

# BOMBERS LEAVE JAP FUEL BASE "UPSIDE DOWN"

Aerial Raid Hits Balikpapan Refinery With 150,000 Pounds of Explosives.

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Aboard a 13th USAF Liberator, over Balikpapan, Sept. 30—(U.P.)—Youthful but veteran Liberator pilots accomplished one of the most daring aerial feats of the Pacific warfare today—a 15-hour, 2,000-mile bombing mission to Borneo.

It was one of the longest missions ever flown by American Liberators in formation for a daylight bombing attack and it brought nearly 150,000 pounds of high explosives showering down on Japan's richest aviation fuel supply base at Balikpapan.

Nearly perfect  
The raid was nearly perfect.



## TONIGHT TUNE IN 8:30 U. S. SENATOR GUY CORDON

Will speak on a state-wide radio hookup from his home town, Roseburg. Hear the celebration his neighbors plan for him! Pd Adv.

## American Planes Hit Nichols Field



U. S. Navy pilots of Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet strike at Nichols Field on Manila Bay, where Japs, three years ago, caught American planes unprepared on the ground. 169 planes were destroyed in the air and 188 on the ground.

Our plane made its takeoff exactly on the second, reached the rendezvous point exactly on the minute, hit the Borneo coast only a half hour late because of a change of wind, and returned to base within three minutes of the scheduled time.

The Japanese put up a desperate fight for their big oil works. They threw dozens of zeros into the air, sprayed the skies with air bombs, and put up anti-aircraft fire that was unanimously acknowledged as the heaviest ever encountered in this theater.

But the Liberators from Maj. Gen. St. Clair Street's command accomplished their mission. They scored at least 43 direct hits from an extremely low altitude for heavy bombers on the tiny pinpoint of Pandansari refinery, a power plant and refraction towers, which are believed to have contributed nearly a sixth of all of Japan's fuel resources.

**Long Over Target**

The youthful pilots, veterans of such aerial campaigns as Truk, Palau, Yap, Woleai, and Rabaul, ranged over the target for almost two hours because of the heavy cloud covering with the leading units—the "Robber barons"—making the initial blows.

In the airman's dialect, they left the refinery "upside down"—squarely hit and severely crippled, if not demolished.

Our bomber, commanded by Col. Thomas Murgrave of San Antonio, Tex., was the second liberator to make the target run.

## October Sky Review and The Northern Crown

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Do not fail tonight to see the gorgeous planet Venus in the twilight south of west, where it outshines everything excepting the big round harvest moon in the east. For the remainder of our study let us observe between 8 and 9 p. m.

Somewhat north of due west and still well above the horizon we find glittering orange Arcturus, the brightest star of the "bear driver." At some distances above and slightly to the left of this splendid star, note the small half circle of twinkling points outlining the Northern Crown. In very clear skies not too flooded with moonlight seven little stars are discernible in this charming figure. One, considerably outshining her sisters, is known as the pearl of the crown.

According to one Greek myth this is the crown presented by Athenian Theseus to Ariadne, daughter of the king of Crete. But surely a more pleasing legend is that of the American Shawnee Indians. To them the stars of this charming sky-group were the Celestial Sisters. One day White Hawk, a mighty hunter, when in search of game

suddenly emerged from the woods upon an extensive prairie. He was greatly amazed when he came upon a large circular path beaten in the grass but with no trail leading from the outside. As he stood wondering at the unusual sight, suddenly there came slowly floating down from the blue heavens a basket carrying several beautiful maidens. When the basket came to a stop on the ground, the maidens leaped lightly out and began dancing around the circular beaten path, one keeping time on a silver ball.

White Hawk hurried toward them, but the Celestial Sisters—for that is who they were—ran swiftly to their basket and were soon on their way back to the azure skies where tonight they shine in the half circle of stars known to us as the Northern Crown.

Leaving this jeweled crown, we point out the remaining bright stars of evening. Capella is flashing colors low in the north-northeast. Very high in the south Altair is conspicuous as the central and brightest of a line of three stars. Slightly west of overhead Vega shines in splendor; and very low in the southwest, Antares burns red in farewell to summer.

The first time over was a "blank." We saw neither fighters nor anti-aircraft fire. So we made a 180 degree turn a few miles past the target and came back.

About 12 to 15 "Zekes" hurtled down from the clouds and dislodged a hail of phosphorous bombs on us. They burst above, below, and on all sides of our plane, enveloping us in a grotesque mantle of thin grey wisps of powder and smoke. Our gunners immediately opened up on the fast-moving fighters and the battle was on.

**Guns Get Range**

Then the ack-ack came up. We jolted sickeningly as heavy ground batteries, getting our altitude and course from

"Zekes," found the target. But the damage had been done—we had dumped our "eggs" and we, as pilot, 1st Lt. Nels J. Anderson, Lawler, Ia., put it, "got the hell out of there."

One huge fire and several smaller ones rolled over Balikpapan and clouds of smoke soared 6,000 feet into the air.

Six parachutes were seen floating from one Liberator, abandoned over the target, and the Japanese strafed them all the way down.

(Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that three Liberators were lost in the raid.)

Closing time for Classified ads 9 p. m. — Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

## G. PASS MOTHER RESCUES CHILD FROM BARN FIRE

Grants Pass, Oct. 5 — Mrs. Jack Stoddard and her two-year-old son, Kim, were severely burned when fire, apparently set by children playing, destroyed a barn on the Stoddard property on Portola drive Tuesday afternoon. The two were rushed by neighbors to the Josephine General hospital where they were reported later to be "resting as well as can be expected under the circumstances." Both are suffering from second and third degree burns over at least one-half of their bodies.

According to Mrs. Stoddard she rushed to the barn when she saw flames and climbed to the loft to rescue small Kim. The ladder burned before she could reach the lower floor of the barn, so she was forced to jump from the loft, a distance of about 14 feet. Older children of the family escaped from the barn when it first caught fire. Mrs. Stoddard said she believed the children must have been playing with matches.

The Stoddard farm is known as the old Bill Hayes property at the beginning of Portola drive. Another building serving as pump house and fruit room was partially burned. The fire was kept from spreading to the house by the city fire department and a crew from the state forest patrol, both of whom answered the call.

## ASHLAND RIDERS SET 8 P.M. CITY HALL MEET

Ashland, Oct. 5 — (U.P.) — All members of the Ashland Riders Association are requested to meet in the City Hall at 8 o'clock this evening.

Regular business will be transacted and it is to be decided whether or not they will attend the Horse Show at Medford Sunday afternoon, October 8. The show is sponsored by the Rogue Troopers of Medford and will be held on the carnival grounds, South Riverside avenue, near the Dodge stables.

## THE GRANGE

**Sams Valley Grange**

Sams Valley Grange will hold a regular meeting Saturday night, October 7. Initiation is planned for the first and second degrees. Candidates from neighboring granges are also invited.

A short program will be given and refreshments served. Many members attended the 4-H club fair last week and all are proud of the ribbons brought home by the local club which is sponsored by the Grange.

**Roxy ANN Grange**

Roxy Ann Grange will hold a regular business meeting Friday at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Olive Floyd will be speaker on the War Chest drive and all members are urged to be present.

**ASK POLES TO MOURN**

London, Oct. 5 — (U.P.) — Lt. Gen. Marian Kukiel, Polish defense minister, called on Poles throughout the world today to observe two weeks of mourning in honor of those who fought in the 63-day battle of Warsaw.

**STAGE VETERAN DIES**

Hollywood, Oct. 5 — (U.P.) — A career of nearly six decades on the stage and screen closed today with the death of Harry Beresford, the actor who immortalized the role of Clem Hawley in Don Marquis' "The Old Soak." Beresford, who would have been 81 on Nov. 5, died late yesterday of a lingering heart ailment.

## Ashland Bluejacket Rates High in Test

Great Lakes Naval Station—Bluejacket Roscoe L. Talbot, 22, Route 2, Box 353, Ashland, Ore., received recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of motor machinist's mate third class during recent graduation ceremonies at the Naval Training School (Diesel) on the Iowa State College campus, Ames, Iowa.

Selection to attend the specialty school is based on the results of recruit training aptitude test scores.

## COAST SHIPYARDS NEED 25,000 MORE EMPLOYEES

Portland, Ore., Oct. 5 — (U.P.) — War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt disclosed that 25,000 more workers will be required for all west coast shipyards and 2,000 men for naval repair work at Pearl Harbor, during the month of October, according to word received here today.

## SMITH TO LIE IN STATE FOR MILLION MOURNERS

New York, Oct. 5 — (U.P.) — The body of former Gov. Alfred E. Smith will lie in state at St. Patrick's cathedral as long as is necessary for his millions of mourners to pay final tribute.

Msgr. Joseph F. Flannelly, administrator of the cathedral, said the body of the former Democratic presidential candi-

date, who died early yesterday, would be placed in the Lady chapel at 2 p. m. Friday and later before the main sanctuary and the cathedral would remain open all night, an unprecedented honor.

gram further stated that a letter giving more details would follow.

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**Ashland Officer  
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Ashland, Oct. 5 — (U.P.) — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lucas were the happy recipients today of a telegram from the American Red Cross, stating that their son, Second Lieutenant Kenneth Lucas, previously reported missing in action over Germany on August 24, 1944, was now a prisoner of war in Germany. The tel-

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