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Weather News

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JAP INVASION FLEET SMASHED

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN all this Mediterranean excitement, let's not lose sight of the Pacific.

A big sea battle is being fought there. The navy describes it as "hit and run, hide and seek, touch and go."

Australian Navy Minister Makin says its outcome may determine whether or not Australia is to be invaded. The Berlin radio broadcasts a Tokyo dispatch to the effect that the fight now under way will decisively influence the whole war situation.

There is NO dependable news as yet as to how this battle (which is really a SERIES of battles) is going, although we have no reason to believe it is going heavily against us.

(OTHER, that is, than the Jap claims of serious losses inflicted on us. Such claims are a good old Japanese custom. We have undoubtedly suffered losses, but past experience leads us to believe they have not been as bad as the little yellow men say.)

THE Japs' objective in the Solomons battle seems to be to reinforce their troops on Guadalcanal and to prevent us from supplying and reinforcing our troops there.

The news from New Guinea today indicates that the Japanese are being pushed back to their beachhead at Buna.

Today's dispatches assert flatly that we have control of the air in the New Guinea fighting.

THE over-all strategy of our side is obviously to HOLD the Japs while we are licking Hitler.

IN the Mediterranean, Tunisia is still the hot spot.

Allied sources today say the Germans got there by the middle of last week, and estimate their INITIAL force at around 10,000 men. It may be assumed that this initial force has been reinforced.

The British and American assault force coming from the west has crossed into Tunisia and established contact with the Germans there. Of this army, allied dispatches say: "It is ready for ANY ISSUE, and is able to back up its bid for Bizerte and Tunis with POWERFUL forces."

It is disclosed today that the allied expedition entering Tunisia from the west is predominantly British—as much as nine-tenths, the dispatches suggest.

THE Germans are trying desperately to reinforce the troops they already have on the spot. Hitler is reported to have ordered the Germans in Tunisia to hold out at any cost.

The airfield at Tunis is the primary objective. The Germans are trying to hold it and we are battering it from the air. Airfields are all important in modern fighting.

It is Guadalcanal all over again, except that the enemy is holding and our side is attacking.

ROMMEL'S broken army is still fleeing westward, and is reported today to have reached El Aghella—more than halfway from El Alamein, where the fighting started, to Tripoli. (Consult your map.)

Rommel himself is rumored to be in MUNICH, where he is said to have been called on the carpet by Hitler.

In war, you see, ONLY SUCCESS counts.

THE fate of the French fleet is still a mystery. The only mention of it as these words are written (about noon) is a dispatch to the effect that Toulon is being held by French soldiers.

THE Vichy radio says a heavy allied naval force, including two battleships, two aircraft carriers, four cruisers and nine destroyers, sailed this morning from Gibraltar into the Mediterranean. It adds that 26 allied merchant ships, five transports

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Battle For Base On

YANKS AWAIT SIGNAL FOR BUNA ASSAULT

Allied Mastery of Air Over New Guinea Revealed

By MURLIN SPENCER

WITH UNITED STATES FORCES SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Nov. 14 (Delayed) (AP)—An American ground task force advanced through the rain-soaked jungles of north-eastern New Guinea today to a point where bombs dropped by American airmen on the Japanese base at Buna could be heard exploding.

As the soldiers moved forward, scouts brought word that the enemy was withdrawing ahead of them to the vicinity of the Buna beach head, against which the Japanese were being pushed by allied pressure from the south and west.

Not only could we hear the bombs bursting on Buna but we could see the weaving specks which were our planes and the puffs of smoke from Japanese anti-aircraft batteries around Buna.

Our unit of Americans now awaiting the signal for the final assault on Buna is hard and fit after long days on the jungle trail.

Sick men have been weeded out and returned to rear stations.

The remainder are looking for Japanese on which to unleash tempers frayed by weeks (Continued on Page Two)

Lumber Schooner Lost Off Coast Of Oregon

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16 (AP)—Coastguard sources said today the lumber schooner Susan Olson foundered and sank in heavy seas off the southern Oregon coast yesterday but that all the crew, approximately 25 men, reached safely in Humboldt bay.

The crew, in two lifeboats, was picked up by a fishing vessel, the sources said.

The Susan Olson was owned by the Oliver J. Olson company of San Francisco.

SEATTLE, Nov. 16 (AP)—The 13th naval district headquarters (Continued on Page Two)

US Fighter Planes Attack in Europe

LONDON, Nov. 16 (AP)—United States fighter planes attacked German soldiers and German installations in occupied Europe Monday, and all the American planes returned.

Maj. Gen. Carl Spaatz, chief of U. S. air forces in Europe, announced today.

SF Slaughterhouse Workers "Fishing"; Shortage Acute

By WALTER WARREN

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16 (AP)—About half the slaughterhouse workers in the San Francisco bay plants "went fishing" today.

Michael Guerra, secretary of their union, said the men "got tired" of waiting for a wage increase.

Guerra said the men have asked for a boost of 11 cents an hour. They had been getting pay ranging from 69 cents to \$1.19 an hour. The walkout, he said, was not union-sanctioned.

The "fishing" trip closed 8 of the 12 bay region killing plants.

Genoa Again Blistered by Home-Based RAF

LONDON, Nov. 16 (AP)—Home-based RAF bombers attacked Genoa last night, making their second attack in three nights and the fourth this month on the north Italian naval base and port.

"Good results were seen," the air ministry announced. Coastal command craft were reported to have hit a medium sized axis supply ship off the Norwegian coast yesterday.

In neither the North sea foray nor the 1500-mile round trip to Italy was a single plane lost.

Atmospheric conditions over Genoa were described as fine. (Continued on Page Two)

ROMMEL'S BROKEN ARMY SPEEDS WEST

Six Large German Airplanes Destroyed At Tunis

CAIRO, Nov. 16 (AP)—Marshal Rommel's broken army—cut down by 75,000 casualties and captives—sped westward in the Libyan desert as far as El Aghella, beyond Bengasi, yesterday while the British announced they occupied the landing ground at Martuba and strafed and bombed the axis forces for miles along the coastal road.

Rommel's forces were spread out from Bengasi to El Aghella, but the great mass of his remaining trucks and motorized equipment apparently was centered around El Aghella, some 400 miles east of Tripoli and 150 miles southwest of Bengasi.

Hills Neared While the allied fighters and fighter-bombers harassed the bedraggled Africa corps in Libya, long-range fighters, probably from Malta, struck out ahead of the British eighth army and destroyed six large German planes on the airfield (Continued on Page Two)

Fire Destroys Bus; Passengers Removed Safely

CHEHALIS, Nov. 16 (AP)—A passenger-packed Portland-Seaside north coast bus was destroyed by fire 12 miles south of here on the Pacific highway Sunday night, the blazing machine holding up traffic on the highway for several hours.

All passengers and their baggage were safely removed. Driver of the bus was L. H. Powell, of Portland, who halted the machine when a passenger in the rear seats noted fire under the back wheels.

State patrolmen halted traffic because of a half dozen explosions caused when the huge tires on the machine blew up. Burning gasoline covered the pavement around the bus.

AXIS ADMITS TROOPS MOVED INTO TUNISIA

Strong British, American Force, Bids For Bizerte

(See Map on Page 7)

By JAMES M. LONG Associated Press War Editor

The axis admitted today that it had moved German and Italian forces into the French protectorate of Tunisia, and British and American fighting men came to grips with them there with an evident determination to give Hitler and Mussolini a taste of Dunkerque.

The Berlin radio broadcast a DNB dispatch that the axis troops had counterattacked against United States forces in the French protectorate, with fighting centering at a point which the Germans described as important strategically and tactically. This might be the Bizerte naval base, one of the major prizes in Tunisia.

An Italian communiqué said "Italian and German troops have landed in Tunisia with the approval of civil and military French authorities."

Whatever French civil and military authorities the Italians had in mind in this version, they obviously did not include stout-hearted French garrisons of the Bizerte naval base and the Tunis airfields who welcomed the invaders only with bullets and put up what resistance their limited force permitted.

Allied sources who had said the axis troops were in Tunisia by the middle of last week, estimated that the initial force aggregated 10,000, and said desperate attempts were being made (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Claims Branded False "For Most Part"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP) New claims of the Japanese high command of having sunk eight United States warships, including three aircraft carriers, in the October 26 action off the Solomons, today were branded "false for the most part" by Elmer Davis, director of the office of war information.

"As far as I know our loss was one carrier and one destroyer, as previously announced by the navy," Davis said. "I have every reason to believe the navy is telling me the truth."

Damage to American fleet units in the naval-air battle currently raging in the Solomons area probably will not be made known until the action finally is broken off, Davis said.

"This is a continuous hit-run (Continued on Page Two)

Chinese Chalk Up Victory in Shantung Area

CHUNGKING, Nov. 16 (AP)—The Chinese have won an important victory in the foothills of the Yi mountains in Shantung province, where more than 5000 Japanese have been killed or wounded, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

The mm body of the Japanese, swollen to 40,000 by the arrival of reinforcements, has been forced to fall back, a communiqué declared.

Early this month the Japanese launched what was intended to be mopping-up campaign in the Yi foothills, in the central part of the coastal province of Shantung. Chinese forces there have been operating since early in the war far behind the main Japanese lines.

Our Flag in North Africa



An American flag is set upon the beach at a point west of Oran, Algeria, as U. S. troops bring ashore supplies from transports during their successful occupation of French North Africa. This picture, one of the first received in U. S. by cable from London was taken from British newsreel films.

26 Schoolhouses Designated For Gas Ration Registration In City, County Nov. 18-20

Four schoolhouses in the city and 22 in the outside districts were designated today as places for mileage rationing registration by Klamath motorists on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

All motorists who want to be able to get gasoline when rationing begins December 1 must register on one of those days. Before registering, they should obtain application forms for A books from their garage dealer or service station.

In the city, registration will take place at Klamath Union high school, Mills school, Pelican school and Fremont school.

Outside registration will take place at Bonanza, Weyerhaeuser camp No. 4, Fort Klamath, Keno, Bly, Lamm's camp, Fairhaven, Malin, Merrill, Gilchrist, Henley, Algoma, Shevlin, Chiloquin, Beatty, Sprague River, Altamont elementary (for all of south suburban area) Crescent Lake, Pelican Bay camp, Chemult, Weyerhaeuser camp No. 6 near Bly, and Modoc Point.

It was still impossible here Monday to turn in excess tires at the express office because of a lack of government forms, but the rationing board announced that special arrangements had been made to take care of people who have more than five tires when they go to register for mileage rationing.

This will be done by providing these people with special forms at the time of registration. These will show the excess tires they have on hand and have been unable to turn in.

People who think they should have more gasoline than allowed in the A ration book will get applications for supplemental (Continued on Page Two)

Petain Dismisses Darlan—Who Says "Don't Believe It"

VICHY (From French Broadcast), Nov. 16 (AP)—The Vichy radio broadcast today a declaration in the name of Marshal Petain declaring that Admiral Jean Darlan has been dismissed from all public functions and all military commands.

(Darlan, now in North Africa in charge of French interests with approval of the American command, insists that actually his authority comes from Petain. Last night he said that whatever the marshal might say now should not be heeded "because he is unable to let the French people know his real thoughts.")

(Yesterday Darlan announced the appointment of General Henri Giraud commander of French troop forces in North Africa.)

U. S. Claims Huge Victory In Solomons

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP)—A smashing victory over the Japanese in the Solomon Islands, with 23 enemy ships destroyed and seven others damaged in the greatest naval battle of the war, was announced today by the navy.

Smashing into a Japanese invasion fleet bent on reconquest of the southeastern Solomons, American warships, with the aid of planes, in three days sank one Japanese battleship, three heavy cruisers, two light cruisers, five destroyers, and eight transports loaded with Japanese soldiers, destroyed four cargo transports found beached on Guadalcanal and damaged a Japanese battleship and six destroyers.

This was accomplished, the navy announced, with the loss of two light cruisers and six destroyers, the only American naval units reported sunk in the action.

On the morning of November 15, a navy communiqué said, American patrol planes found the Japanese forces fleeing northward away from the battle scene, and there have been no reports of further action.

Approach Seen

An impending struggle of tremendous scope for possession of the strategic Guadalcanal-Tulagi area of the Solomons was indicated, the navy said, when aerial reconnaissance early this month disclosed a heavy concentration of Japanese warships, transports and cargo vessels in the New Britain-Northern Solomons region.

On November 10 it became evident that the expedition was underway in force, the navy reported, with enemy naval units approaching the Southeastern Solomons from the north while other detachments, including many transports, moved southward toward Guadalcanal from Rabaul and Buin, New Guinea.

Savage Fight

With a spearhead composed of two battleships of the Kongo class and other warships, the Japanese attacking force reached the Guadalcanal area in the early morning of November 13 intending, the navy said, to bombard American positions ashore preliminary to a large scale landing from the numerous transports moving toward Guadalcanal from the Buin-Shortland area.

As the bombardment force approached the island in three groups, it was engaged by American warships and a savage fight at close range developed.

During the furious night battle, said the communiqué, the Japanese appeared to be confused by the unexpected resistance "and during the latter part of the battle two of the three Japanese groups were firing at each other." Enemy fire ceased soon afterward and the Japanese withdrew from the battle, retreating northward.

Damaged Japanese ships retreated northward.

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Rear Admiral Daniel Callaghan Killed in Solomons

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP) The navy announced today that Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan, former naval aide to President Roosevelt, had been killed in a night action in the Solomon Islands, where he was serving as commander of a cruiser force.

A navy spokesman, describing Callaghan as "a great man and a fine seaman," said that detailed reports of the action in which he was killed have not yet been received by the navy.

It was a recent action, however, during the current critical struggle for possession of the southeastern Solomons, now in its sixth day.

Japs Claim More U. S. Ships in New Version of October 26 Naval Battle

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (AP) A Japanese imperial headquarters in a revised report of the October 26 naval battle east of the Solomons asserted today the Japanese sank one battleship, two aircraft carriers identified as the U. S. S. Enterprise and Hornet, another large-type aircraft carrier, three cruisers and one destroyer.

A U. S. navy communiqué October 26 reported the United States destroyer Porter was sunk by enemy action; one U. S. aircraft carrier was severely damaged; and other United States vessels reported lesser

damage when a Pacific fleet carrier task force exchanged air attacks with strong Japanese forces northeast of Guadalcanal.

Then on October 31 the navy announced that the carrier, which was not identified, was destroyed after she had been heavily damaged by Japanese bombers and torpedo planes.

Except for the loss of the carrier and the destroyer, there has been no U. S. or other allied announcement to confirm the sweeping Japanese claim.

In addition to the vessels reported sunk, the Japanese said three unidentified warships and