

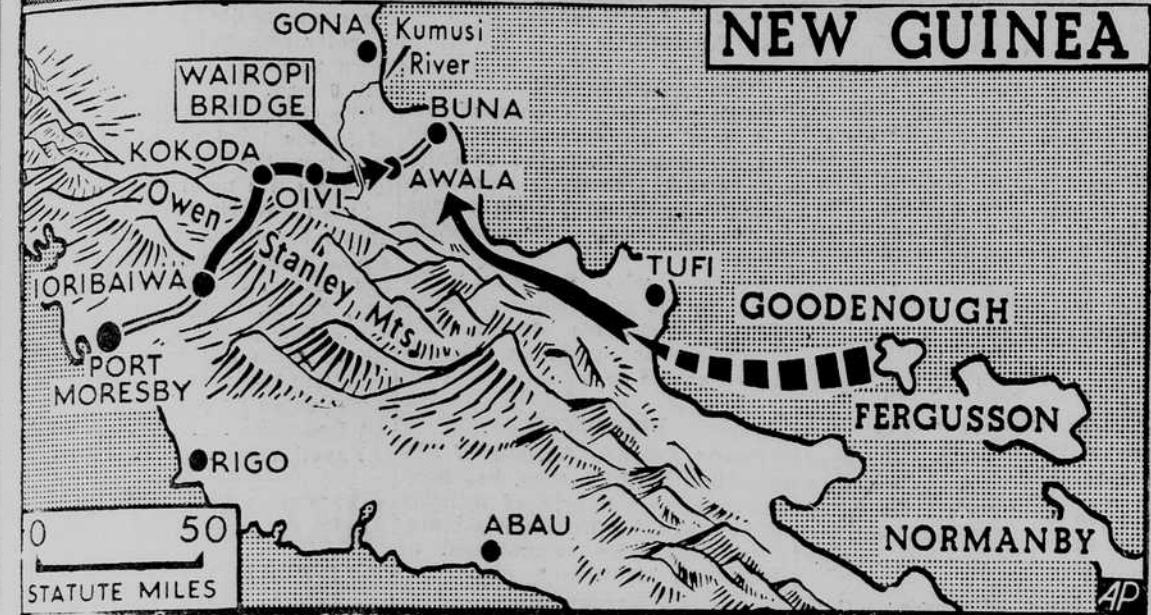
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MacArthur Leading Attack On Jap Base At Buna



Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his principal commanders are now leading American and Australian forces driving toward Buna key Japanese base on the north coast of Papua, New Guinea. Top: They enter in New Guinea. Left to right: Francis Forde, Australian minister for the Army; Gen. MacArthur, Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, Allied land force commander, and Maj. Gen. George Kenney, Allied air force commander. The map at the bottom shows how American and Australian forces have reached Awala from the west, with American units surging up from the south to close in on Buna. Some retreating Japs took to canoes and fled along the Kumusi river. Allied war planes strafed them.

1,500 JAPS SLAUGHTERED OR ROUTED BY AMERICAN FORCES ON GUADALCANAL; ALLIES ABOUT 25 MILES FROM BIZERTE

DEATH FIGHT NEAR

Allies Now Control Most Of French Territory; French On March

MOVING ON ROMMEL

Fighting Frenchmen Trekking Across Sahara In Effort To Rap Axis

LONDON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The main U. S. and British armies engulfing Tunisia were only 25 or 30 miles outside Axis-held Bizerte and Tunis tonight and a death grapple for this strategic corner of the protectorate was expected to begin at any moment.

The Allies now control most of the French territory, and across the Sahara desert to the southeast a fighting French army was reported on the move to trap Marshal Rommel's Libyan remnants in a three-way squeeze.

The Nazis were seized Gabs in southeastern Tunisia 100 miles from the Libyan border, Allied headquarters' dispatches said, but French troops in that area were said to be beating off Nazi efforts to link up that coastal region with the Axis base in Tripoli.

Attempt Encirclement

One Allied unit apparently bent on encircling Tunis was reported to have reached a point 25 miles southeast of that capital, radio Brazzaville, the fighting French station in equatorial Africa, said. A dispatch from Allied headquarters in North Africa said the battle was mounting in intensity as the American, British and French troops approached the German defense line around Bizerte and Tunis and Allied planes fought against the German air force for control of the air. The destruction of nine

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON PLANS SET

Christmas Stocks Now On Display; Stores Begin Hours December 19

Arrangements are being completed by the merchant members of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce for the 1942 Christmas shopping season, it was announced yesterday.

C. K. Council, chairman of the merchant's division said that Christmas stocks are now on display, and beginning December 19, stores will stay open until 9 o'clock for the shoppers' convenience.

This year, a mail wrapping center will be set up in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, and beginning November 30, customers of downtown stores may have their packages wrapped there.

It is more important than ever, Mr. Council stated, to shop early. There will be a greater selection of gifts early and since so many of the personnel in Wilmington stores have joined the armed forces or gone to work in vital defense industries, the service will be better if the Christmas shopper does not wait until the last minute.

Laval Tells France That A Nazi Entente Is Only Guarantee Of Peace For Europe

VICHY (From French Broadcasts), Nov. 20.—(AP)—Pierre Laval told Frenchmen tonight that a agreement with Germany "is the sole guarantee for peace in Europe," he continued, and again predicted a "domination of Communists and Jews" in the event the Allies win the war.

"From what has happened in north Africa we have discovered the fate that awaits us tomorrow if Roosevelt gets away with it," he said, in his first speech since being invested with full political powers by Marshal Petain.

and recalled how the British took French Canada and parts of the West Indies long ago.

"On the other side of the world," Laval continued, "Japan, an old nation by its history and a young one by its dynamism, has just taken from Britain and the United States immense territories, treasures, and raw materials.

"The Anglo-Saxons are seizing the (French) empire and seeking compensations for the losses they know are irreparable."

(Japan's early seizure of French Indo-China opened the way for her quick conquest of the Philippines,

Old Glory Marches With Yanks In Algeria



Old Glory ripples in the breeze at the head of a group of American soldiers marching toward the Maison Blanche airfield in Algeria. This official British photo, radioed from London, was made shortly after American and British troops began their occupation of French North Africa.

News Of Russian Counter-Attacks Comes From Entire Eastern Front

FBI POLICE MEET AT USO CLUB HERE

About 100 Officers From Four Counties In Area Presence At Meeting

The FBI quarterly conference of law enforcement officers opened yesterday morning at 1:15 o'clock in the offices of the USO at Second and Orange streets.

Edward Sheidt, special agent of the Charlotte division presided.

Fully 100 officers were present at the initial session, coming from the four counties in this area—Brunswick, New Hanover, Columbus and Pender.

Among them were auxiliary police, guards from defense projects, the North Carolina Shipbuilding company and the Ethel Dow plants. Joe Ross, safety engineer, and G. L. Kennell, chief of guards, at the shipyard, and Wilbur Tisdale, chief of the guard force at Ethel Dow, together with Police Chief Casten, Sheriff C. David Jones, Harry Fales, fingerprint officer, Tom Merrell and Jimmie Roe, were among local law enforcement leaders in attendance.

The day's discussions will be devoted to national defense problems and provisions against espionage and for internal security. Films and slides illustrating conditions to be met and overcome were to be shown.

John E. Hope, editor of the Star-News spoke at the opening session, citing the cooperation of the press in all law enforcement efforts and pledging continuing support of the local daily press in the crusade against crime.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

RALEIGH, NOV. 20.—(AP)—The State ABC Board today continued its discussion of methods for rationing whiskey in the 25 counties, but made no announcement after its meeting this afternoon.

JAPS STRENGTHEN TIMOR POSITIONS

Believed To Be Forerunner Of Projected Operations On Australia

CANBERRA, Australia, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Facing defeat in the Solomons Islands and New Guinea, to the north and northeast of Australia, Japanese forces are strengthening their positions methodically on the island of Timor to the northwest, it was stated officially today.

Nine anchorages on the north shore of Portuguese Timor have been occupied, and the Japanese

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Nazi Withdrawals In Central Caucasus Reach Quickening Pace

MOSCOW, Nov. 20.—(AP)—News of Russian counter-attacks came from all sectors of the eastern front today, while in the central Caucasus the German withdrawals from Ordzhonikidze struck a quickening pace.

Battered Stalingrad resumed a place in dispatches, the Russians announcing they had captured a height south of the city. At the conclusion of an action in which 400 Germans were killed and machine guns and trench mortars captured the Soviet forces entrenched themselves in new advanced positions.

Within the city the Germans attacked several times. The Russians reported all these assaults were repulsed and that Soviet positions were strengthened.

In the Caucasus the general movement of the Germans was reported to be backward, some enemy units seeking safety in hills and dense forests. But they made

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Rationing Board Asks For Extension Of Time On Fuel Oil In County

The New Hanover War Price and Rationing board asked yesterday for an extension of time for the rationing of fuel oil, as the registration of consumers cannot be completed by the time nation-wide rationing goes into effect Sunday at midnight.

The shortage of application blanks is holding up the registration here, as many people were turned away yesterday, because the board was unable to supply them with blanks.

The deadline which was formerly midnight last night, is expected to be advanced. It is hoped that a new supply of forms will be available Monday.

HOLD IS 'SECURE'

Knox Declares Hold On Island 'Now Very Good'; Airfield Is Protected

FOE'S SEA LOSS CHECKS

Total Now Stands At 28 Ships Destroyed, Ten Damaged In Big Battle

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Half of a force of 1,500 Japanese landed on Guadalcanal has been slaughtered and the rest routed, the Navy announced today, and Secretary Knox declared jubilantly that the American hold on the island prize is "now very secure."

Knox based his statement partly on the land action, in which embattled Marines and Army troops apparently crumpled the eastern jaw of a Japanese pincer aimed at the vital airfield, and partly on the great sea victory of last week.

He announced definitely that the toll taken in the sea fight was 28 enemy ships sunk, and ten damaged. There had previously been some thought that the total might be slightly lower due to the possibility of duplication in reports from the scene.

Badly Punished

Last night the Navy announced the destruction of a battleship or heavy cruiser, three large cruisers and one destroyer. Last Monday a communique disclosed the sinking of 23 ships, including a battleship and ten other war vessels.

"All told," Knox said, "the Japanese fleet has been pretty badly punished."

"Of course," he added, "they can bring in more reinforcements and fight their way but so far they have been unable to do it."

He revealed that two American battleships took part in last Saturday night's phase of the Big Solomon struggle, in which heavy loss was inflicted on the enemy. Although he could not give details of this engagement, in which American and Japanese battleships slugged it out for the first time, he said:

"It was a very efficient and well-handled maneuver and caught our friends by surprise."

Speaking of the land fighting, he said Americans there now outnumber the Japanese. The action in which the 1,500 Japanese were killed or put to flight he described as "very significant."

The Navy communique said these enemy troops were reinforcements landed early this month and added succinctly: "About half of these enemy troops have since been killed"

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Sixth Son Of Tiger



Robert Kenneth Chennault, sixth son of Gen. Claire Chennault to join the U. S. armed services, stands with hand raised as he was sworn into the Navy at Jackson Miss. The 17-year-old son of the chief of the Flying Tigers, who made history fighting for China, was accepted by the Navy with the consent of his mother who lives at Waterproof, La. The Chennault family's war score now stands: The general, himself, still in China and now leading U. S. flying forces; three sons in the U. S. Air Forces; one in the Navy; one in a defense training school—and now Robert in the Navy.

N. C. Industrialists Promise Help To Port Of Wilmington After War

GOVERNOR SAYS YARDS TO STAY

Broughton Says Shipbuilding Company Permanent Here; Vessel Launched

Governor J. Melville Broughton predicted yesterday that "because of the efficiency in production of this yard it will continue to operate as a permanent establishment after the war," in an address made at the launching of the Liberty freighter, Joseph Alton at the North Carolina Shipbuilding company.

Governor Broughton continued, "The exceptionally fine production record you have established here will go far toward helping maintain the maritime supremacy of this nation in the war and after the war."

The Alston was christened by Miss Mary G. Craig, an employee of the shipbuilding company chosen by her fellow employees in a War bond election contest, and the governor declared that he thought it was a fine thing that company employees should launch the 10,000-ton vessel they constructed.

Governor Broughton congratulated employees for subscribing 86

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Victor In Solomons



Vice Admiral William F. Halsey (above) commanded the United States Navy force which defeated and routed a Jap Armada in the Solomons. Twenty-three Japanese ships were sunk. Here, Halsey peers from the bridge of his ship somewhere in the Pacific.

Manufacturing Heads Declare Will Use Terminals For Goods Shipments

Some of North Carolina's leading industrialists promised their wholehearted support for the Port of Wilmington after the war, last night when the Port of Wilmington Commission was host to the members of the Committee on War Industrial Coordination at a dinner held in the Cape Fear club.

Introduced by Chairman Cyrus D. Hogue, Mr. T. Henry Wilson of the Drexel Furniture company told the gathering of some fifty men that when normal manufacturing could be resumed, "we will certainly send all possible furniture shipments through the Port of Wilmington rather than through Charleston, and from here to the west coast."

Mr. Hogue countered, "We hereby appoint you an honorary member of the Port of Wilmington Commission."

"Upon being introduced to the assemblage, Charles A. Cannon, of the Cannon Towel company, pledged his cooperation with the port when he said, "There was a time, they tell me, when the port here was filled with cotton bales. If our company has anything to say, you will see that same thing after the war."

Mr. Hogue replied that, while not wishing to make the weight of the Commission unwieldy, he would have to also appoint Mr. Cannon as an honorary member due to his words.

Other committee members were asked to rise and be introduced and each one thanked the Commission for the pleasant day, beginning yesterday morning with the launching of the "Joseph Alston."

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WEATHER

FORECAST

North Carolina: Continued mild today.

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:

Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 55; 7:30 a. m. 53; 1:30 p. m. 78; 7:30 p. m. 66. Maximum 79; minimum 52; mean 66; normal 55.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 82; 7:30 a. m. 71; 1:30 p. m. 49; 7:30 p. m. 72.

Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0 inches.

Total since the first of the month, 0.10 inches.

Sunrise 6:50 a. m.; sunset 5:09 p. m.; moonrise 4:47 p. m.; moonset 5:28 a. m.

TODAY'S TIDES

Wilmington High 8:41a 2:07a Low 9:00p 3:42p
Masonboro Inlet 6:27a 12:08a 6:46p 12:41p
Moore's Inlet 6:32a 12:13p 6:51p 12:46p
New Topsail Inlet 6:37a 12:18a 6:56p 12:51p

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