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Japs Reinforced in New Guinea Outpost

Germans Launch Full Offensive On Stalingrad

Masses of Infantry and Machines Hurlled East After Lull During Conquest of Caucasus Region

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, Sunday, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Apparently launching a full offensive against Stalingrad after securing strongholds in the North Caucasus, the Germans hurled masses of infantrymen, tanks and planes Sunday against Russian positions on the Kletskaya and Kotelnikovski fronts before the important Volga city.

Russian reports early Sunday said the Germans had opened up a series of attacks with no regard for losses, with German bodies littering the ground along a railroad east of Kotelnikovski. Fighting has been slow on the Kletskaya and Kotelnikovski fronts for weeks while they won positions in the Don bend and beat their way deep into the Caucasus. Now they appear to be putting on the pressure again, with most of the North Caucasus in their hands.

County Bonds Drive Attains \$40,000 Mark

Victory Program Said Success; Army Jeeps Haul Many Children

Marion county dug deeper into its jeans Saturday for war bonds and stamps to run purchases for the two "Victory Days" sponsored by the county war savings staff past the \$40,000 mark, Chairman Frederick S. Lampert announced. Purchase of more than \$1000 worth of war stamps alone during the day kept eight army jeeps busy afternoon and night hauling children at the price of \$1 worth of the victory stickers that pay their owners interest.

To Friday's sales of \$6990 in war bonds and stamps at the Victory House programs in downtown Salem was added more than \$15,000, face value, in bonds bought at the two Salem banks, Lampert said. Sales at banks Saturday were estimated at more than \$1,000. Top purchase at Saturday night's closing "Bonds for Victory" program at the courthouse square was a \$1000 bond. Another purchaser pledged himself to \$325 bonds.

Tragedy mixed with the pleasure of spending a hard-earned \$25 for war stamps at the Victory House Saturday night for Robert Jackson, old living at 231 Mission street. He told Don Black, master of ceremonies, that he brought \$50 he had earned picking beans with him downtown, bought his savings stamps and spent the remaining \$25 for a wrist watch, only to lose it in the Victory day crowd. Black broadcast a plea that the watch, a Gruen, be returned to the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Auto's Plunge Kills White

Funeral Rites Monday; Wreck Saturday Near Detroit

Lowell Ellsworth White, 39, associated with D. A. White & Sons, Salem seed and feed dealers, was killed early Saturday when his automobile rolled down a 100-foot embankment on the North Santiam highway five miles west of Detroit.

Funeral services are to be held from the Clough-Barrick chapel at 3:30 p. m. Monday. Believed to have gone to sleep at the wheel, White was found on the railroad tracks of the Santiam canyon by a railroad employee. His watch had stopped at 3:07. Lights of the automobile were still burning.

White was returning alone from his summer home at Detroit. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Monica White, a son, Gordon; parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. White; grandmother, Mrs. D. A. White, and uncle, Floyd White, all of Salem, and an aunt, Mrs. Blanch Doam, of Los Angeles.

Service Men

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Arehart, 925 Union street, have received word from their son, Dale Arehart, that he has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is stationed in the dental clinic at Camp Callan, Calif.

For additional news about men from Salem and vicinity in the armed forces, turn to page 3 of today's Statesman.

Gives Estate



DORIS DUKE CROMWELL

HONOLULU, TH., Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Star-Bulletin said Saturday Doris Duke Cromwell, tobacco heiress, was turning over the use of the play facilities on her lavish Kaalawai "Shangri-La" estate to the army and navy. Her millionaire's playground includes a lavish swimming pool with an automatic elevating spring board, tennis courts and extensive grounds.

Army Activates Two Divisions

96th at Camp Adair, 91st at White Are Offense Promise

By The Associated Press
The United States army's growing might went on display Saturday with the activation of two new World War II divisions at Oregon camps.

The historic "wild west" division of the last war—the 91st—was reborn at Camp White near Medford as Maj. Gen. Charles Gerhardt, the new commander, pledged:

"I promise you that we will train these gentlemanly soldiers into savage and efficient killers on the field of battle. I promise you, too, that we shall go forward with high hearts and grim determination, and with God's help, we shall not fail."

Another division was activated at Camp Adair near Corvallis as Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley, the commanding officer declared:

"We will stress attack, for only an offense will win the war."

He urged the need of thorough military training for combatting a well trained, well equipped enemy who is a veteran of many campaigns.

"Total war requires total effort," Gen. Bradley warned. "We must be willing to undergo any hardship for victory."

At the Camp White ceremonies, greying veterans of the old 91st—famed for its warty "Powder River—let 'er buck"—look part as the colors were presented to the new outfit.

The new division will carry on the old battle cry, which veterans say originated with Montana cowboys from the Powder River badlands. Reporting for duty in the last war, the Montanans were asked where they were from. They shouted: "Powder River—let 'er buck."

At Camp Adair, men of the new army heard the heroic story of Lieut. Henry Rodney Adair, an Oregon man killed on the Mexican border before World War I, in whose honor the camp was named.

Camp Adair officials made no advance announcement of Saturday's activation ceremonies because of the possibility of highway congestion. The public was not invited.

Corvallis Agrees On Sewage Plant

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Corvallis has agreed tentatively to build a sewage treatment plant for protection of the Camp Adair water supply, Harold F. Wendel, Oregon sanitary authority chairman, said Saturday.

Training Time Is 'Short'

Gen. Eisenhower Statement Leads To 'Front' Talk

By ROBERT BUNNELLE
LONDON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Significantly speaking at a time when United States, Russian and British military leaders are continuously discussing diversionary action on a new European front, US Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower declared here Saturday that "the time is short" and United States soldiers must be trained to stand the most "rigorous operations."

His words at a press conference were regarded by many as a hint of the urgency with which the program to beat the axis is being organized.

"Training in all its phases must be intensive," said the commander of all United States army forces in the European theatre.

"This is true first because the time is short, second, because the problems we have demand the ultimate in trained personnel, and, third, because our men must be toughened and hardened physically to stand the most rigorous operations."

He declared it was his conviction that "we must form here the best army the United States has ever put into the field if we are to perform our future tasks successfully."

The general's words were taken as a reflection of the views of both the British and American governments that a second front in Europe is needed at the earliest possible moment; and that such a front can be created and successfully advanced only at the cost of great preparation and great casualties.

United States troops for some time past have been pouring into Britain at an increasing rate and their training is progressing rapidly with battle-hardened British veterans among the instructors.

British and American experts, while realizing that a full scale second front is impossible without adequate preparations, feel that more positive action to aid Russia and hit the axis will not be long delayed. They think the formula has been decided or soon will be.

Many believe that at the present stage the main thrust still will have to be borne by British and Canadian troops with Americans playing a minor role until they reach a training and organizational peak—but at the rate things are moving they think that won't be long.

Axis Relents Attack Claim

US Wasp Not Damaged In Mediterranean, But British Ship

LONDON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The German high command withdrew its claim that the US aircraft carrier Wasp had been damaged in the great western Mediterranean convoy battle but officially reported that the running fight was over with six British merchant ships and 15 merchant ships or tankers sunk.

Backing down from their official report of Friday that the Wasp was hit by six bombs and set on fire, the Germans said it was a British aircraft carrier of the illustrious type that was damaged.

The axis, however, was unable to get together on its broadcast claims, for the Italians told the world that the battle was continuing; that a destroyer and two cruisers had been damaged Friday by torpedoes and bombs, and that torpedo planes had hit the prow of a battleship.

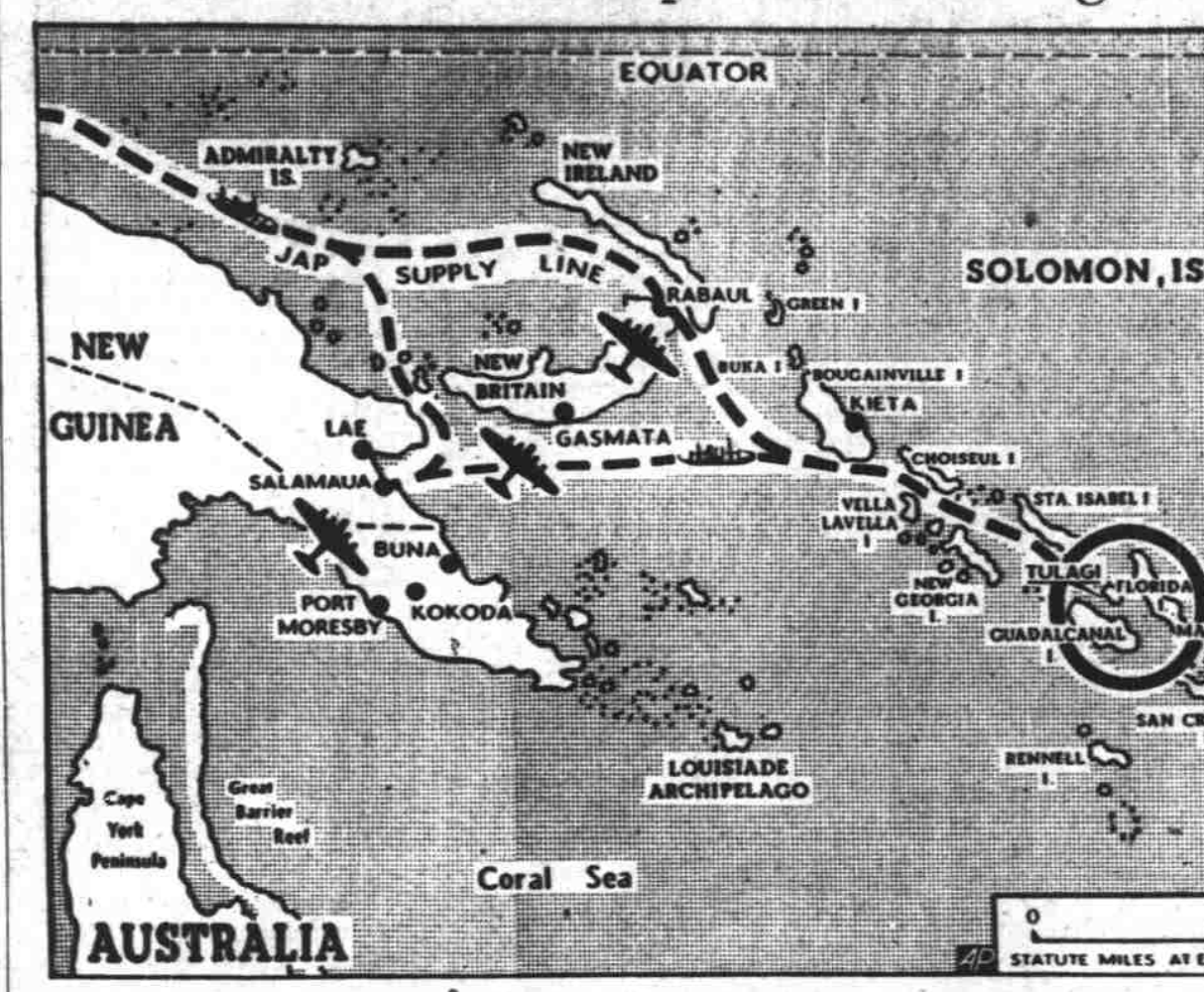
Unofficial Italian reports further (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Our Senators

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Allied Planes Disperse Convoy; Marines Better Shore Positions

Where Allies Hit Japs—and Hit Again



While American marines fought to consolidate their positions in the Solomon Islands (circle), United Nations bombers smashed (plane symbols) at key points in the Jap supply line to the Solomons to hinder Jap reinforcements on the way to the battle area. Reports on these daily raids reach Salem first through The Associated Press to The Statesman. (Associated Press Teletext).

City Traffic Change Seen

Right Turn Against Red Lights to Be Asked of Council

Revision of Salem's traffic regulations to permit right hand turns against red signal lights will be proposed at Monday night's city council meeting, Alderman L. F. LeGarie, chairman of the police committee, said Saturday.

The committee feels, LeGarie said, that traffic is increasing in the city to such an extent that steps must be taken to speed up vehicular movement along the streets.

All business district intersections controlled by automatic traffic signals will be included in provisions of a resolution being drawn to authorize the right hand turn against red lights, LeGarie said, and also the Capitol and Center streets intersection.

The regulation contemplated differs from the frequently-used plan in other cities in that motorists desiring to make a right turn against a red signal will be required to stop momentarily, before making the turn.

The committee expects in connection with the rule to ask that parking be forbidden for distances of 80 feet from the Capitol and Center streets intersection on the east side of Capitol south of Center, the west side north of Center, and on the north side of Center east of Capitol and the south side of Center west of Capitol, as an aid to motorists making the right turn.

The proposed change has the approval of state highway department experts, Alderman LeGarie said.

Strap-Hanging Boom Faced

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—More strap-hanging, longer walks to bus stops, and other inconveniences face the nation's growing army of commuters, according to Joseph E. Eastman, director of defense transportation.

Eastman said today that local transport systems will face the heaviest load in their history by mid-September.

He added that "minor inconveniences" were "fast becoming patriotic necessities."

Crash Hurts Two

BILOXI, Miss., Aug. 15.—(AP)—A two motored bomber caught fire and crashed Saturday night north of Pascagoula, Miss., with injury to two of its crew. Search still was underway for the third member, who bailed out.

Ayres Ready For Service, Gets Praise

ABILENE, Tex., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Pvt. Lew Ayres has completed his basic army training at Camp Barkeley's medical replacement training center with the praise "excellent soldier" bestowed by his commanding general.

The erstwhile Dr. Kildare of the movies reported here in May after leaving a conscientious objectors' camp to enter non-combatant service.

Six pounds heavier despite his vegetarian diet and hard work under a blazing sun, Ayres awaits permanent assignment in the nation's armed forces with this blessing from Brig. Gen. Roy C. Heflebower, commander of the medical center:

"According to all reports reaching my office he has been an excellent soldier and I am (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Navy Assault Damaged Four

Week-Old Kiska Raid Sent One to Bottom, Destroyer Badly Hit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Flaming guns of the US warships and bombs of naval planes severely damaged a destroyer and two cargo vessels and sent a third cargo ship to the bottom in Kiska harbor in raids August 8 and 9 the navy disclosed Saturday.

More than 3000 shells were hurled from the big guns of warships of a task force of the Pacific fleet which hit hard at the enemy occupied island off Alaska.

Shells striking the enemy's main camp set huge fire which still was burning when reconnaissance planes flew over the harbor a day later.

A short distance to the south a secondary camp also was hit hard by the heavy bombardment, and anti-aircraft and shore batteries throughout the island were silenced.

Only resistance offered by the enemy was a weak seaplane attack and desultory firing by shore batteries before they were put out of action by American big guns.

When the US forces hit they found a fleet of enemy vessels—including submarines—in the Kiska harbor. Estimates were made that the fleet included ten cargo or transport vessels, four submarines and a destroyer.

At the close of the surprise attack on August 8, the destroyer was left standing and burning just outside the harbor.

Save Business Plan Evolves

Hard-Pressed Stores May Consolidate For Duration

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Some form of concentration of wholesale and retail businesses and distributive facilities, as well as civilian industries, will be necessary before mid-1943 to save thousands of merchants from bankruptcy, informed government officials predicted Saturday.

A tentative plan which would permit hard-pressed stores to close "for the duration," and reopen after the war with a minimum of financial loss, already is under study, it was learned.

Officials in close touch with the general merchandise situation, who declined to be quoted by name, said the overall plan for wholesale and retail concentration now was little more than a "basis for argument" and a recognition of the economic restrictions which will be necessary in a long war.

Under the tentative plan, which draws on experience in England, merchants caught in the "squeeze" of price ceilings, or faced with business failure because of normal competitive conditions and abnormal lack of consumer goods to sell, would be able to turn over their stocks and their customers to a competitor and close their doors.

Their firm names, good-will and (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Large Army Plane Down

PERU, Mass., Aug. 15.—(AP)—A large army plane carrying probably as many as 24 men crashed Saturday night in this mountainous Berkshire hill town and army officials announced meagre reports indicated "at least four were alive and there were some deaths."

Lieut. Harold Rosenquist, first service command public relations officer, in officially confirming the crash, said complete details on casualties were not available yet, but that some of the troops in the plane were known to have escaped. One soldier, badly burned, was admitted at St. Luke's hospital in Pittsfield.

State Police Corp. Louis Perachi reported the plane struck Peru mountain, highest peak in this wooded vacation area. Peru itself has a population of fewer than 200.

Friday's Weather

Friday's max. temp. 105, min. 53. River Friday -3.6. By army request, weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

Enemy Exerts Pressure

Japs Admit US Forces Still on Solomon Island

By C. YATES McDANIEL

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Sunday, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The Japanese have recently strengthened their forces in the interior of New Guinea, an allied spokesman acknowledged Sunday after a communique disclosed the invaders were still exerting pressure in their attempts to break through the jungle-covered mountains for an attack on the allied base at Port Moresby, only 350 miles across water from the Australian mainland.

The communique merely said "Enemy pressure against our forward outposts continues" and made no reference to the battle of the Solomons, now entering its tenth day, several hundred miles to the east. In that struggle the United States marines were believed to have captured important coastal bases.

The spearhead of the Japanese overland drive toward Port Moresby was at Kokoda, and it was here the enemy had managed to increase his forces.

The spokesman gave no idea of the new strength, saying simply that the Japanese forces there, admitted continuing to hammer at allied positions, had been increased "somewhat."

It was believed three weeks ago, when word of Japanese landings at Buna and Gona, on the New Guinea north coast were first announced officially, that between 1500 and 2000 troops had dug in on the big island northeast of Australia. They then headed inland toward Kokoda and Port Moresby.

Sunday's communique said allied bombers, operating off the northwest coast of Australia, had attacked Japanese installations on the southeast coast of Timor, on Saturday, making direct hits on buildings and starting fires.

The spokesman added that a small Japanese convoy attacked heavily by allied bombers off New Guinea and New Britain on Friday and Saturday apparently had been dispersed. The communique itself made no reference to these enemy warships and transports, which apparently had been headed toward the Solomons to reinforce Japanese forces there.

The first phase of the battle in the Solomons apparently had concluded triumphantly for the marines.

The failure of Japanese quarters to make any but a negative reference to their land forces, coupled with a Washington announcement that the marines are consolidating shore positions in the Tulagi area, led qualified observers here to the belief that the Nipponese had been dislodged from the bases.

The Japanese controlled radio station failed to refer to ground forces on the southeastern Solomon Islands Saturday but an (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

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