

26 JAP SHIPS SUNK, DAMAGED

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Precipitation last 24 hours			.00
Normal year to date			1.22
Normal	30	Last year	1.92
Forecast: Clear			
Tulelake: Open	7:00	Close	6:07
Oregon: Open	6:53	Close	5:47

INCOMPLETE RETURNS SHOW HEAVY LOSSES

Fight Removes Threat Of Interference With Landings

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

United States naval surface and air forces sank or damaged 26 Japanese warships, including big battleships and carriers, in crushing blows dealt the enemy in perhaps the world's greatest naval engagement.

The fight, in three sea sectors ranging from the Sulu sea of the southwest Philippines to the waters of Leyte and southeast of Formosa, not only dealt the Japanese a staggering defeat but also took the immediate danger of sea interference from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's landing operations on Leyte.

Eyewitness Account

To American communicators telling of the Japanese losses was added an eyewitness account by John Leonard Reuters, naval correspondent, who was with the United States force which stopped the Japanese in the Sulu sea.

Leonard said that only one enemy cruiser and one destroyer escaped from a fleet of two battleships, two cruisers and four destroyers. All the other ships were destroyed in the action which began in darkness the morning of October 25 (Philippine time), and the two vessels which escaped were damaged.

Three-Way Drive

Communications of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur said that a three-pronged fight for control of the Philippine waters cost the Japanese at least eight first-line warships sunk, three probably sunk and 15 others plus "several" destroyers damaged.

It was possibly a mortal blow to the Japanese navy. It robbed the Japanese fleet of its main power to defend the Japanese coast, cut off U. S. task forces when they head for the China coast, and the necessary might to again challenge the victorious American naval forces.

Yank Losses

Reported American losses were a light carrier, an escort carrier and a number of PT boats sunk, plus damage to a number of other warcraft.

Tokyo admitted the loss of one battleship, two cruisers and a destroyer.

Box Score

By The Associated Press

Japanese naval losses in the three sea-air actions in Philippine waters, as compiled from American communiques and a first-hand account of one of the fights, are as follows:

Ship Type	Probably Sunk	Damaged	Total
Carriers	2	1	3
Battleships	2	2	4
Cruisers	5	0	5
Destroyers	3	0	3
Total	12	3	15

x—Several destroyers damaged in one of the actions cannot be included in the total since the exact number was not specified in the communique.

AFL Causes New Crisis in WLB

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—The American Federation of Labor precipitated a new crisis in the war labor board today with a refusal to participate in certain wage cases until a decision is made on demands for a change in the little steel formula.

George Meany, AFL secretary-treasurer, disclosing AFL's decision, said Chairman William H. Davis of the WLB had "invited" the Federation to change its mind or withdraw from the board. Meany said the AFL at the moment did not plan to do either one.

The AFL, Meany stated, would not participate in WLB wage cases involving demands in excess of the little steel formula until an over-all policy decision had been made on the formula itself.

Pvt. Tom Baldwin Killed in Action

Pvt. Floyd T. "Tom" Baldwin, 23, U. S. marine corps, son of Mrs. Laura L. Baldwin and the late Charles R. Baldwin, was killed in action, October 19, somewhere in the South Pacific.

Word of her son's death reached Mrs. Baldwin at her home, 1321 Warden, Wednesday morning. Young Baldwin was born in Klamath Falls, went through the grades here and was graduated from Klamath Union high school with the class of 1940. He enlisted in the marines, June 30, 1942.

In addition to his mother, "Tom" is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Arlene Coffelt of Watsonville, Calif., and Mrs. Nellie Williams of this city.

Allies Strike to End Blockade of Port

By WILLIAM FRYE

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP)—The German high command announced today that allied forces, striking to clear the last Nazi guns blocking allied convoys from Antwerp, had landed on the south shore of Beveland island.

"Countermeasures are in progress," the communique said, indicating the amphibious forces already had made good a bridgehead on the north side of the Schelde estuary.

Earlier Berlin broadcasts that Walcheren, another island north of the estuary, had been invaded by allied land and sea forces were not borne out by the communique.

The landing apparently was made under the protection of a dense morning fog which swept in from the North sea and came as allied forces, fighting through hip-deep water, forged slowly ahead to clear the sea approaches to Antwerp.

Russians Drive Deep Into Norway

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW, Oct. 26 (AP)—Russian troops drove deeper into Norway today beyond captured Kirkenes in arctic storms which tumbled the temperature several degrees below zero, in a supreme effort to annihilate up to 130,000 Germans being herded before red and Finnish forces.

In local engagements just north of ravaged Warsaw, the Kremlin at midnight announced the capture of a dozen satellite towns on the east side of the wide and swift Vistula river which bends sharply west north-west just above the ravaged city.

The pace of the red army offensive in East Prussia slackened before ferocious German resistance, explained in part by the dependency of Berlin and other Nazi cities on foods produced on East Prussian farms.

All northern Transylvania was behind Russian lines in the Balkans and Romania was cleared of hostile Germans. In Czechoslovakia, the Russians virtually isolated the big highway town of Mukacevo, pushing within nine miles of the city.

Clearing of the towns on the northern bank of Warsaw increased the threat of capture of the Polish capital.

The Soviet communique described the Warsaw successes as "battles of local importance," but they seemed the first real sign of German weakness in central Poland since the summer red army offensive faded out at the end of over-stretched supply lines. (The Germans yesterday reported the Russians had launched a powerful offensive north of Warsaw.)

GUERRILLA UNITS OCCUPY LARISSA

ROME, Oct. 26 (AP)—Greek guerrilla forces have occupied the important communications center of Larissa on the main railway running to the port of Salonika, 75 miles to the north, allied headquarters announced today.

(Istanbul dispatches reported that the Germans already have begun evacuating Salonika.)

At the same time, the announcement said, troops landed from the British destroyer Teazer and the Greek destroyer Navarino have occupied the island of Skopelos in the northern Sporades group east of the (Continued on Page Two)

Allies Near Highway Town

ROME, Oct. 26 (AP)—Eighth army troops have cleared the Germans from the Savio river line in the eastern Po valley and, thrusting from bridgeheads west and north of Cesena, have advanced northwestward to within five miles of Forli along the highway to Bologna, allied headquarters announced today.

The eighth army advanced at least 11 miles in a thrust that placed it only 37 miles from Bologna.

Seaman Refuels On Crane Truck



Jimmy Colom, 31/c, on duty at the Klamath naval air station, stows away a sandwich and cup of coffee while he stands by on the crane truck. Colom hails from Borger, Tex., has 18 months' service with the navy and is one of the many seamen who will be on hand to answer questions at Navy Day's "open house" Friday.

TOM DEWEY ASKS FOR HONEST RULE

By JACK BELL

EN ROUTE WITH DEWEY TO ALBANY, Oct. 26 (AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey, voicing a charge that President Roosevelt had sponsored an idea to "sell special privilege" to \$1,000 contributors to the democratic fourth term fund, called today for a new national administration founded on "rudimentary honesty."

Turning sharply back to the domestic front after a broadcast reply to President Roosevelt's exposition of foreign policies, the republican presidential nominee told a yelling, whistling throng in the Chicago stadium last night that it was time for Americans to "resolve here and now to put an end to government by the cynical theory of 'who gets what, when and why.'"

Shaken Down

Declaring that men and women on WPA had been "shaken down for political contributions to the new deal," Dewey asserted amid cries of "You tell 'em Tom" that Mr. Roosevelt himself had countenanced a plan by which he said those who wished to help finance the fourth term campaign would be invited to participate in the formulation of administration policies for one thousand dollars on the barrel-head.

The audience responded with a loud groan.

"Time for Change"

"That's why it's time for a change," the New York governor cried as he surveyed a sea of persons who wedged themselves into every corner of the vast oval auditorium in which (Continued on Page Two)

Archbishop of Canterbury Dies

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP)—The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. William Temple, died today after a heart attack. The primate of all England was 63 and had been enthroned in bomb-pocked old Canterbury cathedral since April 23, 1943.

His death and that of Princess Beatrice, which occurred a few hours earlier, plunged England into mourning.

Dr. Temple was the son of an Archbishop of Canterbury and they were the only father and son ever to hold the highest office in the Church of England. The father was the late Dr. Frederick Temple, who was archbishop during the reign of Edward VII.

Eating, Working Main Jobs At Naval Air Station Here

By LOIS STEWART

The American boy, in or out of uniform, is practically bottomless as far as his stomach is concerned.

If he isn't munching on a candy bar, he's wolfing down a sandwich. Anything to tide him over until the next regular meal.

First Impression

This was the first impression we caught at a visit to the Klamath naval air station Tuesday, that and the constant whir of planes as they turned up on the flight line.

To augment, aid and abet this constant gnawing of hunger pangs, there's a little "milk wagon" which tours the base loaded with cokes, milk, candy bars, sandwiches, a five-gallon can of hot coffee, ice cream and cookies. Operator of this interesting bit of motorized equipment is S 2/c Robert Martinosky of Lorain, Ohio. He's been at the wheel of the milk wagon for four months now, and not only fills the crews between chow lines, but meets all transports as they drop down from the sky.

They Work, Too

Now, don't get the idea that all the kids do is eat. The service comes around during working hours. They drop over, buy what they want, and are back at work.

The milk truck is a converted dairy wagon. It has an International motor under the hood, has shelves built on either side to hold the wares, there's a door at the back which opens up and facilitates service by Mr. Seaman Martinosky. The reconversion of the milk wagon was handled by the carpenter's shop.

Drive-In Service

At one side of the wagon, coffee is dispensed and when transport messengers are served, trays can be hitched to a slot much like the type of service at a drive-in. This coffee business for those on the transports is good stuff. The big ships land at least twice daily, and a good hot cup of "joe" is roundly welcomed.

You may see this little "milk wagon" making its welcome appearance at various parts of the field on Navy Day, Friday, when the Klamath naval air station is thrown open to the public for the first time.

Fags, Cameras Out

Hours are from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. Park your cars on the concrete apron and proceed from (Continued on Page Two)



Asahel Bush, former Klamath newspaperman attached to General MacArthur's staff as correspondent, who was killed by a Japanese bomb on Leyte in the Philippines yesterday.

Asahel Bush Killed by Jap Bomb in Philippine Islands

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26 (AP)—Asahel (Ace) Bush's luck ran out yesterday. The 31-year-old Associated Press war correspondent, a native of Salem, Ore., was killed by a Japanese bomb at Tacloban, liberated capital of Leyte island in the Philippines.

His death was reported by C. Yates McDaniel, chief of the AP staff covering the Philippine invasion. McDaniel said Bush had just covered a phase of the epochal naval battle off Leyte when Japanese planes raided Tacloban. Bush was killed outright.

Tribute by MacArthur

Gen. Douglas MacArthur sent the following message to Kent Cooper, executive director of The Associated Press:

"I have learned with deep regret of the death by enemy action of Asahel Bush. Bush was a credit to the profession he so ably represented. He was admired by all. Please convey my sincere sympathy to his loved ones."

Asahel Bush, whose tragic death was reported today from the Philippines, where he was an AP war correspondent, was a member of the staff of The Herald and News from March, 1934, until June, 1939. From outstanding work here as news and sports editor, he went to The Associated Press.

Affectionately known to hundreds of friends here as Ace, the former Salem boy married Fay, a Klamath Falls girl, who now lives at Salem. Their daughter, Margaret Anne, also survives. They live at 605 North Liberty, Salem. News of his death was received with shock and sorrow here, and brought many words of warm tribute to his memory.

Guderian Named Eastern C. in C.

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, tank expert and chief of the German army general staff, has taken charge of the Russian front as commander in chief of Nazi armies in the east, the German foreign office said today in a broadcast.

The foreign office also confirmed that Field Marshal Gen. Gerd von Rundstedt is commander in chief in the west. He held that position at the time of invasion, but was deposed by Hitler, presumably because of failure to throw Gen. Eisenhower's armies back into the sea.

One Year in Pacific

His widow, the former Fay Cornish DeSpain, and a daughter, Margaret Ann, 8, survive.

Bush was killed exactly one year after he left San Francisco for Australia.

He joined the AP at Salt Lake City July 2, 1939, and was transferred to the San Francisco bureau in April, 1941.

His tour of duty in Australia included covering headquarters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. When MacArthur moved to New Guinea, Ace went along.

During the Hollandia invasion in New Guinea Ace sat down to write his story in an abandoned Japanese ammunition dump. Minutes after he finished his story he left. A Jap plane came over and dropped one bomb. It hit the dump.

Pioneer Family

He was a descendant of one of Oregon's best known pioneer families. The first Oregon newspaper, the Oregon City Statesman, (Continued on Page Two)

NAVAL AIR STATION OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY

Time: 1 to 4 p. m.

Route: Go out Allamont drive to station, where you will be directed to parking place. Follow directions while visiting station.

The station will be open to all interested citizens, but no children under 16 will be permitted to enter unless accompanied by an adult.

GI'S TIGHTEN NOOSE AROUND JAPS ON LEYTE

Communications With Other Islands Throttled

By MURLIN SPENCER

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Leyte, Philippines, Oct. 26 (AP)—Mud-caked Yanks today slammed shut the southern door of strategic Leyte valley, a potential Japanese death trap, and tightened their stranglehold on Nipponese communications with adjacent islands.

The entire American land front moved forward through mud and rain, beneath the cover of supporting aircraft and growing artillery fire.

Take Barausen

The southernmost of three columns driving into Leyte valley, where Japanese defenders are being crowded, captured Barausen, a key road juncture nine miles inland from Dulag. Armor-led infantrymen of the 24th corps broke into the town, after taking nearby San Pablo and its cluster of airfields.

On the extreme northern front, the 10th corps completed shore-to-shore movements which seized the southern coast of nearby Samar island and shot American units to the northern tip of Leyte.

Central Strait

The maneuver gave the Americans control of San Juanico strait, the narrow, crooked waterway dividing Leyte and Samar. The main Japanese supply line for supplies and reinforcements (Continued on Page Two)

Western Reich Pounded by Yanks

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP)—An American air fleet of more than 1200 heavy bombers and 850 fighters attacked industrial and rail objectives today at Hannover, Bielefeld, Munster and in other parts of western Germany.

Heavy clouds were encountered and bombing was by instrument. No interceptors were mentioned in first reports. A similar U. S. bomber force attacked western Germany yesterday.

Sgt. Don Zumwalt Held by Germans

Good news reached Mr. and Mrs. John B. Zumwalt of this city Thursday when the war department advised them that their son, S/Sgt. Don D. Zumwalt, was a prisoner of war in Germany. The airman had previously been reported missing in action since August 28.

Young Zumwalt took part in a raid over Italy and word that he was missing came after the Liberator bomber on which he was rear gunner, was disabled by enemy anti-aircraft and was forced down in enemy territory.

Mr. and Mrs. Zumwalt have just returned here from Portland and are living in a Klamath Falls auto court.

Killed



Pvt. F. T. "Tom" Baldwin

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The great news suggested in yesterday's dispatches MAJALIZES today.

a far-flung battle, ranging from Formosa to the island-aded waters of the Sulu sea (1000 miles) our navy has defeated and perhaps ASHED the Japanese fleet!

these words are written, preliminary and incomplete reports indicate that MORE than 26 warships were sunk or damaged in the three-day fighting. It is confidently expected that the list will be as further reports come in. A dispatch from fleet headquarters at Pearl Harbor this morning says:

The crushing defeat strip- Emperor Hirohito's navy. THE GREATER PART of its CARRIER, BATTLE-UP AND CRUISER POW- The dispatch adds: "The wreckage strewn waters aked the possible end of Jap imperial fleet as a for obstacle in the path of goals of China and JA- ED the Pacific war by mbas."

admiral King, in Washington, the BULK OF THE JAP ET was engaged in the three-battle.

actually looks this morning if the little yellow men may have any GREAT naval force aloft.

that is true, the way is red for an attack on the JAP ELAND—which will have defended with land-based es alone. The Japs haven't too well with their land- own witness our shoot- down of 150 of them in this. Our carrier forces seem able to deal with them ely.

of the sub-human Jap mind capable of dealing with light, hard fact, there must stark fear in Tokyo today.

IS great victory was achieved on our part with AZINGLY light loss. So the reports mention only light carriers and a number T boats sunk and an un- nounced number damaged.

that means that while the nese navy has been per- ally crippled even uth has been even shed. The Jap power of ens has been largely reyed while our remains antially unimpaired.

at the moment when this is ening, the British are send- ge new naval forces into Pacific war and in India ave a great land force ed and ready to strike the ent monsoon rains end. e don't have to be told what is means.

ERE is reason today for re- oning on a scale unpre- ed since the war began— et us remember that this and significant victory was brought about by any ng of a wand or otherocus- . It is the result of sound rship and planning by our rals and cold, raw courage e part of our fighting men. EIRS is the credit for this ing thing that has happened.

Europe, the British and adians are "striking to" western Holland." (That they are fighting to gain ssible of the great ports that WATER almost to our front when the new offensive we ilding up is ready to jump

Russians are driving across rthern Norway, far above rctic circle, in below-zero er, in what the dispatches e as a "supreme effort to late up to 130,000 Ger- eing herded before Rus- and Finnish forces."

learn this morning that the are ACROSS THE VIS- ust north of Warsaw, means that Warsaw is out- ed, with the road open the Vistula to Danzig at its, thus outflanking East

of C. Handles me Ticket Sale

ickets for the game Friday at Madoc field between Klamath Pelicans and the a Loggers are on sale chamber of commerce

ed fans desiring good for the tilt should get ducts at once.