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NAVY HARRIES JAPS IN ALEUTIANS

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 13—One sixth of the Jap capital fleet strength was put out of action at the battle of Midway. Details of which are now accumulating sufficiently to clear popular misconceptions of the action.

It was not primarily a naval battle, but an air battle. Planes were cast against Jap surface ships, planes against planes and subs against surface ships. There was no action between U. S. surface ships and Jap surface ships.

The Japs tried to sneak up on Midway, as they did on Pearl Harbor. They came in with their aircraft carrier planes in front as umbrellas to cover their battleships, cruisers, destroyers and transports from attack. Their strategy was to send bombers from these carriers over Midway in a surprise attack, just as at Pearl Harbor.

The airfield at Midway was to have been bombed and destroyed before our planes could get in the air. Then they would have moved their battleships up with long range guns and reduced the heavy defenses.

THE island is as level as a billiard table and completely without cover or shell shelter. We have a good air field there and a protected lagoon, but nothing could be put underground because after a few feet you reach water.

The shelling would have pulverized the heavy defenses and opened the way for Jap light cruisers to come in and clear the way for landing troops from their transports. The Japs had three to five transports loaded with troops ready for that purpose.

But sharp American air-eyes gave us a lucky break. Our patrol planes sighted the four to five advance ships in the Japanese line several hundred miles off Midway, near the extreme limit of the patrol. These planes radioed back the alarm and immediately we began to attack by air.

THEIR four or five carriers, huddled in the center of the Jap line, caught the heaviest of

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War Bulletins

Allied Headquarters, Australia, Sunday, June 14—(P)—Twenty-seven Japanese bombers escorted by fighters raided Darwin yesterday, but did little damage. General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

The raid was carried out while Australia with the rest of the allied world was celebrating MacArthur Day.

One enemy and one allied plane were lost, headquarters announced.

It was the first raid on the northern Australian port since the United States navy and allied air forces joined in smashing a Japanese invasion threat toward Australia.

London, June 13—(P)—A solitary German raider unloaded a stick of high explosives on an east coast town last night, hitting a hotel and killing at least nine persons.

Berlin (From German Broadcasts)—June 13—(P)—Berlin political quarters said today that free French soldiers captured at the Bir Hacheim outpost in Libya were subject to execution as irregulars under the German and Italian armistice terms with France. Forbidding French subjects to serve in armies fighting the axis.

LONDON, June 13—(P)—RAF Spitfires shot up several trains and illuminating gas tanks and a factory today in a sweep over northern France.

ENEMY IN SMALL SCALE LANDINGS AT ATTU, KISKA

Weather Slows Operations—'Face Saving' After Midway Seen.

Washington, June 13—(P)—American army and navy aviation striking whenever the dirty weather of the far north permitted, were at work today to drive the Japanese from their fingertip hold on the outermost end of the Aleutian island chain stretching westward from Alaska.

The progress of operation was obscure. The navy, for the time, stood on its original announcement that attacks against the Japanese in the islands "are continuing." The Japanese, the navy said, had made a small scale landing at Attu, westernmost of the islands, and enemy ships had been reported in the harbor of Kiska, in the Rat island group.

The Japanese landing at lonely Attu was the only achievement salvaged from Nippon's grand scale offensive attempt in the north Pacific. The southern wing of that offensive was broken and sent limping away in the action at Midway.

No Real Threat
In army and navy circles, the Japanese landings were viewed as nothing to rouse concern. Whatever Japan's original intentions, it was believed the heavy losses of Japanese warships off Midway had left the enemy in no position to undertake to expand and exploit the footholds.

Most naval men apparently inclined to the view that no real threat to Alaska was involved. Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chief of the bureau of aeronautics, told reporters at Baltimore that the Japanese action was of "no real importance" and might even become an enemy liability.

But there were those here who pointed out that a position on Attu could be of definite military value to Japan, even if it did not become eventually the first stepping stone for an attempted full-scale move on Alaska and the North American mainland.

It could be a listening post along the route from Alaska to Japan—or to Siberia—relieving to some extent the necessity for Japanese reconnaissance by submarine, surface ship and aircraft.

Holman Interested
In Canada there was a disposition by at least one high official to view the Aleutian island attack in grim manner.

In congress, confidence was expressed that the enemy would be swept out of the Aleutians quickly.

Senator Chandler (D., Ky.), a member of the senate military affairs committee who discussed the matter with army and navy officials, said he was satisfied "we won't let them stay there long."

Chandler saw the landings as unimportant and dictated solely by "psychological reasons of a face saving."

Senator Lee (D., Okla.), also a committee member, thought the invasion apparently was a "face saving" move, but Senator Holman (R., Ore.) expressed lively concern at the Japanese action. He predicted the Japs would attempt to construct an airbase there.

SAILOR'S MOTHER GETS GOOD NEWS

Hannibal, Mo., June 13—(P)—Mrs. C. C. Dudley had just finished reading a newspaper account of the sinking of the aircraft carrier Lexington in the Coral sea battle when her telephone rang last night.

It was a long distance call from her son, Commander James Dudley who was on the carrier, assuring her of his safety. He called from the Pacific coast.

Here Last Summer



The war department announced that Major General Clarence L. Tinker (above), commander of the Hawaiian air force, was missing after the Battle of Midway.

Major General Tinker was in command of the air squadron that camped here last summer at the Elks picnic grounds on the Rogue. He is known to a number of local people.

HALF JAPANESE PLANE CARRIERS LOST IN PACIFIC

Air-Sea Power Broken In Midway and Coral Sea Battles, Navy Says.

Washington, June 13—(P)—The Midway and Coral sea battles have cost Japan probably half of her best aircraft carriers and thus have broken the spearhead of her air-sea striking power, informed naval sources estimated today.

And because of the importance of the air arm, the Japanese are regarded as having gambled away in the two engagements the chance of major offensive action on the American side of the Pacific, even though they still have several fast carriers which would operate with the weakened high sea fleet.

They have lost at least six of the ten or more fully effective fleet carriers with which they started the Pacific war, and still others have been put out of action temporarily by bomb and torpedo damage. This is in the basis of official reports of the Coral sea battle and word from Midway pilots that three and possibly four Japanese carriers were sunk in that action.

Japan probably had more carriers than those listed in naval manuals. But by the best available listings, she started the war with these: Shokaku (or Shokaku) and Zuihou, the newest list designs, each of 14,000 tons, 30 knot speed and 45 planes; Soryu, Kiryu, and Koryu, 10,050 tons, 30 knots and 40 planes; Ryuzo, 7,100 tons, 25 knots, 24 planes; Akagi, 26,000 tons, 28 knots, 50 planes; Kaga, 26,000 tons, 23 knots, 60 planes; Hoyo, 7,470 tons, 25 knots, 26 planes; and the Ryukaku, a new carrier either of 14,000 or 20,000 tons. She also had several converted liners as carriers, but these are not classed as fleet vessels.

The toll has been one sunk, one believed sunk and one damaged in the Java sea; one sunk and one damaged in the Coral sea, and three and possibly four sunk at Midway.

By contrast, the United States has lost the Lexington and suffered damage to another carrier off Midway. These represent a third of the large American carriers in service when the war began. The obsolete Langley, sunk near Java, was a tender.

GREATEST TROOP CONVOY, ALL TIME, REACHES IRELAND

Fourth AEF Contingent, Including Negroes Land After Atlantic Crossing.

With the AEF in Northern Ireland, June 13—(P)—Thousands of heavily armed United States troops, equipped with 28-ton tanks and other offensive weapons, moved into camps in northern Ireland tonight from the "greatest American convoy which ever crossed the Atlantic" in grim evidence of allied hopes of opening a second front against Germany this year.

Warships flying the U. S. ensign shepherded the convoy through nazi submarine hunting grounds without incident, and this fourth announced AEF contingent swung jauntily down the gangplanks as if impatient to get along with the business of fighting Germans.

From at least nine states they came—an indication in itself of the diversity and size of the newest force. Troops from Pennsylvania, California, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Indiana and Kentucky shouted cheerily at uniformed women of the British army auxiliary forces while military bands piped out "Deep in the Heart of Texas," "Jersey Bounce" and other tunes.

For the first time since the last war, negro troops were landed on British soil. An army statement said their number was small and that they were intended for "services of supply."

ALLIES OBSERVE M'ARTHUR DAY

(By Associated Press)
Across the length and breadth of the nation war stirred Americans paid tribute this week-end to the flag for which they fight, and, bound by ties of war, joined their sister United Nations in reaffirming their will to final victory.

In populous cities and in tiny villages bands played, troops marched and the "home front" paraded yesterday in honor of General Douglas MacArthur and Flag day.

From his headquarters in Australia, the hero of the Philippines sent a message calling the designation of June 13 as "Mac Arthur Day" a rededication "to the immortal ideals of West Point: 'Duty, honor, country.'"

OKLAHOMA STORM DEAD TOTALS 30

Oklahoma City, June 13—(P)—Red Cross and other relief agencies cared today for 250 homeless victims of a tornado that killed 30 persons in a southwest residential district and roared off "whistling like 10,000 devils."

The army sent soldiers from the air base who tolled through the night bringing dead and injured from the debris, then tumbled on through the day to help tend the survivors.

An area two blocks square in the southwest corner of the city was scoured bare of houses, and only a few trees, limbs and leaves wrenched away by the wind, stood stolid.

NO PORTLAND PUD VOTE
Salem, June 13—(P)—The State Hydroelectric commission today rejected petitions asking for a vote at the November general election on creation of a peoples' utility district at Portland.

FRENCH RISING ANEW
London, June 12—(P)—Free French headquarters reported tonight that the Gestapo has launched a big new drive in Paris to quell organized resistance.

Interpreting The War News

By Kirke L. Simpson
(Wide World War Analyst)

Whatever he may say, it is a reasonable guess that Adolf Hitler is very far today from the jubilant mood on which he trumpeted the opening of his great "crusade" in Russia just short of a year ago.

Twelve months later the self appointed savior of mankind is fully aware that he has caught a tartar in his march with "no precedent" eastward against Russia "to safeguard Europe and thus save all."

There was a precedent after all, a Napoleonic precedent. The second "little corporal" has been seriously close, by his own admission, within the past 12 months to the fate that befell Napoleon.

He is not yet out of the woods. He still has the Russian bear by the tail in a dance of death that involves millions of men. He can neither let go nor go forward notably with his "crusade." The other end of the Russian bear, the business end, is snapping savagely at his heels at every gyration.

That is the situation on Germany's eastern front a week from the anniversary of Hitler's attack on Russia. And to match it a storm of British-American making is brewing in the west of which German victims at home have heard the first ominous rumblings in thousand-plane British bombing of such cities as Cologne and Essen. For the six months that follow the night of June 21-22 this year, every night must be one of increased danger and terror for Germans as the hours of darkness lengthen.

Britons have known that grim waiting night by night where every added moment of darkness meant added peril, but never as Germans must now endure it. No German can doubt that the Cologne and Essen raids were but tokens of the horror to come. What the upshot of that might be for Hitler before the winter turns the longest night corner in December none can say with certainty.

Nor can any say when Allied guns as well as bombs may again be joining in the dreadful chorus on the continent in the west. The ships, the planes, the men are gathering within the fortress that is Britain. The Nazi warmaker can have no doubt of that, nor can he turn from his Russian front to meet that growing threat.

Two-front war even now is a terrible reality for Hitler. For the weeks since he thumbed his eastern army against Kerch Isthmus in an effort to regain the initiative in Russia, his troops have been floundering in blood, still chained to a fundamentally defensive role.

ARMY PILOTS DIE IN TACOMA CRASH

Tacoma, June 13—(P)—Two army fighter planes crashed in separate accidents in the Tacoma-Olympia area today killing the pilots.

The first plane hit St. Peter's hospital in Olympia and fell to the street in flames. The pilot, tentatively identified as Lieut. Ralph M. Edwards, Jr., died in a few hours.

Another ship crashed and burned in a field at Lakeview, about 15 miles southwest of Tacoma, killing 2nd Lieut. Roy D. Stone, Monrovia, Calif.

4 GENERALS AND ADMIRAL CAUGHT

Berlin (From German Broadcasts), June 13—(P)—The Berlin radio quoted "competent quarters" tonight as stating that the Germans had taken more than 12,000 British prisoners, including four generals and an admiral, in the course of the current operations in Libya.

In addition, it was stated, 600 British tanks, 300 guns and many motor vehicles were destroyed or captured.

German losses were not mentioned.

GERMANY EXTENDS U-BOAT BLOCKADE ACROSS ATLANTIC

Embraces Canada and U. S. Coasts, Effective June 26, Berlin Reports.

Berlin, (From German Broadcasts), June 13—(P)—The German government announced tonight extension of its blockade across the Atlantic all the way to the American Coast as a result of the United States' entry into the war and of "the development which naval warfare has taken since then off the American seaboard."

CBS in New York heard a Berlin broadcast saying the blockade extension was Germany's answer to allied threats of a second front.

The official announcement said: "The operations area in which at all times military action must be reckoned with has been enlarged to extend to the American coast across the Atlantic ocean."

"This was caused by the fact that the United States entered the war, and furthermore, by the developments which naval warfare has taken since then off the American seaboard. Every ship which will sail in this area after June 26 subjecting itself to destruction."

"The German government therefore is warning against sailing in the hazardous area which extends:

"From the Belgian coast three degrees east, over 62 degrees north, three degrees east and 68 degrees north, 10 degrees west to the coast of Greenland along 68 degrees north; then along the Greenland coast to Cape Farewell and from there to Cape Harrison; thence along the coast of Canada, the United States of America to Key West, from there along 28 degrees north, 60 degrees west, 45 degrees north, 20 degrees west and 45 degrees north, five degrees west and 45 degrees north, five degrees west and then to the French coast at 47 degrees, 30 minutes north."

This chanted a line running north from the Belgian coast through the center of the North Sea, then westward to include the waters about Iceland and Greenland, then south along the Canadian and U. S. shores to the West Indies.

HOPE OF CHINESE PEOPLE MOUNTING

New York, June 13—(P)—Visions of a new era of international justice are inciting the Chinese people to carry on, Madame Chiang Kai Shek said today in a special shortwave broadcast from Chungking.

The message was received in New York by CBS on the occasion of the 25th reunion of the 1917 graduating class of Wellesley college, of which Madame Chiang Kai Shek was a member.

The Chinese leader's wife said she had faith that the democracies will learn the lesson that it is better to prevent wars than to win them.

FREIGHTER NABS SUBMARINE CREW

(By Associated Press)
Five more ships were announced sunk in seas both near and far today but two more struck back and returned to tell their stories.

A small Norwegian freighter steamed into an eastern Canadian port with undisputed proof that it licked a submarine—the submarine's survivors. A United Fruit banana ship, the Atenas, reached a gulf coast port with the jubilant report that an Axis submarine was probably sunk and another frightened off in its voyage.

Last Off Lexington



Capt. F. C. Sherman (above), commanding officer of the U. S. S. Lexington was the last man to leave the ship, which was sunk in the Coral sea.

San Diego, June 13—(P)—Rear Admiral Frederick C. Sherman, abandoning the disabled U. S. aircraft carrier Lexington in the Coral sea, risked his life to rescue his dog, "Admiral Wags."

With the big carrier aflame and racked periodically by explosions, Sherman took time to find the ten-year-old Cocker Spaniel before he left the ship. "Admiral Wags didn't like gunfire," Sherman said today, "and hid under the bed in my emergency cabin during the battle."

"When I prepared to drop over board the cabin was filled with smoke, and I feared Wags had suffocated. But I found him standing forlornly by the bridge, waiting for me."

"An orderly tied a life jacket around the dog and lowered him into the water. He was taken to a destroyer, then a cruiser. He finally caught up with me in two or three days."

NORRIS ADVOCATES MASS AIR RAIDS TO CRUSH NAZIS

Washington, June 13—(P)—Continuous night and day bombing of Germany by massed American and British air fleets was advocated today by Senator Norris (Ind.-Neb.), who said he was convinced the Nazis might thus be brought to their knees without a land invasion of Europe.

Differing with those advocating establishment of a second land front as early as practicable, the veteran Nebraska senator said he could see no reason why Germany could not be reduced to military impotency by sustained, smashing aerial attacks at her plane factories, transportation systems and industrial centers while the Nazi armies were heavily engaged with the Russians.

A White House statement last Thursday said that the United States, Great Britain and Russia had reached full understanding on the urgent tasks of creating a second front this year. This was followed today by announcement of the landing of additional American troops in Ireland, fully equipped for offensive action.

But Norris insisted these troops might be held in reserve and used only for "mopping up" operations on the continent if mass aerial attacks were made continuously.

RANGE GRASS BETTER
Portland, June 13—(P)—Oregon ranges are slightly above average, but are not in as good condition as last year, the Federal Department of Agriculture reported today.

FAVOR JOB FREEZING

Portland, Ore., June 13—(P)—A federal proposal to freeze workers in their jobs was approved today in a resolution by the Washington Independent Telephone association.

YANKEE BOMBERS HELP RUSSIANS; LAND IN TURKEY

Black Sea Bases Pounded—Rumors Cloud Move—Air Might Grows.

(By Associated Press)
America's growing air might was reported thrown into the battle of Russia even as other U. S. planes hunted through the north Pacific fog last (Sat) night for Japanese detachments which landed on the westernmost Aleutians.

Four or possibly five multimotored U. S. bombers with some wounded crewmen landed in Turkey, and the British agency Reuters said they had bombed Odessa and Nikolaev, Black Sea bases seized by the Germans from Russia last year.

After two days of rumor, mostly from disturbed German sources, the Turks confirmed that the U. S. fliers had landed in their neutral country and were interned.

Exchange telegraph agency, also British, said 23 fliers were interned and that the flight "would seem to be the first indication that a powerful American bomber command exists in the middle east."

Reuters said German fighter planes pursued the great four-motored bombers into neutral territory and turned back before Turkish fire. All details were vague and veiled in official silence.

The anguished cries from Berlin, however, suggested the Nazis might be building up the incident as a cause celebre to overawe Turkey, which could provide a Nazi shortcut to the desperately needed oil of Iran, Iraq and the Caucasus.

Turkey has been receiving lease-lend aid—including planes—from the United States, and other equipment from the British. Thus the planes might conceivably fly again against the Germans.

SOVIET COUNTER ATTACK

Moscow, Sunday, June 14—(P)—Soviet forces meeting the greatest Nazi offensive of the year with strong counter-action in a narrow death trap on the Kharkov front hurled back German tank and infantry attacks in savage fighting all day yesterday, the Russians reported early today.

The Soviet bureau of information declared that the Red army inflicted great losses on the Germans. The Nazis were said in Russian accounts to be throwing men into the continuing battle from a huge pool of reserves built up after the recent fighting on the Kharkov front.

Intense land, sea and air actions were reported by the Russians from other sectors of the long front, which, with the Russian-German war almost one year old, is seeing some of its most bitter fighting.

DEGREES FOR DOGS

Baltimore, June 13—(P)—Final examinations and commencement exercises for seniors at Canine college will be held tomorrow with a bunch of smart pooches receiving such degrees as "C. D." (companion dog), "C. D. X." (companion dog excellent), and the highest degree, "U. D." (utility dog).

BULLETIN

Medford defeated Dorris 10 to 7 in an Oregon-California league game here last night. The Craters were ahead throughout. The game was ragged, with 10 errors contributed by both teams. They play again this afternoon.

Score:	R. H. E.
Dorris	7 12 4
Medford	10 14 6
Carlstrom and Goldbar; Crippen and Adams.	

NIGHT GAME
Los Angeles 5 12 0
Sacramento 6 10 0
10 innings.
Prim, Flores (7), Gehrman (8), Roffensberger (9), Lynn (10), and Todd; Lyons, Donnelly (8), Wicker (9), and Moeller.