

Navy Says Wake Cost Japs 7 Ships

Submarine Of Asiatic Fleet Sinks Enemy Transport; Three Cargo Vessels

Washington, Jan. 8.—The navy announced late today that additional reports from Wake Island brought the total of Japanese warships lost there to seven. The total represented an increase of two, a destroyer and a gunboat, over the originally reported cruiser, submarine and three destroyers.

At the same time the department reported the commanding officer of a submarine of the Asiatic fleet in the Far East theatre had reported the sinking of an enemy transport. In addition the submarine succeeded in sinking three enemy cargo vessels, each estimated to be of 10,000 tons displacement.

The reports to marine corps headquarters covering the Wake Island action were sent from Wake Island by a patrol plane. One written on December 20 was from Major Paul A. Putnam, commanding the tiny aviation forces on Wake before it fell to overwhelming Japanese forces.

Day by Day Account
The second report was a day-by-day account of marine aviation participation in the battle of Wake chronicled up to December 20 by Major W. Bayler. The island fell two days later after a gallant defense by fewer than 400 marines, led by Major James Devereux.

While there was no announcement covering the fate of all these men, the navy said that of the original aviation force of 12 officers and 49 enlisted men, 179 enlisted men and eight officers were still on duty by December 20. Of these, four enlisted men and two officers were wounded, but still on duty.

The navy communique also announced that President Roosevelt had cited the defense of Wake Island as one which fought "against an overwhelming superiority of enemy air, sea and land attacks from December 8 to 22, 1941, has been noted with admiration by their fellow countrymen and the civilized world, and will not be forgotten so long as gallantry and heroism are respected and honored."

The text of the communique, No. 28 by the navy, and based on reports received up to noon (E.S.T.) today:

Far East: The commanding officer of a United States submarine of the Asiatic fleet has reported the sinking of an enemy transport. In addition, this vessel succeeded in sinking three enemy cargo vessels, each estimated to be of 10,000 tons displacement.

Central Pacific: The defense of Wake Island by United States marines has been cited by the President of the United States as follows:

White House
Washington,
January 5, 1942.
"Citation by the President of the United States of the Wake detachment of the First defense battalion, U. S. marine corps, under the command of James P. Devereux, United States marine, and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 of Marine Aircraft Group 21, under command of Paul Putnam, U. S. Marines.

"The courageous conduct of the officers and the men of these units who defended Wake Island against an overwhelming superiority of enemy air, sea, and land attacks from December 8 to 22, 1941, has been noted with admiration by their fellow countrymen and the civilized world, and will not be forgotten so long as gallantry and heroism are respected and honored. These units are commended for their devotion to duty and splendid conduct at their battle stations under most adverse conditions. With limited defensive means against attacks in great force, they manned their shore installations and flew their aircraft so well that five enemy warships were either sunk or severely damaged, many hostile planes shot down, and unknown number of land troops destroyed."

(Note: The President's reference to five enemy warships was written before later information brought the total to seven.)
"Wake: An increase of two Japanese warships—a destroyer and a gunboat—over the originally reported cruiser, submarine, and three destroyers, the Japs lost in the attack on Wake Island was indicated in reports to marine corps headquarters, received from the Pacific area.
"These reports were sent from Wake Island by a patrol plane. One written on December 20 is from Major Paul A. Putnam, commanding aviation on Wake. The other is a day-by-day account of marine aviation's participation in the battle of Wake Island up to December 20, by Major W. Bayler.

The day-by-day record of the battle, although not an official report, is Major Bayler's account of what marine aviation and Major Devereux's men did.

"Major Bayler's report has but little reference to the marines on the island beside the aviation group but one brief note—'Japs closed into 4,70 yards before five and three-inch guns opened at point blank range'—indicates a cool courage on the part of Devereux's men, that rank with the classic 'whites of their eyes' line of their eyes' line of Bunker Hill, in the opinion of ranking officers at marine corps headquarters.

"Added to the two Japanese destroyers which were lost in the final phase of the battle of December 22, the new information received brings Japanese losses in taking the island of Wake up to a total of seven warships one cruiser, four destroyers, one submarine and one gunboat.

"Major Bayler was on temporary duty in Wake in connection with the establishment of a base of operations for the marine corps aviation unit. This unit, composed of 12 planes, and 49 ground personnel, arrived shortly before the outbreak of hostilities."

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Miss Kreger Is Bride of Dr. Irwin

Elkin, Jan. 10.—Miss Nellie Ruth Kreger of Kingsport, Tenn., and Dr. Dwayne Alton Irwin of Elkin were married in a ceremony solemnized Thursday in the Methodist church parsonage in Sparta with Rev. C. A. Allison, pastor of the church, officiating.

The bride wore a suit of aqua wool with touches of fur and brown accessories.
Miss Irwin was graduated from Virginia-Intermont college at Bristol, majoring in music. After graduation she taught piano in Sparta high school. For some time she has held a position in the offices of the Blue Ridge Glass corporation of Kingsport, Tennessee.

The bridegroom is a son of Deputy United States Marshal Walter M. Irwin and Mrs. Irwin, of Wilkesboro and formerly of Sparta. He was graduated with high honors from the school of Pharmacy of the University of North Carolina in 1941. Since graduation he has been with Elk Pharmacy here as manager and head of the prescription department.

Miss Ruth Garris Weds Frank T. Cranor, Jr.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Garris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Garris, of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of North Wilkesboro, and Frank Taylor Cranor, Jr., of Raleigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor Cranor, of North Wilkesboro, was solemnized Friday, January 9, at 2 p. m., in Greensboro. Dr. J. Clyde Turner, pastor of First Baptist church, officiated at his home on West Market street, Sunset Hills. The bride is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Helms, of 1406 West Market street. After a short trip Mr. and Mrs. Cranor will be at home in Raleigh, where the bridegroom is in the state auditing department.

Two Russian Units Join At Sevastopol

London.—A new Russian drive, remarkable for both power and speed, is threatening disaster to a great axis army, including the pick of the Italian and Rumanian armies, which for months has vainly besieged Sevastopol in the Crimea, dispatches indicated today.

"Red army tanks and cavalry units which had driven westward from the Kerch Peninsula at a speed which astonished military experts, had now been joined, both Berlin and other dispatches made plain, by a formidable Red army force which landed on the west Crimean coast only 40 miles north of Sevastopol.
Further, the intrepid garrison of Sevastopol, which had fought back against great odds for months while it was on the defensive, had struck out from that fortress along the Sevastopol-Mariupol railroad in the direction of Bakhchisarai and Simferopol, in a frontal attack.

Ridin' trail back to the old wild West with Old Scout Murphy. The first of a thrilling new series of true-rip-roaring tales, in full color, are told from memory of a blazing era of gold hunters, "Tough Joe" Slade and the Pop'ny Express. In the American Weekly with Washington's Sunday Times-Herald now on sale.

Medium—Tha' was the spirit of your uncle which turned the table over and made it do such queer stunts.
Hayton—I believe you. He always did have very bad table manners.

The Navy women nurses are not allowed in combat zones but are replaced by male nurses trained by them.

Carol Reveals Plan To Form Exile Regime

Mexico City.—Ex-King Carol 2nd, of Rumania, announced his plans for establishment of a Rumanian government in exile, which he would head, to fight to free his country of Nazi domination.

Carol said his son, King Michael 1st, who ascended to the throne on Carol's abdication nearly a year and a half ago, is a prisoner of the Nazis and unable to exercise his royal prerogatives. Carol made his announcement to newspapermen in his villa in the suburb of Cyoccan, where he and his companion, Magda Lupescu, have been living as refugees for the past several months.

Will Come to U. S.
Carol said he would go to the U. S. soon to establish contact with an organization called "Free Rumania" and proceed to set up a government in exile, of which he would be the regent.

The ex-monarch indicated that the headquarters of the Free Rumania group would be somewhere in the United States or Canada but he would not name a specific place and said he could not reveal the exact date of his departure for the United States.
It was understood that Madam Lupescu would not accompany Carol on his journey.

Workers Needed

This column will carry a list of local, intrastate, and interstate openings. For further information concerning these openings, apply to your local office of the United States Employment Service between the hours of 8:30 A. M. and 12:30 P. M., located over the Duke Power Company.

Maid, Tenant Farmers, Farm Hands, Ordnance Engineers, Mechanical Engineers, Electrical Engineers, Radio and Aeronautical Engineers, Engineering Draftsmen, Naval Architects, Shipyard Inspectors, Ship Electricians, Marine Pipefitters, Share Croppers, Electric Welder, Institution Managers, Male General Office Clerks, Watchmen, Instrument Man, Clam Shell or Drag Line Shovel and Crane Operators, Estimating Civil Engineers, Mechanical Draftsmen, Assemblers.

Helpers, Trainees—wood working machine, metal working machine, lathe, punch machine, drill presses, stamping presses, boring mill, arc welding, blacksmithing, sheet metal, foundry and pipe fitting.

Joe Lewis To Don Khaki Wednesday

Bomber To Fight Next In March For Army Fund

New York, Jan. 10.—Less than 24 hours after doing a pretty fair fighting job for the Navy, Joe Lewis completed arrangements today to join Uncle Sam's army next Wednesday and do his battling in khaki from here on.

The Brown Bomber, who reached a peak in his blasting career for the second time last night in felling Buddy Baer in 2 minutes and 56 seconds, will be given his final physical examination Monday, will be inducted into the service Wednesday at Camp Upton, Long Island, and probably will make his next fist-tossing start in late March for an Army fund.

This one will be against one of a list of prospective opponents Promoter Mike Jacobs has drawn up, headed by Bob Pastor, who fought Joe twice and who was rated by boxing writers as the top flistic comeback for 1941. If Pastor can whip Lem Franklin in Cleveland late this month, he probably will get the shot. Otherwise it may be Gus Lenevech, the rugged light-heavyweight champion, if he tops Lou Nova February 6; southpaw Mello Bettina, ex-175-lb boss, or Ample Abe Simon, who went 13 rounds with Joe a year ago.

Joe turned up at Army draft board headquarters to straighten out all the advance details that will make him Private Joe Louis Barrow even before he stopped at Jacobs' office to settle up for last night's fight. Not that he had anything to collect out of the gross gate of \$189,700.55 contributed by the 18,870 fans who saw him become the vicious executioner for the second time since he came down the pike. He was once more the fierce hailer of the second Max Schmelling fight, and the oldest inhabitant of Cauliflower Alley couldn't remember when any fighter hit such heights twice in his career.

Leading the way get you more money. Try it.

WELL KNOWN HERE—Sisk Candidate Vice President Of the N.C.E.A.

Former Head Local Schools Now At Fayetteville Placed In Nomination

Fayetteville.—Horace Sisk, superintendent of the Fayetteville city schools, yesterday was placed in nomination as vice president of the North Carolina Education Association by the Fayetteville chapter of the association. Mr. Sisk has been superintendent of the Fayetteville schools for ten years.

He has an A. B. degree from the University of North Carolina (1913) and an M. A. degree from Columbia University (1925). He was awarded a superintendent's diploma by Teachers' College in 1925.

After three years of teaching in the rural schools, Mr. Sisk taught English for two years in the High Point schools. From 1915 to 1922 he was superintendent of the Lenoir City schools, from 1922 to 1931 superintendent of the North Wilkesboro schools and from 1931 has been superintendent of the Fayetteville city schools.

During his 26 years as a city superintendent Mr. Sisk has

come to be regarded as one of the leaders in the teaching profession in North Carolina. He has been a member of the N.E.A. since 1912 and has never missed an annual meeting. He is a past director of the organization, a past president of the city superintendents' association, a president of the department of superintendence, is a past president of the Affiliated Educators Clubs and the Cumberland County Educators Club, a life member of the N.C. E. A., a member of the American Association of School Administrators and is state director of Teachers' College (Columbia U.) alumni.

Mr. Sisk has been very active in civic and fraternal circles, is a past president of the Kiwanis club, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, has been officially connected with the Boy Scouts since 1914 and is training chairman of the Cape Fear Area today, is past high priest of the Royal Arch Masons and has been a Sunday School superintendent for 177 years.

Some of these while going through the gloomy years of the depression solemnly took oath with themselves that if ever they had a chance to make money again they would have some of it with an eye to the future and not commit the spending blunders of the lush 1920-29 period. Well, here's their chance. Nobody knows when such another opportunity will come. People are lucky to have a second chance.

GOOD FOR DEALERS—Auto Dealers To Be Helped By Government

Washington.—Automobile dealers were told Friday the government will help compensate their financial losses from the ban on new car sales, but that their industry faces troubled times as result of the President's gigantic war production program. The combined assurance and warning was voiced by Price Administrator Leon Henderson at a meeting with the Senate committee investigating the plight of small business, and officials of the National Automobile Dealers Association. The group represents 44,000 dealers and 500,000 employees.

Some Form of Aid
Henderson told the dealers they will receive some form of government aid to meet storage costs and to make normal profits on new car stocks "frozen" on salesroom floors by the ban on sales.

But, he said, the auto industry will be so busy striving to meet the goal of 40,000 airplanes and 60,000 tanks this year that it will be unable to produce cars for civilian purposes. Larger Problems
"The larger problems facing the automobile dealers," the price

chief said, "and the methods of keeping them alive does not come under the framework of existing government regulation." He suggested the committee consider methods for furnishing permanent relief for the dealers.

Henderson beamed after L. Clare Cargile, president of the dealers association, said the 44,000 dealers and their half-million employees are being swept virtually without notice or consideration, into bankruptcy.

Saturday Evening Post To Carry Article Next Week on Bob Doughton

The January 17th issue of The Saturday Evening Post, which goes on sale next Tuesday, will carry a fine article on Congressman R. L. Doughton, this paper learned yesterday.
It is understood that the article is a splendid tribute to the veteran Congressman and that it contains a good deal of local color and many local incidents.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our most heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our beloved father, also to the many friends who brought the beautiful flowers, we wish to say thank you.

May God and his goodness be with you all.
Mrs. W. M. MASTIN AND CHILDREN.



Answers To Questions On Tire Rationing Regulations

Compiled by Office of Price Administration and Issued by OPA in a formal press release on January 7, 1942

- Q. Are seconds of new tires or tubes "new" tires or tubes?
A. Yes.
- Q. Are bicycle tires within the scope of the Rationing Regulations?
A. No.
- Q. Can an interstate common carrier which has delivered to and deposited with various tire service stations along its route a supply of its own tires bearing its own brand to be used to service its own trucks under a service contract with the local agency obtain such tires from the local station?
A. This depends upon whether the release of tires amounts to a delivery or transfer within the contemplation of the Order. Opinion reserved for written submission of facts.
- Q. Can tires in possession of seller on which full payment has been made be delivered to the purchaser?
A. No.
- Q. Can tires on which a down payment has been made but which are still in the possession of the seller be delivered to the purchaser?
A. No.
- Q. Can tires now owned and in possession of a fleet operator be transferred from one of his fleet garage to another? From truck to truck?
A. Yes.
- Q. Can tire dealers exchange white wall tires owned by them for black wall tires owned by automobile dealers?
A. No.
- Q. Have the local boards any discretion in extending the list of eligible classes?
A. No.
- Q. To whom must one apply for modification in the list?
A. Leon Henderson, Office of Price Administration, Washington, D. C.
- Q. Is a hearse an eligible vehicle?
A. No. In emergencies ambulances, which are on the eligible list, may be used as hearses.
- Q. Is a truck used to deliver coal to both the manufacturers and private consumers entitled to tires?
A. Yes.
- Q. Does the exception in section 404 (e) (9) relating to deliveries to ultimate consumer prohibit the delivery of coal to an ultimate consumer?
A. No.
- Q. Are trucks used to repair telegraph lines eligible vehicles?
A. Yes.
- Q. Are passenger cars used to repair telegraph lines eligible vehicles?
A. No.
- Q. Are cars used to render commercial service to telegraph offices eligible vehicles?
A. No.
- Q. Are cars used to deliver telegrams in rural areas eligible vehicles?
A. No.
- Q. Are passenger cars used by traveling purchasers of scrap iron entitled to tires?
A. No.
- Q. Are wholesale grocers' trucks, used to make deliveries to retailers, eligible vehicles?
A. Yes.
- Q. Are passenger cars used by wholesale grocers to make deliveries or to solicit sales eligible vehicles?
A. No.
- Q. Are wholesale grocers' trucks used for sales and for solicitation of sales and for deliveries eligible vehicles?
A. Only when the deliveries and solicitations coincide. Trucks cannot be used as salesmen's vehicles.
- Q. Are trucks used by newspapers to make deliveries of newspapers in wholesale lots to news dealers eligible vehicles?
A. Yes.
- Q. Are trucks used for the delivery of single papers to homes in rural areas eligible vehicles?
A. No.
- Q. Does the OPA set quotas limiting the number of tires which each dealer may sell?
A. No. No quotas apply to sales by dealers. Local boards cannot issue tire certificates for new tires or tubes in excess of the quotas assigned to them. Dealers may sell as many tires or tubes as are requested by purchasers who hold tire certificates.
- Q. Are trucks used for retail deliveries of heavy goods, e. g. furniture, eligible vehicles?
A. No.
- Q. Are airplane tires subject to the provisions of the Rationing Order?
A. No.
- Q. When will a company using trucks to transport coal be able to get tires?
A. Any time after January 5 it may apply to the Local Board in its area and the Board will grant a certificate if the vehicle is an eligible vehicle and the Board has tires available for it within its quota.
- Q. Can Local Tire Rationing Boards charge a fee for the issuance of a tire certificate?
A. No. Exaction of a fee under color of authority in violation of regulations would be illegal and a federal offense.
- Q. A tire dealer has sold a tire and has guaranteed to replace it with a new tire if the original tire proved defective. Can the tire owner exchange a tire which proves defective for a new tire?
A. No. New tires can be delivered only to persons who hold certificates. If the person is entitled to an adjustment on the guarantee, he should seek a monetary settlement from the person from whom he purchased the tire.
- Q. Does the list of eligible vehicles set forth the order of preference in which the classes of eligible vehicles are to be granted tire certificates?
A. No. The eligible vehicle list is not a priority list and does not set forth the order of preference in which applications are to be granted.
- Q. Is a laboratory technician who uses his own car to travel to homes of invalids for purposes of making blood tests entitled to tires?
A. No. If the technician were a licensed physician using his car principally for professional services he would be entitled to tires under the local quota.
- Q. How may new tires needed for a police department be obtained?
A. Tires for police cars are obtainable after January 5, 1942, from the Local Boards under the home board.
- Q. May new innertubes be obtained for a school bus prior to the functioning of the rationing system under Local Boards to commence January 5, 1942?
A. No.
- Q. Are trucks used by a retail grocer to obtain supplies from wholesalers entitled to tires?
A. Yes, provided they are not used also for retail deliveries or other non-qualified uses.
- Q. Can an employee of a mining or manufacturing company who uses his car to travel to and from his plant or between plants of the company secure a certificate for tires?
A. No.
- Q. Can a person using a passenger car for a supervisory work or a defense project get a certificate from the Local Tire Rationing Board?
A. No. If the car has been used for the last six months to the extent of 75 per cent or more on army or navy work, there is a possibility that he may be able to get a priority rating which will entitle him to purchase tires without a certificate. To obtain such a preference rating, he should apply to the officer with whom he dealt in making his contracts, for instructions on the method of getting preference ratings.
- Q. Is a truck used by a cannery to transport canned salmon to wholesale distributors an eligible vehicle?
A. Yes.
- Q. Are trucks used to transport laundry from central dry cleaning establishments or laundry establishments to retail stores eligible vehicles?
A. Yes.
- Q. Where qualified trucks are used over extensive areas, to which board should owner apply for tires?
A. To the Local Board in the state and county where the trucks are registered. In cases of necessity the regulations provide for obtaining tires from a board other than that having jurisdiction to be charged against the quota of the home board.

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