

BOARDS CLEAR PEARL HARBOR COMMANDERS

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With in their vindication was cleared in behalf of the two men in command at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese struck their treacherous blow December 7, 1941.

Sure of Vindication

"When the entire story is unfolded, I am certain of complete vindication in the eyes of the American people," Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short said in a statement issued to the press at Dallas, Tex.

The statement of Secretary of War Forrestal means that Admiral Kimmel has been cleared, said Charles B. Rugg, counsel for Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, in an oral comment at Boston.

Story Kept Secret

Meanwhile, the inside story why the United States garrison at Pearl Harbor were taken by surprise, with resultant crippling blows to the fleet and forces, remains secret.

Statements issued simultaneously by War Secretary Stimson and Navy Secretary Foran said the boards' reports which they summarized could not be released in full until after the war, for reasons of military security.

Intent Continuance

Both secretaries said they intended to continue personal investigations.

Demands for a congressional

HOUSING NEEDED FOR WAR LABOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Fifty thousand new housing units are "critically needed" to help in recruiting new war workers and keeping present workers on the job, the national housing agency reported today.

The need is a pressing one in 20 or more ordinance, shipyard and other heavy war industry centers. NHA Administrator John B. Blandford Jr., said in a statement.

Although the need has been met in most production centers and 81,000 units are under construction, Blandford said the situation is "extremely critical" in such spots as Flagstaff, Ariz.; Fairbanks, Alaska; Tulsa, Okla.; Bremerton, Wash., and in such larger industrial centers as San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle.

New construction cannot meet the entire demand, Blandford stated, declaring: "New stress must be laid on the necessity for citizens in scores of communities to open their homes to the workers needed to keep our war plants operating at capacity."

Former Arkansas Private Poses As First Lieutenant

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2 (AP)—A groom married at a Vancouver military installation last October—his first lieutenant's bars shining beside the uniform of his army nurse bride—was charged today with impersonating an officer.

FBI Head Clinton W. Stein said the man who went through an elaborate military wedding was actually a Vimy Ridge, Ark., private discharged from the army a year ago.

Stein said the 23-year-old youth, identified as Thomas Butler, posed so successfully that no one questioned him until an army captain became suspicious of Butler's actions in a tavern and asked for credentials.

Butler was held in jail here in lieu of bond.

Today On The Western Front

By The Associated Press

Canadian 1st Army: Last reported in Germany east of Nijmegen.

British 2nd Army: Presses against Venlo on Maas in Holland.

U. S. 9th Army: Penetrates Linnich; retakes Roer positions in furious, fluctuating battle.

U. S. 1st Army: Held at a standstill by nazis on Roer river front.

U. S. 3rd Army: Dominates positions near Merzig along Saar river.

U. S. 7th Army: Smashes German attempt to reinforce bridgehead units on Rhine west bank at Strasbourg, enters Haguenau outskirts north of Strasbourg.

French 1st Army: Drives north from Mulhouse, within 30 miles of juncture with Seventh.

Young Boy Does Part In 6th War Loan

Twelve-year-old Dick Winters has done more than his part in this 6th War Loan drive, because a few days ago, Dick called on his neighbor, Oscar Lovenberg, and with no help or advice from anyone, sold him a \$1000 war bond.

Lovenberg is a lumber piler at Big Lakes Box company, where he has been employed for 20 years. So far this year, he has put \$2700 of cold, hard cash into war bonds, part of which he used to purchase three \$1000 bonds. In addition, Lovenberg has had two \$25 bonds taken out of his check on the payroll deduction program.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

SAAR UNION, SAARLAUTERN HIT IN DRIVE

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mans in the west have taken more than 33,000 prisoners since November 16, front dispatches said.

Southwest of Strasbourg, allied troops penetrated into Salsstat, a Berlin broadcast said.

Planes Rake Tanks

Battle planes raked German tanks and defenses along the Cologne plain front.

On the British front in Holland, all was quiet save for patrol activities.

Below Strasbourg, armored units wheeled steadily down the Alsatian plain and liberated a dozen or more villages, among them Boofzheim, 16 miles south of Strasbourg, and Sermersheim and Kogenheim 18 miles southwest of the city.

Infantrymen pushing into the Rhine plain through the Vosges cleared Chateaufort and Kintzheim in thrusts to within two miles of the road junction of Selestat. On the upper Rhine near the Swiss border, French troops occupied Rosenau.

Medford Man Escapes From Soviet Union

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Russian town of Penza, between Moscow and Kuibyshev, where they were given a "visa," or country house. The U. S. military attaché, Col. Joseph A. Michela, and Second Secretary of Embassy Edward Page were permitted to visit them.

When the German advance to Stalingrad that summer threatened central Russia, the fliers were moved east to Ohansk, on the Kama river near Molotov, where they were given a large house.

Adm. Standley visited them September 12, 1942, inspected their quarters and took them for a boat excursion on the Kama, complete with caterers, musicians and an English-speaking hostess.

Freedom of Town

The fliers had comfortable rooms, plenty of food, servants and an interpreter-guard who taught them Russian. They had the freedom of the river-port town, went swimming and were promised hunting in the fall.

But they were chafing at their inactivity. They could talk freely, because all Russians left the room while Adm. Standley listened to them, and they said they wanted to get back into action.

That winter they were transferred to Ashkhabad where, as the Russians put it, they would be warmer and could be "usefully employed." Ashkhabad is on the Soviet-Iranian border, just east of the Caspian sea.

One day they drove to the border in a truck to the Iranian city of Meshed, and never returned.

Soviet officials never drew the attention of the United States embassy to the "escape," and the Americans never mentioned it to the Russians.

Jap Charges Beaten Back On Leyte

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Ormoc, the strategic Japanese-held port on western Leyte island. The Nipponese have hurled many night counterattacks against the 7th in that sector.

Pace Slowed

The 32nd's pace was slowed by quagmire conditions as it pushed to a point one mile and a quarter south of Limon, which it captured last week. It was at Limon that the enemy had elected to make a determined stand.

The weather also retarded all operations by both sides. Leyte-based American fighter planes roared through the murky overcast to bomb Japanese supply depots in the Ormoc bay area, and others attacked enemy supply lines in the Ormoc valley and a suspected barge hideout at nearby Cebu island.

Seaman's Death Raises Crash Toll

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2 (AP)—The death of Merchant Seaman Harry Elmer Gay, 30, Long Beach, Calif., today brought to eight the death toll in the crash of a Transcontinental and Western Airlines plane crash yesterday.

The plane, en route from San Francisco, crashed into the soft ground of a walnut grove near Van Nuys during a dense fog when it was just six miles from the Lockheed air terminal at Burbank. Twenty-three were aboard. Fifteen were injured, including Mayor Harley Knowlton of San Diego, and one man came out unscathed except for shock.

The airliner ripped through utility lines, knocked down a dozen trees and its wreckage was strewn for 300 yards.

The coroner's office said an inquest will be held as soon as survivors are in condition to testify.

OFFICES FOR FARM CENSUS SET UP

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enumerators who live in the different counties to work in their home counties. Anyone interested should write to the district office here, 606 Medical Dental building, and local people may call or telephone.

Members of the office staff are Mrs. Lois Thomas, reviewing clerk, and Mrs. Margaret Brown, secretary. Mrs. Thomas will have charge of the office in the absence of the supervisor and assistant supervisor.

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The state's sales still lagged behind the schedule, however, with only 41 per cent of the quota sold at the end of the half-way mark in the drive.

Sales of E bonds also fell far short of the half-way goal which should have been reached today. War bond officials reported sales of \$9,893,993 against a \$34,000,000 quota.

Half-Way Mark In Drive Shows Nation Behind In Sales

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for all securities. But Ted R. Gamble, director of the drive, gave an idea of the size of the E bond job when he estimated that 50,000,000 individuals will buy more than 70,000,000 separate E bonds if the goal is reached.

The 6th War Loan at a glance:

The latest E bond figure is \$686,000,000; total sales to individuals \$1,409,000,000; sales to corporations \$2,476,000,000; grand total \$3,885,000,000.

In Portland, it was reported that Oregon's war bond sales, nearly doubled by giant corporation sales, leaped to \$44,377,083 today from yesterday's total of \$25,128,243.

Great Army Eleven Blasts Navy, 23-7

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threatened to make a battle of it in the third quarter.

Max Hall's 24-yard sprint four minutes before the end of the first half put the Cadets in front. They added two more points in the third when John Hansen's punt was blocked and Hansen barely managed to cover the ball in the 34-yard end zone.

Navy Strikes

Hal Hamberg, Navy's 150-pound backfield star, passed and ran Navy to striking position and Clyde Scott plunged over to leave the Cadets with a 9-7 lead. Navy roared back with another drive to Army territory but Glenn Davis, Army's top scorer, broke it up on his 30 to set the Cadets off on their game-winning streak. Almost single-handedly Felix Blanchard, Cadet fullback, powered down toward pay dirt and then plunged over for the touchdown. The huge crowd hardly had settled again before Davis was off on a magnificent waltz down the sidelines, after taking a lateral from Tom Lombardo, to travel 50 yards for the last count.

Dick Waterhouse converted after each Army touchdown to bring his total points after touchdowns for the season to 47, a new national collegiate record. Vic Finos made the placement after Navy's score.

EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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ping the Burma end of the road for the CHUNGKING end.

Intimations continue that they are getting out of Burma.

AS a sidelight, pity the poor devils on our side who are fighting in mud and rain and snow in Italy, which has become a side issue. But don't forget that they are PINNING DOWN GERMANs who otherwise would be free to fight us at other places. They aren't fighting in vain.

A STOCKHOLM dispatch today quotes Nazi Labor Chief Speer as asserting that the German V-3 will be ready to FIRE AT NEW YORK by the end of December.

One's inclination is to offer a cynical wisecrack, but it might be just as well to keep still and wait to see. Those huge platforms, containing as much concrete as Bonneville dam, which we found at Cherbourg are still unexploded.

ON the Washington home front, the Pearl Harbor disaster has been whitewashed for the duration. When the historians of the future dig out the facts it will be an interesting story.

TODAY'S dispatches tell us that RECONVERSION is going back onto the shelf for the present.

That is as it should be. From here on out, the reconversion planners should do their planning IN SILENCE. The thing to do is to get the war over first. Reconversion talk more or less unsettles us and gets our minds off the BIG PRESENT JOB.

The brave new world can't come until the Japs and the Germans are licked.

At the outbreak of the war, the Chinese in the Philippines were mostly small shopkeepers; the Japanese were farmers, craftsmen and fishermen.

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Bates Jailed On Drunk Driving Charge

Amos Bates, 2546 Shasta way, was in the city jail in lieu of fine following his appearance in police court Saturday morning where he entered a plea of guilty to driving while under the influence of liquor. Bates was fined \$100 and 30 days on that charge, and \$5 each on two counts, no operator's license and no red light.

Bates was arrested by city police at 9:30 p. m. Friday at 6th and Main after his car struck a machine operated by Alma Sweetman, 749 N. 9th. There were no injuries.

Two drunks appeared in court, two drunks bailed out, and one drunk and disorderly was fined by Police Judge Harold Franey.

When a moose cannot reach the tender leaves of a tree-top, he merely walks astride the tree, and rides it down.

English Princess Launches Mighty British Battleship

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Princess Elizabeth, carrying out her first important public duty alone, has launched Britain's mightiest battleship.

The ceremony marked the first appearance of the 18-year-old princess' personal standard, made for her by the royal navy.

The size, armament, date of the launching and even the name of the ship remained a secret. The place was described only as "a northern shipyard in Britain."

Target of the battleship will be the Japanese navy. A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, said "she will sail in tropical waters against an enemy we particularly want to beat."

Jane's "Fighting Ships" listed as under construction the Lion, Temeraire and two unnamed battleships, each "over 40,000 tons," designed for 30 knots or more and probably to have nine 16-inch guns.

(Britain's previous largest warship was the 42,100-ton Hood, sunk by the Bismarck in May, 1941. The American Iowa class is rated at 45,000 tons.)

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WEATHER

Friday, December 1, 1944

Place	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Eugene	41	38	Trace
Klamath Falls	38	28	Trace
Sacramento	38	31	—
North Bend	49	—	.00
Portland	49	40	.00
San Francisco	57	42	.00
Seattle	48	39	.01

OBITUARY

SCOTT HARTFORD BARBOUR

Scott Hartford Barbour, for the last 14 years a resident of Klamath Falls, Oregon, passed away in this city on Saturday, December 2, 1944 at 2 a. m. following an illness of several days. He was a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, and at the time of his death was aged 70 years 1 month and 15 days. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nina Barbour, of this city; one son, Jack Barbour, Yeoman, U. S. Navy, and one brother, Martin Barbour of Los Angeles, California. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced in the next issue of this paper.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to friends and neighbors for their sympathy and beautiful floral offerings in our recent bereavement.

Mrs. William J. Nichols and daughter, Carol Ann.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Daniel
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haloušek
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols
Bennie H. Daniel S. 1/c.

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

This is to advise all my farmer clients, and others who may wish my services, that the time for filing "farm income declarations" has been extended to "on or before Jan. 15, 1945," at which time you may file your regular complete return in lieu of said declaration if you so desire and pay the full tax thereon.

However, in order to give us time to make the complete and final return for you we would have your data in this office not later than December 15, so that it may be completed on time.

And to all others whose tax is not being withheld by employers, and who have not filed any declaration for this year for your 1944 income, that they should make their declaration on or before December 15, as this is the last chance. The new law, while simplified, does not excuse any of them from making such declaration and paying the approximate tax within the current year.

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