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TWO U. S. ARMIES LINK AND WHEEL TO EAST, TRAPPING THOUSANDS OF NAZIS NEAR RHINE

Task Force 58 in Bold Strike Into Jap Home Waters Blasts 17 Warships, Hits 600 Planes

Surviving Ships of Nippon Fleet Crippled In New Air Blows From Carrier Armada in Enemy Sea; Further Action Held Possibility
BY FRANK TREMAINE
Guam, March 21 (UP) — Dispatches from famed task force 58 today boosted the toll of two days of daring air attacks on the Japanese fleet in its home bases to at least 17 warships and 600 or more planes wrecked.

Man Sought Here 'Found' in Prison

In the old ballad "Mose was safe down in the cellar when the lights went out," and in a similar position was Ray Fitzgerald of Denver, Louisiana, resting in San Quentin penitentiary, California, when Deschutes county Sheriff Claude L. McCauley issued a warrant for his arrest.
The Louisiana native first passed a bad check in Oregon in 1940 when he forged his employer's name, E. E. Butler of the Butler ranch east of Bend, on an \$18.50 ticket, officers said. His financial activities increased, police reports indicate, in the name of Charles E. Chamberlain, Terrebonne rancher, on January 22, 23 and 24 of this year when bad checks cashed netted Fitzgerald \$515 in three days.

Lt. Vic Whetzel Visitor in Bend

Lt. (j.g.) Victor L. Whetzel, formerly a member of the J. C. Penney store staff in Bend and manager of the Penney store in Caldwell, Idaho, when he entered the service, has arrived in Bend from his station in New York to visit his wife and their son, Ronald, in the service for the past year. Lt. Whetzel was given six months of special training at Harvard university, before being assigned to active duty.

Czar of American Food Says States Will Not Face Famine

Washington, March 21 (UP)—Americans "will continue to have plenty of good, wholesome food" even though they have to take a new hitch in their belts in order to help starving peoples, War Food Administrator Marvin Jones said today.
The nation's food chieftain issued a 300-word statement concerning the outlook for American diets. To feed starving peoples, he said, "is a practical matter and a part of war itself."

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said the raids Sunday and Monday on Kobe, Kure and other bases in Japan's inland sea had crippled the surviving remnants of the Japanese fleet at a time when it was rushing repairs to meet an anticipated invasion of Japan itself.

The carrier-borne fleet of 1,000 to 1,400 U. S. navy planes broke off its attack late Monday. A Japanese communique said the task force, including its escort from the Fifth fleet, was "fleeing southward" toward the Marianas with Japanese aircraft in "close pursuit."

Radio Tokyo said, however, that there were "plenty of possibilities" the task force might renew its attack.
Nimitz's communique on the attack listed 15 to perhaps 17 warships as damaged, but late radio dispatches from task force 58 said at least 17 and possibly more warships were left smoking and bomb-twisted.

The toll included a minimum of seven aircraft carriers, probably all that remained in the Japanese fleet, and two or more battleships, dispatches said. In addition, six freighters were sunk and seven damaged.

The number of Japanese planes destroyed or damaged was revised by late dispatches from 575 to at least 600.
"Japan's hopes of rebuilding her crippled air force and fleet were smashed," United Press war correspondent Lloyd Tupling reported from the flagship of Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, commander of task force 58.

The Japanese resisted the defiant American challenge to their persistent air attacks on the task fleet with the heaviest and most force and its planes since the air-sea battles off Formosa last September.
Guns of the fleet and carrier-borne fighters broke up most of the attacks, but dive-bombers slipped through the barrage to put one ship out of action. It was able to head toward port under its own power, however.

Other American ships which suffered minor damage remained fully operational, Nimitz said.
PROWLER IS REPORTED
Mrs. Kendall Franklin, 1217 Fresno street, today reported to Bend police that a prowler shortly before midnight last night loitered around her home for almost half an hour, and tried the windows of the house.

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Bend High School Class of '45 Makes Plans for Graduation

Bill Lane Named Valedictorian, Beverley Wennerstrom Salutatorian; Date Is Set

Bill Lane has been named valedictorian and Beverley Wennerstrom salutatorian of the Bend high school class of 1945, it was announced here today as final plans for commencement exercises, to be held on May 25, neared completion. Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lane, won the right to represent his class as valedictorian by virtue of a four-year grade average of 1.29. Beverley's average, 1.31, was second highest of the class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wennerstrom.

A total of 115 students are tentatively scheduled to receive their diplomas at the May 25 graduation exercises, at which Rex Putnam, state superintendent of schools, is to be the speaker. Last year, 104 were graduated.

Both Bill and Beverley are Torch Honor students. Bill took all his high school work here, and Beverley entered from Hope, North Dakota. Both have been active in student body affairs.

Honor Students Named
Grade averages this year are slightly below those of the class of 1944, school officials have announced. The ten students highest in scholarship will be entitled to wear the gold honor cords. They follow:

Bill Lane, 1.29; Beverley Wennerstrom, 1.31; Ed DeGroot, 1.54; Patsy Scott, 1.61; E. B. Hogan, 1.62; Bob Lintz, 1.68; Connie Loree, 1.74; Iris Thomas, 1.77; Audrey Bright, 1.79; Norman George, 1.79.

Other honor students of the class of 1945 whose grades range up to 2.0 follow: Sally Schilling, 1.83; Evan Johnson, 1.86; Shirley Meagher, 1.87; Phil Brogan, 1.88; Helen Hudson, 2.00; Joyce Armstrong, 2.00, and Gerald Henderson, 2.00.

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Yanks, in Swift Blow, Reach Capital of Panay

Manila, March 21 (UP)—American troops linked with strong Filipino guerilla forces on Panay today in an offensive that burst into the suburbs of burning Iloilo and swept through more than 250 square miles of the island.
The lightning strikes of Maj. Gen. Rapp Bush's 40th division, which threw the Japanese into disorder on Panay's south central plains, ripped through three key road towns and tumbled Mandurriao airdrome, with its big 4,500-foot runway.

The rapidly developing campaign on Panay, sixth largest of the Philippines, was disclosed in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique which also revealed new important gains on Luzon and continuation of neutralizing air attacks on Formosa and Japan's shipping lanes in the China sea.

Beachhead Widened
Brush's seasoned troops overran Japanese machine-gun points and small arms resistance in a two-pronged offensive that carved out a beachhead 18 miles deep and 14 miles wide on Panay's southern coast.

One column raced seven miles in one day along the hard-surface coastal road, captured the seven-span carpenter bridge across the Iloilo river and stormed into the suburbs of the capital, already aflame from large fires.

The extent of the blitz indicated the Japanese were attempting the same destruction of Iloilo and its 90,000 inhabitants as they did at Manila.
At the same time, Brush's second force speared inland to seize Janjauy, 18 miles north northeast of Iloilo. From there it made a sharp turn to the east, raced seven miles to the big road junction of Potoan and continued another eight miles eastward to capture Barotac Nuevo, 16 1/2 miles northeast of Iloilo.

The drive inland enabled the American troops to join with Panay's strong guerilla forces, said to be the best organized in the entire Philippines.

Deschutes Quota For Drive Is Set

Deschutes county's overall quota for the Seventh war loan drive, to open on April 1, will be \$1,141,000, it was announced this noon at a special luncheon meeting in the banquet room of the Pilot Butte Inn, with county finance committee members and executives from the state office present. The "E" bond quota will be \$654,000, it was announced by Kenneth Martin, executive manager of the state war finance committee.

The quota assigned Deschutes county was officially accepted by A. L. O. Schueler, county war bond chairman.

Martin is speaker
Martin pointed out that money flowing into the treasury via "E" bond channels comprises the inflationary dollar which will be safely out of circulation awaiting active duty during the post-war period in laying the groundwork for a stable economy.

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All Organized Foe Resistance In Region Ends

Not Single Bridge Is in Use as Americans Hit At Fleeing Nazi Hordes
Paris, March 21 (UP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops entered Ludwigshafen today, virtually concluding the Saar-Palatinate campaign which destroyed two German field armies totaling some 80,000 men.

Paris, March 21 (UP)—All organized German resistance in the Saar-Palatinate collapsed today as the American Third and seventh armies joined forces. The combined forces wheeled in to the Rhine to annihilate a few thousand and more survivors along a bridgeless, 29-mile stretch of the river bank from Ludwigshafen to the Karlsruhe crossing.

In one of the most decisive victories of the western war, the two American armies had wiped out all but 10,000 of the 80,000 or more Germans who held the vast Saar-Moselle-Rhine triangle at the start of the offensive one week ago.

Cities Seized
Saarbruecken, Zweibruecken, Kaiserslautern, Wissembourg, Mainz and Worms, the keystones of the German defensive system, were in American hands or on the verge of capture this morning. A sixth and even greater prize, the sprawling Rhine chemical center of Ludwigshafen was menaced by two armored columns of the Third army that raced to within six miles west and northwest of the city.

The last major German escape port across the Rhine at Woerth, opposite the east bank city of Karlsruhe, also was imperiled by Seventh army troops who smashed through the Siegfried defenses beyond Wissembourg, 15 miles to the southwest.

Not a single Rhine bridge was standing as the Americans struck for the river this morning. The panic-stricken Germans faced the prospect of mass surrender of a suicidal crossing in boats and barges under the fire of American warplanes.

New Drive Opened
Far to the north, the American first army exploded a new offensive northward from its Remagen bridgehead and swept out into open tank country less than a dozen miles from the southern flank of the Ruhr basin.

On the heels of the First army breakthrough, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower broadcast a grim warning to the German civilian population and the thousands of foreign slave workers inside the Nazi lines to get out of the Ruhr immediately. Eisenhower declared that the entire Ruhr was about to become a battle zone.

U. S. Sub Barbel Lost in Action

Washington, March 21 (UP)—The navy announced today that the American submarine Barbel has been lost, presumably in the Pacific or Far Eastern waters.

Forty American undersea craft have been lost during this war. Less than a month ago, the navy disclosed that the submarines Escorial and Shark were overdue from patrol and presumed lost.

The Barbel was skippered by Lt. Cmdr. Conde L. Ringuet, of Norfolk, Va. It carried a normal complement of 65 men. All of its crew were listed as missing in action and their next of kin have been notified.

Bandits Use Trolley In Making Getaway
Los Angeles, March 21 (UP)—Thanks to gasoline rationing, the humble trolley today had a new use—as a getaway car for bandits.

F. S. Blayney told police that two thieves took \$235 from the drug store he managed and hopped a streetcar. Blayney jumped on the running board of a passing car and the driver gave chase.
They had almost reached the streetcar when the motorist said: "This is where I turn, bud. I ain't got the gas to be chasing your company's dough."
Blayney sadly watched the trolley pull out of sight.

Killed By Japs



Major General Edwin Patrick, commander of the 6th U. S. Infantry division on Luzon, was killed by a Jap machine-gunner who hid behind the American lines east of Manila.

Brilliant Planet Fools Sky Gazers

There were stiff necks around today, just because some sky gazers discovered a silvery object in the eastern heavens late this morning, far above fleecy clouds of spring. Binoculars and telescopes were brought into use, but the mystery of the silver disc was not solved until Don Williams, at the Brooks-Scanlon plant, brought out a copy of The Bend Bulletin, dated last Saturday.

On the editorial page was a clipped editorial from the Grants Pass Courier announcing that the brilliant planet Venus is now visible just east of the sun. Furthermore, the editorial had directions from J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon astronomer for the location of the planet, even in bright sunlight. Right in the spot where Prof. Pruett said Venus could be found was the "silver disc" that had mystified Bend.

Fooled Once Before
Paul Hosmer, who took part in solving the silver disc mystery this morning, recalled that it was the second time in a little more than a quarter of a century he has been fooled by Venus. At the start of the first world war, "signals" were reported sighted in the Cascades, near the divide, over a period of a week or more. An investigation revealed that the "mystery light" was Venus.

The lustrous planet will be visible tonight for two hours after sunset.

Soldiers Get Orders to Leave New York Taverns at Midnight

New York, March 21 (UP)—Mayor F. H. La Guardia stuck by his guns today in defense of a 1 a. m. curfew and he said that regard- less of the wishes of President Roosevelt and the army, "I'm running the city."

Asked for comment on President Roosevelt's statement yesterday favoring a midnight curfew on entertainment, La Guardia said: "He's running the country. I'm just running the city."

Asked for comment on the war department order that all soldiers evacuate saloons and other night spots by midnight—an order that went into force here last night and led to the spectacle of civilians continuing with their drinking while soldiers were ordered away from the bars, La Guardia said:

"I'm running the city, I tried to run the army but they wouldn't let me."

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