

Smash 3 Jap Destroyers in Solomon Isles

Tax Levies for Cities in Marion Show Decrease

Woodburn Sole Exception—However, Assessed Valuations Are Higher

Salem Levy Cut

Levies in mills for various towns in Marion county...

All of the increases in valuations, with the consequent cut in millage tax levies, are in the main due to the new personal property tax law...

Increase Next Year

Levies Tabulated

Table with 3 columns: City, 1942-43, 1943-44

British Subs Sink Axis Supply Ships

London, Aug. 26 (AP)—British submarines in the Mediterranean, pursuing their campaign against German and Italian shipping, have sunk a large tanker and a large supply ship...

Four undersea craft were cited for these new successes.

Aleutians Natural Rat Trap for Japs

St. Louis, Aug. 26 (AP)—Capt. Leland P. Lovett, director of the navy's office of public relations, told the St. Louis chamber of commerce the Aleutian Islands are "a great natural rat trap" for the Japanese.

"We have taken 12 or 13 vessels in the Kiska area, and have not lost one of ours," he said. "It is probably the greatest spot there is to pick off ships day by day. And when we get the ships we get lots of troops, too."

Four Kings at Kent's Funeral

London, Aug. 26 (AP)—Four kings—George VI of England, Haakon VII of Norway, George II of Greece and Peter II of Yugoslavia—and Queen Wilhelmina of Holland attended a simple funeral service for the Duke of Kent at St. George's chapel at Windsor today.

The Duchess of Kent entered with Queen Elizabeth and the queen mother Mary, and the king helped the duchess up the steps to the choir stalls. All wore heavy crepe veils.

Queen Elizabeth comforted the king, with tears in his eyes, moved forward and sprinkled earth on the coffin as it descended slowly into the vaults.

The coffin was draped with the personal colors of the duke. It was the first funeral for a member of the Windsor family to lose his life in active service in this war.

No Explosion, But Two Die

Seattle, Aug. 26 (AP)—A light passenger car and a truck loaded with seven tons of dynamite collided head-on early today on the West Valley highway near Kent, killing two young men riding in the coupe. The dynamite did not explode.

Earl Hollenback, 21, Rt. 1 Box 506-B, Puyallup, was crushed to death under the truck's load which was spilled on the highway by the crash.

Aloysius Ducati, 19, Box 21, Algona, was thrown to the pavement and killed.

State Employee Will Be 90 Years Old Monday

Frank K. Lovell, oldest of years and in point of service, will celebrate his 90th birthday Monday. This eventful milestone going about his customary clerical duties in the office of Secretary of State Snell, interrupted, however, by numerous congratulations. This, too, is his 52nd year in the service of the state, much of it spent in the office of the secretary of state, except for a period as state tax commissioner and some time spent in the office of insurance commissioner.

He came up from Westport on the Columbia to Salem in 1890 to "spell" his brother, who had a job with the Secretary of State George W. McBride. He was to be here for three weeks and go back to Westport. But he's been here ever since, except for a few years spent in California where he went due to illness.

Germans Hurlled Back by Reds At Stalingrad

In One Sector Nazis Drive Deep Wedge—Russians Take Airdrome

By Eddy Gilmore

Moscow, Aug. 26 (AP)—Soviet troops have hurled back German attacks both above and below Stalingrad by vigorous counterattacks, but enemy tanks and infantry are wedged deeply into the city's defenses in another sector and the Nazi command has moved two fresh divisions into action, the Russians said today.

Dead men clad in the greyish green of Adolf Hitler's legions were reported piled high on the sandy steppes before soviet trenches and the government newspaper Izvestia described prisoners as hungry and almost exhausted.

The British radio said the Russians in their great counter-attack on the central front had captured the Rzhev airdrome and cut an important road linking German positions. Fighting in Rzhev was said to be proceeding from house to house.

Reserves Brought Up

A Nazi tank division and one more infantry division maneuvered into position after a forced march from the Don bend bridgeheads and aerial transports, plying the skies with fighters and Stukas brought up hundreds of other Germans.

Both Cairo and Alexandria Raided

Cairo, Aug. 26 (AP)—Axis planes raided both Cairo and Alexandria last night.

An Egyptian communique said there were four deaths in Cairo and no casualties in Alexandria.

Tokyo Radio Admits Retreat in China

(By the United Press)

The Tokyo radio today admitted that Japanese forces are abandoning their entire field of operations in the important Chinese provinces of Chekiang and Kiangsi.



Marines That Raided Makin Island Return—Clad in their "working clothes" a group of marines, part of the marine contingent led by Lieut. Col. Evans F. Carlson and Major James Roosevelt, son of the president, return to Pearl Harbor from their raid on Japanese Makin island where they wiped out 350 Japs. This official U. S. navy photo was radioed from Honolulu to San Francisco. (Associated Press Photo.)

Flying Fortresses Bomb Airdrome

London, Aug. 26 (AP)—United States army air force flying fortresses bombed a German airdrome at Wevelgem, near Courtrai, Belgium, today. The fortresses were escorted by fighters, a joint communique said. All aircraft in the operations, which included diversionary sweeps by American fighters, returned safely. The communique said:

"United States army air force flying fortresses escorted by fighters, bombed the German airdrome at Wevelgem, near Courtrai, Belgium, today. Many bursts were soon on the target.

"On the return journey the fortresses beat off attacks by enemy fighters. Some of these fighters were seen to be badly damaged, but their destruction could not be confirmed.

"During this operation diversionary sweeps in which United States fighter squadrons participated were carried out. "None of our aircraft is missing."

The RAF struck its second smashing blow in two nights at the Nazi war factory last night with an assault by a "large force" of bombers—perhaps several hundred—at the ancient city of Nuernberg and Saarbruecken, both highly important military targets.

British Boston bombers also attacked the docks at Ostend, Belgium, and power stations in the Lillie-Lens area of France this morning, an authoritative British statement said. Two German fighters were destroyed and two of the American built bombers and a fighter are missing.

The RAF bombers flew nearly 500 miles to reach Nuernberg, deep in southern Germany, once a peaceful old city and now a center of Nazi war production.

An air ministry communique said 30 bombers failed to return from the mission. On the basis of average 5 per cent losses on similar large-scale raids in the past, this would put the number of participating planes at 600.

Helsinki Raided By Russian Planes

Helsinki, Aug. 26 (AP)—The Finnish communique today said 60 Russian planes attacked Helsinki in waves late yesterday in the heaviest raid ever attempted upon the Finnish capital.

Battle of Milne Bay Growing In Intensity

Troops Fighting in Mud—Japs Lose 42 of Famed Zero Fighters

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Aug. 26 (AP)—Fighting appeared to be growing in intensity today along the muddy shores of Milne Bay as veteran Australian troops battled with effective United States air support against Japanese forces attempting to consolidate a shaky grip on the southeastern tip of New Guinea.

A communique from General MacArthur's headquarters said the Australians were in close contact with the recently landed Japanese and described the fighting as "heavy."

A small number of United States service troops were reported in the battle area, but the allied fighting forces were said to be composed of tried Australian imperials and militia.

Bombers Rake Beach

Allied medium bombers, piloted by Americans and escorted by Australian airmen in fighter planes, were raking the beach heads established by the Japanese and the communique reported that "numerous fires were started."

The Japanese apparently filtered into the forbidding jungle where they were engaged by the hard-bitten Australians, slashing along infrequent trails and slashing their way through mangrove swamps to meet the invaders.

A spokesman said the weather, which had slowed the early progress of the land and air battle, was "better now," but the troops still were fighting in heavy mud.

Along North Shore

The battle was proceeding several miles from the head of Milne Bay along the north shore. A narrow beach there fades into the swampy jungle land.

While there was no indication of how the land fighting was going, a recapitulation of allied communique issued during the past week showed that the Japanese air force has been taking a severe mauling in the Australian theatre.

According to these bulletins, the Japanese have lost 42 of their famed Zero fighters, four heavy bombers and two dive bombers since last Sunday, in addition to an unestimated number of planes damaged. Allied losses in the same period have been put officially at only four planes.

Live Bomb in Scrap Heap

Planes Attack Squadron Off Santa Isabel

Warship Laden with Supplies—Total of 18 Jap Ships Now Hit

Washington, Aug. 26 (AP)—Land-based U. S. navy planes in the Solomons have sunk one Japanese destroyer, probably sunk another, and left a third crippled and burning, the navy announced today.

Operating from Guadalcanal island, which our forces have seized from the Japanese, the planes attacked an enemy squadron of destroyers.

This brought to at least 18 the number of Japanese ships reported hit by U. S. forces in the Solomon area—15 mentioned definitely plus "several cruisers" hit.

The action occurred late in the afternoon of August 27, the navy's communique said. An aircraft patrol from Guadalcanal sighted the squadron of one small and three large Japanese destroyers, apparently taking supplies and equipment to isolated Japanese patrols on Santa Isabel island.

"1. During the late afternoon of August 27 (Washington date) a U. S. aircraft patrol, based on Guadalcanal island, in the Solomon archipelago, sighted one small and three large Japanese destroyers. These ships appeared to be loaded with supplies and equipment for isolated Japanese patrols believed to be operating near the eastern end of Santa Isabel island.

"2. After reporting contact, the patrol planes attacked and secured one hit on the small destroyer.

Douglas Bombers

"3. A striking force of Douglas dive bombers from Guadalcanal answered the contact report by proceeding to attack the three large destroyers. The attack resulted in the following damage to the enemy: "(A) One large destroyer sunk as the result of a heavy explosion following bomb hits. "(B) A second large destroyer severely damaged and probably sunk.

"4. During this attack the striking force observed that the destroyer previously hit by the patrol planes was crippled and burning.

"5. No further action has been reported in this area." (Concluded on page 9, column 8)

Flying Dragons Raid Indo-China

By Karl Eskelund

Headquarters, U. S. Army Air Force in China, Aug. 26 (AP)—Army bombing planes wrecked a three mile stretch of a vital Japanese held railroad, destroyed a railroad bridge and spread devastation through two important enemy bases in a raid on Indo-China yesterday.

Chinese Launch New Drive Near Canton

Chungking, Aug. 26 (AP)—The Chinese have launched a vigorous new offensive against the Japanese 40 miles north of Canton to match the attacks further north which have brought recapture of Chuihsien and Lishui, sites of the two biggest air fields in eastern China, the Central News agency reported tonight.

The offensive began Thursday along the Canton-Hankow railway, the dispatch reported, with Chinese troops crossing a stream 40 miles north of Japanese-occupied Canton, capturing the town of Pakong and driving the Japanese southward.

Several other points since have been taken in quick succession, including Kutungshan, Kweitoulung, and Nanchang-gau, and the Japanese still are retreating, with the Chinese in hot pursuit, the agency said.