

12,326 Young Americans Join Navy During 'Avengers of Pearl Harbor' Exercises

TEN FROM WILMINGTON Southeastern North Carolina Contributes 36 Rites Are At Postoffice OATH ADMINISTERED Speakers Unite To Vote Stern Need For Sacrifice In Day Of Need

Thirty-six young men from eastern North Carolina yesterday took oath of enlistment into the Navy here as Wilmington joined the nation in observance of "Avengers of Pearl Harbor Day" — a six-month anniversary challenge to Japan's treachery at Pearl Harbor.

And, as the 36 men — comprising the largest single group ever enlisted here in one day for Naval service — accepted the oath of allegiance, they were making a dramatic pledge that the lives lost by Americans at Pearl Harbor would be avenged.

The solemn ceremony was held in front of the post office before more than 1,500. The oath of enlistment was administered by Commander J. A. Fields of the Naval Medical Corps.

"You men who are about to enlist in the Navy are keeping a rendezvous for the dead of Pearl Harbor," Commander Fields asserted, "and you are making certain they will never be forgotten. You will make certain the Jap, and his brothers in despotism and treachery, the German and Italian are tracked down and destroyed."

Under a blazing June sun, hundreds of service men mingled with interested civilians during the program. The oath of enlistment was spoken at exactly 2:25 p.m., which was exactly six months to the hour from the time the first

RALEIGH, June 7.—In seven North Carolina cities from the mountains to the sea, 239 North Carolinians joined the Navy today with the vow that those who gave their lives at Pearl Harbor had not died in vain.

The mass enlistments at 2:20 p.m. were part of "Remember Pearl Harbor Day" ceremonies held in some 500 cities throughout the nation, six months to the day and minute after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor last December 7.

Shot His Buddy!



Sobbing his heart out, little Leonard Sokolowski, 10, of Chicago, testifies at the inquest into the death of his four-year-old friend, Jimmy Nuter, whom he shot by accident.

FOURTEENTH SHIP JOINS "V" FLEET

Jeremiah Van Renssler Is Sent From Ways In Sunday Afternoon Launching

The S. S. Jeremiah Renssler, the fourteenth Liberty freighter to be sent from the ways of the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company here to join the Maritime Commission's growing Victory fleet slipped into the Cape Fear river at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the first late afternoon launching to be held since the company was founded here.

In contrast to the Zebulon B. Vance, the first Liberty freighter launched here, the Renssler was a great deal nearer completion when launched, even to life boats swinging from the davits.

A crowd of several hundred, including Army and Navy officers, watched from the ground and from the launching stands as the Renssler moved slowly and gracefully down the ways, shading their eyes from the brilliance of the after-10,000-ton ship had shielded them.

Workers standing under the curving bow of the ship patted it affectionately as it slid past and one scooped the froth from the broken bottle of champagne which was

CHUNGKING, June 7.—Japanese forces, throwing their entire strength into an attack on Chukhsien, Chekiang province, have penetrated the walled city where the Chinese defenders engaged them in a hand-to-hand struggle, it was announced tonight.

CHALLENGE TO ENEMY

Induction Ceremonies Held Throughout Country At Minute Of Attack

KNOX PAYS TRIBUTE

Governors Of Many States Preside; Novel Programs Feature The Occasion

By The Associated Press Across the length and breadth of the nation Sunday 12,326 young Americans joined the country's sea forces as "avengers of Pearl Harbor" in a mass enlistment unparalleled in the Navy's history. It was timed to the minute six months after the Japanese attack on the Pacific island outpost last Dec. 7.

Typical of some of the scheduled programs were the following: A street car transformed into a warship led a downtown parade in Los Angeles where Lieut. J. J. McCormick, wounded at Pearl Harbor, addressed 300 sailors.

Vice Admiral J. W. Greeneslade, commanding the 12th Naval District, declared in connection with a ceremony inducting 200 San Francisco youths that "every one of us has got to fight and fight to the limit of his strength."

About 200 were sworn in on the Mall of Central park in New York city as a part of a community singed by Lucy Monroe to promote war bond sales.

The "U. S. S. McKeever," a recruiting "ship" built near Detroit's city hall in memory of a Detroitier who died on the destroyer Reuben James, was used for a ceremony involving about 100 Naval recruits.

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Strong Japanese Forces Pierce Chuhshien Defense

GERMANS STRIKE FOR SEVASTOPOL

Launch Heavy Air And Land Assault For Crimean Base

BY HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, Monday, June 8.—The Germans have launched a mighty land and air assault upon Sevastopol, Black sea naval base and last Soviet stronghold in the Crimea, but the Russians announced today their forces were holding firm after absorbing three days of incessant battering.

Libyan Tank Thrusts

Marshal Rommel's Armored Forces Reported Reeling Back Toward Gap

STILL FIGHT FIERCELY

Battle Of Knightsbridge Is Most Furious Of 13 Day Engagement

By STEPHEN BARBER CAIRO, Egypt, June 7.—Two savage German tank attacks in the Libyan desert at Knightsbridge were repulsed by the British and tonight the Nazis were reeling back south and west of Hamrat toward a gap in the minefields through which they hoped to escape.

Marshal Erwin Rommel was reported in the Knightsbridge area 15 miles south of Tobruk directing his men personally and throwing the full weight of his remaining armored forces — over half of which have been wiped out — against the staunchly standing British.

Harmat is six miles south of Knightsbridge on the road to Bir Hacheim and lies within 15 miles of the base of the Axis salient through the minefields, about midway between Ain El Gazala and Bir Hacheim.

The new tank battle, now in its 13th furious day, was described as the largest and bitterest in the present Libyan campaign.

The whole picture was one of wild and confused fighting in scorching heat. British infantry and artillery supported by armored forces hurled back the Knightsbridge assault yesterday in which "the enemy launched his main armored forces at our troops," the communique said.

"Fierce fighting continued throughout the afternoon," it added. "The enemy was driven back westward. British and Indian troops who had established themselves inside the enemy positions west of Harmat on the night of June 5-6, held their ground all day."

The British considered Harmat an extremely important position, since it was near the escape gap and might be used to block any wholesale Axis exodus from the great triangle which has become a junkyard of burned-out tanks and vehicles and planes of both sides.

Large scale maps found on the Axis prisoners gave rise to the belief that the Germans originally

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NEW SHIP LOSSES REVEALED BY NAVY

Merchantman Sunk In Atlantic; Another Shelled In Caribbean Waters

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The Navy announced tonight that a medium sized U. S. merchant ship had been torpedoed in the Atlantic and a medium sized vessel of Norwegian registry had been torpedoed and shelled in the Caribbean area. Survivors of both ships have been landed at an east coast port.

AN EASTERN PORT, June 7.—A Nazi submarine captain who seemed to have spent some time in the United States and was supplied with rum and cigarettes from Germany and clothing from France was described today by the captain of a torpedoed medium-sized American merchantman.

MIDWAY BATTLE CONTINUES WITH FLEEING JAP FLEET; "MAY DECIDE PACIFIC WAR"



The British Commandos Strike Again

British Commandos leap from their invasion barge and wade ashore somewhere in the British Isles after returning from their raid on the Boulogne area in German-occupied France. They reported that Germans fired upon Germans by mistake in their confused efforts to drive off the invaders. This picture was radioed from London.

HEYDRICH RITES HELD AT PRAGUE

Czechs Forced To Attend Ceremonies Under Pain Of Worse Reprisals

LONDON, June 7.—The body of Reinhard Heydrich, the Gestapo hangman for whose assassination more than 200 Czechs thus far have been executed, was borne through the streets of Prague today in an official mourning ceremony which the whole population was commanded to attend under pain of further reprisals.

From Smetana square under the grim ramparts of Hradshin castle, the vast fortified palace of the ancient kings of Bohemia, down the hill to the railway station, the streets were jammed — just as the German-controlled Prague radio had guessed they would be.

For three days, since he died of wounds inflicted by Czech patriots on May 27, Heydrich had lain in the old castle, an honor guard at the head and foot of his bier, candlelight the only light in the gloomy room.

The mourning ceremony, conducted with all the unqualified solemnity of the Gestapo, was merely the prelude to a state funeral in Berlin ordered by Adolf Hitler, and the rapid elevation of Heydrich to the eminence of a Nazi saint.

Yesterday in Berlin the radio announced that Adolf Hitler had conferred upon the sixth SS infantry standard the name of Heydrich, in honor of the man who "succumbed to the wounds he had received for Germany."

The number of those executed in retaliation for Heydrich's death, meanwhile stood at 216, thirteen having been shot yesterday, including a business man, an industrialist and an architect who were reported by the Prague radio to have

10-YEAR-OLD GIRL STRUCK BY AUTO

Accident Happens At 4th And Brunswick; Driver Of Car Not Held

Ten-year-old Francis Wilkins, of 704 1-2 North Fourth street, received minor injuries when struck by an automobile at 7:35 o'clock Sunday evening at the intersection of Fourth and Brunswick streets.

Where's That Sub?



An enemy sub had been reported off the coast of New England shortly before this photo was taken, so these pilots plot the U-boat's position on a chart while their planes are warmed up.—Official U. S. Navy Photo.

SYDNEY SHELLED BY ENEMY SUBS

Attack Follows Sortie Into Harbor By Week; Damage Is Slight

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Monday, June 8.—Enemy submarines shelled Sydney and its suburbs last night but there was no military damage and casualties were few.

The attack followed by one week a submarine sortie into Sydney harbor in which four of the enemy's midget raiders were destroyed. Their net damage was destruction of a worn-out ferry boat.

Three and possibly four more Japanese submarines were destroyed in the southwest Pacific last week.

MIDWAY BATTLE CRIPPLES ENEMY

U. S. Losses Small In Comparison With Japan's, Nimitz Reports

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii, June 7.—The triumphant United States Pacific fleet, remembering its own Pearl Harbor, continued today to deal fire and steel vengeance to the remnants of a powerful Japanese naval force which ventured too close to American territory and met disaster.

Just six months from the day the Nipponese attacked Hawaii without warning, the American fleet was claiming "a momentous victory in the making" in the battle of Midway island.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, fleet commander, significantly reported the sinking of two and perhaps three Japanese aircraft carriers and the destruction or damage of 11 to 13 other enemy warships.

He added, also significantly, that all the planes on the two definitely sunken carriers were lost, that one or two other enemy carriers were damaged and most of their aircraft gone.

In the middle of his communique he quipped that the victory had put the United States "midway" in its job of reducing the Japanese navy to impotence.

Among the other Nipponese warships listed by Nimitz as casualties of the great battle were three battleships damaged, one heavily; four cruisers damaged, two badly; and three transports damaged.

Some of the Japanese ships were so thoroughly battered that they may not be able to reach their bases, Nimitz added, and remarked that the battle was not yet over.

The American admiral reported one United States aircraft carrier had been hit and that some planes had been lost. He said casualties among his personnel were light.

The fact that the only enemy ships definitely mentioned as sunk were aircraft carriers disclosed at least one detail of the battle. Loss of the carriers and many planes might leave the remaining force with reduced or possibly inadequate aerial protection. Surface ships unprotected by planes often

duce the maximum effect on the enemy in the shortest time," he asserted. "In doing this we want to conserve shipping. It is a matter of prime importance to arrange our production so the least use is made of shipping."

HAVE WITHDRAWN

U. S. Losses Declared Inconsiderable Compared With Those Of Enemy

A DECISIVE SETBACK

Admiral King Says Bulk Of Foe's Seapower Used In Engagement

By The Associated Press The Japanese hurled the bulk of their seapower into the still raging Pacific battle in which United States warships and planes scored an initial victory, sinking or damaging 15 enemy ships in the repulse of the first attempt to occupy Midway island, outpost of Hawaii.

The enormous size of the invader's force was disclosed in Washington last night by Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, who made this cautious declaration:

"I wouldn't say they have been defeated yet. They have withdrawn."

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Admiral Ernest J. King reported today that American and Japanese battle actions were continuing in the North Pacific and west of Mid-

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Monday, June 8.—General MacArthur sent congratulations today to Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U. S. Pacific fleet commander, "for the splendid victory at Midway which has aroused the greatest enthusiasm throughout this area."

way and that so far United States losses are "relatively incon siderable in comparison with those of the enemy."

The situation in the north Pacific, where the enemy attacked Dutch Harbor, Alaska, last Wednesday is presently obscure, the fleet commander-in-chief said.

"We have none too clear a picture of what is going on," Admiral King told reporters, "but it is going on."

The great sea and air battle off Midway, which the Navy had anticipated and for which it had disposed its forces, he declared, may decide the course of the war in the Pacific, depending on the full extent of damage done to the Japanese striking force.

He emphasized that the enemy's ability to produce new ships is less than that of the United States.

Again underscoring the importance of the Midway action which Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet chief, has already described as a victory in the making, King said that the Japanese had thrown the bulk of their sea power

CHUNGKING, June 7.—(AP)—Excitement over the United States Midway victory reached a high pitch today.

The news was placarded all over the city in big posters, and cheerful crowds greeted the announcement with the most enthusiastic outburst since the bombing of Tokyo on April 18.

Chinese were inclined to view the battle as the turning point of the war, and emphasized the importance of their country as the base of the eventual Allied counter-offensive which they hoped would now be feasible.

BRITISH SALUTE LONDON, June 7.—(AP)—The United States Midway victory in what appears to be the greatest combined sea-air battle ever fought is saluted by the British as indisputable evidence that Japan has lost offensive momentum.

WEATHER FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA — Not much change in temperature Monday morning. Temperature: 7:30 a. m. 72; 1:30 p. m. 79; maximum 83; minimum 69; mean 76; normal 76. Humidity: 7:30 a. m. 86; 7:30 a. m. 91; 1:30 p. m. 76. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.01 inches. Total since the first of the month, 0.61 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY: From Tide Tables furnished by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

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