

Allies Roll Ahead On New Britain

By Associated Press
Allied troops rolled on toward prime objectives in a rain-swept New Britain and in the jungles of New Guinea in fast-mounting twin drives to straddle the Japanese defense system for the Bismarck archipelago.

American marines propelling the New Britain arm of the offensive beat off four enemy counterattacks, explained their beach-head perimeter and advanced two muddy miles to within one and one-half miles of the Cape Gloucester airdrome on the northwest coast.

Australian troops, on the New Guinea side, swept forward on the coast of the Huon peninsula and inland, seized a key enemy point in the Ramu valley 35 miles south of Madang, first sizable Japanese base north of allied-own territory.

Allied planes ranged over the whole area, and in a series of engagements over New Britain, shot down 37 Japanese planes.

American Liberators, meanwhile, carried out the heaviest smash at the Marshall islands with a 50-ton bombardment of Wotje islet, Jaluit atoll in the same island chain also was at-

tacked Sunday.
The Tokyo radio announced that Japanese forces had "returned to their original base of operations" after striking at the rice bowl sector of central China in a campaign in which the Chinese said the invaders suffered a crushing defeat.

Charges Against—

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The Eugene army medical station during any month, and which bear a definite ratio to the number of indulgences, is much higher for Eugene than any other community. This indicates the need for closer supervision of general conditions.

Army officers at Camp Adair told the Eugene men that recreational facilities of Eugene, while limited, were considered by the camp military officials to be of a wholesome kind, and compliance was paid the citizenry of the community for support of the local USO and maintenance of theaters, bowling alleys, skating facilities and other types of public recreation.

"There has been no disposition to recommend enforcement of provisions of the May Act, which provides that an area may be declared out of bounds, because of dangerous moral conditions. Such action would have to be taken only in extreme situations," Colonel Comfort told the Eugene delegation.

A general looseness in moral codes throughout the nation was admitted by army officials, and warning that the movements of adolescent girls, in particular, be the subject of parental attention, was stressed. Closer cooperation of city and county authorities in controlling activities of so-called "hot-spots" was recommended, and above all, cooperation of local government with the public health officials was declared essential to maintaining normal sanitation and moral patterns in communities adjacent to military establishments.

In commenting upon the results of the conference between Camp Adair officials and the Eugene men, Colonel Orville Waller, chairman of the military affairs committee of the Eugene chamber of commerce, stated, "Of course we know we have a juvenile problem and we are satisfied that Eugene's citizens are aware of the problem of juvenile delinquency, but we are cheered to prove the charges and inferences of Eugene's abnormal vice conditions are largely without foundation."

The military affairs committee will continue its studies into local conditions, and will offer full cooperation to city and county agencies as well as to the public health service in efforts to maintain a healthy condition in Eugene and surrounding areas, he said.

At a meeting called by Mayor Large and Dr. C. R. Lindgren, at the request of Camp Adair officials, which is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at the Eugene hotel, Captain Vaughn, sanitation officer at Camp Adair, who wrote Mayor Large regarding the lax moral situation in Eugene, will be present as will Dr. W. H. Aufranc, director of the division of venereal disease control of the Oregon state board of health. Representatives of city and county will also be present to talk over the problem as it affects Camp Adair and Eugene.

The army officers have stated that they wish to cooperate at all times with local authorities in handling matters of morals, venereal disease and sanitary problems of whatever nature that might arise; and they recognize a full responsibility in these matters.

PACKING PLANT BURNS
MODESTO, Calif., Dec. 29.—(AP)—The main plant of the Pacific Packing company, at Oakdale, and a pack of 2,000,000 one-gallon cans of peaches, was destroyed by fire today.

Freed Missionary—

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and British in the empire who were to be treated kindly.

Eighteen years ago she declined a chance to go to Africa, where her friends went, for mission work, and chose Japan because she had read about it and become interested. The years have brought her a happy although difficult experience, because, she says, the Japanese are not so ready to hear the gospel as are many of other nationalities. They are proud of their country, accomplishments, making money, and are "not especially spiritual."

Their national religion, Shinto, the worship of their ancestors, is claimed as old as the nation, 650 B. C.—which makes the present year 2503 on the Japanese calendar.

School of the Violet
By September, 1942, many men kept at the Sumire (the Japanese word for violet) girls' school in Tokyo suburbs were sent home, and the rooms were equipped as apartments for about 130 women. A former Catholic school and orphanage, the building contained modern plumbing and electricity. A small yard, without the barred wire customary in "prison camps," was available for walks. Fourteen guards found the women so easy to watch that the number was cut to seven.

A plainclothesman, considerable, was in the office. One Japanese there, realizing the women needed more vegetables and fruit, went out and bought produce from the farmers, thus placing himself subject to criticism. As far as Miss Farnham knows, farmers were free to sell, but food was scarce and poor and some of it was billeted for army use.

Diet Not Perfect
The menu at the Sumire was provided by a restaurant hired for the purpose. It was lacking in many diet necessities. The missionary feels that many would have gone hungry had not the Red Cross supplies arrived last year. On November 24, 1942, trucks appeared, containing 100-pound sacks of sugar, 10 pounds per person. There were seven cans of corned beef for each. Does she remember any items in particular?

"I can remember all of them!" laughs Miss Farnham, "and very well. There was cereal, concentrated soup powder, dried fruit, cocoa, and other foods. Before that we never had cereal for breakfast, and for fruit had only one small Japanese orange, and some very poor margarine that was not tasty."

Most Supplies Safe
She believes that most supplies sent are "pretty safe," because they are administered by the Swiss ambassador to Japan, who is head of the Red Cross there. She finds most Red Cross workers in Japan are Christians "because that kind of work appeals to Christians."

Before her return to the United States, the Gripsholm took so many supplies to Americans interned over there that the Japs objected—but they distributed it anyway. On the other hand, Japan was permitted to send tea and other items back on the ship to Japanese confined here.

In the winter of 1942-43, many clothes became badly worn, but the internees managed. Those at the Sumire received no clothes last year, but replacements came in 1943.

Leaves for Home
In mid September, she boarded the Teia Maru for the start of 80 days' voyage. The ship was small, and the men were put in the hold while only the women were given upper quarters. Segregation was according to age, and Miss Farnham, who is middle-aged, was given a cabin. Smoking rooms, bars, every available space was used. The trip was not rough. One thousand exchanges boarded the Teia Maru at Shanghai, only place the boat docked. The trip was mostly without event.

On the Gripsholm at last at Mormago, on the western side of India, quarters were more roomy. People were provided vitamin tablets and food they had needed for months. They gained weight; slim Miss Farnham gained 12 pounds. By the time the 1,503 exchanges on the Gripsholm sighted the Statue of Liberty on December 1, two had died and one baby had been born.

Relatives in Oregon
Miss Farnham spent a week in New York, visited in Philadelphia, arrived in Eugene last Friday. Before leaving Oregon to see her brother in California, she intends to visit her other two sisters, Mrs. O. P. Wegner of Salem and Mrs. C. R. Sylvester of Portland. She praises the Red Cross for

its service which extends to almost every part of the civilized world and seeks out the needy.

When the war is over, she intends to go back to Japan to continue her religious work in the Church of Christ. Some authorities have told her she will have a hard job, since most of the churches there have been organized into one, and work may be difficult under government regulation. But she believes that there is a place and a need for missionary work in Japan, where many of the uneducated have not been reached. Despite the restrictions, the land of cherry blossoms does have religious freedom and Grace Farnham intends to utilize it to do good by spreading Christ's word.

Eisenhower—

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hind-the-lines bombing of Germany, whether by the 8th air force in Britain, or by any of the three U. S. air forces in the Mediterranean.

The air war in the Mediterranean would seem, purely on the basis of announced changes, to be the one aspect of combat operations in that area destined to increase in importance in the immediate future. Nothing else offers a satisfactory explanation of the transfer of Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker to command all allied air forces in that zone.

Eaker is largely responsible for the growth and development of the 8th air force in Britain to its present formidable strength. Eaker's arguments probably saved the 8th bomber command from absorption by the RAF and kept it alive to prove the thesis of daylight, high-altitude precision bombing when the worth of that program was questioned seriously at Casablanca.

Obviously, such a man is not being "kicked upstairs." It seems much more likely that, while the 8th's striking power is more important than ever, its relative importance at an independent command has shrunk in the vastly increased scope of all operations against Germany.

McCready—

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Oluf Hoaglum, Loy Rowling, Dr. Melville Jones. Many inquiries are being received and this brief outline is issued:

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Chairmen Announced For Fourth War Loan

Chairmen of several county-wide committees in the fourth war loan drive were named Wednesday by Dr. N. H. Comish, campaign chairman.

They are: Elmo Chase, agricultural; Rogers W. Kimberling, banks; A. L. Hawn, big accounts; J. W. Lewis, lumber and logging firms; Otis Kapsa, oil companies; Laurence C. Moffitt, public schools.

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Pound of Ham—

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was cut 13,890 below the December allotment of 290,519. New tubes available for rationing were cut 27,787 to 230,400 for January.

Seasonal declines in demand for tractor tires resulted in reduction of the quota to 27,600, a reduction of 4600 from December. Tractor tire tubes allotted for January were cut to 23,000, down 9200.

New tires for passenger cars, made largely of synthetic rubber, jumped to a quota of 645,345, compared to 581,373 in December. The January quota of grade 11 (used and reclaimed) tires was fixed at 829,425, only 75 more than December. New tubes allotted for January total 645,325, a decrease of 152.

The OPA set the national quota of passenger cars at 15,300 units, a decrease of 200 from December totals. The quota is the lowest since car rationing was instituted.

The national pool of new cars still remaining in dealers hands is approximately 60,000 units, the OPA estimated, and will be entirely exhausted before May 1 at the present rate of release.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The OPA has had to backtrack somewhat on its previous plan to roll back various winter vegetable prices by 30 to 50 per cent from prices of a year ago.

The OPA in October announced proposed schedules for carrying out the roll-backs on winter vegetables but these have never been put into effect. "Miscalculations" made by the OPA in figuring out the schedules were said to be the reason for preparation of a new order carrying roll-backs of considerably less than planned for 13 vegetables at least. The order is expected to be issued in a few days.

Wage Issue—

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case or the withdrawal of their strike order. Executive committees of the three brotherhoods were at a hotel, available on short notice for meetings to ratify any action.

Both Stimson and Somervell said that as far as they were concerned there would be no arbitration of wages while the roads are under their control. It remained in

their discretion whether capitulation of the three brotherhoods would be on a cooperative or forced basis.

Dispute Unsettled
The 15 non-operating unions of more than a million workers accepted the president's offer to arbitrate, but the president announced that he cannot proceed to do that until the unions and the carriers agree on what is to be arbitrated. Thus the controversy is back where it started, except that the 15 unions withdrew their strike authorization. They accepted the graduated increases of 4 to 10 cents and want the president to decide their right to overtime after 40 hours, but the carriers want both questions arbitrated as one.

Il Duce Dead, London Hears

MADRID, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A non-Spanish diplomatic source said today that Benito Mussolini died in a clinic in Germany 10 days ago as result of "old stomach ulcers and mental derangement."

(The report was received with caution in London. Mussolini has been reported dead on several other previous occasions, but each time erroneously.)

First Two Eugene 4-H Clubs Organized

The first two 4-H clubs to be organized in the Eugene schools this year have reported to the office of E. A. Danielson, county club leader. One club has also reported as organizing at the Springfield union high school.

A sewing club and a cooking club have been organized at the Condon school in Eugene. Dora Beasley is leader and teacher of the sewing club; Nelda Spain, president; Doris Crusan, vice president; and June Pettit, secretary. Fifteen girls have enrolled.

A cooking club has been organized at the same school with 21 members. Dora Beasley is also teacher and leader of this group; Pat Ferguson is president; Bebe Clark, vice president, and Mary Olson, secretary.

A sewing club with six members has been organized at Springfield high school. No leader has yet been selected. Gwendolyn Chase is president; Anna Mae Tipton, vice president, and Ada Marie Nordling, secretary.

George Giustina—

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was recognized for his leadership abilities, young Taylor received appointment to Randolph field in 1939, and received his wings and first commission in February of 1941. His first assignment to duty was at McChord field. He was at Fresno, Calif., at the time of the Pearl Harbor bombing. He served in various places in this country before going overseas to England in October of 1942.

The student union building heads the list for construction projects at the University of Oregon in the post-war planning and

expansion program. One of the most ardent and interested workers in behalf of the student union was the late Dr. Donald Miller Erb, university president, whose tragic death occurred last week. The Giustina family had been planning and arranging for the gift for some time, and up to his brief last illness, Dr. Erb had been working with them in arranging details of the gift.

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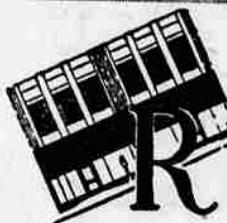
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