the second game, Alton Benton won his fourth straight game and his second shutout, 1 to 0.

ROOKIE BLANKS YANKEES

Tight pitching highlighted other games. At Boston, Rookie Dave Ferris of the Red Sox proved his sensational debut last week was no fluke by blanking the Yankees, 5 to 0, for his second straight shutout. He scattered seven hits and made two himself. Hank Moroy turned the tables for New York, winning the nightcap, 2 to 0, on a five-hit job that reduced his earned run average to .50 per game for four victories.

SOX WIN TWICE

The White Sox took a firmer hold on first place at Chicago, beating the Indians twice, 3 to 2, and 6 to 4. Pitcher Ed Lopat gained the first victory when Oris Hockett singled home the doubling Wally Moses in the eighth.

Emil (Dutch) Leonard, back after being rejected from military service, pitched a three-hitter at Washington, beating the Athletics, 2 to 0, after Philadelphia won the opener, 3 to 2, to break a six-game losing streak. Although he gave up 12 hits, Russ Christopher went the route for his fourth victory in the opener.

The Giants and Dodgers are one-two in the National league to create a metropolitan monopoly atop the standings. The Giants beat the Braves, 4 to 3, and tied them 1-all at New York in a seven-inning second game, called because of rain.

DOGERS TAKE PAIR

The amazing Dodgers, tabbed as certain second division timber, took two at Philadelphia, 7 to 5, and 10 to 7. Outfielder Luis Olmo got four hits in each game, including two doubles and a homer, batting in six runs and scoring three.

The world champion St. Louis Cardinals finally started disporting themselves in pennant winning style, knocking the visiting Chicago Cubs out of second place with a double win, 6 to 2, and 5 to 1. Their ace Lefty Max Lanier and big Mort Cooper were the winners, each giving up seven hits for their second victories.

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L. A. Pro Is Winner Of California Open

FRESNO, Cal., May 7 (UP)—George Fazio of Los Angeles, a wiry little guy who was in the navy up to a few months ago, held the California open golf championship today.

Fazio won the annual \$3,500 classic on the tough Fort Washington course yesterday with a 54-hole total of 210, six under par. Army Sgt. Jim Ferrier of the San Francisco Presidio, former Australian open titlist, missed a long putt on the last hole which would have tied the southern California professional, Bill Fritz, San Francisco amateur, and Ray Mangrum, Los Angeles pro, tied for third with 215.

Hoppe Holds Slight Lead Over Cochran

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 7 (UP) Challenger Willie Hoppe today held a 30 point lead over Titlist Walker Cochran in their transcontinental match for the three cushion billiard championship.

Hoppe won two games yesterday, taking the afternoon play, 60 to 55, and last night's game, which went 29 innings, 60 to 56.



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