NINETY-SECOND YEAR

Allied Tank Prepare New Tunis Smas

450 Japs Killed In Guinea Fight; 23 Planes Down

Injured

Brig. Gen. HANFORD MacNIDER

This picture of Gen. MacNider,

wounded by a Jap grenade,

came out of New Guinea only

resting weary feet on a jungle

Yank General

Head's Condition

Not Serious

Ex-American Legion

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUIN-

EA, Nov. 24 - (Delayed)-(AP)-Brig.

Gen. Hanford MacNider, former

assistant secretary of war, receiv-

ed eight wounds in the explosion

of a Japanese rifle grenade last

night during the American at-

(A spokesman at allied head-

quarters in Australia announced

Friday, Australian time, that

General MacNider wasn't ser-

iously injured, however. The

general at present is recovering

nicely in an Australian hospital,

The Japanese grenade killed

one American soldier and bowled

Gen. MacNider was taken to

American Legion, whose home is

Two more ships were launched

subchaser by the Albina Engine

in Portland-Vancouver Thursday.

& Machine Works, a tank-lander

er of Yankton, SD,

not critical.

Allies Raid Enemy At Low Level, but Losses Slight

By VERN HAUGLAND

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Friday, Dec. 4-(AP)-Allied troops have wiped out 450 Japanese in the Gona area of New Guinea with only slight losses themselves, and allied planes are attacking the remaining enemy coastal footholds at such low levels the Japanese are using their mortars as anti-aircraft guns, a spokesman said Friday.

The noon communique acknowledged the Japanese were "resisting stubbornly" every inch of ground both in the Gona and Buna sectors, but said "our ground forces are receiving artillery and air support."

The allied airmen also dealt a smashing blow in another sector, the island of Timor, where 21 Japanese planes were destroyed or damaged at Koepang, the communique said.

The situation in New Guinea was summed up thus by an allied spokesman:

At Gona two Japanese machinegun posts were captured during a slight advance and 450 of the enemy were killed. An allied patrol inflicted 20 casualties in the same area and artillery fire leveled several native huts in fire leveled several native huts in villages near Gona where the Grenade Hurts Japanese had entrenched them-

At Buna the allied advance also was slight—a matter of a few yards through swamps where the Japanese eresisted every foot of ground in close-quarter fighting. Allied A-20 and B-25 bombers and Airacoba fighter planes continued to give the ground troops strong support, repeatedly strafing Japanese anti-aircraft posts,

machinegun nests and barges. One Japanese anti - aircraft gun was blown from its pit, and the American attack planes swept in so low the Japanese began firing on them with their mortars. They missed.

There were no further reports of the Japanese destroyers that northeastern New Guinea coast. attempted to land reinforcements and were beaten off. When last seen the enemy warships were 40 miles off shore and heading north away from New Guinea. Belated reports said that Beaufighter planes in the Gona area (Turn to Page 2)

North Santiam Road Opened; South Closed

The North Santiam highway was opened to traffic late Thurs-day when the bridge over Sardine creek was repaired and opened to loads of not more than two ton weight. This information was received from Fox Valley and confirmed by the Oregon state police, who reported the in Mason City, Ia., received two Santiam was closed by slides, presumably near Soda.

A bad cavein on the Crooked thigh, one on each knee and on Finger road, southeast of Scotts the right hand. Mills, was reported to the county court. It was said not to be dangerous but was to be marked by Around Oregon county workers Thursday night, to avoid accidents.

Criticism of the county for alleged delay in repairing the Sardine creek bridge is unwarranted in the opinion of County Judge Grant Murphy.

"The crew worked all day Passen gers riding Portland's Thanksgiving in a driving rain streetcars and busses have inand under conditions unfit for a creased 10 per cent to 300,000 human being to cope with. When the hele made by the high water is observed, and what the bridge day . . . Leon Barr of Caldwell, Ida, whose stepfather is a prisoner of the Japs at Shanghai (he was

Steiwer Claims Kauffman Pledge

PORTLAND, Dec. 3-(P)-State war makes replacements and re- Bulgaria.

Russians Destroy 40 Planes

Red Army Captures Enemy Positions

In Fierce Fights By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, Friday, Dec. 4-(AP) Russian troops have destroyed 40 more nazi transport planes trying to ferry aid to enemy forces pocketed in the Stalingrad area, captured a strategic height on the left bank of the Don river west of that city in a hand-to-hand fight, and smashed another hole in the enemy's lines west of Rzhev on the snowchoked central front, the soviets announced early Friday.

More than 3100 Germans fell during Thursday's widespread and violent actions to boost the toll of nazi dead and captured to approximately 170,000, the Russians

dispatches said the hard-pressed Germans on the Rzhev-Velikie Luki front northwest of Moscow were fighting in summer uniforms and were abandoning frozen tanks and guns on the blizzard-swept plains.

The midnight communique acknowledged strong German resistance and even counter-attacks, but gave this picture of the situation on the various fronts:

a few days ago and shows him Stalingrad - Inside the northern factory belt the Russians dislodged the enemy from a number of buildings and wiped out an enemy company. Fifty planes, including 40 big transports, were destroyed. The Russians two days ago announced the destruction of 50 transport planes trying to sup-ply the Germans between the Don and Volga rivers.

Hundreds of Germans died on the southern outskirts of Stalingrad after a fierce fight in which the red army captured an enemy strong point which "covered the flank of a German formation."

On the left bank of the Don northwest of Stalingrad where the Russians are trying to encircle the entire nazi siege army by driving southward to line up (Turn to Page 2)

tack on Buna, strongpoint on the Siegmund May The general was in the American front lines during a mortar Be Candidate, barrage when he was wounded. Commissioner

To the list of prospective candidates for the marion commissionership which will be didates for the Marion county called to active duty with a navy construction battalion has been added the name of John C. Siegmund, former county judge.

over but did not injure General That Judge Siegmund had been suggested was revealed by Coun-MacNider's aide, Maj. C. M. Beavty Judge Grant Murphy, who field hospital and given a quart said the former county executive had himself indicated his interest of blood plasma despite his proin the upcoming vacancy. tests that he wasn't badly hurt.

Other suggestions include Al-Physicians said his wounds were derman Tom Armstrong of Sa- Bay Alerted lem; Roy Rice, prominent farm The former commander of the leader of the county and recent By 'Vessels' ship; Gus Moisan, Gervais farm wounds in the right arm, one in operator ,and Ed Rogers, county the abdomen, two on the right road foreman.

Girod, who announced his enlistment last week, has already vessels" of the California coast placed in the hands of Judge Mur- brought an unprecedented alert phy and Commissioner Jim Smith, the other two members of the county court, his resignation to become effective when he is called. Just when that call may come dusk Wednesday night and led to is a most question; it may not a radio broadcast ordering all be for six months and it may be fleet personnel to report to their within two weeks, Murphy said ships immediately. by Kaiser's Vancouver yard . . . Friday.

Berlin Tells **Raid Alerts**

a marine captured at Wake), German radio announced Thurs- the area did not confirm the joined the marine corps in Port- day night that air raid alarms had presence of any unidentified land Thursday . . . The job of been sounded during the evening craft. The broadcast to fleet per-keeping rolling stock rolling while in Bern, Switzerland, and Sofia, sonnel was discontinued.

Beef 'Browned' **Beyond Repair**

A phone call, a scurry of men and equipment, a shrick of the siren and city firemen were off to an exciting alarm Thursday afternoon.

Shortly thereafter, very shortly, they returned and disgusted Chief Harry Hutton reported, "No loss - somebody's beef roast just burned up." No loss! A beef roast in these

times? Better it were the chim-

ney or the parlor davenport, but

not a beef roast!

Allied Invasion Loses 16 Ships

Five US Transports Sunk; Casualties Small in Foray

LONDON, Dec. 3-(AP)-Sixteen United States naval transports, were lost out of an estimated 850 participating in the occupation of draggled prisoners. north Africa nearly a month ago, announcements here and in Washngton disclosed Thursday, but casualties were described as "very small"

The delayed disclosures of alied losses came almost simultaneously with an admiralty communique telling of another smashing blow at axis supply lines to Tunisia—the sinking of four axis transports and two destroyers last Tuesday by a British battle force that included three cruisers.

Allied warships lost in the original allied movement on Morocco and Algeria, the ad-British aircraft carrier Avenger. three destroyers, two cutters, a sloop, a minesweeper, an antialreraft ship, a depot ship and the corvette Gardenia. The toll of allied naval vessels and transports in the hot fighting that occurred at several points was described in the house of commons as considerably smaller than expected and "far less than the enemy claimed."

The US transports listed as sunk were the Tasker H. Bliss, the Hugh L. Scott and the Edward Rutledge-all lost off Casablanca, where the French put up their most spirited resistance; the Joseph Hewes, sunk off Rabat, Morocco; and the Leedstown, sunk off Algiers. All were sunk by enemy

The US navy department added that three other transports, a destroyer and a tanker were dam-

In his November 30 radio address Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared that "for every transport or supply ship we lost (off Africa) a U-boat has been sunk or severely damaged." Today's allied announcements thus would place the toll of axis submarines at 16 destroyed or crippled at least in the month-long engagement.

The Bliss was identified as the former liner President Cleveland, gross tonnage 12,568; the Leedsfown as the former liner Santa Lucia, 9135 tons; the Scott as the former President Pierce, 12,579 (Turn to Page 2)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 -(AP) The reported presence of a "large number of unidentified surface here Thursday, but the navy an-nounced later the report was "considered in error."

It came from a naval patrol at

The force was reported 450 miles offshore proceeding eastward. The resultant alert affected only service personnel and po-lice, who were ordered to their

A statement by Vice Adm. John W. Greenslade shortly before NEW YORK, Dec. 3.-(P)-The noon said a thorough search of

US Sinks 9 Ships, Round 3

Reinforcement Try at Guadalcanal Fails: Many Japs Drown

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON, Dec. 3-The Japanese came out for round three Monday night in the battle of Guadalcanal, the navy announced Thursday, but were beaten back again with nine of their ships sunk and thousands of their soldiers drowned.

The night engagement cost the United States one cruiser sunk "and other US vessels damaged," a communique reported, but none allied naval vessels, including five of the Japanese soldiers being brought in by transport set foot on shore except possibly as be-

Two Japanese troop transports and one cargo ship were sunk and six other escorting warships were sent to the bottom of the sea. These included four destroyers and two other vessels which were either cruisers or large destroyers.

Before the navy issued its communique, imperial headquarters in Tokyo had trumpeted the action not as an unsuccessful attempt to put reinforcements ashore at Guadalcanal but as "a fierce sinking of one American battleloss of only one of their own de-

Meanwhile American forces as ore on Guadalcanal hacked away at the Japanese left strand-ed there without reinforcements of men or fresh supplies, killing more than 100 of them in patrol skirmishes Tuesday and Wednesday (Guadalcanal date).

In the smashing naval victory of November 14-15, 28 Japanese ships were sunk and 10 damaged. Despite the crushing setback to the Japanese fleet, Secretary of the Navy Knox described the engagement as "round two" and (Turn to Page 2)

House Passes **Labor-Costs Farm Parity**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3-(/P)-In a surprise move, the house revived and passed unanimously Thursday a farm parity price bill which administration forces successfully opposed last September on the ground that it would add billions of dollars to the cost of living.

Offered by Rep. Pace (D-Ga.), the bill would force the government to include farm labor costs in the parity formula for the first time, and thus raise the parity, or night). "fair exchange," price of agricultural products. Some government economists have estimated that the revision would raise the parity level by 10 per cent.

Senator Thomas (D-Okla.), senate agriculture committee member, announced he would attempt to obtain prompt passage of the bill by the senate. Private predictions were heard that it would have sufficient strength in both tion against the enemy. chambers to override a presidential veto, if the president disap-

President Roosevelt has exressed "unalterable opposition' to altering the formula for parity, which is a price designed to give Of Degradation farm products the same purchas-ing power they had in a past period, usually 1909-14.
The Pace bill embraced the pro-

visions of the so-called Brown amendment (by Rep. Brown, Georgia democrat) to the anti-in-

Oregon Leads Big Year in Lumber

Ships Burn at Casablanca



This US navy aerial reconnaissance photo, taken the morning after the first attack by US forces on Casablanca, shows the French merchant ship Porthos on its side and another ship burning at the end of the large pier (circle at top), and four other ships (circles) on fire in the area outside the breakwater.—AP photo from US

'Play Ball' Yank Signal attack" by a Japanese "torpedo attack flotilla." Tokyo claimed the For Assault on Africa; type and two destroyers, to the loss of only one of their own de-

US Ships' Guns Cover Landing

That good old American baseball cry was the signal for the all-out attack on North Africa by allied forces in the early morning darkness of November 8, a survivor of the transport Tasker H. Bliss, sunk off French Morocco, related Thursday.

"The words were hardly spoken," said Lt. John Knight Hanrahan, former University of Pennsylvania law student, "when the guns of battleships and cruisers cut loose behind us.

"The navy had a job to do and did it. We went there to put the army's troops and equipment ashore, and we did. And before we left, Fedala was in American hands, and so was

The young navigation officer said the "daily work sheet" from the task force commender for Air Stations Sunday, November 8, read as fol-

"All hands will work continuously debarking cargo and sup- lishment of American air bases

"1. The words 'batter up" transmitted on the radio by a subordinate command signifies that the already moved into the famous French have taken hostile action. negro republic, and are already at Tunisian coast, while the RAI "2. The words 'play ball' trans- work hacking new airports out of used its light and medium bombmitted by the task force com- the jungles. mander signifies that all forces are to take vigorous and offensive ac- action was taken at the request

Congress Warned To 'Reichstag'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3-(AP)-A personnel. protest that congress might be re-duced to the same state of imquest for authority to suspend capital, soon.

PORTLAND, Dec. 3-(P)-State
Sen. W. H. Steiwer, Fossil, aspirant to the presidency of the presidency of the presidency of the pledged vote of Sen. H. R.

Kauffman, Toledo.

Sen. Dorothy McCullough Lee, Multinomah, in announcing the pledged votes of 15 of the same neighborhood as Abrapher of the same neighborhood as Abrapher of the same neighborhood as Moral members Wednesday in support of her bid for the presidency.

Mar makes replacements and replacements are the highest that "RAF planes are en route to bomb Italy. The alarm was the least and misused," Gearhar declarations the that "the United States last year was the least the highest that "RA

18 Year-Old Gob

Says Crew Calm

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8-(A)

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3.-(AP)-An 18 - year - old Baltimore seaman who was aboard one of the five US navy transports which the navy department announced Thursday had been sunk in the North African campaign, said his ship was torpedoed twice after it had landed American troops at Fedala, French Morocco.

Hubert Kirchner, a seaman second class, said friendly Moroceans had helped to unload the ship. After they had taken food and supplies off, the vessel anchored three miles offshore. A torpedo struck the ship at

(Turn to Page 2) Liberia Lets **US** Establish

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3-(P)-A stronger American grip on north ('condition four' means continu- Africa, and increased domination ous battle stations. The figures of the south Atlantic narrows was mean from 12 midnight to 12 mid- indicated Thursday by a state department announcement that Li- at Sidi Ahmed airfield near Blz

> Troops of the United States, largely negro detachments, have

The state department said that of Liberia, which felt that because "All forces will be governed ac- of its geographical situation it was in danger of attack and wanted to "safeguard the independence and security of the republic."

Under the agreement which followed, the department added, Li-beria retains its sovereignty un-Further to emphasize its clo

cooperation with the United potence as Hifler's reichstag was voiced Thursday by Rep. Gear-hart (R-Calif) as the house ways and means committee began hearings on President Rossevelt's re-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(A)—
Lumber production in the United States last year was the highest since 1929, the census bureau reported Thursday said the Liberian government has decided "on a policy of full collaboration with the United Nations during the existing the check up before it finds itself hostilities."

48-Hour Losses Equal

Djedeida Site of Big Battle; Air Forces Blast at Germans

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED FORCE HEAD-QUARTERS IN NORTH AFRI-CA, Dec. 3-(AP)-Allied tank forces prepared for another smash at strong German positions 12 miles west of Tunis Thursday after a 48-hour battle which resulted in about equal losses on both sides."

The action was fought near Diedeida, 12 miles west of Tunis, and "the battlefield was dotted with wrecked tanks," a headquar-ters spokesman said.

Djedeida has changed hands several times, he said, but the allies now are holding the western part of the village while American and British airmen continue to blast both Tunis and Bizerte on the northern coast.

A communique earlier said another big action was fought Tuesday at Tebourba, 20 miles west of Tunis and 35 miles south of Bizerte, when allied tanks repulsed nazi armored forces "with considerable destruction of enemy equipment." The fighting still is going on in the Tebourba area.

The spokesman said: "The Germans made an all-out Diedeida, and Tebourba with panzer attack for it is obvious that who holds this triangle eventual-

and Bizerte.

They failed, but the losses rave been heavy on both sides and the battlefield was dotted with wreck-"We hold the western part of

Djedeida which has change hands several times in the battle." Allied airmen and the British navy were giving all possible aid to the attacking ground forces, sprinkling the "bomb alley" area between Tunisia and Sicily with burning and sunken ships and blasting huge craters in axis-held airfields still being

used in the constricted Bizerte Tunis areas. The British navy striking under the cover of darkness Tuesday night caught an axis convoy in the Mediterranean narrows which was trying to ferry supplies and probably troop reinforcements to Tunisia. Big British naval guns sank or left on fire four merchant ships and three Italian destroyers in this first surface blow at axis sea com-

Two of the axis merchant ships were believed to be troopships. The allied commi that "much damage has been done" to axis airdromes, espe ly at Tunis, and a spokesman Flying Fortresses with a P-3

beria had consented to the estab- te and also the docks and naval port, scoring hits on ships and in-American medium bombers atat Gabes, on the sou

> ers to blast Tunis and Bizerte f both a day and night offensive. The communique said six axis planes were destroyed Wednesday, but a spokesman of the 12th air force said a recapita tion of US airmen's activities showed that eight axis planes were destroyed, five in c

and three on the ground Twenty one more planes were impaired, but the United States damaged, he said, six in com-is to have jurisdiction over all bat and 15 on the ground, in the stubborn fight for aerial suprem-

