

# Allied Fleet Deployed, Ready for Battle

## Tanks Force Reds Back On Stalingrad Sectors

### 480,000 Nazis Said Slain in Three Months

#### Withdrawing of New Divisions Told as Tempo Increases

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Wednesday, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Smashing German tank attacks forced the red army to withdraw in one sector of the vital defenses before the Volga industrial city of Stalingrad and drove a wedge into another sector, the Soviet midnight communique said Wednesday, but in other areas Russian resistance was reported generally strengthened.

The new German gains were southeast of Kletskaia, 75 miles northwest of Stalingrad, where the Germans appeared to be concentrating their drive to cut the Volga.

The communique also reported fighting in the region of Pyatigorsk, 15 miles south of Mineralnye Vody, indicating the Germans had made new advances on the South Caucasus front.

On the other hand, the Russians appeared to hold the initiative in the Krasnodar section, farther to the west, and the communique said one Soviet unit in counter-attacks routed a battalion of Germans who had forced a crossing of the Kuban river.

Earlier reports said Marshal Semen Timoshenko's forces had occupied an important line in the defense of Stalingrad and that the red army had launched an offensive far to the north on the Leningrad front, forcing the Germans to withdraw to some extent.

Meanwhile, the ferocity of the fighting was indicated by a special Soviet communique which said the Germans had lost 1,250,000 men in the three months up to August 15—480,000 of them killed—and had drained much of their reserve strength from western Europe to strengthen their drive into Russia.

The special communique said the Germans had withdrawn 22 divisions from France, Belgium and Holland and had mobilized 70 other divisions from Italy, Rumania, Hungary and Slovakia for service on the Russian front.

The Germans were reported to have lost 3390 tanks, 4000 guns of various calibre, and not less than 4000 planes since May 15. Soviet losses were listed as 2240 tanks, 3152 guns, and 2198 planes.

## Boeing Output To Be Upped

### Big Bombers Will Be Boomed to Full Capacity

SEATTLE, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The big bombers that started in Tuesday's spectacular raid over France are going to be produced at a tremendously accelerated rate, starting immediately, it was announced Tuesday by H. Oliver West, executive vice-president and production chief of the Boeing Aircraft company.

West said the government had approved "additional schedules," and "indications received from Washington" a few days ago made him believe the shortages which have been retarding production would be relieved.

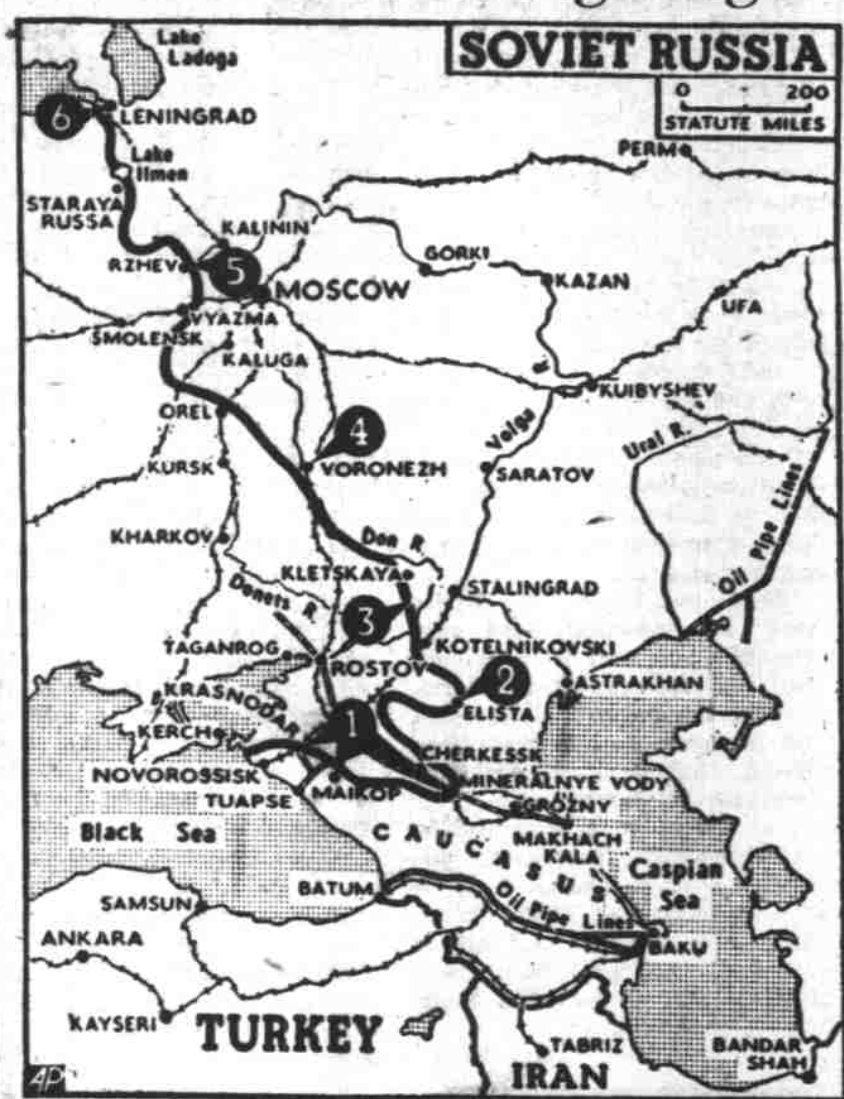
"We are operating at only 40 per cent of our ultimate capacity," West told newspaper correspondents on the National Association of

## Service Men

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Coast guard recruiting headquarters announced Tuesday that enlistees enroute to the Port Townsend training center Tuesday included Omer J. Roberts, Jr., Aumsville; James C. Russell and Warren M. Keeney, Salem, and Edwin R. Stryker, Dallas.

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### Areas of Hard Fighting



Heavy action was reported in the midnight Soviet communique near Mineralnye Vody and the Russians took the initiative at Krasnodar (1) Tuesday. Nazis claim the capture of Elista (2). Most critical battles were occurring on the fronts west of Stalingrad at Kletskaia (3), where Germans made gains, and Kotelnikovskii, where Marshal Timoshenko counter-attacked. Tempo of the battle was increasing at Voronezh (4), and the German communique noted heavy defensive struggles at Rzhev and Vyazma (5). The red army was reported to have launched an offensive on the Leningrad front (6).

## US Plane Bombs Axis Submersible Off Brazil Coast

### Five Ship Sinkings Bring Curfew, Warning of President Vargas of Punishment for "Acts of Piracy"

RIO DE JANEIRO, Wednesday, Aug. 19.—(AP)—A US plane was reported Wednesday to have bombed an axis submarine 50 miles off Aracaju on the Brazilian coast in an area where the underwater craft have been preying on Brazilian shipping, sinking five ships in three days.

It was not disclosed immediately whether the attack was successful.

## Dimout Here Hits Mainly City Signs

Salem residents, who for the past two nights have experienced a variety of dimouts while street lights were black, are due for the enforced variety Thursday night, civilian defense authorities reminded business houses Tuesday. Principally affected by dimout orders here will be such institutions as service stations, theatres with brilliantly-lighted fronts and all concerns utilizing floodlights and outdoor neon signs between sunset and dawn, it was said.

Motorists are not to be required to use the almost valueless lights required of coastline drivers in specified areas and most home lighting will not be cramped. Downtown street lights were out much of Tuesday night, while power company employees reportedly worked on dimout experiments.

## Pumper Controls Fire at Aurora

Pumping 80 gallons a minute over a period of four hours, a new pumper unit belonging to the state forestry department had its first workout Tuesday by bringing under control a fire which spread from a combine exhaust pipe to burn over seven acres of wheat and timber near Aurora.

Directing the pumper, sent from Salem because of the shortage of labor in the Aurora area to fight the blaze, were John B. Woods, Jr., and Phil Knight. Amount and value of the grain destroyed was undetermined Tuesday night when the fire was brought under control, it was said.

## Jungle News Knew Before It Happened

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18.—(AP)—A jungle telegraph in Yucatan, Mexico, reported two days before it happened that Japanese subs were to shell the Oregon coast. Explorer Franklin Robert Johnston said Tuesday on his return from a visit to the Maya Indians.

"How? That would be a physical impossibility to find out," the president of the Southern California Archeological Society said. "There must be axis activity there as elsewhere. But to fathom the jungle telegraph would take a lifetime—and then you wouldn't want to tell. One thing certain—even deep in the jungle they knew the war situation very thoroughly. And they don't like the axis."

## Oregon Unable To Help, Milk

### Shortage Ousts Plea From Fort Lewis; Plans Conned

A serious milk shortage looms in the Portland area and possibly in other parts of Oregon with the result that Fort Lewis, Wash., cannot expect to receive any relief from this state under existing conditions, it was brought out at a meeting in the executive department here Tuesday.

The meeting was called by Gov. Charles A. Sprague and was attended by representatives of the city of Portland, members of the state milk control board and state agricultural department officials. Last Saturday Governor Sprague received a frantic call from army officials at Fort Lewis that the milk supply there was inadequate and that additional milk was desired from the Portland milkshed.

Two possible solutions of the threatened milk shortage were suggested.

One is to qualify producers who are now within the Portland milkshed but who have not been admitted to the bottle and can trade.

The second is to extend the Portland milkshed to include additional producers who may qualify under the state milk control board regulations.

Officials made it plain if there was any surplus of milk in Portland it would be made available to the army on demand.

Members of the milk control board said it would be folly to seek additional milk supplies in western Oregon south of Portland where large quantities of milk are now required for Camp Adair and Camp White army cantonments. Tillamook county was mentioned as a prospective field for negotiations.

Officials indicated that if the milk demand continues to increase, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

## Hop Growers Offer \$2.50 To Pickers

Independence hop growers are offering \$2.50 a hundred pounds to pickers, D. P. McCarthy, hop control board member, said Tuesday. A reported \$3.50 wage offer was in error, McCarthy declared, reiterating that the growers feel that, coupled with living accommodations and transportation inducements to pickers, the \$2.50 rate is a liberal one, making hop picking a worth while occupation.

Unfilled orders for 600 hop pickers were on file at the United States employment service, 710 Ferry street, when the office closed Tuesday night. While a surplus of bean pickers were on hand Tuesday morning, additional orders were received during the day and 150 pickers are wanted this morning, W. H. Baillie, manager, said.

The branch employment office in Independence now has two men to take care of the business, Robey Ratcliff and Wesley Roeder. The Dallas branch office is not yet opened because of lack of a manager.

## Monday's Weather

Monday's max. temp. 90, min. 54. River Monday -1.7 ft. By army request weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

## Raiders Strike Coast

### Commando Move Not an Invasion; Air Fights High

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The commandos made a raid on the Dieppe area of occupied France early Wednesday, British headquarters announced.

The bulletin said the operation still was in progress.

It was then shortly before 7 a. m. (11 p. m. Pacific war time), reflecting a protracted action since the bulletin said the action was launched early Wednesday.

There was no indication immediately that any United States troops were taking part in the raid, the first to be announced since the commandos landed in the Boulogne-Le Touquet area June 4.

An indication the raid possibly was on a larger scale than the four previous attacks made on the coast of France this year was seen in the war bulletin's announcement it was still progressing. Meanwhile, it added, the French people were being advised by radio the raid was not a full-fledged invasion.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The US air force was rising Tuesday toward its full place in a titanic struggle for control of the skies over Europe and the middle east. American two-motor bombers have entered the air war in Africa and four-motor flying fortresses stand ready to repeat and intensify raids like Monday's on the Nazi-held European continent. The RAF, already deep into the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

## Distribution Meat Problem

### Allocation of Retail Supply Suggested As WPB Move

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The war production board received a recommendation from its food requirements committee Tuesday that the government allocate supplies of meats among butcher shops, stores and retail outlets in a move to assure equitable distribution of limited supplies.

The recommendation grew out of a seasonal shortage of meats that has developed in several sections of the country, particularly in the east, as a result of an unprecedented war demand.

Such a plan, if put into effect by the WPB, would give each distributing agency a certain percentage of the meat it sold in a similar past period. It would follow the allocation plan used in distributing sugar before consumer rationing was put into effect.

The committee, headed by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, directed, however, that the office of price administration formulate a consumer rationing plan for use only in the event the allocation system and some readjustments in present price ceilings on meats failed to accomplish an equitable distribution.

The agriculture department committee (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

## Crawford to Head Defense Division

Lee Crawford, Salem attorney, was Tuesday named head of the protective division of the Marion county civilian defense organization, his appointment to become effective September 1, County Coordinator Bryan H. Conley announced.

Crawford's division of the defense organization here includes those units which formed the entire setup prior to July 1. Second main division is the citizens' service corps, incorporating volunteer workers and overseers for various federal wartime boards operating here. Conley retains his post as coordinator for the entire organization as representative of the defense council.

## Flew Churchill



William Vanderkloot (above), 28, of Sarasota, Fla., was one of two American members of the British ferry command who piloted a US Liberator carrying Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain to Moscow for conferences with Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia.

## Churchill Sees Desert Troops

### Auchinleck Relieved By Alexander in Middle East

CAIRO, Wednesday, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill took advantage of his trip to Moscow to inspect allied troops in the western desert and confer with American, fighting French, imperial and dominion military leaders in the middle east, it was disclosed officially Wednesday.

He stopped over in Cairo long enough to spend one day in the desert visiting Australian and South African divisions and RAF advanced squadrons on the El Alamein front, the announcement said, and to hold "important discussions with service chiefs and other British authorities in the middle east."

It was stated later, however, that he also conferred with Maj. Gen. Russell L. Maxwell, US commander in the middle east; Gen. Charles DeGaulle, commander of the fighting French; Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, prime minister of South Africa; and Lieut. Gen. Sir Bernard C. Freyberg, commander of New Zealand troops in the middle east.

British officers who took part in the conference included Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander in India, and Gen. Sir Henry Wilson, commander of the British Ninth army.

Some of these officers, including General Maxwell, accompanied (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

## Kiska Minus Land Planes

### Japs Unable to Make Suitable Runways in Aleutians

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Aug. 17 (Delayed)—(AP)—Failure of American bomber pilots to encounter any land-based aerial opposition in their raids on Kiska and other Japanese-held islands of the outer Aleutians led to belief today the enemy has been unable to establish landing fields on any part of the islands.

An officer of the army air force said the Japanese were using single-float seaplane fighters based neither on carriers nor on land, but this apparently was the total extent of their air defense at present against the American attacks.

Reasons for the enemy's failure to create usable runways either on the Kiska beaches or in the rocky uplands are in doubt here, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

## Fishing Contracts To Limit Outlawed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The war production board Tuesday prohibited any contracts between fishing boat operators and canners which limit the amount of pilchard or sardines which may be caught.

The order, effective September 1, provides also that any existing contracts or agreements limiting the season's catch are outlawed on the same date.

## Planes Seek Jap Sea Force; Isle Fight Admitted

### Solomons Operation Hinging On Naval Battle Success; Engineers Follow Marines

By C. YATES McDANIEL

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Wednesday, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Allied reconnaissance planes Wednesday were reported to be searching the Pacific front as strong units of US Vice Admiral Robert Lee Gormley's combined fleet deployed in anticipation of a naval showdown as a sequel to the Solomon islands invasion.

Aside from reconnaissance flights no activity was officially announced. One of the reconnaissance planes, however, dropped a number of bombs in airdrome dispersal areas at Kavieng, New Ireland, north of the Solomons battle arena.

(A correspondent for the New Zealand Press association said extremely bitter land fighting which might last for weeks or months was still in progress in the Solomons. He quoted an authority in a "south Pacific port" as saying "the ultimate success of the operation turns on a crucial naval battle.")

Dispatches from allied naval headquarters in the south Pacific area laid greatest stress on forthcoming operations at sea now that US landing forces are firmly established in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi area of the Solomons.

These advices, necessarily unofficial, suggested big sea battles still brewing in the waters of the Solomon chain would prove the turning point in the fight for the barrier bases north of Australia—New Britain, New England, New Guinea and others even more distant.

Tokyo's continued silence about the fate of Japanese garrisons in the southeastern Solomons, meanwhile, gave at least tacit confirmation to Washington's assertion US marines had well established footholds.

(The Berlin radio broadcast a Tokyo dispatch to DNB saying bitter fighting was taking place on both Guadalcanal and Tulagi islands, and US engineers were taking part in the operations ashore.

(This was the first axis admission American landing forces had fought their way ashore on Tulagi, whose hurricane sheltered harbor was the main objective of Admiral Gormley's attack.

(The presence of engineers, who would follow shock troops ashore, would indicate a strong landing force was ashore.)

At the same time airmen from General MacArthur's command were bombing the enemy bases on the island of Timor for the fifth time in a week and carrying the attack farther afield to the northeast in a raid on New Ireland.

Some observers here took the raid on Port Moresby as a sign a lull in the Solomon battle enabled the Japanese to spare bombers for other operations. Others, however, took the view the Japanese either had reinforced their air power in this area, or were trying desperately to divert southwest Pacific command airmen from their important job of supporting the American offensive in the Solomons.

Since the night of August 8-9, when Admiral Gormley's cruisers and destroyers engaged a Japanese naval force of similar make-up and drove it into defeat before it could reach and attack the allied transports landing marines and supplies in the Tulagi area, there has been no surface engagement.

Long-range bombers of the MacArthur command have persistently sought out Japanese ship concentrations in the periphery of enemy-occupied islands from Timor to New Britain, in order to prevent any sort of reinforcement of the Solomons, but there has been no indication they have found the Japanese warships. Possibly these have withdrawn to the Carolines for the time being.

As a result Gormley was believed to have split his forces afloat into a defense concentration standing guard over the marines who are still extending their bases ashore, and a fleet of heavy (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

## Oregonians on Transfer Ship

### Bellinger of Lebanon Back August 25 From Japan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The state department announced Tuesday night the liner Gripsholm with 1451 American and other nationals from the western Pacific area is expected to arrive at New York August 25.

In order to expedite the disembarkation of passengers after examination by customs and other officials it has been decided no visitors will be allowed on the pier until the examination is completed.

The passenger list, as given out by the state department, included the following:

American officials and families: Mrs. Alice, Portland, Ore.; Edwards, Jay D., Lebanon, Ore.; Hirata, Mitsuki, Seattle; Hirata, Tamayo, Seattle; Johnston, Iris, Ritzville, Wash.; Linnell, Irving N., Medina, Wash.; Newton, Nelson, Spokane, Wash.; Ogawa, Mary, Baker, Ore.; Rogers, I., Sister of Mrs. Phillips, Seattle; Williams, Thelma S., Seattle; Yunt, William E., Aberdeen, Wash. American nationals: Adams, John Q., Seattle; Bul- (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

## Police Catch 4 Escapees

Pajama-clad inmates of the state training school at Woodburn who attempted an after-dark sneak Tuesday night forgot two things, their shoes and the discomfort of running through stubble in bare feet; said state police who caught up with four of the five would-be escapees within an hour and a half of their disappearance.

Also reported missing Tuesday night from a state institution was James Lynn, 38, five feet 10 inches tall and weighing 225 pounds, who had left the state hospital's Polk county colony farm without permission.

## Cook Is Advanced To Major General

CAMP ADAIR, Ore., Aug. 18.—(AP)—One officer advanced to major general and another to brigadier general at ceremonies here Tuesday.

Brig. Gen. Gilbert R. Cook, commanding the 164th infantry division, was promoted to major general. Col. Claudius M. Esley of the 94th infantry division became a brigadier.

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