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## Allies Agree to Carry on War Until Victory

### Timor Bombed As Battle in Solomon Rages

#### MacArthur's Airmen Head Off Jap Reinforcements as Fight Continues

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Aug. 17 (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur's airmen maintained ceaseless vigil over the waters northeast of Australia to prevent Japanese reinforcements from reaching the Solomon Islands as the battle for control of vital bases there entered its 11th day today.

While United States marines were believed to be extending bridgeheads already won in hard fighting in the Solomons, actual developments in that theatre were hidden by official silence both here and in Washington.

#### Timor Bombed

No reference to the situation was contained in the daily communique from MacArthur's headquarters, which was devoted to a brief report of a new allied bombing attack on Japanese-occupied Timor and to continued patrol skirmishes in the Kokoda area of southeastern New Guinea, 60 miles from the allied base at Port Moresby.

#### Jap Broadcasts

"It has been shown," he said, "that man for man the Japanese are not equal to the United States marines."

The Japanese radio continued to broadcast sweeping claims of victory in the Solomons, which it failed to reconcile with the admission that "the battle is continuing between our forces and American marines who have succeeded in landing."

### Battle to Death In Solomons

Auckland, N. Z., Aug. 17 (AP)—The battle of the Solomon Islands was reported today to be a raging, knock-down drag-out fight, but reports that American marines have captured "thousands" of Japanese prisoners were regarded with considerable reservation.

It was pointed out that the Solomons battle is a finish fight, with a highly important strategic stronghold at stake, and it was believed that Tokyo has issued orders to Japanese troops to "stand or die."

The history of the war thus far, it was noted, has shown that the Japanese do not surrender in large numbers unless they are pinned down under hopeless conditions.

The nature of the terrain where the present engagement is being fought would indicate that the action is necessarily fluid, involving comparatively small numbers of men.

Complete official secrecy continues to shroud the operation.

Despite the fierceness of naval encounters around the Solomons, it was thought here that no sea action of such consequence is likely to develop.

The opinion of observers here as that the Midway battle continues to be the most decisive single American contribution to the Pacific war.

### Senate Votes Dependency Allowances

Washington, Aug. 17 (AP)—The senate today passed by voice vote and sent to President Roosevelt a bill permitting immediate payment of dependency allowances to families of men in the nation's armed services.

Of 18 senators present, only two voted against the measure—Chairman Robert R. Reynolds (D., N.C.), of the senate military affairs committee, and Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D., Utah), a member of that committee.

The measure eliminates from the service men's dependency act passed several weeks ago a prohibition against payment of the allotments to dependents prior to Nov. 1. The bill does not require payments before that date.

### Grew to Assist Secretary Hull

Washington, Aug. 17 (AP)—Ambassador Joseph Clark Grew, returning soon on the exchange ship from Japan, was reported today to be slated for a job as special assistant to Secretary of State Cordell Hull to advise on far eastern affairs.

A precedent exists in the case of John Van A. MacMurray, former ambassador to Turkey, who is now serving as special assistant to Hull.

The 62-year-old Grew already has notified the department of his wish to cooperate in the war effort. Unless President Roosevelt delegates him to a special assignment, he is scheduled to take over most of the department's advisory work on the far east.

Grew will report to the president and Hull after he arrives on the exchange liner Gripsholm later this month, may next take a short rest on his New Hampshire farm, and then is due in Washington for his new duties.

Several publishers have asked Grew to write a book on his experiences. The ambassador has kept a detailed diary since he started his diplomatic career in Cairo in 1904, and has copious material, particularly on American-Japanese relations.

### Alma D. Katz, 68 Dies in Portland

Portland, Aug. 17 (AP)—Funeral arrangements were being made today for Alma D. Katz, 68, manager of the Oregon City Agency of the Mutual Life Insurance company for 33 years, who died late yesterday at his home here.

Katz, a native of Salt Lake City, started his varied career as a reporter on the Salt Lake Herald. He later purchased the Salt Lake Argus, a weekly publication.

During World War I he served as civilian aide to the adjutant-general of the United States for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

### Firemen Injured in Crash with Truck

Two firemen from the North Salem station were injured this morning when the equipment and a loaded sand truck collided at Hazel and Highland. The firemen were making a run to 2380 Hazel avenue when the accident occurred.

Injured were Captain Commodore Perry Thrapp, dislocated shoulder, and Eldon New, fireman, shock and bruises. Floyd Smith, driver of the fire truck, and Jerald Page Bickell, 260 Marion, driver for the Salem Sand and Gravel company, were uninjured. The men were treated by the first aid crew and hospitalized.

Both streets are narrow and the view at the intersection is obstructed. The fire truck was going north and the loaded sand truck west.

Considerable damage was done to the fire truck which

### U.S. Airforce Participates in Desert Battle

#### Training Period with British Officers Over and Bombers Now in Action

Cairo, Aug. 17 (AP)—The start-in-a-circle of the United States army air force is almost ready to put on its own fighter show in North Africa's skies.

The dress rehearsal—days of intensive training of American pilots as flying comrades with desert-wise RAF squadrons—is over.

When the Americans go back into combat, they will fly the newest American pursuit planes, with their own insignia, in complete United States air force squadrons.

U. S. A. F. bomber squadrons already are in action.

#### Fruits of Battle

The fruits of air battle, sweet and bitter, were shared by the Americans and their British and South African mates in camps pitched together for the final fighting-training partnership.

Two firsts at the enemy's expense were logged for Major Claremont E. Wheeler of San Jose, Calif., and Capt. Glade B. Bilby of Skidmore, Mo.

Wheeler fired the first shot at an axis plane and Bilby, who flew a fighter-bomber in a big show at dawn Friday against the airbase at Fuka, dropped the first bomb.

Second Lieut. Jack S. Wilson of Benton City, Wash., may get credit for half a German plane.

#### Wilson Shot Down

Wilson was the first American flier shot down but as he stepped out of his damaged fighter inside the British lines the Messerschmitt which had attacked him also was being plunged.

A Lieutenant Whitaker of Tennessee let go several bursts at a Messerschmitt but did not claim to have hit it.

First Lieut. William W. O'Neill, Jr., of Seminole, Okla., was shot down and is in a hospital recovering from exhaustion.

Brig. Gen. Aubrey C. Strickland, and Alabaman who formerly commanded Paine Field, near Everett, Wash., spoke enthusiastically of the Americans' final warm-up.

### American Vessel Sunk Last July

Washington, Aug. 17 (AP)—The navy announced today that a medium-sized United States merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine late in July.

The attack occurred in the Atlantic several hundred miles off the northern coast of South America, and survivors have been landed at a United States east coast port.

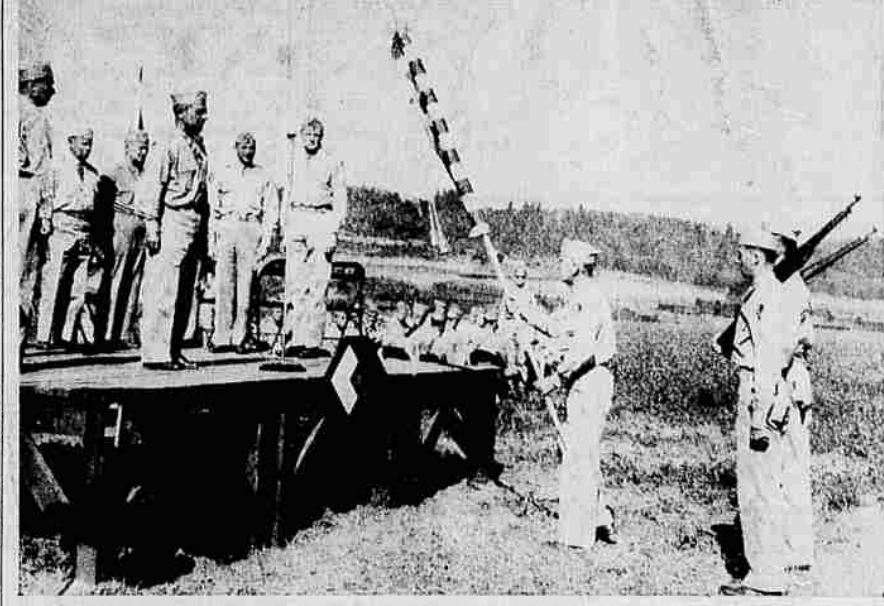
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The 96th Division becomes a reality at Camp Adair as Major General James L. Bradley, standing at attention on the platform receives the colors from a fellow officer. The scene was enacted during activation ceremonies held last Saturday forenoon in the middle of a large red clover field at Camp Adair. The color guard stands immediately behind the officer with the national flag.

### Fleet Rehearsal For Solomons

By Joe James Custer  
United Press Staff Correspondent

With the United States Pacific Fleet, on the Way to Battle (Delayed)—The Pacific fleet is steaming to battle somewhere in the Pacific after a flaming dress rehearsal which almost knocked a tiny island off the map. It was plowing along, the destroyers out ahead of the mammoth ships which are the backbone of the fleet, when the reconnaissance planes roared over to make their report.

For the purposes of the rehearsal, it was approaching its objective and the planes had scouted the enemy fleet dispositions and shore strength.

Orders flashed through the gun stations and the range finders went to work. The guns were trained.

"Commence firing!" came the order.

In an instant the great batteries were sending their shells hurtling and whistling into space, straight on their object.

The big guns roared again and again. The decks trembled under the concussion. Individually and by batteries, the ships poured streams of destruction into the clear blue morning sky, shattering the slumbering calm of the Pacific.

Orange flames spurted out of the gun muzzles and the fleet was enveloped in thick blankets of coal black smoke.

The guns settled back. Great white puffs of smoke rose from the island upon which the tons of projectiles had crashed and exploded.

The destroyers raced off, deploying for their part of the action. As they closed in, their shorter ranged guns joined and their whistling shells smashed on the target. The bigger ships had moved in now to closer positions, and they thundered again.

### Brazilian Ship Sunk With 700 Troops

Buenos Aires, Aug. 17 (AP)—The newspaper Critica said today that the 4,801-ton Brazilian freighter Baependy had been sunk off the Brazilian coast and that between 700 and 1,000 Brazilian troops went down with the vessel.

The newspaper reported that the Baependy, which belonged to the Lloyd Brasileiro line and was built in 1899, was serving as a troop transport between coastal points.

Twelve Brazilian ships previously had been attacked by axis submarines between February and July of this year. Ten were sunk, one was damaged and made port, and another still is missing.

Tillamook Logger Killed  
Tillamook, Aug. 17 (AP)—A rolling log fatally crushed Ernest L. Robertson, 60, native of Rieckreall but a resident here for 40 years, at the Stone logging camp Saturday. The widow, a son and a daughter survive.

These reports said that fishermen's stories of large ship movements off Crete prompted rumors that a British invasion flotilla was approaching the island and when the patriots saw German parachutists making practice jumps they assumed that the hour of liberation had come.

### Plane Output 3 Times Axis

Cleveland, Aug. 17 (AP)—American airplane production will be nearly three times that of the combined axis powers by next year, Representative Martin F. Smith (D., Wash.) told the 44th national encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans today.

"By the end of next year, the control of the skies will be solely in the hands of our planes and God's angels," he said.

Smith said that recent naval appropriation bill passed in congress provided for the development of a new secret weapon and the training of men in its use.

"So closely guarded is the navy's secret that only the naval affairs committees of the house and senate have heard about it," he declared.

Landings of Japanese troops in the Aleutian islands is one phase of the war in which Americans, "particularly those of us who live in the far west," should be gravely concerned, he said.

"I call upon our commander-in-chief, our secretary of war and our secretary of the navy to take immediate steps to drive the Japanese out of the Aleutian area," he said.

### Jennings Directs Coast War News

San Francisco, Aug. 17 (AP)—Dean Jennings, former San Francisco newsmen, has been appointed regional director of the office of war information news and radio bureau here.

Government war information originating in California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and Arizona will be cleared through Jennings' office. There will be branch offices in Seattle, Los Angeles, Portland and Phoenix.

### Demand Now Keen For Bean Pickers

For the first time this season the demand for bean pickers has caught up with the visible supply, it was announced at the local office of the Oregon State employment service, South Cottage and Ferry streets. As a result

those persons who have been hankering for a chance to see how many beans they can strip from the vines in a day will have their curiosity gratified. If unable to locate a picking spot, pickers will be sent to the most available producer if a call is made at the employment office.

Pickers who wish to camp and those who prefer to travel back and forth morning and evening are desired. The peak of the harvest is approaching rapidly and during the next three weeks pickers will be in demand. At the employment office it was said there were a number of yards where ideal camping spots are available. One of these is

### Russians Hold New Nazi Drive On Stalingrad

#### Supreme Effort Underway—Reds Fall Back From Ruins of Maikop

By Eddy Gilmore

Moscow, Aug. 17 (AP)—The German offensive in the Don Bend flared to full force today in a powerful new drive toward Stalingrad while in the Caucasus the Russians fell back from the ruins of the Maikop oil fields toward their next petroleum producing area at Grozny.

A Russian communique reported a terrific toll of new Nazi manpower and material thrown into the assault southeast of Kletzkaya and northeast of Kotelnikovski against the flanks of the fortified line guarding Stalingrad.

Battlefront dispatches said the Germans rolled forward at tremendous cost in the Letskaya salient, 75 miles northwest of Stalingrad, but were held firmly at the Kotelnikovski flank, 95 miles southwest of Stalingrad.

Oil Fields Blasted  
In the Caucasus, extending axis lines appeared checked on the Krasnodar flank where the Germans are thrusting toward the port of Novorossiisk, but they stretched ever farther to the southeast along the rail and oil pipe line toward Grozny and the Caspian.

The Russians reported fighting southeast of Mineralnye Vody, 140 miles from Grozny.

In acknowledging the loss of Maikop, they said that the valuable oil installations of that area which produced seven per cent of Russia's petroleum had been blasted to worthlessness.

No Soviet Oil for Nazis  
"The German fascists, who expected with the capture of Maikop to enrich themselves at the expense of soviet oil, have miscalculated" the communique said.

"They did not get soviet oil and will not get it."

The Russians had plenty of time to destroy the oil installations at Maikop and an official announcement that oil supplies had been removed and "oil establishments themselves made completely unusable" was taken here to mean that a typically thorough job of destruction had been performed. (The Germans claimed the capture of Maikop August 9.)

Fighting Continues  
The great weight of numerical superiority, especially in mechanized equipment, was giving the German drive toward Grozny its impetus as the red army continued to fall back to new lines southeast of Mineralnye Vody, 140 miles from Grozny.

There was no indication of a stiffening of resistance although the soviet communique said the soviet forces "retreated to" (Concluded on Page 7, Column 8)

### Churchill and Stalin Confer With Americans

#### Moscow Meeting Presumably Discussed Third Front—Wavell Present

By Edward W. Beattie

London, Aug. 17 (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Premier Josef Stalin and American representatives have agreed in a Moscow conference to carry on "this just war of liberation with all their power and energy" until a full victory has been won, it was announced officially today.

The Churchill party arrived in Moscow Wednesday, August 12, and departed Sunday morning.

The announcement of the British ministry of information declared that "a number of decisions were reached covering the field of the war against Germany. Presumably these decisions covered the vital questions of whether a second front will be opened against the nazis this year."

Harriman Present  
Representing the United States at the Moscow conference—presumably last week—was W. Averill Harriman, United States lease-lend administrator.

For three weeks the axis propaganda radio has been carrying rumors that Churchill had gone to Moscow for consultation with Stalin. However, the secret of the meeting obviously was well kept. Only today the axis radio started out on a new tack, claiming that Churchill—who had been described last week as returning from Moscow via Cairo—had only arrived at the soviet capital a few days ago.

The military nature of the discussions held and the decisions reached was emphasized by the participation of high war officials of both Britain and Russia.

Generals Present  
On the British side were Gen. Sir Alan Brooke, chief of the imperial general staff and Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, British commander-in-chief in India.

On the Russian side was Marshal Klement Voroshilov, veteran leader of the red army.

No hint of the nature of the specific decisions reached at Moscow was contained in the official announcement. But it was obvious that the entire field of the war had been scanned.

Presumably the British and Russian leaders carefully examined the red army's ability to continue to hold the German forces at bay and all measures (Concluded on Page 8, Column 4)

### Doolittle in Great Britain

London, Aug. 17 (AP)—The presence here of Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who led the United States army air force bombers in the attack on Japan last April 18, was disclosed for publication today.

He has been here ten days, and is expected to return to the United States soon.

Doolittle, it was indicated authoritatively, will not be attached permanently to the American air command in the European theatre.

This was his second special wartime mission to Britain. He came here in 1941, before the United States entered the war, as a member of a mission headed by Lieut. Gen. George Brett, now Gen. Douglas MacArthur's air chief in the southwest Pacific.

Doolittle's arrival was a tightly guarded secret until after he had conferred with Maj. Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander-in-chief of United States air forces in the European theatre, and his second in command, Brig. Gen. Ira C. Eaker.

He also made a three-day tour of American air bases in Britain.