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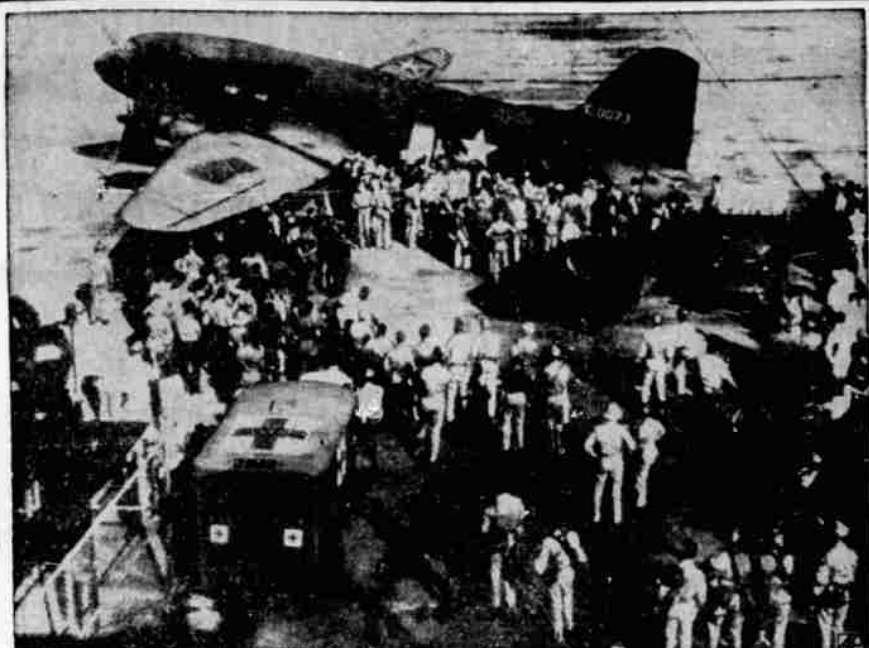
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NAVY REVEALS LOSS OF LEXINGTON

They Smashed Japanese at Midway



Heroes of the battle of Midway return to an airfield in Oahu in an army transport plane. In upper picture flying buddies who were forced to stay behind, gather around the big plane to greet them. Center: A flying fortress crew that hit the Japs hard, interviewed by Clark Lee (left) of the Associated Press on their return. The fliers, left to right, Lieut. Charles E. Gregory, of Houston, Texas, Sgt. Carroll, Lieut. R. D. Pate, Dallas, Texas, Cpl. Simcox, and Lieut. Henry H. Fitts. Below: Sgt. Barnett squadron armaments crewman at Oahu Field, inspects damaged wingflap of a flying fortress that returned to its base after sinking a Jap destroyer in the Midway battle. (Pictures by 7th Airforce radioed from Honolulu to San Francisco and airmail to Mail Tribune).

Midway Victory Frees Mainland from Threat Of Invasion Attempts

Pearl Harbor, June 12—(AP)—Speedy American reinforcements may be sent to western Pacific bases and all Pacific key points, it is predicted as a result of the battle of Midway.

The Japanese defeat is felt to have removed, at least for the predictable future, any threat that the mainland of the United States might be invaded.

Therefore, it is believed such forces which may have been held on the west coast of the United States as a defense against possible invasion have now been freed and can be sent to areas where they are more urgently needed.

The battle of Midway showed the effectiveness of aircraft in coastal defense to such an extent that any area with sufficient aerial protection may feel reasonably safe from invasion.

Of course, if the Midway battle had gone the other way and the Japanese had sunk our carriers and knocked out Midway, the Hawaiian Islands probably would be fighting an invasion today.

What our strategists think will be Japan's next probable move is naturally a military

secret, but much interest is centered in the possibility of a Russo-Japanese war, with some informed quarters believing that the Japanese thrusts at Midway and Alaska were the prelude to an attack on Russia.

If they have decided to attack Siberia, the Japanese have had sufficient time to withdraw their assault forces from the southwestern Pacific, leaving only garrison troops to dig in and solidify defenses in those areas.

Both the Japanese and Russians know their present peace is only a matter of convenience to both sides and that it will last only until such time as either feels it cannot wait longer to attack. Some informed quarters believe that for Japan that time is drawing near.

The need for crop cultivation in Switzerland has necessitated a reduction in livestock.

Eastern Motorists Given Reprieve in Gasoline Rationing

Washington, June 12—(AP)—East coast motorists, facing a hard-boiled new gasoline rationing program next month, got a two-week reprieve today plus the good news that beginning Monday non-essential drivers may buy six gallons instead of three with each unit left on their ration cards.

The present temporary ration plan was scheduled originally to be replaced on June 30 by a regular coupon book system, but the office of price administration announced yesterday the change-over would be deferred until July 15.

The extra two weeks will be required to train registrars and ration boards under the more detailed regulations of the new program.

TO NEW COMMAND
Spokane, June 12—(AP)—Col. Henry Harms, commander of Fort George Wright since it was established as a separate air corps post from the Geiger field base early this year, relinquished his command today to become commanding officer of the second air force replacement wing with headquarters at Salt Lake City, Utah.

CREW OF CARRIER MOSTLY SAVED IS BELATED REPORT

33,000-Ton Ship, Destroyer Sims and Tanker Neosho Only Losses in May Fight.

Washington, June 12—(AP)—The navy announced today the loss of the U. S. aircraft carrier Lexington as a result of the battle of the Coral Sea which prevented the Japanese from either invading or isolating Australia.

The loss was disclosed in connection with an official review of the navy's part in the entire Coral Sea campaign, starting March 10 at New Guinea and running through May 8 when enemy aircraft inflicted such damage on the Lexington that several hours later she exploded and sank, with a relatively light loss of life.

92 Per Cent Saved
The Lexington's normal complement was 2,300 men. The navy said 92 per cent of the personnel on board was rescued. The navy communique did not say how many of the Lexington's fighting planes were lost, but officials commented that "obviously planes were lost."

The review showed that the Coral Sea campaign, ending disastrously for the enemy, cost the Japanese more than 15 ships sunk, two probably sunk and 20 damaged while the only American losses were the 33,000-ton Lexington, the tanker Neosho and the destroyer Sims.

A large part of the personnel from the Neosho and Sims was rescued and has reached port.

Jap Losses Heavy
As against these losses which the navy said had been instrumental in disrupting Japan's strategy against Australia, the navy announced the Japanese had suffered:

Sunk:
One aircraft carrier, 3 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser, 2 destroyers, several transports and small supply vessels.

Severely damaged and probably sunk:
One cruiser, 1 destroyer.

Severely damaged:
More than 20 ships, including 1 aircraft carrier, 3 cruisers, 2 aircraft tenders, 3 destroyers.

Heaviest losses of the enemy were inflicted in an attack on Salamaua and Lae, New Guinea, March 10 when aircraft from a Pacific fleet task force commanded by Vice Admiral Wilson Brown joined shore-based planes from Australia to attack the enemy bases.

This attack, previously reported as having been made, although the fact that carrier-based planes participated had not been given out, resulted in the sinking or damaging of more than 20 Japanese ships, plus heavy damage to shore installations.

The second phase of the campaign was the battle of the Coral Sea which started May 4 after reconnaissance had shown concentration of enemy shipping and aircraft in preparation for an advance into the Solomon and Louisiade Islands.

The task force which first participated in this fight was commanded by Rear Admiral Frank J. Fletcher which attacked a fleet of the enemy aircraft anchored in and near the harbor of Tulagi, in the Solomon group, and all but annihilated it. The results of this engagement, previously announced by the navy, were sinking or damaging of 12 Jap vessels and destruction of 6 aircraft with a loss of but 3 American craft.

28 More Czechs Die Before Nazi Squads

London, June 12—(AP)—The German-controlled Prague radio announced tonight that 28 more Czechs had been executed, bringing the reprisal total to 258 since the fatal wounding of Reinhard Heydrich by Czech patriots. This total did not count the persons killed when all males in the town of Lidice, estimated at 350, were shot. Ten were executed in Prague and eight in Bruen, the announcement said. Two were women.

BASEBALL

American
St. Louis at New York, postponed.

USO CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$7,000 IS HEADED BY GATES

C. E. "Pop" Gates has been appointed campaign manager of the USO drive which opens in Medford June 22 according to John P. Moffat who is vice chairman of the USO council. Announcement of the opening of the campaign was made yesterday at a USO council meeting held in the USO center on East Main street.

Organization of the county is underway, Mr. Moffat stated and it is hoped that Jackson county's quota of \$7,000 can be reached by July 1. The Ashland drive is already underway and the quota nearly reached, it was reported. This drive is being held in conjunction with the USO drive throughout America, with quota to be turned into the national fund for the recreation of U. S. armed forces. A similar drive was conducted in the United States last year.

\$1000 For Use Here
Mrs. Dolph Phipps presided during the council business session and reported that authorization of over \$1,000 had been received from New York City and San Francisco offices for use in furnishing the USO center.

Mrs. Penny Fontaine, program director, said that she was working with Grants Pass USO volunteer workers in outlining their program relative to recreation for soldiers. It was explained that her duties involved also the communities adjacent to the military project and that she would be available for service in Ashland until such a time as a paid worker could be appointed for that city.

Chairman Named
Announcement was made by Mrs. Phipps of the appointment of chairman of standing committees for USA activities. The appointments included: Mrs. Leonard Carpenter, Mrs. Porter J. Neff, co-chairman of house furnishings; Mrs. S. E. Phillips and Mrs. Effie Kurtz, information and registration; public relations, Moore Hamilton, Orval Kingman; radio, Lee Bishop, A. O. Bauman; library, Mrs. Leland A. Metzger; program, Mrs. Penny Fontaine as director; music, Mrs. M. N. Hogan; dances, Mrs. Larry Schade; military, Seth Bullis; Sunday recreation, the Rev. H. G. Gardner; hobby groups, Sam Colton and dramatics, Mrs. Ed Kelly.

CHUHSIEN COSTLY VICTORY FOR JAPS IS CHINA CLAIM

Chungking, June 12—(AP)—The Chinese, having exacted a tremendous price, conceded today that the Japanese had won Chuhsien, an important railway town and air station of western Chekiang province, but claimed recapture of another point behind the Japanese lines and new success for the American flying tigers.

The success of the American volunteer group fighters in shooting down half of a force of 18 Japanese planes over Kweilin, Kwangsi province, early today emphasized the entry of the "Tigers" into the battle of China proper. They are veterans of the battle of Burma and the Burma road.

Loss of Chuhsien was recorded in a high command communique which said the Chinese completed withdrawal Wednesday after a nine-day battle on which 18,000 casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

Somewhat offsetting this was announcement of the recapture of Iwu, on the Chekiang-railway about halfway between Chuhsien and the Hangchow terminus, 160 miles northeast.

SIX INJURED IN COLLISION NEAR BEALL CROSSING

Head-On Smashup Follows Attempt to Pass Third Car—All Resident of Area.

An automobile collision on the Pacific highway just south of the Beall lane intersection last night about 8:15 o'clock sent six Jackson county residents to Community hospital, two other occupants of the cars escaping with minor injuries.

State police reported today that Gale Andrews was operating an automobile which was proceeding south on the Pacific highway when it collided head-on with the car being driven north by Fred Hale of Central Point, when Andrews attempted to pass a car going in the same direction. Both cars were badly damaged.

Andrews' companions were Emil A. Styris, Cecil Hunt and Fred Carl Lee, all residents of Long's Motel. Mr. Hale was accompanied by his wife and two daughters, Barbara and Dolores, of Central Point.

Mr. Hale received head lacerations and bruises and Mr. Hale a broken nose, injured chest and severe head injuries. Andrews is reported to have severe head lacerations and a laceration of the kneecap and a possible skull fracture. Lee is being treated for multiple lacerations of the head and fracture of the skull and Hunt, head injuries, and Styris, body injuries.

The attending physician said today that all had severe lacerations and internal injuries. The two Hale girls, who were riding in the back of the Hale car received only minor injuries and were returned home. The injured persons were brought to the hospital by Perle's ambulance and Deputy Sheriff Bill Grenbemer who was passing at the time of the accident.

CHIEF PATTERSON ABOARD LEXINGTON

Among petty officers on the Aircraft Carrier Lexington, reported by the navy department to have been sunk in the battle off Midway, was G. E. Patterson, chief quartermaster and former naval recruiter in Medford, it was understood by local friends of his.

Patterson left here Sept. 12, 1940, after being stationed here about two and a half years, and was assigned to the USS Haywood. It was understood he later was transferred to the Lexington.

While in Medford Patterson joined the Elks lodge and the Rogue Valley Golf club, and has a host of local friends who anxiously await word as to his safety. He was succeeded here by Jack Carpenter, CEM.

Gen. Tinker Missing After Midway Battle

Washington, June 12—(AP)—The war department reported today that Major General Clarence L. Tinker, commander of the Hawaiian air force, was missing after the battle of Midway.

Tinker left Midway June 7 leading a flight of his army bombers to attack the Japanese fleet.

His plane when last seen by men aboard other aircraft in the same formation was descending rapidly towards the sea, the war department said. The area was thoroughly searched from the air and by surface craft for several days.

Tinker was the first American army air general officer to be reported missing in action in the war.

Tinker had been commander of the army air forces in Haw-

War Bulletins

Honolulu, June 12—(AP)—Four Japanese aircraft carriers were destroyed in the battle of Midway Island. It was indicated today on the basis of battle reports thus far received by navy sources.

BERLIN. (From German broadcast). June 12—(AP)—German U-boats in the eastern Mediterranean have sunk a 6,000-ton transport and two steamers totaling 4,000 tons. The German high command reported today. The communique said two sailing cargo ships also were sunk and another large steamer was damaged by torpedo hits.

BRITISH, GERMANS LOCKED IN BITTER DESERT CONFLICT

Cairo, Egypt, June 12—(AP)—British tanks are locked in a bitter battle with German armored forces about 30 miles southeast of Tobruk today in an effort to block the drive of three strong columns which turned northeastward toward that objective after forcing the free French out of Bir Hacheim, southern anchor of the British line.

Harmat, six miles south of the desert track crossing of Knightsbridge, around which has centered much of the battling in this German offensive, was the general scene of the engagement.

Knightsbridge is 25 miles southeast of Tobruk and about 15 miles west of El Adem.

Following withdrawal of the Free French from the desert plateau of Bir Hacheim on Wednesday night after a 16-day battle, front line dispatches said the Germans turned northeastward and struck toward Harmat.

Blocked there late yesterday, they sought to turn aside and last night were reported locked in a struggle between Harmat and El Adem.

Harmat was seized by the British in a thrust from their coastal positions late last week.

Since piercing the British Bir Hacheim-Ain El Gazala line, one of the principal efforts of Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel has been directed to removing the embarrassment to his rear at Bir Hacheim.

Now that this had been accomplished, it was assumed that he was able to throw his main effort into a resumption of the drive on Tobruk with his supply lines no longer menaced by artillery fire and raids from Bir Hacheim.

RAP ALASKA ROUTE

Washington, June 12—(AP)—A member of the Alaska international highway commission told a senate foreign relations sub-committee today that an eastern overland route to Alaska, ordered by the Canadian-American joint defense board, was inaccessible, valueless for defense and "an economic and engineering monstrosity."

RUSSIAN DEFENSE WINS LOCAL GAINS IN COUNTER BLOW

Sevastopol Defenders Improve Position After Week of Constant Nazi Attacks.

Moscow, June 12—(AP)—After beating off a week or virtually constant German onslaughts, defenders at the Crimean naval base of Sevastopol have counter-attacked and improved some of their positions, Russian army dispatches said today.

There were no further details from the Ukraine where, a communique at midnight said, Russian forces were putting up a violent defensive fight against the advance of Field Marshal General Fedor Von Bock's tanks and infantry east of Kharkov.

No Big Changes
A war bulletin this morning said there had been no important changes overnight, and did not mention the Kharkov sector.

(The German high command said Von Bock's attacks in the new Kharkov offensive were successful and increasing in volume.)

Red Star said that despite local gains won by the Russian counter-attacks, the situation at Sevastopol remained "extremely tense."

"Great firmness and mobilization of efforts will be necessary for final repulse of the enemy," the army newspaper asserted.

Offensive Hinted
A DNB broadcast from Berlin said attacks at Sevastopol and southeast of German-held Kharkov were necessary preliminaries to Adolf Hitler's "coming great offensive." Immediate objectives were described as the reduction of Sevastopol, which DNB termed "the strongest fortress in the world," and straightening of German lines below Kharkov.

Nearly 15,000 Germans have been killed and more than 50 tanks and 60 planes destroyed by the defenders of Sevastopol in three days, the midnight communique declared.

Foreign commissar Vyacheslav issued a 1,200-word diplomatic note charging deliberate atrocities to the German high command.

Molotov said the Nazi plans embraced "extermination of the Soviet population, prisoners of war and guerrilla fighters by bloody violence, torture and executions, and the massacre of Soviet citizens, irrespective of their nationalities, social standing, sex or age."

Radio Highlights
(Pacific War Time)
United Nations Day, to be observed Sunday simultaneously with flag day, will bring approximately a dozen special features to the networks.

Besides the recorded broadcast of a message by President Roosevelt, now listed for three networks, NBC, BLU and MBS, there will be programs from China, London and various points in this country.

Tonight: CBS—3:15 Fighting Inflation, Donald M. Nelson.

Saturday: New York at War Parade—8 a. m. and 1:45 p. m.; MBS 7:30 a. m.

NBE—11:30 a. m. tribute to Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek; 12 Colorado nature sketches, new series; 1 Pan-American holiday program title change, CBS—7:45 a. m. Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek from Chungking, BLU—8:30 a. m. Drama "Story of a Flag."

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Fishermen August Lorenzen and Walter Enders being kidded by friends because they forgot to rescue their lunch when their boat capsized on Rogue river, they concentrating on saving their two salmon and themselves.