

GRIPPING ACCOUNT OF MANILA RAIDS GIVEN BY A. P. MAN

Huge Fires Started at Cavite
By Prolonged Assault of
Japanese Bombing Planes

By Russell Brines
Manila, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Japanese four-motored bombers smashed at military objectives and shipping moored in the harbor yesterday in a prolonged assault on the Manila area that started huge fires at Cavite naval base and sent columns of smoke spiraling up from Nichols air depot.

American interceptor planes and Japanese dive-bombers fought a brisk battle over Nichols field and one plane was believed to have been hit.

I watched the entire attack from a beach house 1 1/2 miles from Nichols. Hundreds of other persons along the beachfront huddled against fences and beneath trees during the four separate afternoon attacks.

Flames Roar High
From where I stood, nine miles directly across the bay from Cavite, flames roaring high in the air could be seen at the end of the raid. Smoke also rose from a smaller fire at Cavite an hour after the assault. Another Cavite fire apparently was extinguished. Black smoke hovered over Nichols field.

After first circling the city in two formations of 27 planes each the Japanese returned seaward, then split up for the assaults. High in the clouds above the bay at least six dive-bombers peeled off from the main units and roared swiftly toward

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Japanese Bombers Shown in Air



These are big Japanese bombers on maneuvers somewhere in the Far East. It is believed similar planes were among those which bombed Hawaiian islands without warning Sunday.

Nichols. The bomb blasts shook my house.

The attack stirred alive a gigantic hornet's nest as American interceptors which had droned over the air base throughout the morning went into action. After their swoop onto the field the bombers climbed high and split up. Individual dog-fights developed, with the Americans trying to get onto the tail of the Japanese planes.

Fights in Sky Seen
The fighting could be seen through scattered clouds directly over my head. Anti-aircraft guns cracked throughout the city and the machine-guns of the combatant planes rattled incessantly.

The fight lasted at least 15 minutes. One plane emitted a light stream of smoke from its motors and disappeared inland. Some witnesses reported that it had glided toward McKinley field, after which a high burst of smoke was seen. Another plane slanted seaward beyond Cavite, straightened near the water, then disappeared over the horizon. The fight ended

when the fast bombers climbed high and headed seaward with the Americans following.

Meanwhile, smoke began spiraling up from Nichols field. This attack started about 12:40 and ended at 1 p. m.

Heavy gunfire ceased momentarily then burst out again at planes hidden in the clouds off Cavite. As a second wave of bombers came on the smoke rings of anti-aircraft shells puffed out far below them.

The planes dropped 40 bombs at columns of merchant vessels, sending up high waterspouts. Columns of dirt and smoke also shot into the air from the direction of Cavite and flames roared up, apparently from an oil tank fire. Several bombs fell into the water off Cavite. A third flight of nine bombers attacked some 15 minutes after the first assaults. Flying in close V formation they appeared over Cavite, apparently safe from anti-aircraft shells bursting below them.

The attackers dropped a cluster of bombs, sending up two new smoke plumes from Cavite, swung toward the merchantmen

and dropped another salvo, then bombed the Fort McKinley area and sped back out to sea.

This attack was followed by a fourth in which eight planes in close formation dropped some 30 bombs on Cavite.

Hugo, Colo.—(AP)—What's in a number? Alice Poen would like to know. She was born on the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year at 11 o'clock and is the 11th child.

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INTEREST GROWS IN DEFENSE WORK CLASS AT SCHOOL

Welding And Sheet Metal
Study Requires Additional
Instructor—Waiting List.

War with Japan has increased interest in the vocational defense courses being given here in electric welding and aviation sheet metal, E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent, said today.

Because of this plans are being made to employ another instructor in welding around the first of the year to absorb about 30 of the 100 men now waiting their turn for instruction. Mr. Hedrick said. As a class of 30 will complete its study around Christmas, 30 others will begin the course around the first of the year, thus reducing the waiting list by a total of 60, he added.

About 80 are waiting their turn to take the aviation sheet metal course, Mr. Hedrick said. This course runs for 12 weeks but aircraft manufacturing companies frequently employ the students before the study is completed and put them on the payroll while they complete the training in the factories, Mr. Hedrick related.

The electric welding course takes from 10 to 12 weeks. Examinations, prescribed by the American bureau of shipping, are given here.

Age limits for welding study are 18 to 45, for aviation sheet

metal, 18 to 35. Applications for enrollment may be made at the school superintendent's office in city hall or at the state employment service, 45 North Fir street.

NAZIS LOOT FORESTS OF OCCUPIED LANDS

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP) Germany is depleting her forests at the rate of 150 per cent of growth, and is looting forests of occupied countries, Croydon Wagner, Tacoma, told the Western Forestry and Conservation convention here today.

Wagner, vice-president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, predicted that as a result Europe would become an importer rather than exporter of lumber.

DEAD MAN DISCOVERED BY BLACKOUT WARDEN

Hillsboro, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP) Blackout Warden John Bremer of the Middleton district near Tigard forced open the door of a house that displayed a hallway light early today.

Inside he found Myron C. Saltus, 57, sole occupant, dead on the floor. Coroner F. J. Sewell blamed death on a heart attack.

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BLACKOUT DUTY FATAL FOR THREE

Depoe Bay, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP) A civilian defense guard was fatally injured by an automobile on the Depoe Bay bridge yesterday.

The guard, Orville Garrison of Taft, was pinned against the bridge railing by an automobile driven by Jerry Sittser, publisher of the Delake News-Guard. Sittser was seriously injured.

Bremerton, Wash., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Two marines on blackout patrol duty were killed early today when the automobile in which they were riding collided head-on with a Washington Motor Coach company bus at the Junction of the Keyport-Poulsbo highway. The marines were not immediately identified.

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