

Thunderbolts Take Spotlight Over Wewak

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ing above Finschhafen, headquarters said the Japanese were slain in a series of counterattacks.

Meanwhile, Australians in the Ramu valley who are moving north within approximately 40 miles of the enemy coastal base of Madang are expanding their holdings by driving Japanese from outpost positions in high ground.

The Japanese airforce also was on the offensive in both the southwest and south Pacific. It made three raids against Lae, New Guinea, which were characterized as ineffective. In the Solomons, Japanese torpedo planes caused shipping damage in a raid on Guadalcanal.

Off Dutch New Guinea, allied Liberators sank a small enemy tanker.

A spokesman also said one out of a six-ship convoy off Buka in the northern Solomons had been damaged by air bombardment.

The 32 enemy fighters engaged in the Wewak sector were intercepted while escorting 12 bombers. No mention was made of losses by the allied fighter patrol.

In the Solomons, where the Japanese have pulled out of the central group of islands, American fighter planes attacked installations, started fires and silenced gun positions in the area of southern Bougainville. That is the last big base still held by the Japanese in the Solomons.

In nearby Choiseul island, from which some of the evacuated troops are awaiting transfer to Bougainville, American medium bombers and escorting fighters attacked large concentrations used for such transfers.

Northwest of Australia, allied medium bombers spread fires along the main wharf at Ambon on Ambon Island.

Monday, for the third day in succession, an allied patrol spotted and attacked a Japanese convoy between the Solomons and the New Ireland-New Britain area. The plane hit one of the six ships which were headed west between Buka and Cape St. George, New Ireland. The vessels may have been remnants of a force which was turned back the night of Oct. 6 of Vella Lavella by American destroyers which sank an enemy light cruiser and at least two destroyers.

OWI Predicts Further Cut In Gas Ration

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without regard to ownership, in order to avoid lost motion in getting oil from the nearest source to the point of war consumption; and to arrange purchases, sales exchanges and loans of oil products.

OWI gave this summary of the supply outlook:

Production in the midwest has declined from an average of 1,180,000 barrels a day in December, 1941, to 960,000 barrels daily in May, 1943. The petroleum administration for war estimates that production will drop another 70,000 barrels a day by the first quarter of 1944.

Production is on the rise in the southwest, but PAW states that with minor exceptions the only remaining oil fields capable of increasing supplies in any sizeable amount are those in west Texas.

Prospects for increased output in the Rocky mountain area are good, but the region produces only three per cent of the nation's total.

On the west coast, crude oil production has been stepped up from 630,000 barrels daily in December, 1941, to 770,000 barrels at present. However, military needs are making large inroads in petroleum stocks.

84 Million Oranges Arrive in England

LONDON, Wednesday, Oct. 13.—Citrus-hungry Britain learned today that 84,000,000 oranges had reached this country—for youngsters only.

Food Minister Lord Woolton said children up to five would receive two pounds of oranges each, and those between 5 and 16 would get one pound. Retailers must reserve their supplies for children for five days after receiving stocks, then the remainder can be cleared without restriction.

'Any Mail for Us?'



If there was any question as to what mail from home means to a soldier, look at the face of Corp. Clinton Colbert, mail messenger for his outfit on an island in the South Pacific, as he asks Corp. Tom Catalini, who'd just arrived on the mail boat, "Any mail for us?" (AP wirephoto from signal corps.)

Draft Quotas May Be Made Nation Wide

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The house military committee knocked out all allotment and allowance provisions from the senate's substitute for the Wheeler no-father draft bill today and sent the measure to subcommittee which probably will add the Kil-dray bill putting draft quotas on a nationwide basis.

The revised measure is expected to reach the house for a vote next week.

The committee eliminated the provisions for allowances to service men's dependents because they already have been covered in a separate measure which the house will debate tomorrow. The senate's allowances were somewhat higher than those proposed by the house committee, and an attempt to restore the original senate scale is expected to be made on the house floor.

In addition to increasing allowances, the senate measure tightens restrictions on deferment of childless government workers, provides pre-induction physical examinations and creates a commission to consider a possible lowering of army and navy physical standards as a means of getting men now deferred for physical reasons.

School Finally Collects on 'Grange Bill'

The long-standing account on Salem school district books, sometimes known as "the grange bill," incurred in the summer of 1940 when state grange sessions were held in the senior high school building, has been paid in full, school directors were told at their Tuesday night meeting.

Who paid the debt of approximately \$200 was not announced, although both the grange and the Salem chamber of commerce had never argued that it should not be paid. The trouble had lain simply in the refusal of either organization to consider the account its bill.

The chamber had promised to provide a meeting place if the state grange would convene here, Salem grange officials declared. No promise to pay costs of building operation during the convention was ever made by the chamber, that organization's representatives had maintained. The chamber did promise last year to see that the account was cleared up.

From emergency funds of the district will come monies to alter cafeteria arrangements at Richmond and to make possible cataloging of books at the Richmond library, to provide additional schools at senior high and Leslie shops, to construct makeup tables for the high school drama department and to provide some sort of heating system for the pre-vocational shops of the system. Directors were told prior to voting the funds that the total would run around \$1000 without the shop heating system.

Reds Advance On West Bank

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or destroyed the tanks in a half hour, it was reported.

Approximately a battalion of German infantry was reported wiped out by Red units in the Vitebsk area to the north.

The Germans did not expand on their report of the opening of the new Russian drive "north of Kiev."

The soviet daily operational communique said the Red army continued to widen the area it is winning back on the west bank of the Middle Dnieper, where it is closing in relentlessly on the Ukrainian capital of Kiev.

Moscow reported also that several populated places fell to the Russians in a continuing offensive against Vitebsk, where they were last reported about a score of miles away from their objective.

The only indication of the ferocity of the fighting was the statement that 80 German tanks were destroyed or disabled on all fronts on Monday alone, and 72 Nazi planes brought down. Dispatches to the Moscow press, however, filled in details.

Berlin made it clear that fighting in the Gomel area to the north was on a huge scale. One Nazi military commentator, Col. Ernst von Hammer, said the Germans had succeeded in "throwing back strong soviet forces eastward across the Sosh river."

On this front, said the commentator, the Russians left behind five 153 millimeter (Yainch) assault guns—unusually large mobile weapons.

North of Gomel, Berlin said in another broadcast, the Germans wiped out three Russian bridgeheads and destroyed two emergency bridges the Russians had built across the Sozh.

Tirpitz Wreck Called Definite Nazi Defeat

LONDON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Admiral Sir William James said tonight that the damaging of the Nazi battleship Tirpitz by midget British submarines marked a definite defeat for Germany's surface threat to allied sea supremacy.

The British chief of naval information declared in a broadcast that the Tirpitz could have done more harm to our convoys in a night than U-boats have in months if it had been able to break into the Atlantic.

Recapitulating results of allied vigilance against any developments of a German surface threat, capped by the crippling of the Tirpitz by midget submarines, which penetrated Allen Fjord in Norway, Sir William said:

"The Admiral Graf Spee and Bismarck have been sunk. The Onseisenau probably is out of action for good. The Scharnhorst, Lutzow, Admiral Scheer, Prinz Eugen and the Admiral Hipper have all been damaged more or less severely."

1,250,000 to Lose US Jobs After War

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—(AP)—A prediction that about 1,250,000 federal employees will lose their jobs after the war while states and cities will increase the number of their employees by about 500,000, was made today by Eliot Kaplan, executive secretary of the National Civil Service Reform League.

Kaplan told the convention of the civil service assembly of the United States and Canada that a heavy share of post-war reconstruction work would be borne by states and municipalities, creating the public employment shift.

Kaiser Elected Head Of Brewster Aircraft

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser, elected president of Brewster Aircraft corporation last Thursday, said today most of the corporation's labor problems have been ironed out.

ACHING—STIFF—SORE MUSCLES For Quick Relief RUB ON MUSTEROLE

Your Are Invited to Attend Portland's Gala 3-Night Dancing Fiesta For the Benefit of Wounded Veterans at the PALAIS ROYALE 20th and West Burnside, Portland Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Oct. 14, 15, 16 Music by Hal Brown's Nationally-Famed Albina Hellocks and Shurtell's Maestros

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ON THE HOME FRONT By ISABEL CHILDS

And they that dwell upon the earth... shall send gifts to one another.—Rev., 11:10.

Now, the author of the Book of Revelation looked ahead and saw many wonderful things which have not yet come to pass, but he merely hinted at others.

In a Salem drugstore Tuesday I stood behind a woman who was doing her Christmas shopping late. From beneath a counter, the proprietor pulled a glass jar of hard candy, smilingly assuring her he had been keeping it just for her son.

A pair of sox she herself had fashioned would go into the box as part of the packing; two bars of woody-smelling soap, a new strap for his watch, the most recent issue of the Reader's Digest and a classic or two "he had always liked" in paper binding—these almost completed the allotted five pounds, almost filled the permitted space.

Trifles, all of them, these gifts would never have appeared for places under the Christmas tree. In the middle east, in Sicily, in the south Pacific, they will loom larger than any tree, for they come from home, the woman who was doing the purchasing pointed out.

Although there was a drawn look about her face, the eyes glowed, and beside her a younger woman who had come in to pick up a prescription stopped to finger a k h a k i writing kit, asked pleasantly "October 15th's, the last day, isn't it?" bought the kit and some heather-scented soap and went out with a shining countenance.

Accustomed to expecting the Salvation Army's street-corner bell-ringers to remind me that Christmas is at hand, positive that there must be greens and holly to arouse my shopping instincts—even I came back to the office hastily to write a Christmas list. Now, I suppose I shall always think when the emperor grasps the green and red peppers, the fall squash and the sweet potatoes have made their appearance in the grocery stores that it is time to get that Christmas shopping done.

Hellcat Proves Great Fighter

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—First combat reports on the Hellcat, newest of the navy's fighting planes, showed today, the navy said, that it is "an excellent fighter, superior in all respects to the Zero and able to hold its own with the best the Japanese have to offer."

Designed specifically to meet the maneuverability of the Japanese Zero, the navy said the Hellcat "is bigger, faster, more maneuverable and a better climber than its predecessor," the Grumman Wildcat.

Initial combats brought destruction of 21 Zeros and loss of only two Hellcats. "In short," said a report from the Solomons where a Hellcat squadron is operating, "the pilots expect continued good hunting with this airplane."

Air Raid Deaths Lowest in Three Years

LONDON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The number of civilian air raid deaths in September was the lowest in more than three years, with five killed or missing and 11 hurt badly enough to be sent to hospitals, it was disclosed today.

It was the best record since May, 1940, when only three were injured and none killed.

HOLLYWOOD TONIGHT AND THURS.

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LLOYD NOLAN

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German Medic Cares for His Own



Karl Kruger, Berlin (right), a German hospital corpsman, dresses the wounded hand of another German prisoner in a stockade somewhere in southern Italy. Two Yank MPs record data about the captives. (AP wirephoto from signal corps.)

Clark Poises For Rome Push

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fighting forces supplied with food and ammunition.

Fighters patrolled the skies over the sodden battlefield throughout the day, looking for trouble, but the Germans did not send up a single plane to meet them. Not a ship was lost to the allies in all the day's operations.

For the seventh straight day the air war was carried to the nazis in the Aegean sea and in the islands off Greece. US heavy Liberators poured bombs on the Calato airfield in Rhodes and Herakleion airport in Crete, while bomb-carrying Lightnings attacked the Anitmachia airport on the island of Cos in the Dodecanese.

Boilermakers Head Defies AFL Ouster

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Tom Ray, secretary and business agent of the Portland AFL boilermakers local, today defied an order from union headquarters firing him.

"I'm still here and I'm staying here for the time being at least. They haven't any charges against me. My audit is okay, and that's what really hurts them," Ray said in an interview.

Meanwhile Otto W. Murner, international vice president of the boilermakers, said Ray's duties would be taken over by a committee of 21, of which Ray is a member.

Murner said Ray, whose administration has been under fire of a faction in the Portland union, was removed under regulations that permit headquarters to depose a local official for the best interests of the organization.

Ray retaliated. "The international wants to move in here and take control like they have in Vancouver (Wash.), Richmond (Calif) and the Sacramento Valley (Calif.) so they can control the votes

Here It Is! The Weather Far and Wide

By the Associated Press

Now that it is no longer a military secret, the nation generally is enjoying typical autumn weather.

There was snow in the Rockies yesterday, but the sun shone in California.

New Englanders welcomed higher temperatures after a cool night. Rain pelted some areas in the southwest and midwest.

It's possible to report the vagaries of the weather in all parts of the country now, because the censorship restrictions on publication of weather conditions have been lifted. "Improved defense and other war conditions" prompted the change, the office of censorship explained.

Briefly, here's the weather picture:

West coast—Warm in California; intermittent rain in other coast states.

Rockies—Snow, with freezing temperatures expected.

South—Mild, clear, with normal temperatures.

Midwest—Warm. —Unseasonably warm in Chicago, with the temperature hitting 81 degrees.

Middle Atlantic states — Generally cool, clear and windy.

New England—Warming up after a cold snap.

In the next international election in January. They want 'yes' men." The union fight got into court last winter when a faction claimed Ray and other incumbents had been voted out of office, but refused to allow new officers to take over.

The Portland AFL metal trades council, which claims 200,000 members, today unanimously condemned J. A. Franklin, international president of the AFL boilermakers' union, for removing Tom Ray as business agent and secretary of the boilermakers' local.

Britain Plans 130-Ton Plane

LONDON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The ministry of aircraft production has authorized the spare-time construction of a 130-ton Queen Mary of the skies for trans-Atlantic service by the Bristol Aeroplane company, which builds the Blenheim, the Beaufort and Beaufighter war planes.

An article in "London Calling," a BBC publication, said today the plane would be "revolutionary in many ways — in structure, motive power and even shape."

Most details are secret, but some information was passed by the censor. The aircraft's special motors will total 20,000 horsepower. The plane will have a cruising speed of about 250 miles an hour and is expected to carry 150 passengers.

(The Boeing 314-A trans-oceanic flying boat, among the largest passenger planes now in use, weighs a little over 24 tons and has four motors totaling 6400 horsepower. The clipper carries a crew of 11 and 68 passengers in daytime and can accommodate 39 "sleeping passengers." Its normal cruising speed is 180 miles per hour.)

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