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Allies Repulse Japanese Fleet Off Australia

Convoy Blasted By RAF

Air Minister Predicts Invasion

LONDON, May 8—(AP) The RAF's Canadian "demon squadron" and Dutch pilots plastered bomb hits on eight out of 12 ships in a heavily protected convoy off the Dutch coast during an overnight continuation of the British air offensive which, Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair declared Friday, will lead directly to British invasion of the continent.

The "demons," who in seven days have damaged 19 enemy supply ships and a destroyer, reported hitting seven ships in the convoy and Royal Netherlands naval air service pilots got the eighth.

An American with the Canadians, Pilot Officer G. L. Mosier of Waverly, N.Y., made one of the hits.

Friday the German air force made a 20-second reprisal attack on a southeast coast town, hitting a school building with a bomb and killing a number of children. Streets were sprayed with cannon and machine-gun fire.

Wing Commander A. C. Brown, of Winnipeg, the "Demons" commander, told the story of the convoy attack by the squadron of US-made Hudson bombers. He said the twelve ships, heavily escorted by Flak ships and moving north in line-ahead formation, were spotted near the former Dutch naval base of Den Helder, at the northwest tip of Holland.

"It was just getting dark but they spotted us as we went in," he said. "They put up a wicked barrage. I attacked first, choosing what appeared to be the largest ship."

"I dived to the deck and unloaded my bombs. Four landed smack on the ship's deck. As we flew clear there was a terrific flash."

The rear gunner then reported that a huge column of water rose over the ship's stern and Brown said: "I think I must have blown the stern right off."

"The other planes came in and each took a ship—all fair sized fellows," said Brown. "In quick succession these were four bright orange flashes along the line of the convoy. Each flash meant a direct hit."

Still other ships were hit in this and in a second attack several hours later.

Because of the darkness the fliers claimed none of the ships was sunk, but a Beaufighter on patrol this morning sighted two seriously damaged vessels, one beached and the other still on fire with her deck almost awash, under tow of two tugs.

All the Canadians returned safely but two other planes were lost.

The air minister, speaking at Birmingham Friday, promised the German air force "a terrible summer" and said "we must give it no rest; we must hammer it out of shape. When that will be—how long it will take—I cannot tell, but then will come the invasion."

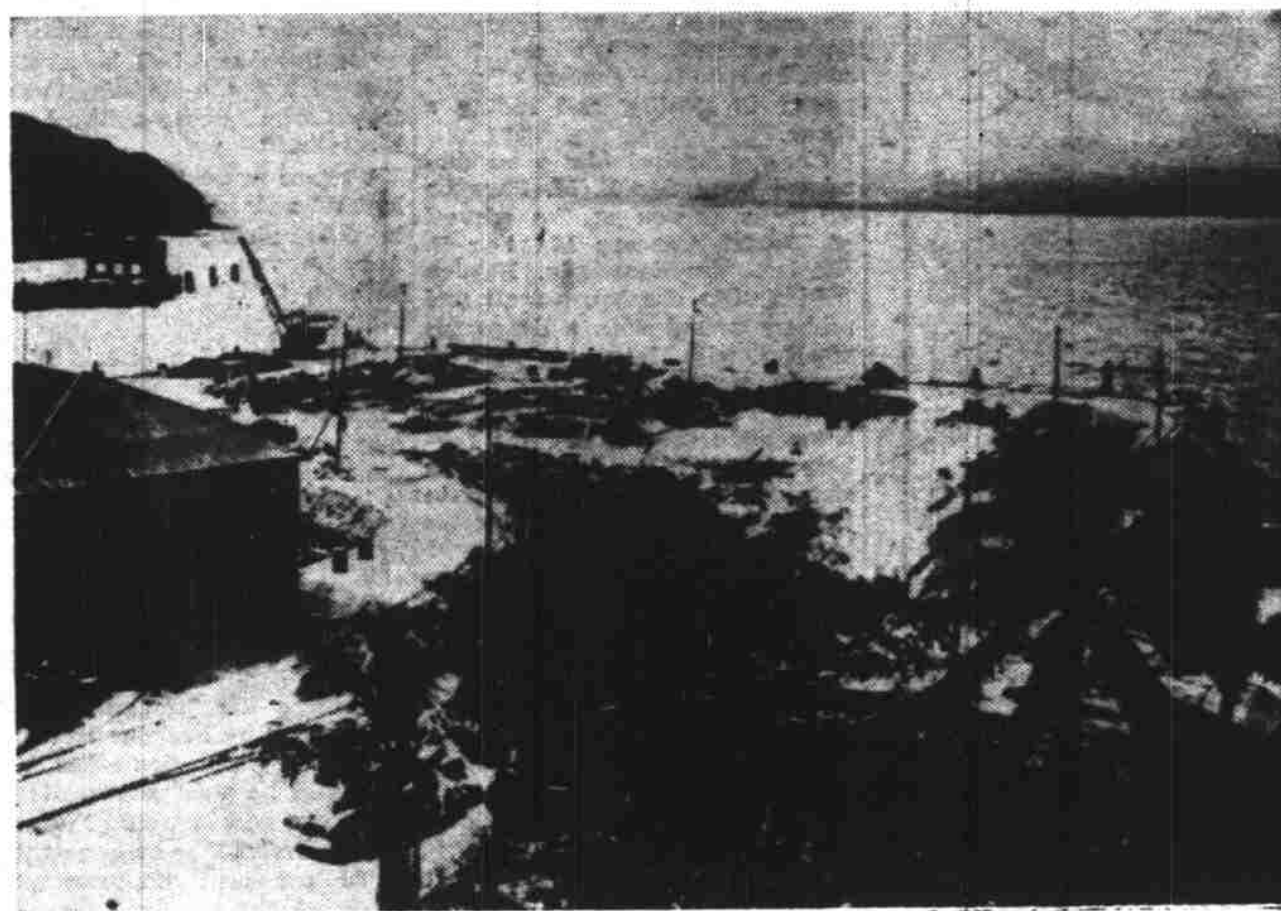
"The time has come when we are beginning to hit back hard but on a scale which still only foreshadows the force of the Anglo-American bombing effort to come."

Salem Men Make U of O Honoraries

EUGENE, Ore., May 8—(AP)—Bud Vendenynde, Salem, was among the nine University of Oregon students tapped for Friday, senior men's honorary, Friday. Max Brown, Salem, was one of six named to Druids, junior men's honorary.

Our Senators

Corregidor Battered Into Submission



This Soundphoto provides a view from the island fortress of Corregidor, guardian of Manila bay, looking across the narrow strait that separates Corregidor from the Bataan peninsula. Smokestack and mast of a sunken ship are visible. Across this strait came an armada of steel barges carrying the Japanese landing troops while from the heights of Bataan 240 millimeter siege guns pounded the island, raking the beach defenses, wiping out entanglements, pillboxes and machine gun installations. Simultaneously, the defenders were heavily bombed from the air. Ammunition, food had dwindled and fatigue seized the 7000 Americans on Corregidor and adjacent island fortresses. Lieutenant General Jonathan M. Wainwright, who negotiated the surrender, was reported to have remained with his men to the end. The Japanese victory gives them control of the best harbor in the Orient and strengthens the communication lines they have thrust forward toward Australia and India. It is not known how many survived the terrific artillery bombardment of Corregidor. The historic siege lasted 28 days following the termination of General MacArthur's stand on Bataan. The above picture is an official marine corps photo, transmitted by Soundphoto from Washington, DC.

Service Act Prophesied

Legion Spokesman Foresees Universal Conscription Here

The American Legion has become more convinced than ever "since Pearl Harbor" that its universal service act, first proposed in 1926, must be enacted by congress, W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, Gilbert, Ariz., the national vice-commander, declared at a veterans' meeting at Legion hall here Friday night.

Tompkins Is Named State Grange Head

PORTLAND, May 8—(AP)—The Oregon state grange election committee announced Friday night the selection of Morton Tompkins, Dayton, state overseer, to succeed Ray W. Gill as master.

Tompkins polled 4075 votes in a statewide grange election to 1821 for W. J. Wilcox, manager of the Oregon Grange Wholesale, in the race for the mastership which Gill declined to accept again. Gill has been master for 10 years.

Grange headquarters said Tompkins will resign as Bonneville power administration field representative to devote full time to his new duties.

Other election results, all of which must be ratified by the 69th annual state convention at Milwaukie the week of June 15: Elmer McClure, Milwaukie, defeated Charles Wicklander, La Grande, 3131 to 2701 to succeed Tompkins as overseer. Blanche Pickering, Warrenton, was elected lecturer over L'erna Slack, Kerby, 3294 to 2489. Secretary Bertha Beck, Portland, was re-elected 5039 to 1041 over Anna Hadley, Silverton.

Peter Zimmerman, Yamhill, and Gill were named as executive committeemen but selection of a third member will be left to the convention because no other candidate received the 2904 votes needed for a majority.

Wallace Warns Of Northwest Invasion

NEW YORK, May 8—(AP)—Vice-President Wallace, predicting the axis would strike a "last desperate blow" this summer, said Friday night that this might include a Japanese attack on Alaska and the northwest United States coast with a simultaneous German uprising in Latin America.

Pen Parolee In Berg Case

Name of Corvallis Baker Substituted For Willner Friday

Confession discredited by state police and district attorney and finally repudiated by himself, Stanley John Willner, 20-year-old transient from St. Paul, Minn., was moved out of the picture in Salem's Berg-slugging case Friday afternoon and the name of a 28-year-old Corvallis bridegroom was substituted.

Hugh Young Davidson, parolee from the Oregon state penitentiary, where he had been committed from Malheur county in 1939 on a forgery count, confessed to Lt. R. G. Howard and Sgt. Farley Mogan of the state police Friday night that he had slashed Martin Berg, state girls' school engineer, over the head with a brick as he rode in Berg's car on the Pacific highway south of Salem last Sunday afternoon, the officers said. Monday, clad in new clothes allegedly purchased with Berg's 60 odd dollars, he was married in Corvallis.

Every detail of Davidson's story bore out evidence held by them and he was identified by Berg, who is apparently staging a recovery from his severe treatment at Salem Deaconess hospital, police said. A gold watch Berg had declared was stolen from him was found hidden where Davidson told them he had put it, they declared.

Germany Gets RAF Bombs

BERLIN—(From German Broadcasts)—May 8—(AP)—British air raiders attacked the Baltic port of Rostock again Friday night and also bombed Warnemuende, DNB announced today.

LONDON, May 9—(Saturday) (AP)—British bombers were over Germany again Friday night after a one-night lull in their offensive against the Reich, it was announced today.

Indian Attack Nears

British Tighten Hold, Reinforce Madagascar

LONDON, May 8—(AP)—The British quickly sent reinforcements to Ceylon and strove to clean up any remaining Vichy French resistance on Madagascar today as the urgency of controlling the Indian ocean was stressed by reports that Japanese invasion forces already were aboard ship in Rangoon, ready to attack India.

Burma, scene of one of the most stubborn delaying actions of the war, was almost completely overrun by the Japanese for strategic considerations. Military sources acknowledged that the Japanese probably had taken the west Burma port of Akyab, 300 air miles from Calcutta, but said they had no confirmation of a German broadcast assertion that the Japanese patrols may have entered India "purely for propaganda purposes," but the informants held to the belief that any Japanese invasion of the tempting treasure-house of India would come from the sea, with Akyab and its airfields as the base of heavy preparatory air attacks on the Ganges basin.

Aligned with this view was the announcement that Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's United States army bombers from India raided Rangoon again today for their third attack in four days. The bombers defied storms and waves of Japanese fighters in setting big fires.

Informants said the Japanese had been concentrating more than a holding force at Rangoon and this was the reason the United States bombers had raided the port so often.

MOSCOW, May 8—(AP)—The red army and air force were reported in official dispatches Friday night to have wrecked a three-way German spring offensive aimed from Finland into soviet Karelia and to have driven large numbers of nazi bombing planes from forward bases near Russia's vital water and rail communications in the arctic.

German troops engaged with stabbing across the Karelian front. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Clatsop Clams Are Declared Poisonous

PORTLAND, May 8—(AP)—Clams from Oregon beaches were proclaimed poisonous Friday by an order announced by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, Oregon health officer.

The order came after examination of clams from the Clatsop beaches proved they contained a type of poison traceable to marine vegetation.

Meet 'Hop' Harrigan, New Flying Strip Ace

An inspiring new "comic" strip, "Hop Harrigan," has been obtained by The Statesman for the pleasure of its thousands of readers.

"Hop Harrigan," which will start Sunday in The Statesman and appear daily thereafter, was conceived and developed to instill into the youth of today not only a love of adventure but also a love of country. "Hop" was an orphan who had always delighted in mechanics—especially mechanics centering around an airplane. His father was an aviator before him and he was given the privilege of studying planes in action and even had an "old crate" of his own that he looked upon as a friend.

Win 1st Round In South Pacific

At Least 11 Nip Warships Declared Sunk; Losses Not Yet Fully Talled

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, May 9—(Saturday)—(AP)—Allied naval and air forces fighting with "marked skill, courage, and tenacity" have repulsed a Japanese invasion fleet off northeastern Australia in one of history's most fateful struggles, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

With 11 or more of its warships sunk and six or more damaged—and presumably thousands of its finest warriors at the bottom of the Coral sea—the battered Japanese enemy was reported limping northward with United States and British imperial units in hot pursuit on the sixth day of the epic engagement.

Navy Cautions On Jap Claims

Avoids Claiming US Victory; Losses Not Yet Fully Known

WASHINGTON, May 8—(AP) The navy warned Friday night against giving credence to Japanese claims on the battle off Australia and announced that the engagement had cost the enemy 11 ships, including nine warships.

A communique issued on information received up to 6:30 p.m.—before allied headquarters in Australia reported the battle was over—also said that in addition to ships sunk, six other Japanese craft, including four warships, had been damaged.

The navy announcement avoided claiming a victory but indicated that American losses might be considerable in comparison with those of Japan.

Details of American losses "are not fully known at present," a communique said, adding that "no credence should be given to claims that have been or may be put out by Tokyo."

Naval authorities commenting on the communique said it was a logical inference that we had won some losses in view of the tremendous blows dealt the enemy. But what they were could not be stated at this time.

The sunk and damaged figures contained in the navy's communique No. 78, issued today, overlapped in several instances figures given out yesterday on the preliminary phases of the battle since today's report constituted accumulated totals.

The sinkings announced yesterday were one light cruiser, two destroyers, four gunboats; and the vessels reported yesterday to have been damaged were one light cruiser, one seaplane tender, one transport and one cargo vessel.

It also appeared that the navy's report issued here paralleled in all categories except one a report issued several hours earlier by allied headquarters in Australia. Allied headquarters had announced only one supply vessel sunk while the navy announced two transports or cargo vessels.

Zealanders to Stay on Fronts

WELLINGTON, N.Z., May 8—(AP) Despite the imminent threat of Japanese invasion, New Zealand has decided not to recall its troops who are fighting on land, sea and in the air in the distant parts of the world.

At Madagascar



Maj. Gen. R. G. Sturges, CB, and Rear Adm. E. N. Syfret, CB, led British forces in the assault on Madagascar, large and strategic Indian ocean island off the southeast coast of Africa, coveted by Japan. Sturges (top) and his royal marines conducted landing operations by tank-led commandos, while Syfret's naval forces covered landing operations by heavy bombardment.

Churchill's Broadcast Noon Today

LONDON, May 8—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill will broadcast to the empire and to the United States at 9 p. m. (12 noon PWT) Sunday and he is expected to dwell particularly on Britain's relations with Vichy.

Whatever he says, he will speak at a crucial moment—with the Burma campaign turned to disaster, India threatened, Australia bracing for a rugged defense or a possible sharp attack and the Germans and Russians poised for spring campaigns. It was the night of May 10 last year that the nazis chose for one of their greatest attacks on London.

Sprague Term Vital to War Effort—McKay

PORTLAND, May 8—(AP)—"Because Gov. Charles A. Sprague has been the main spring of Oregon's war effort, I do not believe this is any time to take the clock together in better shape," State Senator Douglas McKay of Salem told a radio audience here tonight.

"These are times the war interest supersedes all others," said McKay. "I believe the reelection of Gov. Sprague is vitally and inseparably intertwined for the successful prosecution of the war effort here in Oregon."

War Production In US Tops All Records, Claim

ST. LOUIS, May 8—(AP)—Rear Admiral H. P. Blandy, chief of the naval bureau of ordnance, said Friday fighting equipment being produced by the navy for lend-lease orders alone is equal to the peak production for all requirements in 1917-18. The total job is 10 times that of the first World War, he asserted.

Lost 169

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