

Yank Troops Take Beachheads Near Japs' Munda Air Base; Sea Victory Toll Expanded

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under fire. All were either sunk or afire within 15 minutes. one was beached.

Enemy Escape Foiled

"Later during rescue of survivors from the light cruiser Helena (the American warship lost) our destroyers intercepted and sank two of three enemy ships attempting to escape from the gulf and damaged the third."

At the other end of the 700-mile battle arc where American and Australians hold positions near Salamaua, New Guinea, allied planes dropped more than 100 tons of bombs on Japanese positions near Mubo.

The communique announcement that the Japanese definitely lost nine ships in the Kula gulf battle, which occurred the night of July 5 and in the predawn of July 6, increased the extent of the American triumph.

Tuesday's communique had reported that six enemy ships probably were sunk and four damaged as against the loss on our side of a cruiser, since disclosed to be the USS Helena.

(The progress of the American offensive in the Solomons was admitted Wednesday in a left-handed way by Tokyo radio in a broadcast to Italy: "Their efforts are simply desperate," the broadcast, recorded in New York by OWI, said. "Let us admit with complete frankness the surprising stubbornness of the enemy.")

Important Hill Captured

In addition to reporting the aerial bombardment at Mubo which is 12 miles below Salamaua, the communique also announced the capture by Australians of an important hill there.

The Japanese continued to send more planes against Rendova Island, seized in the central Solomons June 30 within artillery shelling distance of Munda. In the latest raid, they lost 12 bombers and fighters, the communique said.

Japanese losses in this sector alone now approximate 180.

The Munda air base, on which the Americans now have increased their pressure with the new landings, was first developed by the Japanese last December but they have been unable to make much out of it because of repeated poundings it has been given from the air.

In American hands, it would provide an airdrome within fighter plane range of the big Japanese air and shipping fortress of Rabaul, New Britain.

The peril to Munda figured in the Kula gulf naval battle. American warships had gone into the narrow body of water in order to pound Munda's main source of supply at Bairoko Anchorage, 12 miles above it. Munda previously had been cut off from any possible aid from South New Georgia by American landings at Viru harbor and seizure below the island of Vangunu.

Nip Airdrome Bombed

Three hundred miles above Australia in the Timor islands, two-engine allied raiders bombed and strafed the enemy airdrome on the island of Selaru, attacked nearby villages occupied by the Japanese, started a fire in a fuel dump and silenced an anti-aircraft position.

In an amplification of the raid of enemy planes on Darwin, reported in yesterday's communique, it was announced that 10 bombers and two fighters were destroyed out of a force of 58 raiders and three bombers and a fighter were damaged.

It previously had been reported that seven defending spitfires were lost but that three pilots were saved and three others were observed bailing out.

The fighting and air action in the area of Salamaua, north-eastern New Guinea, was the most extensive reported since Americans landed at Nassau bay on the coast below Salamaua on June 30.

Ohioan Honored



Major James G. Carl of Columbus, Ohio, is pictured receiving the British government's distinguished service medal from Air Chief Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas (right). Major Carl led a history-making air raid of the United States fighter group on Palm Sunday when 75 enemy aircraft were shot down.—AP photo.

Asks Heart Balm



Miss Lucy Adams (above), 21-year-old Sunday school teacher and choir singer, has sued her pastor, Rev. George Griffin, 35, for \$10,000 heart balm. She charged that the evangelist broke the news to her that the wedding was off on the day of the ceremony. He is pastor of the Northwest Gospel Tabernacle in Kansas City, Mo.—Associated Press Telegram.

Fire Razes Bend Park

BEND, Ore., July 7—(AP)—Fire swept Bend's recreation center and ball park late Wednesday, destroying the new unit of the grandstand and thousands of dollars in equipment used in the annual mirror pond water pageant.

City and pageant officials said they were unable to estimate the loss immediately. Only the old unit of the ball park grandstand was left standing.

Nazi Planes Over Anglia

LONDON, July 7—(AP)—The air ministry and the ministry of home security issued this joint communique Wednesday night:

This evening two enemy fighters made a brief appearance over an east Anglian coastal district and one was destroyed.

Only slight damage was done by machine gun fire and no one was injured.

Eugene Fire Visible Here

EUGENE, Ore., July 7—(AP)—A grass fire flared Wednesday night on the property of the Mogan Lumber company near here but the blaze was controlled without damage to company buildings or lumber stocks.

The fire was visible for many miles. Salem residents reported seeing the glow a distance of about 80 miles airline.

Cherry Pickers Still Needed

Though cherry harvest activity expressed in tonnage was dropping off Wednesday, pickers for several new orchards were sought and the need for pickers was enhanced by the transfer of some who had been engaged in this harvest to berry picking. Walter Snyder of the emergency farm labor service reported. Persons desiring to pick cherries are advised to communicate with the United States employment office.

ON THE HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

No plea from a telephone company to leave lines unglutted by long distance calls could have kept one anxious mother in Beatrice, Neb., from calling Sheriff A. C. Burk in Salem early this week.

A daughter, who had been visiting in the home of a sister in Salem, had failed to arrive on July 4, although she had planned to be home "by the Fourth," and when Sunday rolled around with still no girl arriving on the train, the lady called.

So, the sheriff mounted his trusty Olds and drove out to the address given him.

The answer? You've guessed it. Daughter had tried, unsuccessfully to get a ticket home. Andy's ire rose. Why didn't she write. Ah, she had, but the letter, too, had been delayed.

War regulations interfere with even the most simple eating habits.

There is a Salem lady who likes wheat—just plain untreated wheat—well-cleaned and cooked as her morning cereal. That is, she used to like it.

Uncle has paid out good money for posters to urge us to eat more cereals, but the Salem lady can't get 'em to eat.

When she asked the man at the store for wheat, he asked her "why for?" she wanted it. When told, he expressed his regrets: "Sorry, ma'am, we can't sell it to you unless you promise it's to be used to feed chicken or hogs." Oh, well, maybe someday she can have chicken or bacon for breakfast.

Liquor Supply Problem Acute

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It's a pint a week in Washington state, North Carolina, Montana, Virginia and Oregon, but observers in Oregon and Washington report that the boys there are getting more by having their wives—and even their secretaries—register for permits.

In Kentucky, famed for its bourbon and mint juleps, the state alcoholic beverage control board has placed the limit at "a case a week," but some retailers are allowing only a pint a week.

Retailers in other states are restricting customers to a bottle at a time.

Taft Urges Looser Check On Radios

WASHINGTON, July 7—(AP)—A new congressional definition of the authority of the federal communications commission over broadcasting was demanded Wednesday by Senator Taft (R-Ohio), who charged that an administration "passion for government control" threatens the freedom of both press and radio.

He cited the government's anti-trust suit against the Associated Press as an illustration of what he called "reckless disregard for freedom of the press" and asserted that it has been only "the ingrained insistence of our people that has prevented any great progress towards actual suppression of the freedom of newspapers and magazines."

He called radio "the blood brother of the newspaper as an instrument of free speech" and said the broadcasters had been brought under closer control than congress had intended.

Retail Store Sales Rise

WASHINGTON, July 7—(AP)—Sales increased 23 per cent in 532 independent retail stores in Oregon during May, 1943, over May, 1942, the bureau of census reported Wednesday. The stores did not include department stores.

Sales were up 26 per cent for the first five months of the year. Salem independent retailers reported sales up about 3 per cent in May over the same month last year. Cities under 10,000 showed increases of 14 to 23 per cent.

Henry Luce At Lostine

PENDLETON, July 7—(AP)—Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas was host Wednesday at his summer home near Lostine to Henry Luce, editor of Time-Life magazines, who arrived here by plane. Luce planned to continue his trip east tonight.

RAF Sweeps

LONDON, July 7—(AP)—An air ministry communique Wednesday night: During the day Mustangs, Typhoons and Spitfires carried out offensive patrols and sweeps over northern France and the low countries. Two of our aircraft are missing.

30,000 Nazis Dead in 3-Day Battle Toll

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army, and not the Germans, had launched an offensive. Berlin broadcasts heard here last night made it clear that the Germans now were admitting their troops were engaged in another major offensive.

"Hitler could not afford to wait until summer was over without any action on the part of the German army," said the Moscow announcement.

The German aim in starting the huge drive last Monday was the quick encirclement and annihilation of Russian forces holding the Kurak salient above Belgorod, the statement added, but it said that plan has been frustrated by the red army.

"It is clear that the Germans hoped to crush the soviet defenses and achieve big operational successes in the first days of the offensive," said the announcer in commenting on Germany's silence at the outset of the drive.

Two special bomber forces and a special fighter force were transferred from western Europe to the eastern front between June 9 and 29 to aid in the push, it was said. Axis plane strength elsewhere on the Russian front also was stripped to make possible the great concentration between Belgorod and Orel, the Moscow radio said.

Fifteen tank divisions, one motorized division, and 14 infantry divisions are being used in the offensive, it added.

The German advance was made in great battle fury during which lines and trenches and even entire villages changed hands time and again.

The Russians said their troops were counterattacking late last night and "are now fighting to restore the position."

The Russians said that elsewhere along the fiery front the Germans were stopped cold.

The loss of the "few villages" was acknowledged in the soviet midnight communique recorded here by the Soviet Monitor. Earlier a special communique had told of the Germans' rushing up vast reserves and listed huge new tank and plane losses which stagger the imagination.

During Wednesday alone, the Russians said, the Germans lost 520 tanks and 229 planes, making a three-day total of 1,681 tanks and 649 planes. The number of Germans killed, which the Russians are not attempting to total, is more than 13,000 listed in scattered sectors.

Wednesday's Nazi tank toll included 40 crack 60-ton "Tiger" tanks, the Germans' latest land battleships.

Guns Firing Off Coast

SEATTLE, July 7—(AP)—Mariners were warned by the coast guard Wednesday to avoid areas along the Washington and Oregon coasts, the straits of Juan de Fuca and Admiralty inlet because of gunfire.

Firing will continue daily up to and including Monday in an area from Desdemona Sands light to the seaward end of both jetties and 5000 yards seaward from Peter Iredale to North Head. There will be gunfire tomorrow from 1 to 6 p.m. from the Oregon coast seaward from shore between latitude 44 degrees north and 44 degrees 18 minutes north.

Ruby Keeler Has Daughter

HOLLYWOOD, July 7—(AP)—Naval Lieutenant John Lowe, somewhere in the Pacific, will be vitally interested to know that Mrs. Lowe, the former Ruby Keeler, gave birth to a daughter Tuesday.

Her physician, Dr. Donald G. Tollefson, reported Wednesday the former actress and her child were doing fine and said he hoped that a cable he sent to Lieutenant Lowe reaches him.

This is Mrs. Lowe's first child. She was formerly married to Jazz Singer Al Jolson.

White Sox Hurler Out

CHICAGO, July 7—(AP)—Manager Jimmy Dykes of the Chicago White Sox announced Wednesday he had suspended Pitcher Edgar "Lefty" Smith indefinitely for being out of condition.

Smith was known last year as "Hard Luck" Edgar because of the numerous games he lost on one run or close decisions.

This year he has won four and lost six games.

Poliomyelitis Near Epidemic

AUSTIN, Tex., July 7—(AP)—Dr. George Cox, Texas state health officer, said Wednesday that poliomyelitis (in a fatal, paralytic) was assuming epidemic proportions in some sections of the state. Department figures showed 80 new cases of poliomyelitis reported this week compared with 39 a week ago, Dr. Cox said.

Statistician Says Farmers Getting Less for Goods Than Same Period in 1918

SEATTLE, July 7—(AP)—H. C. R. Stewart, senior federal agricultural statistician here, Wednesday presented figures showing that farmers are getting less for grain, hay, milk, eggs and butter now than they did at the same stage of World War I. The same compilation shows higher prices, however, on potatoes, apples, lamb, beef cattle and chickens.

(Simultaneously, he presented figures showing that (considering prices they have to pay) farmers in mid-June received twice as much as they did in mid-June, 1940, while industrial workers pay advanced 241 per cent during approximately the same period.)

"Some confusion apparently exists in the minds of our farmers, consumers and industrial workers regarding an actual comparison of average prices received by Washington farmers during World War I and World War II," said the government press release.

"Prices received 16 months after the declaration of war in each period appear to give the comparison which (except for seasonal trends) permit equal war-boom influences. . . . As an added explanation of the mid-June, 1943, farm prices of potatoes and apples, which appear almost double the October, 1918, price: Stocks in June were very short and could not be replenished until new (1943) production was available. "For potatoes, a similar situation occurred in June, 1920, when Washington farmers sold storage potatoes at \$4.23 per bushel. And in mid-June, 1919, growers received an average of \$3 per box for all apples sold."

The comparative farm prices:

Wheat, bu.	Oct. 1918	June 1943
Barley, bu.	1.26	1.14
Potatoes, 60-lb. bu.	1.26	2.40
Beef, cwt.	11.10	14.60
Lamb, cwt.	12.50	12.50
Beef cattle, cwt.	8.50	12.50
Loss tame hay, t.	25.00	12.50
Whole milk, cwt.	1.15	1.25
Eggs, doz.	35	35
Farm butter, lb.	40	40
Apples, average, lb.	1.51	1.50

British Jab At Crete Isle

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100-mile length and a garrison which probably numbers at least 10 divisions. The island has been constantly reinforced since the Germans captured it in 1941 and new units probably have been sent there in recent weeks. Although three-fifths of the island's soldiers are Italians, there is a German officer in command.

Rhodes is less heavily defended, but reports say much defense work has been done recently on the island which nestles close to neutral Turkey's shores.

Gen. Giraud In Capital For War Talk

WASHINGTON, July 7—(AP)—General Henri Honoré Giraud came to Washington Wednesday for military talks as the French committee of national liberation, headed by Giraud and General Charles De Gaulle, acted to relieve Admiral Georges Robert from his command in the French West Indies.

From Algiers the committee invested Henri Etienne Hoppenot, now in Washington, with extraordinary powers to negotiate with Robert for the return of Martinique and Guadeloupe to "the unified empire," meaning their alignment in the fight against the axis.

It also appointed Brigadier General Henri Jacoby to supersede Robert as commanding officer in French Guinea and the Antilles, which include Martinique and Guadeloupe.

It's a Boy For Ross's

HOLLYWOOD, July 7—(AP)—Actress Shirley Ross gave birth to a son Wednesday. Wife of Ken Dolan, actor's agent, she said: "The baby weighed 7 pounds—right on the nose—and we've named him Ross Gaunt Dolan." The Dolans have another son, John Kenneth, 2.

Bike Thefts Up

Portland bicycle thefts have gone up sharply this year, reported Detective Ted Hirsch, who blamed the increase on workers who need transportation.

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Motorbike Plates Are Approved

WASHINGTON, July 7—(AP)—The war production board relaxed Wednesday its order against the production of motor vehicle license plates to permit states to manufacture one 1944 plate for each vehicle, instead of the customary two.

The order permits states to use metal on hand, or sheet and strip steel not heavier than #2 gauge and listed as title or excess inventory with the steel recovery corporation. Specific authorization must be obtained from WPB to purchase the steel.

To conserve steel, WPB in March, 1942, issued an order permitting only the manufacture of small date tabs and replacements for lost or damaged plates, and at that time intended to continue the plan for the duration of the war.

Many states have recently reported, however, that license plates are becoming illegible, and must be replaced. WPB said replacing of old plates would involve a loss of time and waste of materials out of proportion to the saving of metal.

The new license plates will be limited to the maximum size of the 1942 plates issued by the various states.

Subsidy Plan Tieup Break Is Expected

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hours in two sessions today and broke up until tomorrow morning with Senate Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky reporting "no progress."

Some other conferees on the subsidy issue, however, were more optimistic. There were even predictions, inspired by the appropriations calendar that the legislative calendar might be cleared in time to permit the summer recess to begin Friday.

Outside subsidies, the most direct disagreement was on the question of requiring senate confirmation of all employees of a score of war agencies who are paid more than \$4,500 a year.

Conferees reported no common ground on that matter.

Farm Gas Slated

WASHINGTON, July 7—(AP)—Senator Capper (R-Kan.) said Wednesday he had been advised by Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum administrator, that a priority system will be announced, possibly Thursday, to assure farmers sufficient supplies of gasoline for their tractors.

Oregon Tops Bond Sales

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7—(AP)—Oregon led the nation in per capita purchases of war bonds for April and May with an average of \$26.28, E. C. Sammons, state war finance committee chairman, said Wednesday.

He said treasury department figures placed Oregon second for the past two years with a per capita average of \$129.21. Connecticut was first with \$132.68, he said, and Washington third with \$120.37.

Eleanor 'Dooding'

RENO, Nev., July 7—(AP)—Dore Wood, owner of the Tumbling DW dude ranch, revealed tonight Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has arrived at the ranch for a week's vacation and visit with personal friends.

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Investigators Followed Clues To Slayer

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District Attorney Bruce Spaulding of Dallas is issuing a formal application to the circuit court at Washington county for custody of the prisoner. He will be brought to Dallas within a few days to await trial.

Informed of the confession of Layton, Mayor F. R. Bowers of Mesquite refused to comment except to say that Layton had been an efficient official in many ways but was not retained when he asked for higher wages.

Layton has been married twice but apparently is unmarried now. L. Howard stated. He had been picked up in Salem about ten years ago charged with molesting women, according to Howard.

When he was arrested on the Washington county charge, he was operating a car with license plates which failed to agree with the make and age of the vehicle which he was driving. Engine serial numbers had been altered also, Howard said, but the car didn't figure in his connection with the Hildebrand murder.

Erie Flood Drives Many From Homes

AKRON, O., July 7—(AP)—Several hundred northern Ohio families were evacuated from their homes and war production was curtailed Wednesday as floods in several areas took at least one life and caused widespread damage.

An estimated 21,000 war workers here were made idle when two plant powerhouses were put out of action by high waters.

Goodyear Aircraft Corp. officials said 20,000 employees were unable to work because of water in the powerhouse and plants, and that production would not be resumed until Thursday morning. Another 7000 workers were idle at the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. for several hours, although partial production was resumed at 10 p.m.

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