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DEVIL DOG MARINES WIN FIRST ROUND

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 13 — Mr. Roosevelt's appointment list of 105 new generals (major and brigadier) may have meant no more to the general public than reading a page from the telephone book, but to those who see the army up close, or from the inside, it represented an inspiring effort to put fighting spirit and quality at the top in the field.

No more than two or three names could cause fellow officers to ask themselves the usual question:

"How in hell did he get up there?"

The number of duds and duds assayed no higher than two or three per cent, which is a record.

These new generals average somewhere around their middle forties in age, not as young as might be, but young enough. They are generally to take fighting tank commands, new air borne divisions, the airplane ferry command, and some are now already overseas.

Their choice is a tribute to the inner army efficiency reporting system. A few were plucked out for exceptional personality and ability, without a record, but most were chosen because they had efficiency records.

The list is a definite answer to the popular prayer for aggressive leadership in the field.

THOSE front-page official government photographs showing how Nazi saboteurs had ploughed our fields into huge arrows, or marked them with socks of grain to direct the way for Nazi bombers to our strategic objectives, may turn out to have been an unintended government hoax.

The war department has announced.

YOUNG USO VISITOR
The USO entertained its youngest visitor Tuesday night when Master Jerry Ernest Prioste, aged 2½ months, dropped in, accompanied by his parents, Pvt. Ernest Prioste and wife, Pvt. Ernest Prioste and family are from San Jose, Calif.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
A summary of the Solomon Islands invasion will be presented by Brigadier General Thomas Holcombe, U. S. marine corps commandant, in a March of Time broadcast from Washington over NBC at 7:30 tonight. Also scheduled for the program is a pickup of Major General Mark W. Clark, commanding general of American ground forces in Great Britain.

Scotland's role in the war will be highlighted Sunday over NBC at 2:30 in the fourth "Britain to America" broadcast.

Short wave station WRUL of Boston (6.4 megacycles) is re-broadcasting a Cavalcade of America programs to English-speaking listeners the world over, to acquaint them with the lives of great Americans. Next rebroadcast is Friday at 2 p. m.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Walter Levertette being host to Daughters of Job bethel at a swim party and barbecue at his home last p. m.

Louie Older, bethel council member, modestly announcing that the swim party was a double celebration for him—occurring on his birthday.

Natalie Parker, Job's Daughters queen, busy as a bee in planning the coming dance for soldiers and bethel members.

WELL ENTRENCHED IN SOLOMON ISLES AFTER 6-DAY WAR

Furious Jap Counter Attacks Beaten Off — Allies Enjoy Superiority in Air.

By Roger D. Greene (Associated Press War Editor)

American "devil dog" marines appeared to have won the first round in the seven-day-old battle of the Solomon islands today, beating off furious Japanese counterattacks at three invasion beachheads in the 900-mile-long island chain.

A correspondent of the Australian broadcasting commission said it was believed that the marines, strongly reinforced, had broken the Japanese hold on the Tulagi area.

Japs Driven Out

"The Japanese have been driven from many of their defensive positions after fierce hand-to-hand fighting," the correspondent said.

Tulagi harbor is one of the finest naval base sites in the southwest Pacific. An unconfirmed Australian report said American parachute troops had been used as shock forces in the assault.

Dispatches to the Yorkshires, England, Post reported that the Japanese fleet had "lost control of Tulagi harbor" and declared: "The allies have air superiority and are using it at sea as well as on land."

A U. S. navy communiqué said the marines, firmly entrenched after six days of violent hand-to-hand fighting, were now consolidating their positions.

Navies Fight Hard

"Supporting naval forces are engaged in bitter fighting," the navy said.

The communiqué did not specify whether the enemy was bringing up warship reinforcements or using land-based aircraft to bolster the defense of their ground forces. However, allied reconnaissance showed a spurt in enemy shipping activity around Rabaul, New Britain, a major base for Japanese troops and supplies moving to the Solomons.

Striking to paralyze enemy reinforcements, American flying fortresses smashed at the Rabaul base for the fifth time in five days yesterday. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said the raiders left a 15,000-ton ship and two medium-sized vessels in flames and a fourth enemy ship foundering.

Without the loss of a single bomber, the giant fortress craft shot down one of eight challenging Japanese fighters and damaged another from three to six others, united nations headquarters reported.

Rabaul lies 700 miles northwest of the Tulagi sector in the southeastern Solomons, where the navy said U. S. marines were battling to expand their gains on three islands in the Tulagi vicinity—presumably Florida, Guadalcanal and Malaita.

Transports Seen

A Chinese army spokesman reported that Japanese transports carrying more than 20,000 troops were sighted in the gulf of Tonkin, possibly bound for new offensives in southern Asia—perhaps toward Burma and the Indian frontier.

U. S. army bombers attacked the Japanese-held town of Yoyang (Yochow) in northeast Hunan province, American headquarters announced, carrying out a "highly successful" raid without loss to themselves.

On the land front, the Chinese reported that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's armies had withdrawn from Huwan, which they recaptured a week ago, but were still pressing their assault on 20,000 Japanese troops massed at Linchwan (Fuchow), 12 miles to the north, in central Kiangsi province.

BASEBALL

American 2 6 0
Detroit 2 6 0
Cleveland 3 5 1
Trucks, Wilson and Parsons, Bagby and Desautels.

Army Gets Some Good Housekeepers



In first formal review of new Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at Ft. Des Moines, Ia., Colonel Don Faith, commandant, and Mrs. (Major) Ovela Culp Hobby, WAAC director, inspect quarters of a company. Note opened trunks at foot of beds.

DIVISION STAGES MOCK WAR; 'FIFTH COLUMNISTS' BUSY

"Fifth columnists" failed in their efforts to "capture" Colonel Throckmorton, commander of the "red" army, but they did succeed in penetrating deep into enemy territory and obtaining valuable information, in a mock war staged at Camp White yesterday.

The mock war was staged between the "red" and "blue" armies of the 91st Infantry Division. One officer and three sergeants of the "blue" troops, dressed in civilian clothes and posing as construction workers, commandeered a Rogue Valley Transit company bus and crossed Bybee bridge into "red" territory without trouble. Their mission was to capture Colonel Throckmorton, if possible, and at the same time secure information as to the disposition of "red" forces.

The bus, carrying the "fifth columnists," cruised around in "red" territory for some time and were never apprehended, but Colonel Throckmorton was so well-guarded that they failed to effect his "capture." However, they learned much of the "enemies'" strength and one of the "fifth columnists," posing as a surveyor, even had "red" army troops helping him look for stakes.

CAMP VISITORS SHOULD USE BUS

Camp White, Aug. 13.—(Spl.)—Those planning to visit Camp White for the Activation day ceremonies Saturday can conserve rubber and aid in the camp's huge construction program by leaving the family car at home and taking advantage of commercial bus facilities.

Authorities of the 91st Infantry division pointed out today that use of commercial buses would minimize traffic and parking problems and avert unnecessary interference with camp construction, now proceeding on a 24-hour schedule.

It was further pointed out that it will not be possible to use civilian automobiles after arrival on the post. Conducted tours will be by army buses, preceding the program which is to begin at 10 o'clock and continue through noon.

Regular bus schedules may be stepped up to accommodate the thousands of visitors expected for "open house" and Activation day ceremonies.

BUCHAREST TREMBLES
Bucharest (From German Broadcasts), Aug. 13.—(P)—Four earthquakes were felt in Bucharest between Wednesday afternoon and Thursday noon. The last two shocks were of considerable intensity.

U. S. Air Forces Enter Fray On Large Scale With RAF

London, Aug. 13.—(P)—United States army air fighting forces have entered the European fray on a large scale for the first time, having engaged in 31 operational sorties during the past 48 hours, United States European headquarters announced today.

U. S. fighter squadrons, flying in conjunction with RAF fighter units, made three such flights over the coast of France.

Twenty of the missions were over the sea, and eight were interception sorties off the coast of England, the communiqué said.

The following United States army air force operations occurred during the 48-hour period from 9 a. m., Aug. 11 to 9 a. m., Aug. 13.

"United States army air fighter squadrons, flying in conjunction with RAF fighter squadrons, made three operational flights over the coast of France."

"United States army air force fighter aircraft participated in 20 sea sorties."

"United States army air force fighter aircraft participated in eight interception sorties off the coast of England."

HIGH WAGES SCALE FOR PEAR PICKING

Orchardists have announced the wages of pickers in valley orchards will be eight cents a box this season, and seven cents a box if the tree is stripped of all pears. The eight cent is for plucking the large pears used by canneries.

At this rate, orchardists said, expert pickers could make as high as \$10 to \$12 per day. Some can pick from 125 to 150 boxes per day. The average picker would gather from 50 to 75 boxes per day.

Packers reported the base pay for workers would be 60 cents per hour for packing house workers.

Mayor Proclaims Half Holiday For 91st Activation

WHEREAS, the 91st Division of the United States army will be activated at Camp White, August 15, 1942, and Major General Charles H. Gerhardt, commanding such division, has invited the citizens of Medford and the general public to attend the military ceremonies in connection therewith, NOW THEREFORE:

For the people of the City of Medford I hereby express to Major General Gerhardt and to his officers and men appreciation of the courtesy, and urge every citizen of Medford to accept the invitation so kindly extended and attend the activating ceremonies and I further urge the proprietors of all stores and other employers within the City of Medford to, if possible, close their stores and places of business during the forenoon of August 15.

H. S. DEUEL,
Mayor of Medford, Oregon.

Nazis Say U.S. Carrier Bombed; Assault on Stalingrad Readied

DISQUE DETAILED TO SOLVE COAST'S PROBLEM OF FUEL

Officer That Performed Near Miracle in Spruce For World War I, Busy Again.

Washington, Aug. 13.—(P)—Secretary of Interior Ickes announced today that he had dispatched to Seattle a representative empowered to take action to "avert a threatening coal and wood emergency in Washington and Oregon."

Brigadier General Brice P. Disque, assistant director of the Office of Solid Fuels Coordinator for war, was named as the representative.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 13.—(P)—For the second time in his career, Brigadier General Brice P. Disque has been sent out to the northwest to solve a major war problem.

And if he is as successful in 1942 as he was in 1918, residents of Oregon and Washington can forget the worrisome fuel problem.

His appointment as trouble man for the Oregon and Washington fuel situation today recalled to northwesters that he performed a near miracle in the production of badly needed airplane spruce in World War I.

As a colonel, Disque came to the northwest in October, 1917, with orders to produce enough spruce to build 100,000 warplanes annually.

He enlisted an army within a year of nearly 29,000 officers and men and 125,000 civilians; built 13 railroads; acquired 13,440 acres of timber; set up 234 camps in Oregon and Washington; built one huge sawmill and had two others under construction when the war ended.

WICKARD PONDER'S CEILING ON STOCK

Washington, Aug. 13.—(P)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said today that he could not say whether he would approve OPA price ceilings on livestock until he had been given an opportunity to study a specific price proposal.

The secretary disclosed at a press conference that Price Administrator Leon Henderson had inquired about the department's attitude toward ceilings on live cattle, hogs and lambs.

Most Polish schools have been requisitioned as military barracks by the Nazis.

Electricity Rationing Seen Possibility for Northwest

Seattle, Aug. 13.—(P)—A City Light official disclosed yesterday that federal officials had told him that a power shortage in the Pacific Northwest in 1943 might necessitate a rationing of electricity.

"They warned me that they might have to ask us to cut out electric ranges," said Isaac Comeaux, chief city accountant and financial advisor to the municipally-owned city light.

Comeaux said he informed the federal officials during a Washington, D. C. conference that because of Seattle's dependence upon electricity for cooking, many homes are not even equipped with kitchen flues, "making the installation of any other types of stove impossible."

Portland, Ore., Aug. 13.—(P)—Non-essential uses of power must be curtailed if the Pacific Northwest is to attract more war industries, Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver said last night.

Air Liner Caught In Bullet Hail In Battle Area Trip

Algiers, Algeria, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The regular Marseille to Algiers airliner arrived today riddled with bullet holes, one passenger dead and seven others seriously wounded, having been attacked by four fighting planes in the vicinity of the western Mediterranean convoy battle.

The airliner, which is a regular Air France sea plane, passed the vicinity of the battle shortly after noon and was caught in a hail of machine gun fire from four pursuit planes of undisclosed nationality.

The passenger was killed and five passengers and two members of the crew were wounded. Five of the wounded were considered in grave condition.

NAVY YARD AIDE HELD FOR PROBE IN COSTLY BLAZE

Bremerton, Aug. 13.—(P)—A Puget sound navy yard employee was taken into custody early today for investigation into a \$100,000 fire which destroyed five units of a new federal dormitory project last night, leaving 207 men homeless in this overcrowded city.

He was arrested, Police Chief Arthur Morken said, after an attempt had been made to start a fire in a dormitory unit across the road from those destroyed.

The suspect resided in this unit. While navy shore patrolmen guarded the entire housing area and city, state and naval officials investigated the blaze. Government and relief agencies repaired dormitory buildings to provide shelter for as many of the homeless as possible. They said only 67 men would be without shelter by nightfall.

A small blaze started in one of the unfinished units but was quickly extinguished. Fifteen minutes later a second fire broke out of control and spread to roofing tar, Fire Chief Ernest Yett said.

Police Chief Morken said that three hours after the first fire broke out a fire was discovered in a lavatory of a dormitory unit 70 feet away and across the road from the destroyed structures. It was discovered before it had an opportunity of spreading. Morken said that paper towels in a waste paper basket had been ignited and paper towels in a holder on the wall had also been set afire.

Red Crews Interned

As the Axis struck to throttle the United Nation's vital supply routes, the German-controlled Paris radio broadcast a report under an Istanbul, Turkey, date-line asserting that two Russian warships fully manned, had entered a Turkish Black Sea port and the crew had been interned.

The report closely followed Nazi propaganda assertions that the Russian Black Sea fleet, with many of its major bases knocked out or imminently threatened, would either attempt a dash through the Dardanelles or seek refuge in Turkey.

On the Soviet front, dispatches from Moscow said a mighty new German offensive against Stalingrad appeared to be taking shape as the invaders concentrated vast quantities of men and equipment in the Don river bend.

Front-line advices said both armies were hurling almost unprecedented number of troops into the struggle amid indications that one of the mightiest battles of the war was developing.

WASP SET AFIRE BY SIX HITS IN RUNNING BATTLE

Nine Freighters Sunk So Far in Slashes at Convoy is High Command Claim.

Berlin (from German broadcasts) Aug. 13.—(AP)—The German high command announced today that the United States aircraft carrier Wasp had been set afire by six direct bomb hits and now "is trying to reach Malta" as a result of a running attack on a big allied Mediterranean convoy by German and Italian air and naval units.

(There is no confirmation of this German claim. She delivered planes to Malta in June.)

(The 14,700-ton carrier, completed April 25, 1940, carries a normal complement of 72 planes, maximum 74, and 1,800 men, including flying personnel.)

(The British aircraft carrier Eagle, 22,600 tons, which the British have acknowledged was sunk by submarine attack, was the first victim of an attack on a large convoy which the Germans say has been under attack since Tuesday.)

The Germans said that in addition to the destruction of the Eagle, nine freighters totaling 90,000 tons had been sunk "so far. Damaged along with the Wasp, were the 22,450-ton British aircraft carrier Furious, three cruisers and six large freighters and tankers.

By The Associated Press

Adolf Hitler's invasion armies were reported massing huge numbers of troops for an assault on the Volga steel city of Stalingrad today and at the same time the German high command said other Nazi columns had captured Elista in a thrust more than half way across the Caucasus toward the Caspian Sea.

Elista, the capital of the Soviet Kalmuck republic, lies 230 miles southeast of Rostov and only 175 miles from the vitally important city of Astrakhan at the Volga Delta.

Serious Blow

The loss of Astrakhan would be a serious blow to Russia's riverborne line of war supplies.

U. S. army heavy bombers struck a destructive smash at Axis warships in Pylos (Navarino) harbor, on the west coast of Greece, it was announced in Cairo.

A communiqué said the American fliers scored two direct hits on a cruiser, started black smoke boiling from another cruiser, and caused a terrific explosion aboard a third cruiser after a bomb hit next to it.