

6 Jap Ships Probably Sunk In Kula Gulf Engagement

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Frank Knox said he had received additional details and was able to report "The Japs have taken another damned good licking."

The sea battle there in a body of water 15 miles long and about eight miles across at its widest part had been predicted by the appearance on the night of July 4 and in the predawn of July 5 of American warships which bombarded Bairoko Anchorage on New Georgia, the point through which the enemy's menaced air base of Munda is supplied.

Destroyer Strong Lost

During the bombardment the United States destroyer Strong was sunk, the navy reported from Washington. The sinking of the cruiser in the later naval battle was the third ship announced as lost in the Solomons since the Pacific offensive opened June 30.

During the landings on Rendova island, the troopship McCawley was sunk by combined Japanese air and submarine action after it had discharged its troops.

Today's continuing air actions, in which the Japanese recognized the growing menace to their air bases in the north Solomons by persistently challenging American control of the skies, was foreseen in earlier reports from south Pacific headquarters (in which area the Solomons is located). Spokesmen at headquarters there said the Japanese would be forced to send over more and more of their planes.

The nine planes announced as shot down at Kula gulf and Rendova increased to 166 the number bagged over the Solomons area since the new offensive got under way.

Highlights of Offensive

In the first week of an offensive extending over a 700-mile arc from the Solomons to New Guinea, these were the highlights:

1. Rendova island within artillery shelling distance of the Munda air base on New Georgia seized and conquered in a single day.
2. Viru harbor, on New Georgia across a narrow channel of water from Rendova, conquered.
3. Vangunu island just southeast of New Georgia, seized and completely occupied (an announcement made Tuesday from south Pacific headquarters).
4. A beachhead established within 12 miles of the Japanese air base of Salamaua, northeastern New Guinea, at Nassau bay, toward which Australians moved from points inland to effect a junction. Salamaua now is threatened from three sides by Australian and American patrols.
5. Japan's big air fortress of Rabaul, New Britain, pounded in repeated waves by 100 tons of bombs which have cut down the weight of air blows with which the enemy might parry the allied drive.
6. Drawing out of elements of the Japanese navy with the resultant triumph in the Kula gulf.

Nip Sea Losses 65-80

(Dispatches from Washington placed total Japanese naval losses in the Solomons since the outbreak of the war at between 65 and 80 ships as against about 40 of ours.)

For the fourth time within a week, the communiqué directed attention at allied shipping in the Arafura sea between Australia and New Guinea.

Today's communiqué said three Japanese float planes and four medium bombers attempted to attack a small allied convoy in daylight but were driven off by allied fighters escorting the ships.

The raid reported on Darwin caused slight damage to ground installations. The seven enemy planes downed included five bombers and two fighters. Two other bombers were listed as probably destroyed and two damaged. Three of the pilots of the seven ships we lost were saved and three others were seen to bail out.

Four hundred miles northwest of Darwin, allied medium bombers started fires and explosions on Penfui airdrome at Koepang on Dutch Timor.

Enemy Village Bombed

On Dutch New Guinea, the Japanese held village of Keaukwa near Kaukenau was bombed by two-engine raiders. Also on Dutch New Guinea, four-engine bombers struck at the airdrome of Babo in adverse weather.

In the New Guinea battle sector, nine Japanese bombers and four fighters "ineffectively raided" the Bena Bena area 90 miles northwest of Lae. This inland area is known to have had emergency landing fields before the war but the infrequent raids made by the enemy there have been reported without elaboration.

Near Lae, above Salamaua, bombers struck at Labu lagoon where the enemy has been known to secret supply barges.

Some five miles from Salamaua, patrol clashes were reported at Bobdubi.

Today's communiqué said the 15-plane raid on Nassau bay caused no damage.

It also reported a raid, previously announced from Washington, of an attack by big Liberator bombers on the Japanese airdrome at Ballale island in the Shortland Islands below Bougainville. The raiders dropped 22 tons of high explosives which started fires. Despite interception by 12 fighters, all returned safely.

Commission Concerned by Highway Plan

PORTLAND, July 6.—(P)—The state highway commission expressed concern Tuesday over governmental failure to approve construction of a new section of US highway 101 around the enlarged Astoria airport.

Members, holding a pre-session before Wednesday's regular monthly meeting, warned that unless approval is granted soon either the airport extension which bisects the present highway cannot be used until next year or there will be no highway connection between Seaside and Astoria.

Merle Chessman, Astoria, said the navy has spent between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 on the airport. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, estimated the highway extension would cost approximately \$500,000.

7 German Airplanes Are Downed

LONDON, July 6.—(P)—Royal Air Force fighters on sweeps over northern France and along the French shores from Dieppe to Dunkerque knocked down seven German fighter planes Tuesday while German reports of British bomber raids on Germany Monday night remained unconfirmed.

The seven Nazi fighters—Focke-Wulf 109s and Messerschmitt 109s—were struck down by pilots of a Canadian and Polish wing forming a large Spitfire formation, the air ministry news service reported.

Five fell to the Poles and two to the Canadians. The commander of a Canadian squadron destroyed one Messerschmitt inland from Boulogne and then the engine of his plane cut out. He glided 30 miles back to England and landed safely at an airdrome.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

More than a smile glowed on her wholesomely attractive face as she greeted friends on High street in Salem on Tuesday. So entrancing did I find the joy written there that I could not bring myself to ask her name although she turned and smiled at me, too.

To the young woman friend who greeted her with "Heard from your husband yet?" she responded in almost a trill "Yes—yes! He was in the battle for Tunisia, and he can tell it now, but, of course, he wouldn't tell me until it was all over!"

Naturally, it was the knowledge that he was well and safe that brought the brightness to the young wife's face, but perhaps part of the glow of pride came in remembering the time he had not told her until the crisis was past of some business worry—or, even, for she is young, of difficulties with college grades.

United Nations Festival Set

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mittee members said. However, national groups taking part have already sought services of trained groups of folk dancers from Portland as well as from closer valley points.

Represented at Tuesday night's meeting of the Russian War Relief committee, in which group the idea was originally discussed, were Sons of Norway, with Mrs. Louis C. Ramus present; Norwegian War Relief, by Theodore G. Nelson; Bundles for Britain, by Mrs. Taylor Hawkins; and Mrs. Roy Simmons; the American-Czechoslovak alliance, by Anton Benes of route two, Scio; Greek War Relief, by George Paulus; Salem Jewish congregation, by Dave Holtzman and Harry Weinstein. Mrs. Suey Been Fong, unable to attend, has agreed to represent China Relief. Mrs. Frank Spears, Russian War Relief chairman here, presided.

Woodlot Tiff Halts Zoning Law Passage

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signs placed in front of the First Methodist church during hours of the weekly blood donor service there, turned over to committee the request of a sand and gravel company for authority to rent the city concrete mixer over a 30-day period to mix 2000 yards of concrete should it get a war job on which it is bidding, and directed to committee also the suggestion of army engineers that the city exchange deeds with Lee U. Eyerly so that both Salem and Eyerly will actually own the property in the Salem airport area which has been commonly accepted as theirs. A survey of the grounds showed that the Eyerly Aircraft plant fences actually cut off a piece of the airport and leave part of Eyerly's property in the port territory.

Peyton New Breweryman President

John Peyton, Portland, was elected president of the Salem Brewery association to succeed George Stackman, San Francisco, when directors of the association met Tuesday morning following their election at the annual meeting of shareholders.

Warren Pohle, who left the directorate several years ago, was elected to its membership again Tuesday. Jim Linn was re-elected and Walt Gerner and Tom Holman elected to complete the all-Salem board.

Since leaving Salem in 1941, after three years' residence here, Stackman has resided in San Francisco, where he has malt interests.

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Two-Day Toll Of Germans Hits 13,000

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issued announcing the Belgorod penetration, but it asserted that the German onslaught was held at all other points.

"In the Belgorod direction, at a cost of heavy losses, the enemy was able to advance somewhat in some sectors," said the bulletin, recorded by the Soviet Monitor. Along the entire Orel-Kursk-Belgorod front the Russian defenders destroyed or disabled a total of 1,371 tanks in two days, 423 of them Tuesday the bulletin declared. In addition, 111 more German planes were shot down, raising the two-day total to 314.

The 13,000 marks killed represented only a small part of the German casualties. The two special communiques issued in the first two days of the offensive have failed to mention casualties, and the 13,000 represents a total of Germans killed only in individual actions on scattered sectors.

The midnight communiqué added 3,000 German dead to a previously reported total of 10,000 in the first 36 hours of the gigantic battle.

These 3,000 officers and men, the Russians said, were wiped out by one formation in the Orel-Kursk direction where a 400 tank German attack was stopped at a cost of 110 enemy tanks. German tanks and infantry attacked in this sector "constantly," the communiqué said.

As the Russians turned in their report on the second day of the Nazi's big summer offensive, it appeared, on the basis of acknowledged German gains, that Hitler's strategists may be attempting to turn the Russians' southern flank with the bloody power of the offensive's opening momentum.

From the Russian figures of Nazi plane and tank losses alone it seemed that the Germans were pushing with more than they ever had amassed at one point before.

House Group Eyes Boost In US Taxes

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(P)—The house ways and means committee Tuesday decided to start work September 8 on legislation to obtain new and higher wartime taxes, with first emphasis on digging deeper into the pockets of persons with war-swollen incomes.

The treasury's goal is \$12,000,000,000 in revenue annually above present collections.

In a special session as a congressional recess neared, the tax-framing committee:

1. Requested the committee staff and the treasury to suggest alternative means of raising additional revenue, with specific instructions "to study and report on the feasibility of raising additional revenue by means of an individual excess-profits tax."

2. Agreed there would be no retroactive taxes—that the main features of the new tax bill would not become effective before January 1, 1944.

Center Street State Highway

Center street from Commercial to Capitol was accepted as part of the Oregon highway system Tuesday by state highway commissioners at their Portland meeting. Announcement of the acceptance came from Secretary H. B. Glasgow to City Engineer J. H. Davis. Immediate expenditures of \$10,000 in repairing the surface, broken under heavy army vehicles, would not be out of place, Davis said, as he pointed out that no allocation was voted Tuesday.

Potato Crop Dusted

Central Oregon potato growers started protection of an expected bumper crop by dusting preparatory to the first invasion of flea beetles.

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Price Branch Establishment In WFA Plan

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(P)—The war food administration Tuesday established a price branch headed by Austin C. Hoffman, former co-director of the food price division of the office of price administration, in a move to bring about closer cooperation among government agencies on food and farm price policies.

The price branch was placed under the food distribution administration of the WFA, which is directed by Roy F. Hendrickson.

Its establishment follows a long period marked by controversies between the WFA and OPA over food prices and policies. These controversies played a part in the replacement of Secretary of Agriculture Wickard by Chester C. Davis as WFA administrator last March and in Davis' resignation last week.

Marvin Jones, successor to Davis, authorized establishment of the price branch in an effort to develop smoother dealings with other agencies on price matters.

Arms Output Has No Gain

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weight tons, WPB said Tuesday there was a decline of four per cent in the volume of work actually put in place in the yards. WPB's index of ship production is not based on deliveries but on the volume of work actually done in a given period.

Nelson disclosed that during the rest of this year it will be necessary to draw upon accumulated supplies of steel, copper and aluminum to meet production schedules, since the output of these materials will be insufficient to meet the goals.

School Board Okehs Budget, Hires Teachers

Members of the school board for the Salem public schools met Tuesday night to approve the budget as previously read and to elect Don Young chairman for the coming school year.

At the same meeting board members voted to meet only once a month for the rest of the summer and granted positions and contracts to C. C. Ward, clerk; Miss Margaret Shipley, physical education teacher at the Salem senior high school, and Miss Nola Clark, elementary teacher.

Members of the board also granted leave of absence to Ethel Randall and accepted the resignation of Miss Ella Deneo.

Depositories for school funds were listed as the US National bank, regular school funds, and the Salem First National bank, war production training funds.

Only 9000 Miners Out

PITTSBURGH, July 6.—(P)—The big, two-week coal strike ebbed Tuesday as United Mine Workers district officers reported less than 9,000 of the nation's 521,000 miners remained away from the pits—all of them in the great producing state of Pennsylvania.

By Wednesday, union leaders predicted all workers would be on the job.

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How Oregon's Congressmen Voted

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(P)—The votes of Washington and Oregon congressmen on measures before them included:

On the senate's vote to continue wheat and cotton insurance in the agriculture department's appropriation bill—McNary (R-Ore.), Holman (R-Ore.) in favor.

On the senate's refusal to increase the \$3,561,000 item for the office of war information domestic operations to \$5,561,000—McNary for the increase; Holman against.

On the house's refusal to restore about \$48,000,000 for the national youth administration—the republicans, Angell, Ellsworth, Mott and Stockman of Oregon against.

All Oregon house members voted to accept a senate amendment to the interior department appropriation bill to increase Bonneville administration funds by \$87,000, but the proposal was defeated.

Dishwasher Badly Burned In Hot Fat

Corliss Lightner, 14, of 915 South 12th street, dishwasher at a downtown coffee shop, suffered second degree burns of both feet and above the ankles, of buttocks and of his right hand, when he stepped into a tub of hot fat in the restaurant kitchen late Tuesday night, and, shocked by the heat, sat down.

City first aid men said a young woman employe put Lightner in a car and took him to their station because she was informed the first aid car was no longer in use, but the red mercy automobile carried the lad to Salem Deaconess hospital, and Capt. Percy Clark declared emphatically that for serious injury cases the car still travels.

Dorothy Polanski, 12, of 1595 Berry street, who tried to interfere in a fight between her own and a neighbor's dog had her right hand dressed by first aiders Tuesday night. They said the bite was severe.

Lumber Group Sets Hearing Date

PORTLAND, Ore., July 6.—(P)—The west coast lumber commission Tuesday set July 27 for hearings on AFL and CIO demands for new wage increases in the Douglas fir and plywood industries.

The AFL seeks a boost to \$1.05 an hour and the CIO to \$1.02½. Present scale is 90 cents hourly.

Italians Say '8th' in East

BERN, Switzerland, July 6.—(P)—A Sofia dispatch quoting the Giornale D'Italia said Tuesday a great portion of the British Eighth army is concentrated in Iraq, Iran and Syria, and said that Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, its head, is reported to be in Baghdad.

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Mystery Planes Bomb Oklahomans

BOISE CITY, Okla., July 6.—(P)—This wheat belt county east town blacked out hurriedly shortly after midnight Tuesday as one or more low flying unidentified aircraft aimed six bombs on buildings and streets with little damage.

Nobody was hurt but there were fairly close calls and six investigating army officers swept late hours by airplane shortly before dawn while residents combed notes on the strange climax to the Fourth of July celebration, and some hunters collected bomb fragments.

The Baptist church and a garage were damaged as the airplanes circled repeatedly over the Cimarron county community dropping the explosives which made little noise and failed to awaken many people, it was related by F. T. Krieger, associate editor of the Boise City News.

Krieger said the missiles came from one plane and stopped their popping only when the city's light plant master switch was cut.

Reid to Attend Meet

Dr. David E. Reid, Lebanon, is one of two Oregon osteopaths scheduled to attend the war service conference of the American Osteopathic association in Detroit this month.

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