

Air Power Decisive Factor In Pacific War; Japanese Pendulum Hinges on Planes

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 19 (AP)—Air power is playing a leading role in the war in the Pacific—a statement amply supported by the record of action in the Coral sea battle, at Midway and in the Solomons.

Those directing American military operations agree that sky forces have been Japan's key to success, and that her chief fail-

ures have been recorded when she encountered superior American air power.

These leaders, however, emphasize that air power is not the whole story—that aviation must have the support of other branches of the armed forces to prove effective. The air arm, for instance, is only as strong as its supply service, and the flow of

supplies to outlying bases cannot be maintained without adequate seapower.

The current operations in the Solomons, centering around American efforts to hold and consolidate an air base at Guadalcanal, present a clear illustration of the point in question. American army and navy air forces there are receiving the active cooperation of all the services—the fighting ships and transports of the navy, the marines, the army and crews trained in the work of construction and repair.

In these operations the most difficult problem is one of supply—a problem that will be met again in the scattered islands

of the Pacific on which the war may be fought for months, or years.

Holding what we already have won requires considerable land forces, for the thick jungles of the Solomons offer cover in which enemy forces may lurk for months, and mopping up is a slow process. Short distances between the islands also make possible sneak landings at night, such as the Japanese have carried out time and again on Guadalcanal.

All the munitions, food and fuel for our land forces must be brought in from outside, for there is none to be found in the

island except what may be captured from the Japanese.

Japan, having developed the Mandated Islands just north of the Solomons during the last 20 years, has the advantage in the battle of supply lines, for she already has the bases from which to operate close at hand.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, summed it up in a recent speech when he said:

"We will win this war only by fighting. All the nation's productive output will be of no avail unless we are willing to come to grips with the enemy."

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ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 19 (AP)—One man was in the hospital here today, another was in jail and a state policeman was without transportation, as the result of a three-way automobile tangle last night at Winston bridge, five miles south of Roseburg.

Joe Powell of Roseburg was in the hospital with a broken collarbone and possible skull fracture suffered when his automobile skidded on the shoulder of the highway, while in the act

of passing another vehicle, striking the bridge abutment and rolling over on its side in the center of the highway.

State Policeman John Saere, on patrol, arrived at the wreck almost immediately, parking his automobile nearby while directing traffic and arranging the removal of the injured man.

While he was so engaged, State Police Sergeant Paul Morgan reported, a piling truck, driven by Charles Hensley, approached and

smashed into the Powell car, which in turn was driven by the force of the impact into the state police automobile, both machines being badly damaged.

Hensley was taken into custody and charged with drunken driving, Sergeant Morgan reported.

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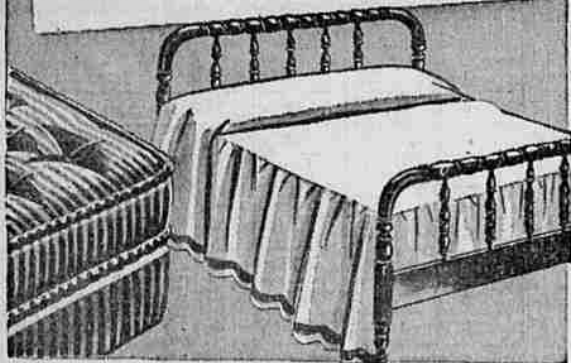
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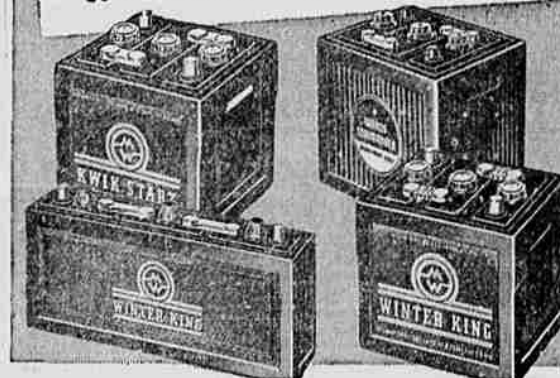
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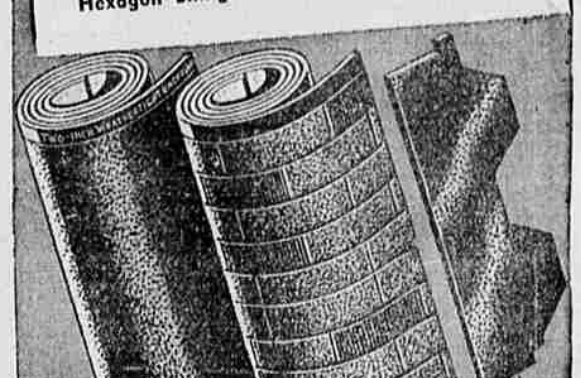


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