

Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

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Weather News

December 21—High 37, Low 23
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Last year 5.47 Normal 9.60
Dec. 23—Sunrise 8:28 Sunset 5:13

NAZI RESERVES RUSHED TO DON

Buna Japs Pinned in 2 Sectors

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS you read in the news yesterday, we and the Australians got tanks into the bitter, hand-to-hand fighting at Buna—how not stated. Maybe we flew them in, as we did the 150-millimeter howitzers a couple of weeks ago.

With the help of the tanks, we've tightened the circle on the Japs, whose beach front has now been reduced to about five miles in length, with a depth of from one to two miles. The remaining Jap positions, however, are strongly fortified and taking them will undoubtedly involve hard, bloody fighting.

In one small sector our men counted 15 Jap gun emplacements, all connected by trenches or tunnels and so placed that each provides covering fire for the others.

INDICATING the stubbornness of the Jap resistance, 100 dead Japanese were counted in one captured area only 100 yards square—about an average American city block.

The outcome of the New Guinea fighting will probably depend on reinforcement and supply. If we can provide these essentials of warfare and the Japs can't, we'll win.

It was LACK of them that lost us the battle of Bataan.

WHAT is happening in Burma is still obscure. The British column coming down from the Indian border to the north is reported today to be about 45 miles from the Burmese port of Akyab. The dispatches report that it has encountered little resistance.

RAF planes are bombing Akyab. The Japs are bombing Calcutta, in India, which lies across the northern end of the Bay of Bengal.

Time will tell what the fighting there is all about.

ONE guess is that our side is starting the long, hard job of reopening the Burma road.

Another guess is that the Japs may have been planning a drive into India and we beat them to the punch.

GERMAN resistance to the middle Don drive (which, of course, is aimed at Rostov) is reported in today's dispatches to be stiffening. So far, the pace of the Russian advance has been so swift that the Germans in its path have been unable to stand and fight.

German reserves are now being thrown in and are counter-attacking.

The front southeast of Stalingrad is described today as "boiling anew in a fierce struggle as the Germans bring in new reserves, including tanks."

YOUR map will tell you the Germans simply HAVE to put in everything they've got in this general area. If the Russians push on through to Rostov, the results of Hitler's long-drawn-out, bloody summer and fall campaign for the Caucasus oil and the Volga-Caspian supply line will go up in smoke.

ROMMEL's forces are reported today to have reached Misurata, only 100 miles east of Tripoli, with the British still in hot pursuit.

Just east of Misurata is another of these narrow defiles between salt marshes and the sea, providing protection for both flanks and affording a good spot for a stand. Rommel seems to have pounded right on through it, without even pausing.

The dispatches report that it looks as if he's heading for Tunisia. We'll know about that (Continued on Page Two)

FRENCH DRIVE EAST TO CUT AXIS RETREAT

Commando Raid That Nearer Bizerte Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—A Commando raid on Tunisia, in which Americans were reported to have participated, stabbed to within five miles of Bizerte in a hit-and-run foray last week, Reuters reported today.

The report of American participation, which Reuters did not mention and which was not confirmed, was made by the London Telegraph.

Reuters' dispatch, datelined "With Lieut. Gen. Kenneth A. N. Anderson's Army in Tunisia," said the landing was made in heavy seas and that the Commandos just had returned to their base.

Swim For It
This daring foray into the core of the Nazi's last stronghold in North Africa was disclosed as Field Marshal Rommel's army was reported only 100 miles from Tripoli and apparently planning to continue westward all the way to Tunisia to join German forces battling the allies there.

Most of the raiders "had to swim for it," their commander said, but losses were light because the landing was unopposed.

The incursion lasted several days, he said, and the raiders had to regain the beach through about 15 miles of enemy-held territory in which the Germans (Continued on Page Two)

School Openings After Christmas Holidays Vary

Christmas vacations for students of both city and county schools will start with the close of school Wednesday evening, but re-convening time varies among the schools, it was learned Tuesday.

All city schools, including elementary and Klamath Union high, will re-convene on January 4.

So also will the schools at Lamm's camp, Fairhaven, Shasta, Algoma, Chiloquin, Kirk, Altamont elementary and Altamont Junior high school.

Re-convening on December 28 are Bonanza, Keno, Bly, Malin, Merrill, Gilchrist, Henley and Sprague River.

Summers school has been on an entirely different schedule. No school is being held there this week. Classes there will start again December 28.

Make Christmas Happy for Boys, Urges Mrs. Serruys

"These boys will soon be going overseas, where they will undergo great hardships, not to speak of danger of death or wounds. I am sure that Klamath people, when they realize that they can for them while they are here."

Such was the appeal Tuesday of Mrs. Louis Serruys, Commando "mother," in urging more local people to agree to take Camp White boys for meals or lodging over the Christmas weekend.

"Let's make it a happy event for these boys," said Mrs. Serruys.

She stated that on furlough in Klamath Falls at this time is a youngster who was in the South Pacific, and who had 28 pieces of shrapnel taken out of his stomach. His younger brother

Jap Prisoner Exhausted



American soldiers on the Buna front in New Guinea watch an exhausted Jap prisoner. This picture was among those made by Edward Widdis of Los Angeles, Associated Press photographer, who was camped with the fighting forces, just 100 yards behind the Buna front.

RAF Rains Explosives on Munich; British Women Help Down Raiding Plane

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—British bombers smashed at Munich, birthplace of the Nazi party, last night, dropping a "great weight" of bombs and starting fires in their second successive night raid over the Reich.

Clouds hampered the bombers, and German night fighters rose to battle in bright moonlight above the cloud layer.

Two German fighters were shot down, while the British lost 12 bombers, the air ministry said. The loss indicated a heavy attacking force in the first blow at Munich, important war industry center, since September 19.

Although details of the 1300-mile round trip were not immediately disclosed, it was assumed that the great locomotive sheds in Munich were targets in the allied program to cripple raid transport to Italy.

German planes appeared at several places over the English coast.

Bombs from a low-flying Dornier 217 wrecked several houses at an inland town in southeastern England, killing two women and injuring others.

A school and several homes were hit at an East Anglian coast town when a raider swooped out of the clouds this morning and dropped explosives and incendiaries.

The RAF was reported to have shot down a single raider off the south coast.

Women soldiers of Britain's (Continued on Page Two)

Santa Claus Held Up; Extra Bonus Denied Store

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22 (AP)—Santa Claus struck a snag today at regional offices of the national war labor board.

The regional director, in accordance with the government's anti-inflation program, denied the application of Famous-Barr, St. Louis department store, to pay its employees \$100,000 additional in Christmas bonuses.

However, the store will distribute \$85,000 as it did last year.

WAVELL GAINS 11 MILES IN BURMA DRIVE

Flying Forts Again Unload Over Kiska Base

By The Associated Press
In the Far Pacific war theatre, Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's army from India was reported to have driven a total of more than 50 miles through treacherous swamplands into Japanese-occupied Burma and captured the town of Alethang-Yow after an 11-mile advance.

Alethang-Yow is only 45 miles from the big Japanese base at Akyab on the Bay of Bengal.

Kiska Bombed
Allied headquarters said Japanese planes again raided the great Indian metropolis of Calcutta this morning for the second time in less than 36 hours, but declared casualties and damage were light.

Meanwhile, the navy in Washington reported that American planes heavily bombed Japan's submarine base at Kiska island in the Aleutians Sunday and bombed and strafed enemy troop encampments.

The navy said U. S. army Flying Fortresses renewed their assault on Japanese installations in the Munda area of New Georgia island, in the Solomons, and damaged at least one cargo ship near Bougainville island.

Buna Field Nixed
On the New Guinea front, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that American and Australian infantry, following through in the wake of a crushing attack by U. S.-built tanks, were battling to widen a wedge driven into the main Japanese (Continued on Page Two)

Daring Captain Saves Youth Who Fell From Plane

MONTREAL, Dec. 22 (AP)—Capt. Sid Gerow maneuvered a fast fighter-bomber over a snow-drift on nearby lake ice yesterday and yelled "drop."

Harry Griffiths dropped and is alive today to tell about it.

It all happened on a Royal Air Force ferry command test flight. Captain Gerow was at the controls of a Boston fighter-bomber and Griffiths, 20, from Toronto, was in the bow compartment making compass tests.

They were over Lake St. Louis, 15 miles west of Montreal and heading back to Dorval airport, their headquarters, when Gerow felt the sharp cold draft of sub-zero atmosphere. Then he heard cries of "Help, help."

Getting no response to his query on the plane's communication system, he assumed that Griffiths had slipped through the floor trap entrance to the bow compartment.

Unable to reach Griffiths because the bow compartment is isolated from the main cabin, he throttled down the speedy craft and nosed her toward the ice, shooting over the surface searching for deep snow. When (Continued on Page Two)

2 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

WHO HAVE I FORGOTTEN?
—ED—BEN—PAUL—GERT—MARGE—GIL—
MERRY CHRISTMAS

WITH THE RCAF ON THE PACIFIC COAST, Dec. 22 (AP) The Royal Canadian air force disclosed today that one of its planes, operating hundreds of miles off the Alaskan coast, damaged a Japanese submarine with a 500-pound bomb and then summoned naval units which finished off the undersea craft. The date of the action was not announced.

They said no special provision was made for the sick, although many prisoners were

As Close as He Can Get



Seven-year-old Leo Bentiger looks at a Christmas tree in a little schoolhouse in Pittsburgh. A window separates Leo from the tree, for he is allergic to evergreens, and that's the only reason the hay fever victim is outside looking in.

McNary Asks ODT For Help in Farm Gasoline Snarl

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore.) has asked the office of defense transportation to consider "with more generous understanding," the difficulties faced by Harney county farmers in gasoline allotments for their trucks.

The senator said farmers and cattlemen of the county sent him data showing their allotments were insufficient. Some of them have been cut nearly half from estimated requirements, he said.

The Harney county farm transportation committee complained that growers of the county could not continue producing beef at peak demands unless they could have full use of their trucks.

They pointed out that if they had to go to Burns to file additional requests they would have to travel about 40,000 miles.

The senator forwarded to the ODT the complaint, which showed the county contained 63 miles (Continued on Page Two)

Next Klamath Draft Call to Be January 15

There will be no draft call from either of the selective service boards here until January 15, when a call will be made for a group of board 1 men, it was learned at selective service headquarters in the basement of the courthouse Tuesday.

The last call was on December 21, when a group of board 2 men left.

Britons Escape Jap Prison Ship, Tell Appalling Story

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22 (AP)—Three Britons who escaped after a Japanese prison transport was torpedoed and sunk October 1 have reached Free China and describe as appalling the conditions under which they and nearly two thousand other prisoners of war were confined by the Japanese.

A Japanese embassy release told today of their experiences. The three, Warrant Officers J. C. Fallace and W. C. Johnstone, and A. J. W. Evans of the British-American Tobacco company, said they and British naval and military officers of the Hongkong garrison were crammed into the hold of a freighter with virtually no sanitary accommodations while being transported to Japan.

They said no special provision was made for the sick, although many prisoners were

suffering from dysentery, beri beri or diphtheria.

The sick were placed on a steel deck and permitted to lie on their blankets with a tarpaulin to shelter them when it rained. They were given adequate food, but water for drinking purposes only, the escaped men declared.

The ship with its miserable human cargo left Hongkong September 29 and was torpedoed about 7 a. m. on October 1. Immediately all prisoners on deck were ordered back into the holds, where they were forced to remain all day without food or water.

That night the hatch boards were closed and the chute cut down and allowed to fall on the prisoners below.

After a terrible night, in which two men died, the tarpaulin was removed and the men were allowed to come up on deck.

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SOVIETS POUND CLOSER TO KEY CITY OF ROSTOV

Hitler's Entire Caucasian Campaign At Stake

By ROGER D. GREENE

Associated Press War Editor
Russia's great new assault across the middle Don steppes was reported to have driven within approximately 120 miles of the key city of Rostov today, jeopardizing Adolf Hitler's entire Caucasian campaign, but the Germans were mounting increasingly furious counterattacks and rushing masses of reserves into the struggle.

"In the area of the middle course of the Don, our troops continued their successful offensive," red army headquarters said.

Not Identified
"Soviet guardsmen drove the enemy out of a large populated place."

The captured town was not identified, but the Russian advance has been in the vicinity of the important German-held rail junction at Millerovo, 120 miles north of Rostov.

Gateway to Caucasus
German field headquarters said the defensive battle against Russian attacks was "continuing with undiminished violence" as the red armies smashed on southwestward toward Rostov, at the mouth of the Don river.

Rostov is the so-called "gateway" to the Caucasus. Its capture by the Russians would effectively seal off 1,000,000 German troops now battling far down on the Caucasus peninsula and on the snow-bound steppes before Stalingrad.

Mines Removed
Soviet columns had previously been reported only 20 miles from Millerovo, with the Germans retreating in disorder "leaving equipment and military supplies on the battlefield."

The Russian command said red army engineers removed more than 2000 German mines before the main force struck at the town and listed 400 nazis killed in the assault.

Soviet dispatches said Gen. Vatutin's lightning thrust across the middle Don not only impelled all communications and supply lines of the German siege armies before Stalingrad but also blocked off Nazi air-dromes used to supply 22 enemy divisions in the Don-Volga-Stalingrad region.

The Boys Won't Know About This Strike, Anyway

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 22 (AP) The Jackson Citizen Patriot carried this black-type note at the head of a front-page story on a strike at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plant here:

"For reasons of morale, the following news item will not appear in the edition of the Citizen Patriot which goes to more than 1200 men in the fighting services."

Morocco Radio Now U. S.-Controlled

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—A U. S. army spokesman announced today that the Morocco radio, known as Radio Maroc, now was definitely under United States army control and that its utterances henceforth were presumably reliable.

There was no information in London as to whether the French staff still was on duty at the station.

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