

92 PER CENT OF CARRIER'S CREW RESCUED

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fires and recovering her aircraft. Several hours after the battle, while steaming at 20 knots, a terrific internal explosion rocked the Lexington, causing serious fires to break out in many parts of the ship.

Gas Fumes Ignited
"It was first thought that the explosion was the result of a 'sleeper' bomb. Investigation revealed, however, that the probable cause was the ignition of gasoline vapors which resulted from leaks in ruptured gasoline lines in closed compartments below decks.

The crew fought heroically for more than five hours to save the ship but were at great disadvantage because the explosion had damaged much of the fire fighting equipment. Destroyers were sent alongside to assist with their pumps, fire hose and chemical fire fighting equipment. The wounded were transferred from the burning carrier to the destroyers alongside.

Finally, with all machinery disabled, the ship stopped, and flames enveloping nearly her entire length, it became apparent that any further attempt to save her was futile and the captain ordered the crew to 'abandon ship.'

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.

As against U. S. 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: 1 cruiser, 1 destroyer. Severely damaged: More than 20 ships including 1 aircraft carrier, 3 cruisers, 2 aircraft tenders, 3 destroyers.

The 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 carried, 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 navy said the enemy losses included "the new Japanese aircraft carrier, Ryukaku," and that "serious damage" was inflicted on the Shokaku, another carrier.

Naval sources here expressed belief that the Ryukaku was a

Big Drip



Gen. Kurt Daluge, veteran storm troop leader said to possess the necessary Nazi qualifications for the job, succeeds wounded Reinhard Heydrich as "protector" of Bohemia and Moravia.

brand new Japanese carrier, so new that it was not yet listed in the standard naval reference books available in this country. They said it was apparently about a 20,000-ton vessel.

The Shokaku, also spelled Syokaku, was a 14,000-ton carrier, these sources said, and normally carried about 45 airplanes.

Speculation Mounts On Next Steps Against Axis Power

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question of opening a second front in Europe this year brought various reactions.

In Washington, few congress members believed that the White House announcement of agreement on the "urgent task" of creating a new front portended any immediate attempt to land allied troops in Europe.

London, Washington and Moscow were all agreed on the "urgency" of the matter, but officials shied at a direct interpretation of the rather ambiguously worded statement.

London military observers declared Hitler's anxiety was betrayed by two factors:

1. Frenzied German efforts to secure the channel coast against invasion.

2. Indications that Hitler was massing his armies for an all-out attempt to smash Russia before the allies can establish a second front.

VITAL STATISTICS

JAMES—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., June 12, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar S. James, 1719 Oregon avenue, a boy. Weight: 8 pounds 6 ounces.

POOLE—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., June 11, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Poole, Bonanza, Ore., a boy. Weight: 6 pounds 81 ounces.

PETERSON—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., June 9, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Peterson, 729 Cook street, a boy. Weight: 7 pounds 12 ounces.

ANDERSON—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., June 9, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, 4504 Winter avenue, a boy. Weight: 8 pounds 12 1/2 ounces.

Read The Classified Page

SEVASTOPOL FORGES COUNTER-ATTACKING

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ening of German lines below Kharkov.)

Nearly 15,000 Germans have been killed and more than 80 tanks and 80 planes destroyed by the defenders of Sevastopol in three days, the midnight communique declared.

The reference to advancing German units was unmodified by any report of counterattacks. The single sentence covered all operations in a Donets basin area still scarred from the combat set off May 12 by Marshal Semon Timoshenko's drive against Kharkov.

Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov issued a 1200-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."

President Sets June 15 for Start Of Rubber Drive

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board, but it will be the rubber recovery corporation under the RFC which eventually will buy up for the government all the scrap rubber turned in. Mr. Roosevelt emphasized that it would not be a money making proposition.

In this connection, a statement from the petroleum industry war council said today that "any or all profit" which might accrue to the oil companies in the transaction would go to the United Service organizations, the army relief, navy relief and Red Cross.

Oil companies have volunteered their personnel and facilities, and trucks will pick up the old rubber at filling stations and bring it to central points, where it will be taken over by the rubber recovery corporation. Oil delivery trucks on rural routes will make pickups directly from farms.

Noting that 92 per cent of the normal rubber supply had been cut off by Japanese victories in the southwest Pacific, the president told reporters the government must count on scrap in attempting to deal with the rubber problem. The army and navy, he said, have been forced to cut their use of rubber by 25 per cent.

Chinese Concede Loss of Chuhsien, Railway Center

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about halfway between Chuhsien and the Hangchow terminus, 160 miles northeast.

(The Japanese reported their forces, sweeping 60 miles to the west of Chuhsien, had crossed from Chekiang into Kiangsi province. The Rome radio broadcast a report that the Japanese had captured Yushan, 10 miles west of the Chekiang-Kiangsi border, but Tokyo made no such claim.)

(The Japanese announced last Saturday that they had taken Chuhsien, whose port they regarded as a potential base of allied attack on Japan. Later the Chinese high command con-

ceded that the airport was lost and that the enemy had penetrated the walled town, there to be engaged in hand-to-hand fighting.

The AVG scored its costliest triumph in beating off the 18 enemy bombers and fighters which attempted to raid Kweilin.

Editorials on News

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ful vocabulary—as well as plenty of stamina.

THE new U. S.-Britain-Russia deal has quite a little to say about AFTER THE WAR.

If, after this war, we are to have peace for any considerable length of time, the United States, Britain and Russia will have to GUARANTEE it.

Two ways to guarantee peace after this war:

- 1. BE DECENT—to each other and to the rest of the world.
- 2. KEEP OUR POWDER DRY.

ANOTHER of history's plain lessons: The only way peace can be retained is to be willing, able and READY to fight for it.

THE British government announces that Britain and Russia have agreed to keep an armed peace against Germany after the nazis are beaten in this war and have renounced greed or MEDDLING in the affairs of other nations.

IT doesn't matter much what the treaty SAYS, so you needn't pore over its draft as printed in the papers.

What will count will be good faith, tolerance of the rights of others and maintaining an OVERWHELMING MILITARY FORCE.

Two thousand years of history prove that Germany can be handled ONLY by the threat (backed by trained men and guns) of superior military force.

Collation—Neal Calvin Jones, 40, of 2555 Kane street and L. A. Marsh of the Colonial apartments reported that their machines came together at the intersection of Highway 39 and Crystal lake road Thursday at 10:30 a. m. There were no injuries.

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LOST—Black and white blended Shaeffer pen. Reward. Mrs. James Orr, Marion Apts. 6-14

CANNING SUGAR SIGN-UP SLATED

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now and the amount of sugar on hand at the present time. If the applicant used no canning sugar in 1941, then it is permissible to use the 1940 figures.

Through the cooperation of County School Superintendent Fred Peterson and City School Superintendent J. P. Wells, local schools will be used for registration offices. The following places and administrators were designated today by the board:

- Bonanza, E. L. Coyner.
- Fort Klamath, Mrs. Gus Page.
- Keno, Mrs. Joe Foster.
- Bly, Merrill.
- Gilchrist, Glen Hale.
- Shelvin, Mrs. Beatrice Strouse.
- Chiloquin, Loy Barker.
- Beatty, Mrs. Earl Haney.
- Sprague River, Roland Parks.
- Modoc Point, Mrs. Mildred Helm.
- Chemult, Crescent Lake, Fred Hall.
- Shasta school, A. C. Olsen.
- Fairhaven, Mrs. George Britt.
- Altamont, A. C. Olsen.
- Fremont, Mrs. Henrietta Clemens.
- Mills, Helen Prince.
- Fairview, Mary Scott.

Poe Valley

Warren Roberts did some disking for Archie Roberts this week.

Mr. Barclay was in the valley this week on business.

Ray Freuer is raising a flock of geese this summer.

Clarence Webber and children were callers at the Nork home one day this week.

Some of the young folks from the valley attended the carnival in Klamath Falls this week.

Ben Nork and son Junior helped Joe Nork to pull some trees with their caterpillar tractor.

Vic Brown is planting potatoes on a ranch this week.

Carl Keister, who has been working in the valley this spring, went to Bryant mountain to work for John McFall.

The Watkins man was in the valley transacting business this week.

Francis Freuer delivered some fat hogs to market Monday.

Hallie Harris is building a new hen-house for the 250 white leghorns he bought this spring.

Henry Holzhauser put in some of the spring crop for Francis Freuer.

Mrs. Virginia Herlhy and children Michael, Mary and Pauline; Mrs. Kenneth Doak and daughter Lucille, were dinner guests at the Joe Nork home Thursday from Klamath Falls.

Dale Van Meter called at the Curtis Hoyle home Monday.

Mrs. Wallace Hoyle is busy straining honey these days.

F. J. Rodgers is having his home remodeled this spring.

Accident Reported—Willis Robinson, 23, 433 North Tenth street, reported Friday that his car and one driven by F. D. Aker, of Merrill, were involved in an accident Thursday on Highway 39 in Merrill. A third car was also involved, the report said. No one was injured.

Cars Collide—C. E. McClellan, 48, of Klamath Falls, and T. W. Hamilton of Klamath Falls reported that their cars collided at the corner of Behn street and Van Ness avenue at 8:45 Thursday. No one was injured.

Manchuria's 1940 area planted in perilla seed is estimated at 186,000 acres, with a yield of 51,808 short tons.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their assistance and sympathy in the loss of our home, 2508 Homedale road.
Signed,
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Tilton and Family.

Gets German Plane



Pilot Officer Jackson Barrett Mahon (above), 21, of Santa Barbara, Calif., was one of two American Eagle squadron pilots who accounted for three of four German planes shot down in RAF offensive action against northern France and Belgium. Mahon got one plane.

AGAINST IT

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson reported unfavorably on a proposal to establish a second military academy on the west coast, Senator McNary (R-Ore.) learned today. Such an academy would cost \$75,000,000 to build and equip.

ITALIAN LOSSES

ROME, (From Italian Broadcasts), June 12 (AP)—The Italians announced today the loss of two torpedo boats, one sunk by allied torpedoes and another by a floating mine.

To blackout the windows of a west coast aircraft factory, it took 100 professional painters, working 24 hours a day, five days and five hours to complete the job. They used 4408 gallons of black paint.

Before renewing that Fire Policy, call Hans Norland, 7178.

BITTER TANK BATTLE RAGES NEAR TOBRUK

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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.

ROME (From Italian Broadcasts), June 12 (AP)—Axis assault forces killed about 1000 Free French and British imperial troops and captured more than 2000 in the drive upon Bir Hacheim which wound up by occupation of that Libyan oasis town yesterday, the Italian high command said today.

Three Klamath Boys Members of Lexington Crew

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school and member of the Pelican tennis team, had called her from California several days ago and said he would be home as soon as he could get there. He said that young Yancey was with him.

Mrs. Waits said that although she knew her son was stationed aboard the Lexington, she didn't hear until this morning that it had been sunk. She said Jack, who attended the University of Oregon for two years, enlisted in the navy on August 8, 1941 and has been aboard the aircraft carrier since completing his training.

The ex-KUHS net star has passed his physical exam for entrance into the naval air corps and is awaiting word of his acceptance.

Yancey, who was also a high school athlete, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Yancey.

Ivar Hult, brother of Swen, said this morning that Swen had not contacted his family since several weeks before the Coral sea battle. He said Swen has been in the navy for five years and had been stationed aboard the Lexington most of that time.

He graduated from Klamath Union high school in 1935.

WAR QUIZ

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1. Insignia of 12-point star on blue square was worn by soldiers of the 40th division in the last war. They came from California, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico and trained in California. What was the division called and why?

2. Twenty-five years ago on May 18 congress passed an important army act. Did it provide pay increases, more rapid advancement for officers or institute selective service?

3. Winston Churchill has warned against use of poison gas, first used by Germany in the last war April 22, 1915, against Canadians at Ypres. Was it chlorine, phosgene or mustard gas?

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Sawmill Burner Blackout Ready

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available to operate such device during such burning.

"There shall be no burning of slash or debris during the hours of darkness within the state of Oregon, except in those cases where it is necessary for the public safety and the burning cannot be accomplished otherwise, and then only after a permit has been first obtained from a state forester on privately owned land and the US forest service on national forest lands."

The usual device used here, it was stated, is a spraying system which effectively dampens a fire in five minutes so that it cannot be seen from the skies.

Because the Klamath basin is dotted with huge burners, the question of their effects on blackouts received widespread attention after Pearl Harbor. It appears now, forestry officials said, that the problem has been solved, if all operators will proceed immediately to take care of their plants.

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