

# Japs Suffering Major Defeats In Air Battles

### Air Supremacy May Be Way to Ultimate Defeat Of Nipponese War Lords

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Continuing news of American air successes in the southwestern Pacific shows not only that the Japanese are suffering a series of defeats but a major defeat in what may be one of the decisive battles of the Pacific war.

The loss of 94 Japanese planes in action off Guadalcanal has been followed within four days by the smashing of 22 Japanese planes out of 48 in an attempt to land on Port Darwin, Australia.

Taken in conjunction with similar one-sided victories spread out at frequent intervals earlier this month, these engagements shape up as one continuing battle which the Japanese are losing conclusively.

**More Planes Asked**

It points the way to the eventual defeat of Japan, with American air power spearheading the road to Tokyo. There could have been little consolation for Japan in the news from Washington of the new air department appropriations which provide for nearly 100,000 more planes and an additional 1,000,000 men to fly and service them.

The Japanese, like the Germans, started the war with a realization of the importance of air power. It now seems probable that they did not grasp to the full extent how air power has completely revolutionized modern warfare.

Both started on the right principle but did not carry it out to the necessary nth degree because they did not make allowance for the fact that if they did not win a "lightning" war, American and British production would in due time turn the balance of air power over to the victors.

**States Near Goal**

That is what is now being witnessed in western Europe, the Mediterranean, the Russian front and, in its first stages, the Pacific. It would be premature to say the United States has yet gained air superiority over Japan, but it is steadily marching towards that goal, both in the southwest Pacific and in China.

The Japanese are obviously making their greatest air effort of the war in the southwest Pacific and it is being steadily frustrated. The fact that they keep coming after so many costly defeats is evidence of the numerical strength they have concentrated in the area.

Their losses, against limited Japanese production and expanding American production, are bound to have a telling effect in the greater test later, when the main Japanese islands are the target.

## War Briefs - - -

**Europe:** Swiss sources report heavy bombing attack on Friedrichshafen, German zeppelin base and war center, while nazis acknowledge raids on southwest and north Germany.

**Africa:** Allies bomb three Italian airbases after heavy raids by American and British bombers on key Italian targets in Sicily and on the mainland.

**Russia:** Russians report destruction of 276 German planes last week, raising seven-week bag to more than 3,600; nazis say they repulsed soviet attacks in some strength northwest of Kharkov, north of Orel, on central front and in northwest Caucasus.

**Southwest Pacific:** Strongest Spitfire fighter force ever thrown into defense of Australia destroys or damages 22 of 48 Japanese planes trying to raid Darwin; only two Spitfires lost.

## Making Sea Water Drinkable



Purifying device demonstrated here by sailor converts salt water into drinking water—a boon to seamen and flyers adrift at sea. Water is put in top part of bag and squeezed through chemicals that filter it. All life rafts will carry this equipment.

## 9,000 Foremen End Plant Strike

**Detroit, June 21 (AP)—**The strike of 9,000 hourly-rated foremen which threatened production at the Willow Run bomber plant and three other factories of the Ford Motor Co. ended at 3:30 a. m. today when the strikers returned to work, a company spokesman reported today.

Some of the strikers picketing the plants returned to work at that time, it was reported, and more were expected to report for the morning shift.

A preliminary estimate by the company showed production cut "only 10 per cent" by the walkout, but a later company statement said executives were "amazed" to learn that per capita production during the strike actually increased and that as a result "we didn't lose a thing" in output of war equipment.

**Many Men Out**

A spokesman said this record was made despite the fact the number of men on the job was only 50 per cent of normal during part of the foremen's stoppage.

In addition to Willow Run, the factories affected by the strike were the River Rouge, Highland Park, and Dearborn plants.

The striking foremen are members of the Foremen's Association of America, a non-affiliated union. They did not attempt to prevent any regular workers, who belong to the United Automobile workers (CIO), from entering the plant.

## 3 Children Die In Night Blaze

**Enuncleaw, Wash., June 21 (AP)—**Three small Indian children were burned to death recently when fire demolished the frame home of the Richard Anderson family six miles from here.

The dead were Richard Anderson, Jr., two and a half years old; his younger brother, Gordon; and Joyce Ross, two.

The children had been left in the care of Christine Moses, 10, an adopted daughter of the Anderson family, for three quarters of an hour while the Andersons and Mrs. Marvin Ross of Auburn, Wash., mother of one of the victims, left for a short walk.

**PRINEVILLE GIRL ENROLLS**

Eastern Oregon College, LaGrande, June 21 (Special)—Miss Helen Mason has commenced her freshman work at the Eastern Oregon College of Education this summer. Miss Mason is from Prineville and represents Crook county in the enrollment for the first summer session at Eastern Oregon college.

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## Drop in Value Of Deschutes Property Noted

### Total County Valuation Will Not Be Known Until Utility Data Available

A depreciation of \$366,000 in the valuation of property in Deschutes county since last year is shown in the final figures as equalized by the county board of equalization and announced by County Assessor J. A. Fountain. This year's total is \$8,296,535 as compared to \$8,662,770 in June, 1942.

Three principal reasons are given for this decrease: A timber roll reduction was brought about because The Brooks-Seaton Lumber Company is cutting its own timber; merchandise reduction was caused by depleted stocks, especially lumber; and a reduction in structural improvement due to two per cent depreciation allowance.

The total county valuation will not be known until the public utility valuation figures are received from the state tax commission in Salem. These are expected to show an increase which will materially cut down the \$965,000 depreciation. Public utilities valuation last year was set at \$1,899,710.

**Values Drop**

Total real property valuation this year is \$6,491,980 compared to \$6,672,375 in 1942. Total personal property, as shown on the summary of assessment roll this year, is \$1,852,380, compared to \$2,039,570 last year.

The 211,574 acres of non-tillable lands in the county were valued this year at \$303,330; last year's acreage was 193,841, valued at \$276,180.

There were only 65,934 acres of timber lands this year, compared to 81,891 in 1942. This year's valuation totaled \$659,335; last year's, \$818,935.

Available machinery and equipment in 1943 moved down to \$778,350 from '42's \$805,045. A bigger slump was seen in the merchandise and stock in trade figures: 1943, \$492,205; 1942, \$660,210.

**Rise Noted**

A rise was noted in the farm implements, machinery, and equipment valuation with this year's total set at \$88,885, over last year's \$74,305.

The following table compares 1943 and 1942 livestock inventories and valuation in the county:

	No.	1943 Val.	1942 Val.	Per Unit
Horses, mules	1,452	\$ 28,300	\$ 28,300	\$19.47
Cattle	3,425	15,195	15,195	20.22
Sheep, goats	10,746	27,149	27,149	2.52
Pigs	1,828	13,315	13,315	7.27
Poultry	20,948	16,965	16,965	.81

	No.	1942 Val.	1941 Val.	Per Unit
Horses, mules	1,611	\$ 32,220	\$ 32,220	\$20.48
Cattle	3,756	17,080	17,080	22.90
Sheep, goats	12,175	31,975	31,975	2.62
Pigs	2,146	12,265	12,265	5.61
Poultry	18,126	8,635	8,635	.47

## Tumalo

**Tumalo, June 21 (Special)—**C. M. Barnum, Lee Putnam and Sam Henry fished at Suttle lake Sunday.

Miss Rosella Richardson returned the last of the week from Eugene where she was a delegate to the Oregon state grange session, from the Tumalo grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gedney are now living at Sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Windom were among those attending the rodeo at Sisters Sunday.

Mrs. Harold Pastrouch of Prineville visited her sister, Mrs. Fred Shepard, Monday. Donna Pastrouch, who has been visiting at the Shepard ranch, returned home with her mother.

The annual school meeting will be held at the Tumalo school house Monday evening, June 21. Two directors and a clerk are to be elected.

Mrs. T. W. Vandover commenced working at Camp Abbot Monday of this week. Mrs. Vandover plans to stay at the Claude Vandover ranch through the week and come home weekends.

James Roley is working for George Thompson.

Del Davis J. L. Jones, Fred Shepard and J. A. Blackstone attended the OPA milk board meeting in Bend Thursday evening.

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## Bend Cadet Tells of Battle In Darkness Over Solomons

San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Texas, June 21—The toughest test to which the military discipline of Howard E. Rippee of Bend, Ore., has been subjected came aboard a bomber in the Southwest Pacific last October when, for an obvious reason, he had to withhold his machine gun fire despite the fact he could have thrown hot slugs into a host of embattled Japs below.

Rippee, now a potential combat pilot in training at the San Antonio aviation cadet center, at that time was a sergeant aerial gunner aboard a B-17, attached to the 15th bombardment group (heavy).

Recalling the incident when his trigger finger itched to spew bullets into the Japs, Cadet Rippee said:

"We were on a night mission over Buin in the Solomons, and we were giving it to shipping tied up in the harbor. We got a pretty rough reception. Anti-aircraft was ripping upward at us, but there were no interceptor planes.

"For the reason that it would give our position away, I was forbidden to fire my machine gun unless certain circumstances developed. The firing would have shown where we were and the Japs would have been able to fire directly at us instead of blindly, as they were having to do.

"But there we were only about 3500 feet above those ships hurling up their pom-pom. The guns were flashing below and the crews were visible under our flares. They'd have made good targets. I looked down the sights and thought, 'Oh, boy, for a shot at them' I guess it was one of the greatest temptations ever set before me. What I'd have given to turn loose a few bursts of slugs at those Nippies!"

Except for the flashes of the Jap anti-aircraft and the flares of the Americans and the flashes from the bombs they dropped, the battle was fought in comparative darkness. The Japs didn't turn on their searchlights for the same reason the Americans didn't fire their machine guns.

"But," said Cadet Rippee, "we do know for certain that we damaged a cruiser that night and inflicted lesser damage on other targets. Why the way they were ganged up in that harbor, we couldn't have helped but do some damage to them."

## NEW 'DRINKING DON'T'

Sacramento, Cal. (AP)—The California legislature has added a new "don't" in connection with drinking. It is: "Don't drive a street car while intoxicated." It's illegal now.

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## Dewey Critical Of Food Policy

Columbus, O., June 21 (AP)—State governments must provide working programs for solution of the nation's food problems because the administration has failed, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York said today in warning of a meat shortage jeopardizing the nation's "obligation to feed the starving survivors of a wrecked world."

"No purpose would be served in analyzing the incredible deficiencies of the national government in its 10-year campaign to restrict food production in the United States," the republican governor told the 35th annual governors conference.

**Dewey Critical**

"We are just now reaping some of the harvest of these policies," he said. "But as a sardonic final touch, we now find that out of the genius of the OPA there was developed a theory that it would be a good idea to repeal the natural law of economics that corn and hog prices are tied together."

The result, he said, was a ceiling price on corn of \$1.05 at Chicago while the farmer got \$1.45 for the same corn "right on the farm, just by throwing it over the fence to his pigs."

The meat situation now, Dewey said, is a "jumble of paradoxes" because there actually is a livestock population so vast that we never can support it.

**Competition Seen**

"Right now in this country our meat animals are eating into the precious food reserves which must be increased if we are even to begin saving the undernourished people of a rescued Europe," he said.

"There can be only one result of this," he continued. "Human beings will inevitably push the pig away from the trough, to eat his

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corn themselves. Livestock will be reduced, and its slaughter will for a time give us the illusion of a continuing meat supply.

"I think the illusion may last until election day next year. But then will come the time when we will really know what a meat shortage means."

## Brothers

Brothers, June 21 (Special)—Ben Murphy and Jack O'Keefe are shearing sheep at Frederick butte.

The ZX ranch is fencing the land recently purchased from Dominique Verges.

Mr. and Mrs. John Helfrich, of Brothers, went to Portland this week on business. Mrs. Helfrich will remain there a few weeks, but Helfrich has returned to his store at Brothers.

John Helfrich, Jr., was at Brothers this week from Bend.

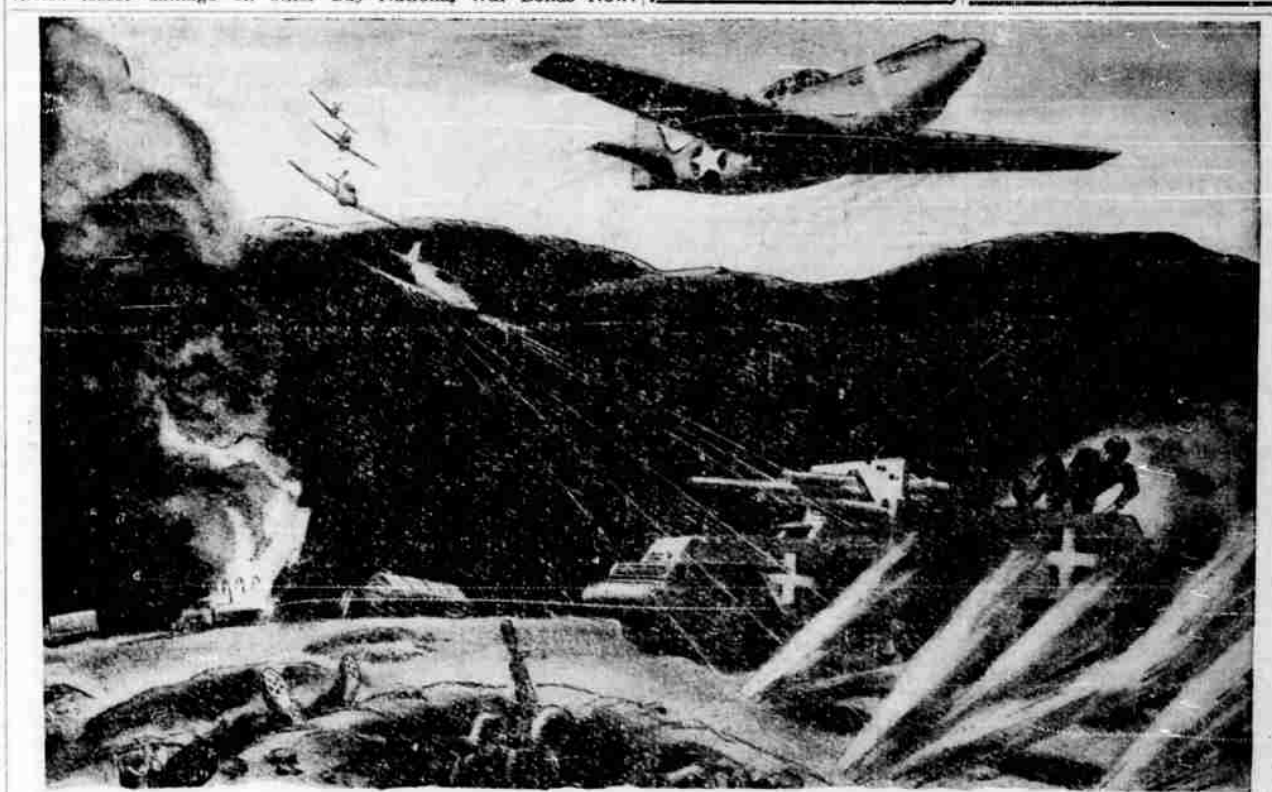
C. L. Harmon and wife sold their ranch near Hampton to Ray Lay and have moved to Bend where they will reside.

Mary Engle, county health nurse, was at Brothers Tuesday.

Elmer Houston, Portland livestock buyer, purchased some near Brothers this week.

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2. Today, the American oil companies are turning out enough 100 octane to fuel the greatest Air Force in the world. They are shipping millions of additional barrels to our Allies. And they have cut production costs to an average of 13¢ per gallon.

3. The inside story of this accomplishment is a typical example of American Free Enterprise at work. For 100 octane was perfected by our oil companies in their own laboratories before we entered the war—without one cent of government subsidy.

4. This was largely the result of just one peacetime influence—competition. You don't decide to make 100 octane one morning and start producing it the next. You have to learn how over a period of years. Back in 1920, the best gasoline our oil companies could make was 82 octane.

5. But by 1930, they had hit 71; by 1937 they were shooting for 100, and by 1939, for 100 plus. Why had they made such progress? Not because they expected a war all those years, but because each company kept struggling to put out a better product than others and get more customers.

6. If the oil business had been controlled by one company, or by the government, this wouldn't have happened. For there's not much incentive to go after more customers when you already have them all.

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