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CARRIER PLANES RIP JAP CONVOY

10 SHIPS, 25,000 TROOPS LOST BY FOE OFF ORMOC

Losses In Addition To MacArthur's Report Thursday—Japs Suffer Reverse

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—Adm. William F. Halsey's carrier-based planes destroyed or probably destroyed nine Japanese vessels of a 10-ship convoy off Ormoc today (Philippine time). Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced and it was believed enemy troop losses would run as high as 25,000.

Observers here estimated that the three large transports probably carried 5000 troops apiece on the short haul, while the medium transports probably carried 3000 or 4000 men. The Japanese also have often used destroyers to carry troops, so the Japs may have lost as many as 25,000 men, in addition to 1500 or more destroyer personnel.

(The same action, which occurred before the troops were unloaded on the western coast of Leyte island, had been reported earlier from the Philippines by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who said that an entire enemy convoy of six destroyers and four transports was wiped out by carrier planes in Ormoc bay with a loss of about 8000 Japanese troops.)

Nimitz's communique listed four transports, two destroyers and one destroyer escort as sunk and two destroyers as probably sunk with a 10th ship—another destroyer—damaged.

"These ships destroyed or damaged are in addition to the ones destroyed the previous day in the general area by Gen. MacArthur's land based aircraft and reported previously by him."

In army air assaults Thursday and Friday off Ormoc, MacArthur's planes had sunk seven destroyers and three transports.

In addition, 13 of approximately 20 Japanese fighters protecting the convoy were shot down and another five were probably destroyed by U. S. planes. In addition, two other enemy planes were shot down near the American carriers.

American losses were nine planes, but the navy said most of the pilots and air crewmen were believed to have been rescued.

The communique said:

"Carrier based Hellcat fighters, Avenger torpedo and Hellcat dive bombers of the third fleet attacked a 10-ship enemy convoy just outside Ormoc bay on November 10 (west longitude date), destroying or probably destroying nine ships. The convoy, consisting of three large transports, one medium transport, five destroyers and one destroyer escort, was apparently attempting to reinforce enemy positions on Leyte island. The damage inflicted upon the enemy consisted of the following:

"One transport seen to explode and sink, the three other transports seen to sink, one destroyer seen to sink, one destroyer or left awash, thought to have sunk, one destroyer with bow blown off, thought to have sunk, one destroyer damaged."

"Approximately 20 aggressive enemy fighters furnished aerial cover for the convoy attacked by the carrier based planes. Of these 13 were shot down and five were probably destroyed. In addition, a two-engine reconnaissance plane and a dive bomber were shot down near our carriers."

IDENTIFY VICTIM

Colfax, Cal., Nov. 11—(U.P.)—Coroner Francis E. Gest of Placer county tonight identified the ninth victim of the wreck of the Southern Pacific Challenger Wednesday as Mrs. Lorraine Donovan, 24, Superior, Wis.

San Francisco, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—Otello Barbi, an Italian prisoner of war escaped from the Toelle, Utah, ordnance depot on November 3, the special agent in charge of the San Francisco FBI office, announced today.

Cruisers Score 32 Out of 32 Jap Ships



American heavy cruisers and destroyers of Third Fleet under Admiral Halsey scored 32 out of 32 when they took on convoy of small Jap cargo vessels and sampans five miles off Mindanao in the Philippines. Burning enemy vessels and an American cruiser can be seen in the background while another cruiser's guns (foreground) appear ready for action. U. S. Navy photo.

BUSINESS FRETS ABOUT POST-WAR CREDIT PROGRAM

Rye, N. Y., Nov. 11—(U.P.)—

Businessmen attending the international business conference here are primarily interested in credit for postwar development programs, Eric A. Johnston, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, said today in a press interview.

Johnston, here as an observer, hoped that future finance programs for nations would not be handled through government bond flotations, because with such loans the lender has no control over the use of money which could be diverted to "building swimming pools or parks or to the hands of politicians."

Instead, Johnston advocated what he called partnership capital exports, particularly to Latin American nations. These loans would be for specific projects. He cited the Brazilian Steel company credit as a typical instance. He would include in the loans a proviso for repurchase of the business by nations. He said long-term credits were necessary and added that if they were not forthcoming from private sources they could be made through the export-import bank.

The conference has on its agenda several items relating to credit, currency problems and investments abroad. These are now under discussion by delegates from 52 nations and their findings will be brought out next week in plenary session.

One million not immediately seeking credit is Mexico which has accumulated \$300,000,000 of balances through its war trade. This was brought out by Leopoldo H. Palazuelos, head of the Mexican delegation and head of the Mexican Chambers of Commerce, at a press conference.

GREW, NIMITZ IN SURPRISE VISIT

Pearl Harbor, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—

Joseph Grew, former U. S. ambassador to Japan and now a state department "trouble shooter" on Japanese affairs, has arrived at Pacific fleet headquarters where mounting blows are being mapped against Japan, it was disclosed tonight.

The announcement of Grew's unheralded arrival said only that he was here for a "conference" with Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and said that "no details are available."

The visit, however, emphasized that the United States is not only interested in carrying the war straight to Japan but also has recognized the importance of diplomatic details for the far east now and after the war.

TURKEY SCARCITY THREATENS STATE, ASK INJUNCTION

PORTLAND, Nov. 12—(U.P.)—

A scarcity of turkeys for the Thanksgiving holiday is threatened in Oregon and Washington by a difference of one cent a pound in the price of turkeys for armed forces consumption and the price for civilian consumption, C. W. Norton, manager of the Northwest Poultry and Dairy Products company, has told the U. S. district court here.

The company has asked a federal court injunction to stop the Office of Price Administration from enforcing the regulation which allows turkey growers a cent more a pound for turkeys grown for use of the armed forces than for those grown for civilian consumption.

Judge Claude McCulloch, expressing the opinion that this is a discrimination, said he would study the case and attempt to find a solution.

TERROR WEAPONS FALL ON FRANCE

With the U. S. 3d Army in

France, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—The Germans are bombarding northeastern France with robot bombs, weighing about 13 tons and looking much the same as the V-1s with which they have been attacking England, it may now be revealed.

Observers are inclined to believe that the Nazis are using them more as terror weapons against cities situated on or behind the Allied lines, rather than against actual military positions.

Thus far, these robots, which have come over sporadically, have been virtually without effect.

SCATTERED ISLES GET MAIL PLANE

At a Central Pacific Base, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—Inaugural of air mail service for American fighting men in the scattered islands of the Pacific was announced today by Brig. Gen. William Ord Ryan, commanding general of the Pacific division of the army transport command.

Ryan said a big four engine C-54 flew out again today with another heavy load of mail for the folks back home. He also disclosed that—hospital planes since November 4 have been evacuating naval personnel wounded in sea battles in the Philippine areas.

ALL-OUT ATTACK BY RED ARMY ON BUDAPEST NEARS

London, Sunday, Nov. 12—(U.P.)—

Russian troops, rolling up the outer defenses of Budapest in preparation for an all-out assault, yesterday toppled the assault anchor of the enemy defense line southeast of the Hungarian capital and drove through torrential rains to within 11 miles of Miskolc, Hungary's fifth city.

Capturing the communications center of Ujasz, 41 miles southeast of the capital, red army infantrymen assured the collapse of the enemy defense line along the Budapest-Ujasz railroad. On this line, enemy forces have resisted all soviet attempts to by-pass Budapest on the east and throw a siege around the imperiled city.

While other soviet troops extended their Tisa river bridgehead northeast of Budapest, the soviet high command announced that Bulgarian troops in southern Yugoslavia had captured Stip, 40 miles from the Greek border, and Vele, 22 miles southeast of Skopje, on the Salonika-Kraljevo-Sarajevo escape railroad for German troops remaining in southern Yugoslavia.

Moscow's midnight war bulletin reported that Col. Otto Karpov, chief of staff of the Hungarian 7th army corps, had deserted to the red army.

MAJ. BONG DOWNS TOTAL 36 PLANES

Allied Headquarters, Leyte,

Philippines, Sunday, Nov. 12—(U.P.)—Maj. Richard I. Bong, Poplar, Wisc., currently America's hottest pilot, shot down two more Japanese planes in the battle over Ormoc Bay today to run his record-breaking score to 36.

The last half-dozen of Bong's kills were made since he arrived in the Philippines October 27. Maj. Gerald Johnson, Eugene, Ore., another of the great aces of the Pacific war, destroyed two planes today to bring his total to 19.

BULLETIN

Eugene, Ore., Nov. 11—(U.P.)—The Seattle Coast Guard quint defeated the University of Oregon five, 53 to 44, tonight, to sweep the opening pre-season basketball series in Eugene.

The Coast Guardsmen were in front 22 to 17 at the half. Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 11—(U.P.)—Willie Hoppe and Welker Cochran completed the first eight blocks of their traveling world championship three-cushion billiard contest here tonight with Champion Hoppe holding a 17-point lead, 400-383.

B-29 TASK FORCE BOMBARDS NIPPON TARGETS

Triple Assault Hits Kyushu, Shanghai, Nanking—Nazi Oil Depots Hit

By Fred Scheriff

Washington, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—A powerful task force of B-29 Superfortresses hammered the Japanese mainland island of Kyushu for the seventh time today and heaped bombs for the first time on Shanghai and Nanking in a mighty three-pronged attack on targets of "vital importance" to the Nipponese war machine.

The operation was one of the most widespread of the 16 made by the B-29s in the past six months against targets spread along a 5,500-mile arc from Rangoon to Manchuria, and preliminary reports showed only one Superfortress missing.

Gunsners aboard the giant aerial battleships—Tokyo said that more than 80 made the assault on Kyushu alone—shot down two Japanese planes, probably destroyed seven and damaged 11.

The big Japanese airplane assembly plant at Omura was the target on Kyushu. Tokyo, according to broadcasts recorded by the FCC, said that the island of Salishu, in the east China sea between Omura and Shanghai, also was hit and that three hours later B-29s flew over the Tokyo island of Honshu on reconnaissance missions—the fourth such scouting flight reported by the enemy in 11 days.

The "triple" assault, in which the B-29s struck over a 700-mile path extending from Nanking eastward to Omura, was made only a few hours after Adm. Chester W. Nimitz in a speech in Hawaii commemorating the 16th anniversary of the founding of the marines, that "the cities of Japan will feel metal hail from marine wings. They will feel the tread of marine feet."

London, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—More than 1,000 American and British warplanes, smashing for the fourth straight day at the German army's forward bases in the Ruhr and Rhineland, pounded Nazi synthetic oil plants and railway lines at Gelsenkirchen, Coblenz and Castrop-Rauxel today.

At dusk, hundreds of giant B. A. F. night raiders picked up the offensive, streaming out across the continent in two powerful formations. There was no immediate announcement of the night targets.

The daylight strike was spearheaded by a formation of some 450 American Flying Fortresses and Liberators that heaped an estimated 1,000 tons of high explosives and fire bombs across the Gelsenkirchen oil refineries and the Coblenz freight yards.

COQUILLE MEETS TORNADO NOV. 18

By United Press

Coquille 39, Myrtle Point 0.

Medford high school's Black Tornado football team will meet Coquille's Red Devils on the Medford turf Saturday night, November 18, if Coquille defeated Myrtle Point yesterday afternoon, said Medford Coach Al Simpson yesterday. This game will decide the winner of district 2 in state elimination playoff.

Los Angeles, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—An eastern college team will be the opponent of the Pacific coast representative in the annual Rose Bowl game, conference committee officials said today following a meeting in the Memorial coliseum.

Officials revealed a list of 16 eastern teams under consideration, indicating the Rose Bowl would not be a repetition of last year's all-coast conference game.

STALIN'S SPEECH HINTS REDS MAY JOIN JAP ATTACK

White House Attitude Told By Byrnes—Russia Shies From China

Washington, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—

The first official hint from the administration that Russia might join the Pacific war, plus Premier Josef Stalin's recent reference to Japan as "an aggressor nation," tonight strengthened the long-standing belief of far eastern experts here that the Reds will participate in the ultimate drive on Tokyo.

The White House attitude was disclosed by Director James F. Byrnes, of the Office of War Mobilization and reconversion, who said at Columbia, S. C., that "if Russia joins in the war against Japan, the extent to which she participates will lessen our task and lessen our casualties."

In the administration's Armistice Day message to the nation, Byrnes said, however, that even if the "teamwork" developed by Russia, Britain and the United States in Europe should be carried over into the eastern war, "we will still have a tremendous job to do in the Pacific."

Stalin's remarks on Japan earlier this week were the first of such tenor from the Soviet leader.

Up to now Stalin has meticulously avoided any line of action which might involve Russia in the Japanese war. He refused to sit at Cairo last fall with Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, necessitating the calling of the Tehran conference where he met with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt. At the Dumbarton Oaks security talks little more than a month ago, Russia met with British and American officials and then bowed out of the American-British-Chinese phase of the conference.

Russia's role in the Pacific fighting once Germany is crushed was considered certain to be a primary topic when Stalin, Churchill and the president held their forthcoming conference.

MICHIGAN COUNT MUDDLED DUE TO DETROIT ERRORS

Detroit, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—Of one thing they—the politicians—are certain tonight, President Roosevelt carried Michigan in the presidential election—but by what exact vote only a few would hazard a guess.

There lay the situation, Wayne county's returns, or estimated returns, added to outstate result in Tuesday's election gave Mr. Roosevelt an estimated 20,000 plurality over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for the state's 19 electoral votes.

The muddle, described by officials as the worst in 20 years, came about by negligent and inexperienced election workers at many county polling districts. Precincts in error ranged from four to 400, according to the best guessers.

Whether the GOP will demand a recount of all or some Detroit area precincts, of which there are 1383, remained to the discretion of National Committeeman Arthur Summerfield, State Chairman John Dethmers, also attorney-general elect, and James Lyons, county chairman. A decision was upcoming Monday.

War Bulletins

Chungking, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—Tokyo, for the second consecutive day, claimed capture of the airbase cities of Lichow and Kweilin today, this time issuing an imperial communique only that street fighting was heavy in Kweilin and said that Lichow "remained unscratched."

Perfume Flood Due

Paris, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—Thirty thousand gallons of expensive French perfume, costing \$16,000,000 and wrapped in 3,000,000 Christmas packages are flowing through U. S. army post offices to every nook and corner of America.

The perfume will be worth from three to five times as much in America as it is in France, although prices here are about 100 per cent above prewar figures.

THIRD WAR YEAR ARMISTICE MARCH VIEWED BY CROWD

Military Units Participate In Annual Event—Veterans Meet

Medford's streets were thronged Saturday at the traditional armistice hour, 11 a. m., for the third war time Armistice Day parade, featured this year by the presence of military units from Camp White and several marines and sailors from Klamath Falls.

At the request of Col. W. H. Paine, chairman of the Armistice Day committee, marchers and spectators stood in silence for one minute following sounding of "assembly" by a group of girl buglers. The procession then stepped out smartly, led by Lt. Col. Lou J. Farber, Capt. Henry R. Pauls and Capt. Walter J. Bryant, officers of the Prisoner of War Guard at Camp White.

With the Ashland American Legion post's kiltie drum corps furnishing the cadence, Prisoner of War Guard Training Section Co. I, the Service Command Unit colors and Prisoner of War Guard Training Section Co. II filed by with battle helmets and bayoneted rifles giving a distinctly military touch to the parade.

The Medford high school band, next in line, was followed by the massed colors of the various veterans organizations and a color guard including some men of the present war. The W.R.C., Navy Mothers' club and women's auxiliaries of the World War I organizations were well represented.

The United Spanish War Veterans were followed by the Medford high school girls' drum and bugle corps, War Emergency Radio mobile station, Grey Ladies, USO hostesses, representatives of the Outpost, a Red Cross car, junior high school girls' drum and bugle corps, Redmen lodge marchers and float, Eagles lodge, Medford Garden club, sheriff's posse, Jackson county Ladies' Mounted troop and the Southern Oregon Humane Society ambulance.

About fifty veterans attended the American Legion's annual Armistice Day breakfast at the Hotel Holland and approximately the same number of women of the auxiliary also enjoyed a luncheon at the hotel.

Approximately 250 veterans and service men were present at the Elks club for the noon lunch and get-together. This affair was for the renewal of old acquaintances and friendships and no formal program was followed. The football game between Ashland and Medford high school teams, played in Ashland, occupied the afternoon while the annual American Legion Armistice Day dance at Merriek's and the Dreamland halls provided the grand finale.

STOCKHOLM SAYS ADOLF PARALYZED

Stockholm, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—

The Stockholm Aftonbladet asserted in an undated dispatch today that Adolf Hitler had suffered a stroke which paralyzed his right side and handicapped his speech. The report was believed based on a broadcast of the Clandestine European radio Atlantic, which carried a similar rumor two days ago.

PATTON'S TROOPS ON HIS BIRTHDAY SPLIT SAAR LINE

Seige Arc On Metz Closed—Miles and Towns Gained By Third Army

Paris, Sunday, Nov. 12—(U.P.)

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., was 59 years old yesterday and as a birthday present, the 3d army presented its commander with the best day of its four-day all-out offensive, gaining three to five miles along the 20-mile front.

Paris, Sunday, Nov. 12—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's rambling 3d army split the German defenses of the Saar Saturday in a six-mile sweep around to the east of Metz which also virtually closed a siege arc on that powerful fortress, leaving only a 12-mile escape corridor covered by the converging fire of U. S. artillery.

The 6th armored division under Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow paced the attack, cutting two of Metz' four rail connections to the Saar with the capture of Lemud on the Nied river, eight miles south-southeast of Metz and Han, four miles down the same stream.

On the northern prong of the Metz encirclement drive the 95th infantry division of Maj. Gen. Harry T. Hays captured Chateau Brioux and moved on within four miles of the city's outskirts.

Nine more French towns were captured for a four-day total of almost 50 as Patton's troops extended their gains for the same period to 16 miles in the Hunsdorf sector and also scored telling blows on the flanks of their 60-mile offensive front.

Lemud lies on the vital Metz-Saarbourg railroad while Han is the junction of the Saarbourg and Saarbrücken-Metz lines. This left the Germans with only a direct line northeast to Saarbrücken and a roundabout railroad to Saarbrücken.

The U. S. 95th infantry division driving on Metz from the northwest now stood only 12 miles from the 6th division's spearhead and the two forces, equipped with eight-inch guns could easily cover between them the intervening corridor.

Berlin, reporting that Patton was using 600 tanks in his drive for the Saar, said that German reserves had been thrown into the battle and that a big armored battle was raging east of Chateau-Salins on the American south flank.

From Han, Gross' tanks stormed on across the tiny Nied river, a United Press front dispatch from Robert Richards reported, lengthening their advance for the day in that sector to five miles. The column which took Lemud had driven six miles northeast from the Pont a Mousson road.

Cut off from their main force around Metz, German troops who had held out stubbornly in the Chateau-Salins forest just north of the town of the same name were reported retreating as other American troops gained up to four miles in that sector.

PVT. WM. JONES IS LISTED WOUNDED

Washington, Nov. 11—(U.P.)—

The war department today made public the names of 2,389 U. S. soldiers wounded in action. All casualties announced occurred on the list were the following wounded in action:

Garrison, SSgt. Ellis R. Jones, Pvt. William A., Central Point.

Rogers, Sgt. Stanley E., Klamath Falls.

CRASH KILLS PORTLANDER Brownsville, Tex., Nov. 11—(U.P.)—The victim of a plane crash near Weslaco, Tex., late Friday was identified today as Lt. Lambert A. Wood, 24, of Portland, Ore.