WILMINGTON, N. C., SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1942

Australian Mainland

Australians Strike At Jap

Springboards In Coun-

try's Outer Defenses

By VERN HAUGLAND

MELBOURNE, March 14

P)—Japanese bombers raid-

commonwealth mainland from

newly-won bases in New

The attack, on a small scale,

was aimed at islands in the

which lie like stepping stones

across the 100-mile wide Tor-

The raided islands lie op-

repeated Japanese air at-

Cape York, northeasternmost

Gam Footholds

Port Moresby Attacked

of the scales against Japan.

Guinea.

those bases.

concentration.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

OL. 14.-NO. 20.

PB Orders Per Cent fasoline Cut

Affect Deliveries To fastern And Pacific Northwest States

MIONING LOOMS

10,000 Stations Must Confine Operations To 12 Hours Daily

ons to 12 hours weekly. The days of operato individual retailers.

he second governthe day affecting 48 states proposing a maxr vehicle speed limit of

necessity of conserving h wear much faster at of gasoline congreater at low speeds

Donald M. Nelson on ation of Petroleum Coor lokes. It was described in es as an intermediate action caris could be printed and is-

WHRIE RESIGNS

ys He Attempted To Do bb 'Without Regard Of Any Special Interest'

ert R. Guthrie, chilef of the War Muction Board's textiles, cloth- Semeon Timoshenko's men includand leather branch, suddenly ed more than 2,000 guns and pisgned his post today, along with tols, 20,000 shells, nearly 3,000,000 key members of his staff. a letter to Donald Nelson, hand grenades, 27 radio stations, PB chairman, Guthrie said he 25 caches of tank and infantry attempted to do his job "with- mines, 19 ammunition duinps, 12 regard for any special interest" clothing and 14 food depots. y applying to WPB problems principles of uncompromising to the war effort which and wagons loaded with supplies ave so often and ably stated." and 260 machine-guns and trench the it is no longer possible mortars. ≥to do this I must ask you

he same time it was an- of Moscow. An army communique hief of the branch, and of fighting in this area, which au-

etter to Nelson, Guthrie at he had been chief of a steel trap.

Transport Planes Downed

Transport Planes Downed August and that in d l'ebruary he had also fly as assistant chief of German troops in the northwest perations supervising the battle within the last few days,

Weden Boosts Defense

eased the tension in the war-enndinavian kingdom. Considerable numbers of Swedtroop reinforcements were callat the end of February, the correspondent of the disanne Gazette wrote, coinciforces were arriving in the

cated mobilization would con-

ity of an Allied offensive through northern Norway to create a new front and knock Finland out of the with reports that more Gerforces were arriving in the
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Seven More NAVY DISCLOSES 12 ALLIED

Allied Ships WARSHIPS SUNK OFF JAVA; Sunk By Subs

Rome Radio Says Queen **Badly Damaged**

MANY MEN RESCUED To Within 31 Miles Of

Seven Of Crew Of One American Freighter Are GAIN NEW FOOTHOLD3 Landed At Norfolk

(By The Associated Press) Seven new sinkings of Allied merchantmen were reported along the North American Atlantic coast and the Caribbean yesterday by the

In addition, the Rome radio quoted "Argentine maritime circles" as saying the 81,235-ton British liner Mary, laden with 10,000 ed islands only 30 miles off 'North American" troops, was tor the northeastern tip of Auspedoed and badly damaged severa! tralia today in a possible days ago after leaving Rio De Janeiro. The huge ship was report. softening-up prelude to an ined attempting to reach the British vasion attempt against the base in the Falkland Islands. Reports of this nature are frequently contained in Axis broadcasts in an attempt to gain information on movements of ships or troops.'

Seamen Land

Nearer home, the Navy revealed vicinity of Thursday island that a small American merchantman was sent to the bottom early Wcdnesday and that seven of her crew had been landed at Norfolk. They res strait between Australia Some Jap Leaders Believe expressed little hope for their 21 and New Guinea. shipmates and related how a submarine sank their ship in two minutes with two torpedoes.

From Canada came word that 299 southwest New Guinea coast Kill 10,000 Nazi Troops men, exhausted and frost-bitten, had which has been the target of reached an East Coast port after their ship, "an Allied merchantman," had gone down in the North tacks. It is some 270 miles Atlantic. They drifted for 80 hours across the Coral sea from before being rescued.

Reach Port Survivors of an American and a tip of Australia. Norwegian ship reached Puerto Rican, Haitian and Cuban ports, dissunk them in the Caribbean. The American vessel was not iden- coast, about 400 miles from the

Fifty-six out of a probable 67 passengers and erew were saved.

revealed with the announcement in fenses. Nassau of the arrival there of the sunk on Wednesday.

12 survivors of the freighter Gunny were landed by a Swedish vessei

FRENCH RAIDERS CAPTURE UOLOU and machine-gun fire yesterday sure I toons."

Westward In Fezzan Desert Of South Libya

miles westward in the great Fez-ter-attacks on the enemy. There ing the Italian outpost of Uolou, dence of a general and even pic-

nitions and gasoline dumps were instead of Great Britain, as the

dreds of miles across tractless deserts from Lake Chad, started their raids in the Fezzan more than a

In Fights Over Channel LONDON, March 14.—(P)-Terri-|between 4,000 and 7,000 feet," the

fic air battles raged over the Eng- Ministry said. lish Channel today and when the

Rhineland.

The Air Ministry told of one en-

Mary, Laden With Troops, JAPS BOMB ISLANDS Ides Of March May Bring 13TH BELIEVED LOST Warplanes Carry Attack Major War Developments Two U. S. Ships—Cruiser

JAPAN LOSES EIGHT CRAFT

(By The Associated Press) The Ides of March are come.

As in Julius Caesar's day, March 15 is laden with portents of doom. The Ides of March this veer mean imminent death on battlefields for hundreds of thousands of Axis and United Nations troops in the swiftly approaching spring offensives.

March has been a favorite month for the arch foe of the United Nations—Adolf Hitler to initiate his most spectacular In March, 1936 he remilitar-

ized the Rhineland. In March, 1938 he seized

In March, 1939, on this very date, he occupied Bohemia and

a war of nerves that preceded the overrunning of that terri-And March, 1942? It may be Turkey, Sweden,

In March, 1940 he was busy

preparing for an invasion of

Scandinavia, the Lowlands and

France and the following

March he was strengthening

his grip on the Balkans with

Iceland, Suez, Gibraltar, Dakar or the Azores; certainly a beria and the vast Russian forces based on Vladivostok.

drive against Russia. His Japanese partner perils Australia and India, and may be preparing for a thrust against Si-

Honolulu Gonducts

war began.

War Time).

Another Raid Alarm

HONOLULU, Mar. 14.-(AP)-

Friendly airplanes approaching

the Hawaiian islands today

precipitated the fourth air raid

alarm in Honolulu since the

The alarm came abruptly at

About an hour later the all

9:46 a. m. (3:16 p. m. Eastern

tlear signal was sounded when

the approaching aircraft were

identified as friendly. It was the third alarm in three weeks.

Due Process Of Law

a year ago. Judge Allen contended

"Under the circumstances, we

are obliged to hold that the amend-

ment of May 26, 1941, insofar as it

increased the penalty for the farm

per bushel and subjected the entire

crop to a lien for the payment

Wickard. It was the first suit of its

WHEAT PENALTY

Hitler Urging Japanese To Enter Conquest Plan

PROMISES REWARD

Time Has Arrived To posite Port Moresby, on the Consolidate Gains

By ROBERT BUNNELLE

LONDON, March 14.-(P)- Adolf Hitler is insistently pressing upon his Japanese allies a grandiose scheme of world conquest and promising as reward for their collaboration that their empire may The Japanese have gained foot- be so far extended as to include closing that Axis submarines had boilds at Salamana and Ale, on part of Africa, a foreign diplomatic the southeastern New Guinea source said today.

As in Germany, where one sectified other than as a small ship, Australian mainland and today's tion of military and industrial opinwhich was torpedoed on March 6. raiders may have come from ion thinks German conquests have gone far enough, there is a divi-The Australians, keeping sleep sion of opinion in Japan, however The Norwegian vessel was a less vigil along her threatened and some influential leaders there tanker. Thirty-four of her 41 com- shores, themselves struck back at believe the time has almost ar-Japanese springboard positions in rived to concentrate on holding the commonwealth's outer de-what has been gained.

The foreign source, who said his Bombers inflicted heavy damage information was gleaned from dip-U. S. SALES TAX entire crew of 30 of a vessel of on grounded aircraft in an attack lomatic listening posts and confiunidentified nationality which was on the Japanese-held airdrome at dential agents throughout Europe Rabaul in New Britain, destroy- and the Far East, said Hitler's ing probably three planes and plan involves two huge nutcracker damaging ten others with a heavy attacks on Russia and the India in their tightly packed area and a series of subsidiary

He said all reporters of the plan cess of AAA quotas on the ground Port Moresby on the southeast felt that this proposal was behind it amounted to taking farmers' shell. Afterwards, the Deruyter coast of New Guinea was attacked Japan's "strangely Kurusu-like ap property without due process of made a large change of course preby Japanese fliers using cannon pointment of Naotake Sato to as- law. and machine-gun fire yesterday sure Russia of her peaceful inten-

the RAAF communique was a leg wound suffered by an Aussie flier.

Sato, the new ambassador to Sixth U. S. Circuit Court of Ap-Deruyter when underwater explorations with the peals dissented, did not touch on sions occurred simultaneously in The sparsely settled continent of Kurusu, who was sent to Wash-Tonight's announcement said ing sought to aid in financing the looked more and more to the was planning her treacherous at-United States for a decisive tip tack on Pearl Harbor, he declared.

The same plan also is back of the impost was valid. (Official Washington and Ausbattle for Australia have disclosed tary mission to Madagascar, the John H. Druffel in their decision during these actions, but added: big French island in the Indian enjoining collection of the penalty ocean 250 miles off the East Afri- pointed out it was increased by can coast.

Mission Arrives Despite the denials of Vichy, the said: informant said he had absolute verification that the Japanese mission had arrived in Madagascar. presumably to high-pressure th

(Continued on Page Five; Col. 4)

USO CLUBS STAGE OPEN HOUSE TODAY

All Wilmingtonians Invited To Visit Five Clubs During The Day

All Wilmingtonians are invited to visit the five USO buildings in the Wilmington area today when "open house" will be observed from 1 to Completing several months of

service to defense workers and their families and service men, the clubs want everyone to see the facilities and programs offered

each of the five clubs beginning

Houston, Destroyer Pope Moravia, dismembering Czech--Among Those Lost oslovakia. He also seized Me-

THREE-PART FIGHT

Japs Gain Command Of Sea, Air And Trap United Nations' Fleet

WASHINGTON, March 14. (AP) — The Navy today announced the sinking of 12 Allied warships, with a thirteenth believed lost, some in the battle to keep the Japanese out of Java and the others in boldly trying to escape from a tightly closed enemy trap in which they later found themselves.

Two American ships, the cruiser Houston and the destroyer John D. Pope were among those lost. The rest were Australian, British and Dutch. These punishing reverses were offset in part by the destruction of or severe damage to eight Japanese warships.

The battle divided itself into three parts.

Jupiter Disabled

"Half an hour after this Allied force had turned to westward along the Java coast, H.M.S. Jupiter was disabled by an underwater explosion. She sank four hours later. H.M.S. Jupiter was not far from the mainland of Java, and a number of survivors have already reached Australia. A U. S. submarine assisted in the rescue of the survivors."

Court Says It Amounts To | Supplementing this description, a naval spokesman here said the **Taking Property Without** Jupiter was unques by a submarine.

As the night wore on, the coastal sweep continued. At 11:30, when DAYTON, O., March 14.—A the fleet was 12 miles off Remspecial three-judge federal court bang, two Japanese cruisers were today held invalid a 49-cent penalty sighted between it and the shore; firing began immediately, a numimposed by the government last ber of hits were scored. Meansummer on wheat marketed in ex- while:

"The Deruyter was hit by one sumably in order to avoid torpe The majority decision, from does fired by the enemy. The other which Judge Florence Allen of the Allied cruisers were following the constitutionality of the wheat con- the cruisers Deruyter and Java. trol act itself, which farmers ap. Both these Dutch cruisers blew proved in a national referendum up and sank at once."

The Navy said it was impossible to estimate with accuracy the District judges Robert Neven and damage inflicted upon the enemy "Cbservers in the perth considered that one Japanese eight-inch Congress from 15 to 49 cents after gun cruiser was sunk, a second last summer's crop was planted, eight-inch gun cruiser damaged and a destroyer sunk. It also has been reported that a cruiser of the Mogami class was set on fire and three destroyers seriously damaged and left on fire or sinking. "H.M.S. Perth and the U.S.S. marketing excess over the 15 cents Houston, which had received some damage in this action, reached Tanjong Priok at seven o'clock in thereof, operated retroactively and the morning of Feb. 28. Five U. S. that it amounts to a taking of destroyers reached Sourabaya plaintiff's property without due (Soerabaja) after the action.

"With the enemy in command of The suit was filed last summer sea and air north of Java in overby Roscoe G. Filburn on behalf of whelming force, the Allied comgroup of Mentgomery county mand was faced with the problem farmers, and named as defendant of extricating the remaining Allied Carl R. Helke, county AAA chair ships from a very dangerous sitman, and Secretary of Agriculture uation."

The announcement went on to kind in the nation, and followed say that the route to Australia was (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 3)

U. S. Soldiers Receiving Hard Training In Ireland

By RICE YAHNER

ERN IRELAND, March 14.-(P)-United States troops are undergoing intense training for the grim war tasks that lie ahead.

night carried this correspondent to various headquarters tucked away in communities, woods and glens of Ulster. There modern soldiers with the latest weapons and machinery were deployed among

guard against possible parachute WITH THE AEF IN NORTH- troop attacks, bombings and machinegunning from the air.

In regular schedules on the rifle ranges, artillerymen are checking. A two-day tour wnich ended toand plotting movements to cover every eventuality in the event of invasion by mechanized forces. Practice against moving targets

will start soon. At one base, engineers had embarked on an extensive project of building war installations which kept the men busy from the misty

Most recreation is out for the

Activity To New Heights By THOMAS F. HAWKINS ERN. Switzerland, March 14.— province of Jamtland were the Sweden stepped up her defense most comprehensive ever held equations to the highest degree with ski troops, motorized units

aght as signs of invasion by the and tanks cooperating with civil Powerful German army in- guards. Three things currently troubled the Swedes:

(1) The much discussed possibil-

Incollization would con-for some time yet." Swed- (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

Sacramento Swept By Snow And Hail Storm

Copying the outfits of U. S. Army officers, girl ordnance workers

are now cutting a snappy figure in uniforms, as photo above shows. Here Miss Patricia Rayport, left, and Miss Lucille Alessandroni display the new uniform coats, army-type overseas caps and turf-colored shoes

designed and adopted by girl employes in the Philadelphia Ordnance District headquarters, Philadelphia, Pa. The girls are accompanied by

Lieut. Philip J. Fidds, Uniforms are optional and are paid for by the girls.—(U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo from NEA.)

Reds' Southern Armies

STORES CAPTURED

Germans Slain At Rate Of

2,000 Daily From

Ukraine To Crimea

By EDDY GILMORE

armies of the south and southwest

have killed 10,000 Germans and

captured or destroyed vast stores

of food, clothing and war supplies

over battlefields churned into

quagmires by thawing snow and

Nazis were slain at the rate of

2,000 a day in the area extending

between March 5-12, said the an-

nouncement, which followed by 24

nours another special communique

telling of the annihilation of 14,-

Only 539 Prisoners

Front-line dispatches stressed

Transport Planes Downed

One Soviet detachment alone

was credited with destroying 1,500

on the northwestern front.

ice, the Russians announced to-

night in a special communique.

MOSCOW, March 14.—(P)-Soviet

PRETTY SNAPPY

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Mar. 14.—(P)—Snow, hail and sleet fell on California's surprised hour and a half today.

children threw snowballs and made anowmen. The fall totaled **GROUP APPROVES**

from the Ukraine to the Crimea Majority Of Senate Com- ported at Progreso, Mexico, where mittee Endorse Plan To

Raise War Funds

000 Germans in 15 days of fighting WASHINGTON, March 14.-(P)-A majority of the senate finance The ferocity of the fighting was committee expressed qualified apemphasized by the statement that proval today of a sales tax as a only 539 Germans were taken prismeans of raising part of the \$7,-000,000,000 additional revenue be booty captured by Marshal war effort.

While most members said much would depend on prior House ac tion, an informal canvass by the cartridges, 22.500 mines, 4.000 Associated Press showed 14 senators were willing under certain conditions to impose general sales levies. Six of these made it plain, however, they were prepared to Listed as destroyed were 42 follow such a course only if they blockhouses, 42 tanks, 686 trucks became convinced that present methods of taxation would not

yield sufficient revenues. Against this. only Senator LaFolmy resignation, effective particularly the heavy toll being lette (Prog-Wis) among the 21 levied on the invaders northwest members flatly opposed a sales tax under any circumstances. Senthat Marshall Hale, Jr., listed 14,000 Nazi dead in 15 days ators Johnson (D-Colo) Guffey (D-C Pa), Gerry (D-RI) and Bailey (Dof fighting in this area, which are NC) declined to commit themtant, also had submitted Staraya Russa zone where the battered German 16th army is held Mass) and Walsh (D-Mass) could

There have been indications recently that members of the house (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

WEATHER

FFORECAST:
NORTH CAROLINA — Continued warm, possibly scattered showers in the mountains Sunday. Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ille at 8 a. m. March 14, 20.22 feet.

wille at 8 a. m. March 14, 20.22 feet.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday):

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Temperature:

1:30 a. m. 62; 7:30 a. m. 58; 1:30 p. m. 75; 7:30 p. m. 66; maximum 77, minimum 57; mean 67; normal 53.

Humidity:

1:30 a. m. 90; 7:30 a. m. 99; 1:30 p. m. 60; 7:30 p. m. 76.

Precipitation:

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 1.65 inches; total since the first of the month, 4.11 inches.

Tides For Today:

(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey):

High Low

S:44a, 3:13a.

capital city for more than an It was the first snowfall since January, 1939. Excited

Another Norwegian loss was rc-

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

LONDON, March 14.—(P) —Free that United States bombers are French raiders have swept 200 in the forefront of the aerial counzan desert of South Libya, captur- also has been unmistakable evi-375 miles southwest of El Agheila, torial nature that other U. S. ef-

where Nazi Marshal Erwin Rom- fectives, both military and naval, mel started his latest offensive. have arrived since mid-February "The garrison has been taken in various parts of Australia and prisoner and important material that the U.S. Pacific fleet is has been seized," Free French hard at work establishing and headquarters announced today. holding the long sea communica-Our troops destroyed defense tions between the continents.) works protecting the outpost and made the airdrome unusuable. Mu- last night, of the United States,

"In a raid on the airdrome at racies as far as this country is

Oum El Araneb a Free French concerned. plane destroyed three Italian craft on the ground." The Free French, striking hun-

Sharp Reminder His address was interpreted as a sharp reminder of the growing importance of the United States war effort in this critical theater (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 5)

Prime Minister John Curtin spoke

'paramount factor' for the democ-

Ten Nazi Planes Downed

skies had cleared ten German one section of the protecting squad-programs of special interest but planes had fallen and every Brit-ish fighter had returned unscratch-eight Messerschmitt-109s and one all the clubs. Mayor Hargrove ed to its base.

The dogfights followed by a few hours a heavy night bombing of Cologne, munitions center and communications hub of the German much as scratched by a single Communication of the German hullet."

Beight Messerschmitt-1095 and the Citis. Mayor Hargive Rev. Walter B. Freed, chairman of USO Council; Harry Wellott, FSA representative; and Saunders McMahon of the N. C. Shipbuilding company will visit.

the clouds were fought at heights (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) obstacles at vantage points to