

Great Fleet of Superforts Blast Jap Home Isles

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Naha, battered by air and sea bombardment and apparently deserted.

A communique announced that American casualties for the first 27 days of the Okinawa campaign were 2,684 dead, 13,202 wounded and 539 missing the last announced toll of Japanese dead was 36,535 — 16 for every American killed.

British Warships Aid
Planes from the British Pacific fleet supported the Okinawa campaign with raids on Myako and Ishigaki in the Sakishima group to the southwest. Japanese planes caused minor damage to two of the British surface units but they remained operational.

A Japanese Domei dispatch, reported by the FCC, said Japanese suicide planes sank an allied battleship and set fire to two aircraft carriers off Okinawa yesterday.

American troops on Minanao Island in the Philippines clamped a huge pincer on Japanese forces north of Davao and sealed off the northern end of Davao Gulf with occupation of Samal Island.

Australian and Dutch troops on Tarakan east of Borneo continued slow progress, capturing a strategic hill north of Tarakan



LA GRANDE DISTRIBUTION CENTER FOR EASTERN OREGON—Trucks of Eddy's Bakery are shown lined up before the La Grande plant preparatory to leaving for servicing of retail outlets in the eastern Oregon area, ranging to Baker, Pendleton, Enterprise and points in vicinity. Shown above, left to right, are drivers William Kerlee, William Loven, Clyde Forsman, Stanley Nelson and Ralph Finley. Joseph McVey, manager of the Baker bakery and Ralph Nelson, manager of the La Grande operation are shown at the extreme right. The bakery specializes in fast delivery of bread fresh from the local ovens.

American troops on southern Okinawa drove to within 1,500 yards of the island town of Shuri and Yonbaru, east coast port.

Marines could see the ruins of airfield and pushing through mine fields less than two miles from the Djoeta oil fields.

Allied bombers carried out extensive raids on Japanese air and shipping installations on Borneo Tuesday.

Admiral Weygand Arrested by French

PARIS, May 10 (AP)—The French press agency reported today the arrest of Gen. Maxime Weygand and tennis star Jean Borotra, who were liberated recently from a German concentration camp.

Weygand was commander-in-chief of the French armies at the time of their surrender in 1940.

Soldiers Longest In Service First On Discharge List

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reception center and took his oath. Odd portions of the month of 15 days or more will count as a whole month.

Overseas credit is counted for the period from the date of departure from a U. S. port to the return to a U. S. port, with odd 15 days or more counting as a month.

Draft Calls Continue
Draft calls outstanding are for 100,000 men for May and 100,000 for June. The July and subsequent calls remain to be determined but it is expected they will continue to take physically fit available men between the ages of 18 and 29, the bulk of these being those just reaching the age of 18. The calls for May and June are expected to continue taking some men over 30. Enlistments of general service WACs will continue as heretofore.

Major-Gen. William F. Tompkins, director of the special planning division of the war department general staff, said discharges under the point system should commence in about two weeks. Men with long overseas service who have since returned to this country will be first to get out.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said the plan is designed to give each soldier an equal chance for discharge, based on the standards the soldiers themselves chose.

Troops in all parts of the world were interviewed, and, by overwhelming vote, expressed the belief that men with extended and arduous service overseas and fathers should receive preferential consideration, Stimson said.

Around The City

The Do-nut hut, maintained at the U. P. depot to serve free food to service men going through La Grande, is described by service men as "the best" on the railroad line.

The hut is supported and maintained by lodges, clubs, organizations and individuals, who contribute food, money and their time to the project. Assistance in supervision is given by the Salvation Army.

Food is served free of cost to any service man or woman, and to the service men's families. Most of those served are traveling on the trains.

Accurate count cannot be kept of the number served, but a conservative estimate taken from the records kept at the hut showed that almost 10,000 were served during the month of April.

Calendar of Coming Events

May 10—Music week program, Presbyterian church, 8 p.m.
May 11—Music week program, high school auditorium, 8 p.m.

Animal heads are displayed atop a staff by street butchers of Taormina, Sicily, to advertise their wares.

Seventh War Loan Campaign to Open Monday in County

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thus putting what might otherwise be "idle" money to work at a profit to the bond purchaser.

He said one phase of the current campaign which will be strongly emphasized is that of reaching potential purchasers at their places of employment. He announced that this phase of the drive will be handled by the Lions club in La Grande.

Contest Gets Results
G. I. Hess told of a sales contest that has been conducted recently under his direction among employees of the Oregon Trail lumber company at Union, of

which he is manager. He said that despite the fact that the campaign does not open officially until May 14th, 30 per cent of the community quota has already been sold in Union.

Various special events, such as motion picture bond shows and other attractions were discussed briefly and announcement was made that details of these features will be announced later when dates and other details are completed.

Don't Neglect Slipping FALSE TEETH

Do false teeth drop, slip or wobble when you talk, eat, laugh or sneeze? Don't be annoyed and embarrassed by such handicaps. FASTEREIN, an alkaline (non-acid) powder, to sprinkle on your plates, keeps false teeth more firmly set. Gives confident feeling of security and added comfort. No gummy, sticky, pasty taste or feeling. Get FASTEREIN today at any drug store.

Lee G. Miller

Writer Learns Navy Lingo Aboard Cruiser

By LEE G. MILLER
ABOARD A CRUISER IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC — (By wireless)—In your first few days aboard a warship you learn lots of odds and ends.

Those decorative flags that are run up for signaling from one ship to another are read from top to bottom, and if there's more than one string you read first the outboard series, then the inboard. Empty food cans are gashed with a knife before being thrown overboard, so they won't float and thus leave a telltale trail, or confuse the detection devices.

Twenty men aboard this ship are being taught to read and write. It takes 20 pounds of powder to launch a catapult plane. A returning plane can be recovered from the sea, after alighting on its poisons, while the cruiser is still moving at a good clip.

Lieut. Herbert A. Starbird of Melbourne, Fla., told me about that. He would presently be taking off to help spot our gunfire against Tarakan, Borneo.

I wouldn't know about the sun coming up like thunder, but in these waters it certainly drops under the horizon like a scared rabbit. If you keep your eyes fixed on the sun during the final seconds of its setting, someone said, as soon as the sun is gone you'll see it image in green just above the horizon. I tried, but it came out violet.

As soon as the sun is under, the standing order is to "darken ship topside" which means stop smoking on deck until sunup.

In the army SOP means standard operating procedure. In the navy SOP means senior officer present. SOP is usually also the OTC-officer in tactical command.

RFS means ready for sea. GQ means general quarters—battle stations. In the army air force RON means "remain overnight." In the navy, used as a suffix, it means squadron—as in Comdestron which signifies commander destroyer squadron.

The bar at which ice cream and cookies are usually available for the crew isn't called a soda fountain but the "gedunk stand." The room where the vegetables are prepared is the "spud locker."

Fresh meats from the cold-rooms takes a day to thaw for cooking. The chief master at arms—sort of head policeman for the ship—is traditionally called "Jimmy legs." On our ship he's Insidore Silversmith of New York, a veteran of 20-odd years in the navy.

I had dinner in the crew's mess and we had to get along on tomato soup, breaded pork chops, brown gravy, corn, mashed potatoes, salad and apple pie with an enormous hunk of ice cream on it. Lieut. Comdr. Parkey Halpern of Ashland, Mass., the cruiser's supply officer, said it wouldn't continue so good if we were long at sea.

The ship's officers were briefed a couple of days out by the executive officer, Comdr. James Pritchard of Whittier, Calif. He began by saying the presence of correspondents must have indicated to all that the ship was off on an interesting mission.

The third in command, under Captain Jack Duncan and the executive officer, is the cruiser's "first lieutenant" who is actually a commander, Clinton J. Heath, of Waco, Tex. I guess they're trying to confuse me.

Union Youth Dies After Long Illness

Gene Howard Ricker, 17, of Union, died today in a local hospital following a long illness. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Ricker of Union. He had lived all his life in that city.

Survivors besides his parents, are two brothers, Myron of Union and Jack of La Grande.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Methodist church in Union with the Rev. O. A. Fortune officiating. Interment will be in the Union cemetery.

The mongoose, noted killer of poisonous snakes, consumes the entire body of its victim, poison and all.

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Centennial CAKE FLOUR 25c	Bulk KRAUT, quart. 18c
TURKEY TAMALES 20c (No Points!)	Fresh MINCE MEAT, lb. 25c (Good in Cookies!)
Farina, pkg. . . 19c	Pop Corn, pkg. 10c
Grape Nuts, 2 packages for 29c	Lge. Selection Cookies 15c to 44c pkg.
Onion Plants, 2 bunches for 22c	Fresh Shrimp (Tiny Ones) Cooked and Ready to Eat
Hams 7 Points—Half or Whole, pound 36c	Weiners, lb. . . 30c Bulk Sausage 30c

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Gift Suggestions

REMEMBER "HIS MOTHER," TOO!

for MOTHER'S DAY

May 13th

What Would She Like?

Look at This List!

- A Box of Fine Stationery
- An Attractive Wall Mirror
- A Silex or Cory Coffee Maker
- A Glasbake Ovenware Set
- Pieces of Glass Kitchenware
- A Pair of Beautiful Book Ends
- A Dainty, Matched Dresser Set
- A Writing Desk Blotter Set
- A Double Deck of Playing Cards
- An Ornamental Perfume Lamp
- A Gift Box of Bubble Bath
- A Photo Album Will Please Her
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The War is NOT Over!

Yet thousands of Northwest shipyard workers have voluntarily quit important war work. Today the Portland and Vancouver yards are critically short of men to complete urgently required TANKERS, VICTORY CARGO SHIPS, ATTACK TRANSPORTS, TROOP TRANSPORTS, AIRCRAFT CARRIERS and ARMY PONTONS. These ships are essential to the war in the Pacific.

ATTENTION, FORMER SHIPYARD WORKERS!

All MEN formerly employed in shipyard work in the Northwest are urged to come back to the yards. The delivery schedules promised our government must be met. Failure to meet these schedules may mean prolonging the war in the Pacific—the Northwest must not let their fighting men down!

HOUSING AVAILABLE

Single Men—3-Yard Dormitories. Rooms \$3.50 to \$4.90 per week.

Family Housing—Oregon Ship and Swan 1-room Pullman apts. \$1.00 per day; payable one month in advance. 2-room apts. \$1.25 per day; payable one month in advance.

CRAFTS NEEDED

VANCOUVER	SWAN ISLAND	OREGON SHIP
Boilers 150	Boilermakers 20	Burners 100
Burners 300	Burners 75	Chippers 300
Chippers 300	Chippers 150	Machinists 300
Painters 375	Electricians 300	Painters 300
Pipefitters 450	Machinists 400	Pipefitters 300
Riggers 300	Painters 250	Riggers 250
Shipwrights 150	Pipefitters 300	Shipfitters 400
Welders 400	Riggers 50	Welders 250
Welder Trainees 600	Sheet Metal Workers 75	Welder Trainees 500
General Helpers 975	Shipfitters 300	General Helpers 600
	Shipwrights 50	
	Welders 600	
	General Helpers 820	

* (Must pass 2 plates—can be male or female)

WHERE TO APPLY—MEN WHO WERE FORMERLY EMPLOYED should report to their yard personnel office with Certificate of Availability and proper Union clearance. MEN SEEKING SHIPYARD WORK FOR THE FIRST TIME should secure Certificate of Availability and report to either 509 Washington St., Vancouver, Washington, or 1115 S. W. 4th Ave., Portland, Oregon. If not immediately available, write the Personnel Department of any of our yards stating when you can come to work. For further information contact the U. S. S. office in the state of Oregon. All shipyard work under jurisdiction of Unions affiliated with Metal Trades Council of A. F. of L.

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