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NIPPON LOSSES MOUNT IN MACASSAR

American Troops Land on Old World Soil



The group of United States troops above was part of the steel-helmeted contingent which arrived in northern Ireland yesterday as the vanguard of the A.E.F. of World War No. 2. Below: Two of the first doughboys ashore shake hands with a British sergeant (center). (Photos by cable, wire and airmail to Mail Tribune).

MAJOR CHANEY IS LEADER OF FORCE SENT TO IRELAND

A North Ireland Port, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. E. Chaney, rated both as a combat pilot and a combat observer by the U. S. air corps, has been made commanding general of the United States army forces in the British Isles, it was officially announced today.

With the AEF in Northern Ireland, Jan. 27.—(AP)—From the vast wheat fields of Minnesota and the tall corn of Iowa, from the teeming factories of the cities—came the first American expeditionary force to land on these embattled islands in World War II.

To British soldiers snapped to attention as the Yanks marched toward their encampment, their first question with a grin was: "What are the girls like?" And they also wanted to know where they were going and where they were to fight. But the answers to these grimmer questions were couched in military secrecy.

NEW RAID SIRENS HEARD DISTINCTLY

The city's three new air raid warning sirens performed satisfactorily in their second test last night though checkers reported they were not heard so distinctly in a few homes as they were in the first test in the morning, Fire Chief Roy Elliott said today.

Both tests, however, gave such satisfactory results in all parts of town that no further experimentation is contemplated for the time being, the chief stated.

TO UP CANNERY PAY
Oakland, Calif., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Sixty thousand cannery workers in central and northern California will receive wage increases under a new labor agreement, signed by representatives of 12 unions and 35 fruit and vegetable packing companies.

BAN MEXICO RADIOS
Mexico City, Jan. 27.—(AP)—President Manuel Avila Camacho put into effect today nationwide measures closing amateur and private experimental radio transmitting stations.

U. S. AND DUTCH DOWN 34 SHIPS IN 5-DAY CLASH

Tokyo Admits Loss of Four Transports in Landing Operations at Balikpapan

Box Score
The box score of Japanese craft sunk or crippled showed:
by Dutch by U.S. Total
Warships 9 2 11
Transports 7 10 17
Planes 8 5 13
(A tabulation in Washington showed a joint American-Dutch toll of 34 Japanese ships—11 as certainly sunk, at least six probably sunk and 17 more damaged—but the list in Batavia was only for January 23 through 25, the first three days of the five-day engagement).

By Roger D. Greene
(Associated Press War Editor)
American battle forces dominated the news on far-flung war fronts today as Britons wildly cheered the arrival of a second AEF vanguard in northern Ireland, and, halfway around the world, U. S. planes and submarines slashed at the remnants of a once-powerful Japanese invasion armada off Dutch Borneo.

Pressing home Japan's first major defeat in the seven-week-old conflict, American and Dutch forces already had sunk or damaged 34 Japanese warships and troop transports in the shark-infested Strait of Macassar. The running battle continued into its fifth day today.

Japs Admit Loss
Imperial Tokyo headquarters acknowledged that four Japanese transports were lost in a battle last Friday during landing operations at Balikpapan, rich oil center on the east coast of Dutch Borneo, facing Macassar strait.

A Tokyo bulletin said Japanese warships escorting the transports clashed with allied destroyers, submarines and aircraft, and sank one of the attacking submarines.

The Dutch already had destroyed the Balikpapan oil fields in pursuance of a "scorched earth" policy.

On the Malayan front, the critical battle for Singapore raged with heightening fury as Japanese troops scored a 12-mile advance on the west coast and bitter fighting developed at Senggang, only 48 miles north of Singapore.

Kluang Falls
Front-line dispatches said the key rail and highway town of Kluang, 50 miles above Singapore, had apparently fallen. The British acknowledged fighting south of there.

By D. Witt Hancock
Batavia, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A heavy Japanese warship sunk in the first day of Japan's disastrous effort to run the Straits of Macassar was identified tentatively today as a battleship in a Dutch recapitulation of the enemy's losses.

This would raise Japan's toll to two capital ships so far. The first was the battleship Haruna, sunk by Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., of the Philippines in the first days of the war.

A special Dutch communiqué "Friday said a 'large warship,' together with two cruisers and a transport, suffered direct hits with 660-pound bombs when Dutch fliers attacked the Japanese convoy. It is believed to be a battleship.

The summary by authoritative sources said that in three days of a running Dutch-American air and sea assault on a great Japanese convoy in the narrow waters between the Islands of Borneo and Celebes 28 enemy ships were sunk or heavily damaged and 13 warplanes downed.

Growing Allied Might Pictured by Churchill In Confidence Request

London, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill presented Britain today with a picture of growing allied might and unity today and demanded that parliament vote confidence in his government.

Against his frank admission that bad news has come from the Pacific ocean battlefield, he told the house of commons:

United States troops that have landed in northern Ireland are only a vanguard of more to come.

United States fighter planes will help defend Britain against air assault.

United States bombers will join the RAF in bombing Germany.

Considerable reinforcements have reached Malaya in the past week.

Confidence Demand
"We are taking many measures with the United States to increase the security of Australia and New Zealand, sending reinforcements, arms and equipment by the best routes."

"It is because I see the light gleaming behind the clouds and broadening our path," he said at the end of his candid report of the good and evil in Britain's war fortunes, "that I make so bold now as to demand a declaration of confidence of the house of commons as an additional weapon in the armory of the united nations."

At the close of the war leader's speech, the house of commons began debate on Britain's war direction which Churchill will wind up with a brief concluding speech this week.

The thunderous cheers that greeted his one hour and 24-minute accounting left no doubt how the house of commons will vote when it finally puts the question of confidence to a test.

"We shall presently regain naval command of the Pacific and begin to establish effective superiority in the air," the prime minister predicted.

Pacific Not Secondary
He pledged that the Malay peninsula and Singapore would be defended to the last inch and said he doubted that Japan would attempt an invasion of Australia — "a very ambitious overseas operation in the precarious and certainly limited time before the British and American navies regain, as they must regain, ultimate command of the Pacific."

"There is no question of regarding the Pacific war as a secondary operation," he added.

"The United States navy is linked in the most intimate union with the admiralty both in the Atlantic and the Pacific."

Although Churchill said he "must confess to feeling the weight of war upon me even more than in the tremendous summer days of 1940," he spoke with obvious confidence and appeared to be in high good humor.

Russians Collect Vast Booty in Nazis' Wake

By Eddy Gilmore
With the Red Army on the Central Front, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The Russian army, continuing its deadly flanking movements, moved deeply into Smolensk province today after clearing the last German from the province of Moscow.

Mozhaisk, the battered and ruined high water mark of the German's advance west of the capital where they withstood the furious red army counter-attack for so long, has been converted into an assembly point for trophies captured from the nazis.

When we passed through Mozhaisk and moved up with the troops toward Gzhatsk we saw some of the soviet activities in collecting this booty.

Tanks which litter the roads for miles are being hauled out of the snow and dragged by tractors to the Mozhaisk railway. Some of them look to be in excellent condition.

SALE OF SUGAR IS HEAVIEST IN LOCAL HISTORY

Grocers Blame Excitement For Rush To Stock Up — Allotment Plan Soon.

If consumers would not get excited over everything they hear about shortages, there would be enough sugar for everyone, grocers generally agreed today after going through one of the most hectic sugar-buying sprees in history. Many stores said they have sold more sugar in the past few days than at the height of the rationing season.

"It looks as though a lot of people have enough sugar now to last a long time," one grocer stated. "After February 1 there will be plenty of sugar and it will be handled on an allotment plan so that there won't be any hoarding."

"The public can blame itself for retail shortages and rising prices," another merchant said. "By making a run on a product, people deplete stocks and help create the very shortage they seem to fear, at the same time causing prices to rise. If people wouldn't get excited every time they hear a rumor, we'd all be a lot better off."

Purchases Limited
Many stores today were limiting sugar purchases to a 10-pound sack per customer as long as supplies last. It was stated that no new supplies will be available until February 1. At least one store, however, was still selling 100-pound bags "as long as they last." One grocer said he sold his last 100-pound bag Friday, while Saturday and Monday cleaned him out of 25-pound sacks. "We have only a few 10-pound sacks left," he said.

The Coca-Cola Bottling company here, like other units in the Coca-Cola system throughout the country, has been placed by the parent company on a basis of 1940 sales for rationing purposes. The local company is therefore making deliveries to retailers on a pro rata basis in accordance with its 1940 sales. This limitation, however, does not apply to deliveries to army or navy establishments.

"The Coca-Cola company will continue regular service and the standard of the product will be maintained," said Oliver A. Gustafson, the local company's manager. There must be restriction in deliveries, he added, because current sales had gone far beyond those of 1940.

The Snider Dairy & Produce company, which also handles soft drinks, said its business was not being affected by the sugar situation.

SUB SURVIVORS
Rangoon, Burma, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Survivors of two steamers torpedoed in the bay of Bengal by a submarine believed to be Japanese landed here today and estimated that 22 lives had been lost in the double-barreled attack.

Radio Highlights

(Time is Pacific Standard)
Programs in tribute to President Roosevelt and his sixtieth birthday anniversary get a prominent place in the week's schedule on the networks. Among the features scheduled:
Radio greeting via NBC, MBS and Blue at 9 p. m., Thursday—thirty-minute program with Eddie Cantor, Katherine Hepburn, Maurice Evans, Walter Winchell and others.
London tribute relayed by the Blue at 1:30 p. m., Friday—to include representatives of allied nations, many of whose governments are in exile in London.
Vladimir Horowitz recital, on Blue at 7:15 p. m., Friday—concert pianist to play a special 15-minute tribute.
Annual birthday ball over all networks at 8:15 p. m., Friday—Pickups of birthday celebrations in various parts of the country.
Tonight: CBS — 7:15, Ben Thomas, Estelle Sternberger, "Victory in the Pacific."

De Valera Protests U.S. Force Arrival

Dublin, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Prime Minister Eamon de Valera issued a statement tonight protesting against the arrival of United States troops in northern Ireland, across the border from Eire.

The statement declared that Eire had not been consulted either by the British or American governments with regard to the coming of the troops.

De Valera based his objection on the emphasis lent the split between Eire and northern Ireland by the establishment of the American forces on the northern side of the border.

His statement referred to the fight 20 years ago when he said the Irish nation was partitioned "despite the express will of the Irish people."

He compared the division of Ireland with the partition of Poland and called it "one of the cruelest wrongs that could be committed."

However, he declared, the people of Ireland have "no feeling of hostility toward and no desire to be brought in any way into conflict with the United States."

SIDE GLANCES
BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Lorraine Larier running around, pounding on Cargill apartment doors, shouting to tenants to douse lights when the air raid sirens blew, Horace Bromley finally telling him it was all a test.

Friends of Enid Funk wondering why she doesn't acknowledge receipt of a glass crane for her bird collection at Yule time.

Loss of Battleship in Mediterranean Is Admitted By British

London, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The sinking of the battleship Barham, 31,000-ton veteran of Britain's navy, in the Mediterranean last Nov. 25 was announced by the admiralty today after it had kept the loss a secret for two months to cheat the enemy of any profit from knowledge of its blow.

The loss of the Barham, which the axis long had claimed as sunk in the Mediterranean, cut Britain's capital ships to 13. She had 15 when she entered the war and since has added three but five have been lost—the battleships Prince of Wales, Royal Oak and Barham and the battle cruisers Repulse and Hood.

How many of the Barham's crew of 1,190 to 1,200 were lost was not disclosed.

Explaining the admiralty's secrecy over the loss, the communiqué said:

"Next of kin of casualties were informed but loss of the ship was not announced since it was clear at that time that the enemy did not know she had been sunk and it was important to make certain dispositions before loss of this ship was made public."

APPEAL GREEN VERDICT TO HIGHER STATE COURT
Charles W. Reames, attorney for the defendant, said today he had filed a notice of appeal to the state supreme court in the case of Waldo Green against J. N. Adams, due to alleged errors in law in the recent circuit court trial in which the jury returned a \$11,000 verdict in favor of the plaintiff for a broken leg.

Dance Will Open New Labor Temple
The new labor temple of the Carpenters' Union, local 2067, which was constructed on North Riverside avenue in two weeks, will be open for inspection Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Starting at 9 o'clock a dance will be held in the building, free to all union men, their families and their invited guests.