

Heroic American Sailors Live Up To Finest Traditions At Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP) Remember Pearl Harbor? Then remember a battleship captain, his stomach torn open by a shrapnel burst, fighting his ship from the bridge until he died on the deck. Remember a rookie gob who

jumped to a machine-gun before the first alarm sounded and blasted a torpedo-plane as it levelled against his ship. Remember the sailors from disabled ships who swam through blazing oil to get on outward-bound destroyers to

make sure they'd get back into battle. Remember the lone Blue-jacket who manned a five-inch anti-aircraft gun and kept it firing after his battery-mates had been shot down in a strafing attack.

These men and their mates saw Pearl Harbor through, saw the Navy through what Navy Secretary Knox calls its "greatest hour of peril." Knox told part of their story in his report yesterday—no one probably will ever be able

to tell it all—and it was a story of heroism, sacrifice and courage of which, as Knox said, "the American nation may well be proud." The portion of the fleet in Pearl Harbor had been caught flat-footed by the treacherous

Japanese attacks. Hardly had the keen-eyed watchers on the Navy Yard signal-tower sent out visual warnings of the approaching raiders, when high explosives and incendiaries began to rain down. There was fire, flame, explosion—a Dante-

esque scene as oil-coated harbor water ignited and billowed up. The words of the official report only hint at the stark drama of valor and discipline as the fighting men and the fighting ships recovered to

meet the surprise onslaught. There were tremendous moments. "With the ship (an aircraft tender) already on fire from repeated high altitude attacks, her anti-aircraft batteries (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

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British Sources Admit Powerful Jap Attacks Now Menace Singapore

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Four Jap Bombers Brought Down In Raid On Olongapo Naval Base

LAND DRIVE STOPPED

MANILA, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Japanese invaders, apparently having fought to a standstill in the first phase of their thrust at the launch island of Luzon, returned to the attack today only by air—with a raid on the Olongapo naval base northwest of Manila.

Imperial And Indian Troops Stop Thrusts Into Northern Malaya, But Hong Kong Reported Heavily Bombarded

LACK OF NAVAL SUPERIORITY CITED

LONDON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A powerful Japanese drive in Northern Malaya and Britain's lack of naval superiority have created a serious threat to Singapore, an informed source said tonight, and commentators simultaneously warned the public to be prepared for the fall of besieged Hong Kong.

CONTRACTS LET ON SCHOOL WORK

Wilmington Firm Successful For Construction Of Three Additions

Bids for construction of three additions to present schools in the county system were opened Tuesday by the New Hanover board of education in the first step of a \$865,000 program to meet the needs of a defense-swollen enrollment.

ARGENTINA RULES 'STATE OF SIEGE'

Cabinet Gives Castillo Wide Powers To Stamp Out Axis Propaganda

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Argentine cabinet tonight declared a state of siege throughout the country.

Self-Styled Austrian 'Baron' Arrested For Wearing U. S. Uniform

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A self-styled Austrian baron, 27-year-old Ernest Frohlich de Meyer, was charged in a federal complaint today with wearing a United States Army uniform.

BOMB EXPLODES

SANTIAGO, Cuba, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A bomb exploded tonight in front of Dolores Catholic school, causing some damage. No casualties were reported.

Last Day To Register For Stocking Fund Aid

Today—December the 17th—is the deadline for parents who may need assistance from the Star-News Empty Stocking Fund to make application!

U. S. TAKES OVER LINER NORMANDIE

\$60,000,000 French Luxury Ship Will Be Under Maritime Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The United States government today took over the big French luxury liner Normandie.

AFL GIVES PEACE PROPOSAL TO CIO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor offered today to make peace with the CIO, asserting in a declaration on war-labor policy that there was no place in the present emergency for rival labor disputes.

Executive Board Declares Inter-Labor Disputes Hurt War Effort

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The declaration was adopted at a meeting of AFL officers. It said: "We regret sincerely and are deeply concerned with the destructive rivalry and organization that has beset the American labor field for the past few years.

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HI, WORLD! This is the first portrait of five-week-old Mary Heller Halliday, posed with her famous mother, Mary Martin. Mrs. Halliday is best known for her "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" song. — Central Press Photo.

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SON BAGGED FOUR JAP PLANES Mrs. Julia Welch Schwartz and her husband, George Lewis Schwartz, of Wilmington, Del., proudly examine a photo of their son, Second Lieut. George S. Welch, who was commended in a War department communique for having downed four Jap planes when the Nipponese attacked Hawaii.—Central Press Photo.

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Few Signs Stay On In Drills

Interceptor Command Head Congratulates City On Cooperative Spirit

'MUCH LEARNED'

For the space of a half-hour Tuesday night, the city of Wilmington was dark as citizens went all-out in their efforts to demonstrate that they could hide the sprawling city from the eyes of enemy aircraft pilots, even in practice.

WINDOWS BROKEN

A late-hour police check revealed four broken windows in downtown business establishments. Police could not say whether the damage was done by overzealous citizens seeking to extinguish lights or for purposes of robbery.

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6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT Buy Christmas Seals

WEATHER FORECAST North Carolina: Partly cloudy, considerable cloudiness on the coast Wednesday; Thursday partly cloudy, rising temperature. South Carolina: Partly cloudy, except considerable cloudiness on the coast, rising temperature Wednesday and Thursday.