

Details of Sea Battle Told

Japs Trap Allied Fleet And Destroy 12; Nip Loses Eight in Fight

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lied fleet, presumably steaming out of Soerabaya, encountered a force of "at least nine" Japanese cruisers and two destroyer flotillas, the navy's announcement said.

New Sinkings Total Seven

Queen Mary Reported Hit; Other Merchants Down in Atlantic

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Norfolk. They expressed little hope for their 21 shipmates and related how a submarine sank their ship in two minutes, with two torpedoes.

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Under cover of darkness, it continued. The Perth and Houston endeavored to run the Sunda strait at the western end of the island. That night the Perth reported that she and the Houston had encountered a force of Japanese ships off St. Nicholas Point. Nothing has been heard from them since, and the next of kin are being informed accordingly.

The same night, the Pope, the Encounter and the Exeter—with the Exeter limited to half speed by the damage done on February 27—set out to run the strait. On Sunday, March 1, the Exeter reported three Japanese cruisers approaching. That was the last word from the three ships of the unit.

(The Exeter was one of the British warships which battled and drove the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee into Montevideo harbor in December, 1939, where the German crew scuttled her.)

Also endeavoring to run Sunda strait, the Eversten was attacked by two Japanese cruisers, was damaged and beached.

The Houston was the first US cruiser to be destroyed in the present war. The last United States vessel of that type to be sunk was the Santiago which ran into a floating mine off Fire Island, N.Y., during the first world war.

As quickly as they could, the allied cruisers, among them the Houston, drew clear of the smoke screen. Again the battle was joined, and this time at closer range. For nearly thirty minutes the big guns of the two fleets pounded away at each other. Then, the enemy cruisers, one of them hit and burning fiercely, turned away under the protection of a second smoke screen.

The first phase of the battle apparently ended at that point, with the Japs in retreat. As the afternoon advanced, Admiral Deoroman chased the enemy northeastward, but in the fading light was unable to regain contact. After dark a unit of four allied cruisers sighted four Japanese cruisers. The big guns spoke again, but no one knew the result.

All the while, the allied commander was endeavoring to estimate the position of the convoy which the Jap fleet was believed to be protecting. Presumably it was to the northward. Deoroman endeavored to work his way around the Japanese fighting ships in an effort to get at the convoy, but the speed of the former was so great that this was found impossible. A new tactic was decided upon.

Admiral Deoroman then turned his force to the southward to approach the coast of Java intending to sweep westward along the coast in an attempt to intercept the Japanese invasion convoys.

Half an hour after this allied force had turned to westward along the Java coast, HMS Jervis was disabled by an underwater explosion. She sank four hours later. HMS Mauldin was not far from the mainland of Java, and a number of survivors have already reached Australia. A US submarine assisted in the rescue of survivors.

Supplementing this description, a naval spokesman here said the Japs was unquestionably sunk by a submarine.

As the night wore on the coastal sweep continued. At 11:30, when the fleet was 12 miles off Rembang, two Japanese cruisers were sighted between it and the shore; firing began immediately, a number of hits were scored. Meanwhile:

"The Deruyter was hit by one shell." Afterwards, the Deruyter made a large change of course presumably in order to avoid torpedoes fired by the enemy. The other allied cruisers were following the Deruyter when underwater explosions occurred simultaneously in the cruisers Deruyter and Java. Both these Dutch cruisers blew up and sank at once.

The navy said it was impossible to estimate with accuracy the damage inflicted upon the enemy during these actions, but added: "Observers in the Perth considered that one Japanese eight-inch gun cruiser was sunk, a second eight-inch gun cruiser damaged and a destroyer sunk. It also has been reported that a cruiser of the Mogami class was set on fire and three destroyers seriously damaged and left on fire or sinking."

HMS Perth and the USS Houston, which had received some damage in this action, reached Tanjung Priok at seven o'clock in the morning of February 28. Five US destroyers reached Soerabaya (Soerabaya) after the action.

"With the enemy in command of sea and air north of Java in overwhelming force, the allied command was faced with the problem of extricating the remaining allied ships from a very dangerous situation."

The announcement went on to say that the route to Australia was cut off by Java itself, 800

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Three area conferences of the United States employment service will be held in Oregon within the next three weeks, in preparation for coping with the most critical labor supply problems ever faced in this state, officials announced here Saturday.

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ker, center, tipped in a two-pointer after a struggle under the Astoria basket to close the gap.

The outstanding play of the game then occurred. Knoll, after receiving a pass from Reiman, scooted under three Astoria guards at top speed, pitched forward as he flew into the bleacher seats, and the ball rolled crazily around the hoop before dropping in to read the count at 8-5 for Corvallis.

Stan Williamson, another All-state team member, brought the ball up-court, weaved around the Spartan zone defense and hooped the final point of the quarter.

Baskets by Ruben Wirkkunen, Williamson and Parker put Astoria into a brief lead, but shots by Anderson and Knoll brought Corvallis back to a 13-12 lead with three to play in the half. Corvallis was matching the smooth Astoria offense with a stiff defense, Reiman and Tom Shaw coming off the backboards with the ball after most of the shots taken by both teams.

Hits by Williamson and Wirkkunen, matched by a foul shot by Williamson and field toss by Wirkkunen, and two gifters to Reiman closed half time scoring with Astoria leading 18-15.

A scoring drought hit the Spartans in the third quarter as they appeared weary. Not one tally did they score. Astoria added 12 on losses by Williamson, Parker and Wirkkunen.

Corvallis fought back in the final quarter, potting seven points to six for the Fishermen, but the drought had taken its toll.

The Fishermen were awarded first-place trophy after the battle was over. Corvallis took second-place trophy. Presentation of other place-winning trophies and all-state selections were also made.

Names	Began
Williamette University	1842
Sacred Heart Academy	1863
A. N. Bush, Pieneer	
Trust Co.	1879
Hartman Bros., Jewelers	1884
Bishop's Clothing & Woolen Mills Store	1890
D. A. White & Sons	1891
Shaffer Leather Goods	1891
Rigdon's Mortuary	1892
C. S. Hamilton Furniture Co.	1894
Salem General Hospital	1895
Homer H. Smith Insurance Agency	1897
A. H. Moore, Bicycles	1897
The Spa	1900
Pitt's Market	1901
Otto J. Wilson, Automobiles	1902
Ira W. Jorgenson, Auto Supplies	1902
D. H. Mosher, Tailor	1904
Lachelle's Fur Shop	1905
Browning Amusement Co.	1909
Terwilliger-Edwards Funeral Home	1909
Nelson Bros., Plumbing	1910
Schaefer's Drug Store	1911
J. L. Busick & Sons, Grocers	1913
Barkus Feed Mill	1913
John B. Nathman, Plumber	1913
Harry W. Scott, Bicycles	1913
Capital Monumental Works	1914
Wieder's Salem Laundry	1915
Midget Market	1915
Deaconess Hospital	1916
Hawkins & Roberts, Inc.	1916

Huge German Losses Told

Russian Armies Kill 10,000 in Five Days Of Fierce Fighting

MOSCOW, March 14 (AP)—Soviet armies of the south and southwest have killed 10,000 Germans and captured or destroyed vast stores of food, clothing and war supplies in five days of savage fighting over battlefields churned into quagmires by thawing snow and ice, the Russians announced Saturday night in a special communique.

Dorcas Club Convenes at Klug Home

BETHEL—Mrs. A. J. Klug, who formerly lived in Bethel district, opened her home on the Turner road for the meeting of the Bethel Dorcas club Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Frances Clinton, Marion county home demonstration agent, was the guest speaker on "Food to Keep You Fit."

Mrs. Cass A. Nichols, president, conducted a brief business session. A previously planned party to McMinnville to hold an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. M. J. Crabtree in April was cancelled because of the tire situation. A quilt top was presented by Mrs. Nellie Brandon to the club to be used in furthering the work of the club.

Mrs. Klug was assisted by Mrs. G. M. Hageman in serving the guests. Mrs. J. G. Lauderback and Mrs. E. E. Mattie extended an invitation to the club for the April meeting, and Mrs. J. R. Carruthers will be hostess for the May meeting.

Cheap at The Price—\$15 For a Marine

A \$15 contribution or group of smaller gifts reaching that total would make one 17-year-old boy happy by making him eligible for membership in the marines, Dr. Henry E. Morris said Saturday night.

Air Education Program Set

Secondary Schools to Get Courses in Plan For Huge Flier Pool

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said Hinckley, "it has been the same tragic story. The blood-stained threads of it run from Poland, to Norway, to the low countries, to France—through Albania and Yugoslavia to Greece and Crete—along Pearl Harbor, Manila, Hongkong, Java and now Ragoon."

"It is a terrible story, a deeply and frightening story of 'too little and too late'. And 'too little and too late' has referred, above all, to a want of adequate air power at the proper time and place."

Hinckley referred to a production of 45,000 combat planes for 1942, and remarked, "just think what that means in terms of personnel—in number of pilots and navigators alone, not to speak of bombardiers, trained aerial observers and photographers, gunners, and skilled mechanics to service the planes on the ground."

He said that contributing to the fall of France was lack of enough trained pilots to man the planes of its air force.

"More than a million members of the Hitler youth organizations," Hinckley said, "were building model airplanes in the primary schools" in the middle of the last decade. "More than 100,000 older boys were in gliding and soaring camps. The Nazis were annually training 65,000 pilots and mechanics. Every year they graduated 25,000 of these into the armed services—with results that we all know."

The CAA, he pointed out, had trained 75,000 Americans to fly since the civilian pilot training program was instituted in 1939, and 15,000 are now flying for the army and navy. Nine thousand more are in other branches of the armed services.

"We feel," he said, in announcing the school program, "that this interest (in aviation) should be channeled into the school to give interesting content to all kinds of courses... the world is changing every day under the influence of the airplane..."

"For every nation in the world today, it is now a question of fly or die."

Macleay 4M Club Sees Pictures

MACLEAY—The March meeting of the Macleay 4M club was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Lange in Salem with Mrs. Lange, Mrs. Nile Hilborn and Mrs. George Hager as hostesses.

The group voted to make a cash donation to the Children's Farm Home at Corvallis.

Mrs. Lange showed motion pictures that she had taken in Oregon, Michigan and Canada.

Present were Mrs. Fred Ecken-gren, Mrs. A. H. Fuestman, Mrs. W. B. Frink, Mrs. J. C. Courtinier, Mrs. George Lamberason, Mrs. W. H. Humphreys, Mrs. Harry Martin, Mr. Mrs. Arthur Spelbrink, Mrs. J. F. C. Takenburg, Mrs. M. M. Magee and the hostesses.

Wavell's Daughter Weds

CAIRO, Egypt, March 14 (AP)—Pamela, the daughter of Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, was married Saturday to Lieutenant Francis Humphreys, son of Lieut. Col. Francis Humphreys, the former British ambassador to Baghdad.

Navy Cuts Sea Radio

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—The navy Saturday restricted communication by commercial coastal radio stations with vessels and aircraft at sea unless they had navy approval.

Board Orders Gas Use Cut

East Coast, Oregon Affected; Roosevelt Asks Speed Reduction

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hours weekly. The choice as to hours and days of operation was left to individual retailers.

The order was the second government action of the day affecting automobile owners. Earlier, the White House disclosed that President Roosevelt had written the governors of the 48 states proposing a maximum motor vehicle speed limit of 40 miles an hour.

The chief executive's request was based on the necessity of conserving tires which wear much faster at high speeds than at low. Automobile mileage per gallon of gasoline consumed is also greater at low speeds.

The gasoline order was issued by WPB Director Donald M. Nelson on recommendation of Petroleum Coordinator Ickes. It was described in oil circles as an intermediate action to hold down gasoline consumption until cards could be printed and issued for a rigid gasoline rationing program. This, it was explained, might require several weeks.

The eastern area affected embraces Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida east of the Appalachicola river.

Pacific areas affected are Washington and Oregon. Ickes, in a statement accompanying the announcement, said the oil industry agreed with him that "it is clear beyond all argument that some curtailment in the use of gasoline for ordinary civilian purposes is now necessary."

"It is necessary, not because of any lack of oil," he continued, "but because of the lack of transportation to move it here from the producing fields."

So far as practicable, supplying companies are required to make deliveries to stations on a basis of not more than one-third of a month's quota during the first ten days, and not more than two-thirds during the first 20 days. This is designed to prevent stations from selling without restriction and running out of supplies within a few days.

Rites Friday At Albany for Mrs. Griffith

ALBANY—Funeral services were held Friday from the United Presbyterian church for Mrs. Spencer Griffith, 37, who died at the Albany General hospital Wednesday, following a brief illness. The Fisher Funeral home was in charge, with Rev. J. O. McDonald conducting the service. Burial was in Willamette Memorial park.

Dorothy Alene Rohrbough was born April 28, 1904, in Spokane, Wash., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Rohrbough. In 1909 they moved to Portland and in 1920 to Albany, where on June 21, 1928, she was married to Spencer Griffith. Mrs. Griffith was a graduate of Albany high school and of Oregon Normal and for five years previous to her marriage taught in the Madison junior high school of Albany. She was a member of the United Presbyterian church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Order of Eastern Star, Barzillai chapter, and was president of the Annetie club at the time of her death.

Surviving besides the widower and parents are two small children, Dorothy Marlene, 9, and Spencer Martin, 3; two brothers, Darrel and Max Rohrbough, all of Albany, and one sister, Mrs. Edith Burt of Long Beach, Calif.; two uncles, Charles Rohrbough of Albany and Rev. G. W. Rohrbough of Shedd.

Cities Above Corvallis Told to Treat Sewage

PORTLAND, March 14 (AP)—The Oregon sanitary authority said Saturday it had ordered all cities on the Willamette river above Corvallis to begin construction of sewage treatment plants.

The authority said the river would be the main source of water for a proposed cantonment.

Halifax to Disclose 'Facts and Figures'

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—The British press service said Saturday that "facts and figures not yet made public" on Britain's war effort would be disclosed Wednesday night in a radio speech by Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, on Britain's war effort.

The speech will be at 7 p.m. PWT, over the Blue network.

Basement Fire Reported

A fire in the basement of the Griffin residence behind the Saving Center store north of the underpass on the Portland highway at 9:45 Saturday night did some damage, city firemen said. It was believed to have started in materials used in painting.

Coordinator for US Camp Named By Independence

E. L. Grey, formerly associated with The Statesman circulation department and more recently with another employer, has been employed to serve as a cantonment activities coordinator for the city of Independence, Ralph H. Kletzing, Independence newspaper publisher, reported here Saturday.

Serving under the community's new city service board, an agency of the Independence chamber of commerce sponsored by merchants there, Grey is to look after all interests of the city, particularly those arising with construction of the Albany-Corvallis cantonment. He will maintain an office in the Odd Fellows building. Roads, housing and entertainment of soldiers will be among his important problems.

Snow Covers Sacramento, Slows Travel

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 14 (AP)—Snow, hail and sleet fell on California's surprised capital city for more than an hour and a half Saturday.

It was the first snowfall here since January, 1932. Excited children threw snowballs and made snowmen.

Capitol park's 40 acres of grass, trees and shrubs were blanketed with at least two inches of snow.

In southern California, snow, sleet and near freezing temperatures caused state patrol officers to turn back much of the normal automobile traffic from the Ridge route section of US highway 99 between Los Angeles and Bakersfield.

Only cars and trucks equipped with tire chains were permitted to pass. Snow four to five inches deep was reported from the higher altitudes.

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Russ, RAF Hit Nazis Hard; Hitler Reveals World Conquest Plans

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scheme calls for four separate but interlocking operations:

1. The Japanese to attack India from Burma and to drive into East Africa from the Vichy-controlled island of Madagascar, where Tokyo already is said to have a military mission;

2. The Japanese to attack Russia from the east while Germany continues pressure from the west, thus forcing Moscow into a separate peace, possibly by next fall.

3. Germany to unleash a full-scale Mediterranean offensive, with aid of the reluctant Italian fleet, to break through Britain's middle east defenses and join the Japanese in the Indian ocean;

4. Germany to force the Vichy government to supply anti Field Marshal Rommel's African army, and to turn over its warships to keep the British and US fleets in the Atlantic.

The meager reports from the Australian and Asiatic fighting fronts, meanwhile, said 13 Japanese planes were destroyed or damaged in a bombing attack on the airbase in Babaul, New Britain, in which United States bombers quite probably again took part, and that in Burma the British and their Chinese allies held fast to the lines by which they aim to block any enemy thrust into upper Burma and the China lifeline.

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