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## French Coast at Dieppe Stormed by Allies

### U.S. Sub Sinks Jap Warship West Aleutians

23 Enemy Ships Now Smashed—Fog Prevents Identification

Washington, Aug. 19 (AP)—A U. S. submarine has sunk a Japanese cruiser or destroyer in the western Aleutian area—bringing to 23 the number of Japanese ships sunk or damaged in that area—the navy announced today.

Fog prevented "an exact identification of the type of ship," the communique said. Ninth Warship Sunk

It was the ninth warship hit by U. S. submarines alone in that area since the Japanese moved in there in June.

The submarines, penetrating to the Japanese bases under cover of the fog which usually hampers air and surface operations, already had sunk six destroyers, were believed to have sunk another destroyer and left another "burning fiercely."

So far, all U. S. forces in the area have sunk ten ships—six destroyers, one transport, one cruiser, one cargo ship and the cruiser or destroyer mentioned today.

The 12 damaged, in addition to the destroyer probably sunk, were four cruisers, an aircraft carrier, three destroyers, a gunboat and three transports.

Text of Communique "North Pacific area. "1. A U. S. submarine has reported the sinking of a Japanese cruiser or destroyer in the western Aleutian area. Conditions made impossible an exact identification of the type of ship.

"2. This sinking has not been announced in any previous navy department communique."

This was the first submarine action reported by U. S. undersea craft in the Aleutians since July 21.

Planes Continue Raids Since then, however, the Aleutian bases of the Japanese—especially that at Kiska—have been under bombardment by U. S. army and navy planes, and on August 8 naval forces heavily bombed ships and shore establishments at Kiska.

### Chinese Again Take Wenchow

Chungking, Aug. 19 (AP)—Chinese forces have recaptured the walled city of Wenchow on China's east coast, only 600 air miles from Japan, a Chinese communique said today.

The communique said that the city of about 100,000 population was taken by storm last Saturday.

Wenchow lies 250 miles south of Shanghai and about 600 miles southwest of Japan's home islands. Japanese Formosa is about 200 miles south of Wenchow.

It was the second time that Chinese forces had taken Wenchow since its fall to the Japanese a month ago.

In driving the enemy from the city last Saturday, it was said, the Chinese forces compelled part of the Japanese garrison to flee by sea. Other Jap troops retreated to Tsingtien after suffering heavy casualties and losing large quantities of war materials.

### Contract Let for Camp Adair

Washington, Aug. 19 (AP)—The war department announced the award of construction contracts by the army engineers, counties in which the work is to be performed, and district engineers office in charge, as follows:

Contracts between \$100,000 and \$500,000: B. H. Sheldon, Corvallis, Oregon, water and sewer system, Benton county, Oregon, Portland vice.



Succeeds General Auchinleck—General Harold Alexander (above), former commander in Burma, and "the last man out of Dunkerque" was named British commander-in-chief in the Middle East. He succeeds Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck. (Associated Press Photo.)

### Japan's Fleet Sought in Vain

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Aug. 19 (AP)—The final expulsion of Japan from the Solomon Islands apparently rested today on the completion of two tedious, difficult jobs—the mop-up ashore where the United States marines have landed and the consolidation of naval mastery in that south Pacific zone.

This still was a triple-header operation of major magnitude, involving land, sea and air forces, but every indication in the sense of official fact and figure pointed to accumulating successes.

For one thing, the Japanese radio has begun changing its story on the battle and the only reference to it in the latest Tokyo broadcasts was a commentator's warning that the United States onslaught might lead to further attacks on Japanese-held territory "or even on Japan herself."

A report to Auckland from a New Zealand correspondent somewhere in the south Pacific said the United States had won "sufficient successes" at sea to reinforce and supply the assault troops for what may be weeks or months of "extremely bitter" fighting in the islands.

"Japanese units which were in the Solomons at the opening of operations either have been sunk or have fled to the Caroline islands," said this dispatch to the New Zealand Press association.

Still, however, the fleet of U. S. Vice Admiral Robert Lee Ghormley and the land-based air forces of General MacArthur scoured thousands of miles of the Pacific on the watch for enemy ships.

### Japs Unable to Use Bases in Aleutians

Anchorage, Alaska, Aug. 17 (Delayed) (AP)—Because the Japanese apparently have been unable to carve airfields out of the rocky Kiska Island, no bombs have been dropped on American Aleutian bases since early June.

An American air force officer said today.

Lacking land bases or an airplane carrier, the Japanese are using single float fighter planes in attempting to ward off United States bombers which have blasted them almost every day.

The American officer said apparently the long flight to U. S. bases has been too difficult for bombers based only in the sea.

He said the Japanese in harboring their planes only on water were making the first attempt by a modern army to operate full speed fighter planes minus either land bases or a carrier deck.

### Axis Sub Sunk Off Brazil Coast By U.S. Bomber

Brazil Recalls Soldiers On Leave to Prepare for War Declaration

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 19 (AP)—All Brazilian soldiers on leave were recalled urgently to duty today and the navy forbade furloughs for regular reserves as this nation at the "gates of war" hastened steps to meet the threat of axis submarines that recently sank five Brazilian ships.

One of the submarines lurking off these coasts was destroyed by a United States plane, a Brazilian official announced. Two Subs Seen

It was learned authoritatively that two submarines had been located at widely separated positions in the western Atlantic and that one was of enormous size.

Meanwhile a merchant marine spokesman said all Brazilian coastal waters were clear of shipping and that 13 ships which were in the submarine zone had reached ports safely.

The first official word of the sinking came from Commander Ernani A. R. Amaral Peixoto, federal liaison officer in the state of Rio De Janeiro, who told a crowd gathered before the presidential palace that one of the undersea raiders had been destroyed.

Government press department and other accounts in Brazilian newspapers gave this version of the attack:

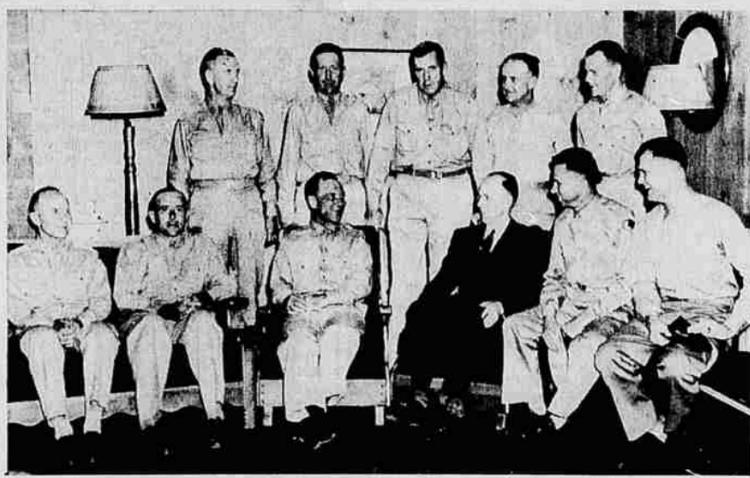
The submarine was sighted 50 miles off Brazil's coast by a United States plane piloted by Captain Jack Lacey. The plane dived, machine-gunning the submarine and forcing it to the surface with bombs when it attempted to submerge.

### U.S. Takes Over Machine Plant

Washington, Aug. 19 (AP)—Robert P. Patterson, acting secretary of war, on orders from President Roosevelt, today directed Major Ralph F. Gow of the Boston ordnance district to take possession of the plant of the S. A. Woods Machine company in South Boston, Mass., and operate it for the war department.

In a statement explaining the action, Patterson said failure of the company's officials to obey a war labor board order in a dispute with the company's employees "has created a serious threat to the production of vital war material which it manufactures."

"No company and no labor organization can be permitted to defy the mandate of this impartial tribunal," Patterson asserted.



Guests at Get-Together—Senior officers of the 96th and other units stationed at Camp Adair were honor guests at an informal get-acquainted dinner staged by the Salem Cherrians last night. In the back row from left are Col. H. M. Monroe, 96th; Col. M. E. Halloran, 96th; Col. P. E. Goode, 96th; Col. Edward McCallum, hospital unit; Col. C. J. McClure, 96th. Front row, Col. E. T. May, 96th; Brig. Gen. Paul Kane, 96th; Maj. Gen. J. L. Bradley, commander of 96th; King Bing Frank Earnest, official host; Brig. Gen. C. M. Easley, 96th; Lieut. Col. R. E. M. Des Isles, construction chief for army engineer. Governor Charles A. Sprague and Secretary of State Earl Snell were additional guests. (Jesten-Miller.)

### Surface Raider Sinks U.S. Ship

A New England Port, Aug. 19 (AP)—An enemy surface raider, using two torpedo boats in a pincers attack, has sunk an American merchantman in the first such attack of World War II, it was revealed today. Fifteen or 16 men were believed killed and the remainder of the 46-man crew were wounded or captured.

Wounded survivors said the night attack in the south Atlantic was launched simultaneously from three sides on a calm sea. The 9000-ton raider hurled 60 rounds of heavy shells in salvos of six from hidden gun turrets as the torpedo boats slipped in to fire four torpedoes and spray the medium-sized ship with tracer machine gun bullets.

In addition to the 15 or 16 believed killed, 19 or 20 were taken aboard the raider and 11 were rescued by a United Nations merchantman after sailing 450 miles in five days in a lifeboat.

The merchantman went to the bottom less than a half hour after the attack.

All the survivors were wounded. Jennings Bennet of Chehalis, Wash., one of the navy's seven-man crew aboard the vessel, had half a knee blown away and also lost part of a finger.

Bennet's injured finger was amputated by a crewman of the rescue ship.

Civilian defense authorities are making plans for protection of all insane asylums, Church said.

### Nazi Base Hit By Fortresses

London, Aug. 19 (AP)—American flying fortresses today carried out a successful precision bombing attack on the key Nazi air base of north France at Abbeville in an air maneuver designed to support the commandos fighting at Dieppe.

Two squadrons of the huge high-altitude American planes roared over the Abbeville airfield, which is known to American Eagle and RAF pilots as a "hornet's nest" of crack Nazi planes and pilots.

In good visibility the Americans employed their famed bomb sights to lay numerous hits on runways, buildings and aircraft dispersal areas. Protecting the U. S. planes were British and Canadian fighter squadrons.

All the attacking bombers returned safely.

Abbeville is about 35 miles from Dieppe and is known to be a key point in the entire Nazi defense system for France and the low countries.

RAF men regard it as one of the most dangerous Luftwaffe bases with which they have to deal.

Confirms Postmasters Washington, Aug. 19 (AP)—The senate has confirmed these Oregon postmasters: Clifford O. Dougherty, Cloverdale; Tracy Savery, Dallas; Henry Alm, Silvertown; Grace E. Neibert, Stayton.

### Protection for State Buildings

All state buildings and institutions in the Salem area will be fully protected against an air raid attack by October 1, Stan Church, state department employe who made a survey for the board of control, told the board today.

Church said he distributed questionnaires to the 1300 state employes in the area as the first step to mobilize them into a force to protect state property.

He said 98 per cent of the employes promised full cooperation.

The board tentatively agreed to buy 23 stirrup pumps to combat fires in the institutions, supplementing the 15 already on hand, while the state department is considering the purchase of 14 stirrup pumps for the capitol group of buildings.

The state hospital and state penitentiary are fairly well protected now, but the tuberculosis hospital and Fairview home for feeble-minded persons need greater protection because they are located near the army air base being built at the Salem airport, which Church said would be a military objective.

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### American Troops Arrive in Egypt

Cairo, Aug. 19 (AP)—A "shipload" of American air support troops has arrived in Egypt, it was officially announced here today.

The journey from America to Egypt was described as uneventful.

### Guns Heard Across English Channel

Folkestone, England, Aug. 19 (AP)—The roar of guns and crash of bursting bombs reverberated from the Dieppe area in France today with an intensity equal to that of the days of Dunkirk. Here at Folkestone, about 50 miles from the area where the commandos struck, the ground vibrated under the heavy bombardment which rumbled across the English channel.

Windows shook in houses and hotels from the rattling gunfire, reminding residents of the day of last phase of battle of France.

Overhead planes flashed by in perfect formation.

The air action was not confined to the Dieppe region. Other areas in northern France apparently were attacked by the raiders.

The sound of bomb explosions could be heard in regions not as far away as Dieppe, indicating that RAF fighters and fighter-

### Furious Battles Raging in Drive On Stalingrad

Russians Counter-Attacking and Raiding in Rear of Invaders

Moscow, Aug. 19 (AP)—The Russians are furiously counter-attacking in the Kletska area, destroying masses of infantry reserves and new tanks and planes poured into the most determined German effort so far to crash across the river Don, capture industrial Stalingrad and cut the Volga river line, front-line advices said today.

The Russians, who announced last night that the Germans lost 1,250,000 men between May 15 and August 15, were raising the total on both the Kletska area, 75 miles northwest of Stalingrad, and the Kotelnikovsk front, 90 miles southwest.

The Soviet noon communique announced that Russian forces had carried out successful raids in the immediate rear of the Germans northwest of Kotelnikovsk. The communique acknowledged that German forces had "somewhat pushed back" the Russians around Pyalgorsk, to which a drive apparently had veered from Mineralnye Vody, 100 miles to the north.

Counter Attacks Soviet counter-attacks south of Kletska yesterday killed 1500 Germans, destroyed scores of guns and tanks and were continuing. Counter-attacks were ordered after heavy enemy tank forces and motorized infantry pierced the first line of Russian defenses on one sector. The Soviet command had ordered a retreat, but the Russians managed to check the Germans at their second line, and held them.

On all other fronts, the noon communique indicated, the Russians were holding fast, and reported "stubborn battles" southeast of Kletska.

### 2 More British Warships Sunk

London, Aug. 19 (AP)—The British anti-aircraft cruiser H.M.S. Cairo, 4,200 tons, and the flotilla leader, H.M.S. Foresight, 1,350 tons, were torpedoed and sunk in last week's Mediterranean convoy battle, the admiralty announced today.

The Cairo, built in 1918 and converted for anti-aircraft duties in 1939, carried a complement of 400, according to Jane's Fighting Ships. The Foresight, completed in 1935, had a complement of 145 officers and ratings.

At least 66 enemy planes were certainly destroyed, the communique added, compared to British losses of eight planes, four of whose pilots were saved.

### Commandos Stage Greatest Raid of Conflict

Troops Withdrawn After Invasion Rehearsal—1000 Planes Used

London, Aug. 19 (AP)—The embarkation of the allied forces taking part in the commando raid on Dieppe today has been completed, a British communique announced tonight. Every operation ordered was completed with clock-like precision, nine hours after the initial landing, as planned.

The announcement, from British combined operations (commando) headquarters, added that "casualties on both sides in the all-day battle are likely to have been heavy. Some tanks were lost."

"A German radio location station has been destroyed and an anti-aircraft battery wiped out, the communique added.

"Ninety-five British aircraft are missing and 72 enemy planes are known to have been destroyed in addition to several shot down by naval vessels. Over 100 German planes were recorded as 'probably destroyed.'"

"A full report will not be available until our forces are back in England."

London, Aug. 19 (AP)—United States troops with Canadian, British and Fighting French commandos stormed the French coast on the broad beaches around Dieppe at dawn today, and with tanks and the greatest aerial umbrella ever spread aloft fought on throughout the day against the German defenders.

Despite the unprecedented scope of the attack, the British repeatedly announced that the action was not an invasion intended to create a front in western Europe, but was only a raid.

This was supported by the return to Britain during the afternoon of some of the commandos who had accomplished their mission speedily.

Main Battle Rages The main battle roared on, however, and the possibilities inherent in the situation increased as night fell.

The constant procession of more than 1,000 United States army, RAF and Royal Canadian Air Force fighters and bombers from British frontline airbases to the battle zone in France suggested that, at the least, the great assault might be a test to determine whether

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### Berlin Claims Raid Debacle

Berlin (from German broadcasts), Aug. 19 (AP)—The German DNB agency reported tonight that a large-scale allied attempt to land on the French coast near Dieppe had ended in debacle, and that since this afternoon "there was not a single armed British, American or Canadian left on the European continent."

More than 1,000 prisoners were taken by German troops, the agency said, and the allied losses in men and materials are "very high and cannot be surveyed."

(The British previously repeatedly had announced that the raid on Dieppe was strictly a commando attack, not an invasion, and that all forces would be withdrawn as soon as their objectives had been attained. So far there has been no British word of the withdrawal except for arrival back in Britain during the afternoon of some of the commandos who already had accomplished their mission.)

DNB said that German coastal artillery participated in the Dieppe fighting and sank numerous British landing boats and that several transports turned back to sea without having accomplished their tasks.