

America Girds for Still Greater Effort As Pearl Harbor Anniversary Nears

A Review of Outstanding Engagements of Our Country's First Year at War.

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With the approach of December 7—the "date of infamy"—Americans everywhere will reaffirm their determination to work, fight and sacrifice to win the war, and spend a little time in retrospect. No attempt will be made here to give an overall picture of what has happened during this fateful year, but rather a review of some of the great battles in which American forces have been engaged.

Without difficulty we recall that fateful Sunday afternoon when, over a radio suddenly gone wild, the shocking and bewildering reports came in. Pearl Harbor had been attacked! People could hardly believe it. But it was true. The next day the United States declared war on Japan, and on December 16 war was declared on Japan's partners in crime, Germany and Italy.

Since then many thousands of brave American boys have been wrapped in the flag they loved, or have found a last resting place beneath the ocean's swell. These men have illuminated the pages of American history with deeds as bright as the orange flash of a cruiser's guns.

Fall of Wake Island.
All will remember with reverence the epic of Wake island, when a handful of U. S. marines, marooned on a tiny atoll in the Southwest Pacific, made history in Courage. On this occasion a heroic garrison of less than 400 marines defended Wake island against a powerful Japanese attacking force, from December 2 to 22, until they were overwhelmed by sheer numbers. With a few out-dated planes and a gun or two our boys sank seven Japanese warships, one cruiser, four destroyers, one submarine and one gunboat.

Fall of Bataan.
The next staggering shock of the war was the fall of Manila and the U. S. naval base of Cavite, in the Philippines. America took heart, though, when it learned of the magnificent defense which was put up by U. S. and Filipino troops in the rugged terrain of Bataan peninsula, under the leadership of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. As it was impossible to get reinforcements through the Japanese naval blockade of the Philippines, Bataan appeared doomed. We recall that in Bataan's darkest hour MacArthur was spirited out of the island in a remarkable under-cover dash to Australia by the "mosquito boat" hero of Subic Bay, Lieut. John D. Bulkeley.

Lieut. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright took over on Bataan—Wainwright, the stony-faced general whom the boys loved as much as MacArthur. Lacking food, heavy guns, planes and tanks, and facing an overwhelming superiority in enemy forces, Wainwright's men were finally overwhelmed by Jap forces estimated at 200,000 on April 9.

Long after the guns on Bataan ceased firing, the guns of Corregidor (Wainwright's Rock) kept fir-



When Major General Wainwright, hero of Corregidor, saw that defeat was inevitable he said, "I'll stay with my men." And he did. General Wainwright (shown above) is now a prisoner of the Japs.

Allies lost all five cruisers which participated in the action.

These losses were hard to take, but America began to smile again—in fact it howled with delight—when the big news broke that Brig. Gen. James ("Jimmy") Doolittle, famous speed flier and World War I ace, had dropped plenty of "eggs" over Tokyo with a squadron of North American B-25s. That "mission" was fulfilled on April 18, and it went over big, both here in America and in Tokyo.

First Real Victory of War.
In the battle of that island-studded ocean known as the Coral sea, which is near the Solomon islands and about 1,000 miles northeast of Australia, America's first real victory of the war with Japan was scored. The action occurred on May 4 and called forth deeds of valor as thrilling as any in all American history.

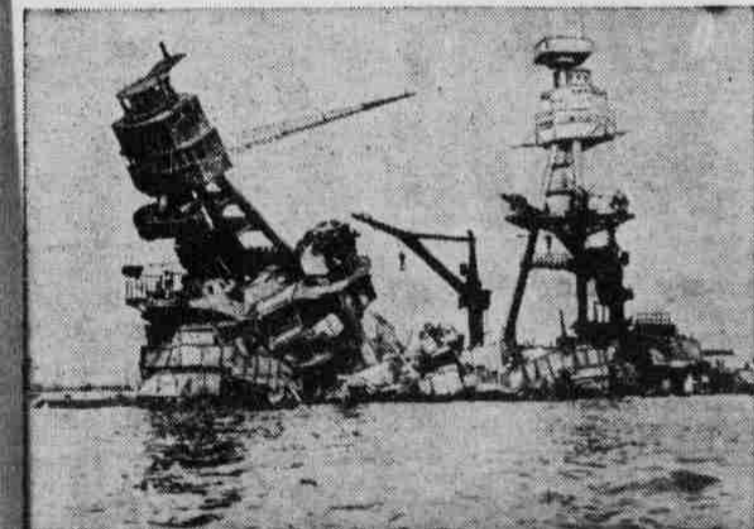
The Coral Sea battle was the first great naval defeat ever dealt the imperial Japanese fleets. And yet this great battle was fought entirely in the air, by the planes of opposing aircraft carriers.

The ships engaged in this battle never got sight of each other. They slugged it out without firing a single gun at another ship—the first engagement of its kind in history. In this first great victory for the U. S. in this global war the Japs lost more than 15 ships sunk and at least 20 others severely damaged. The action perhaps saved Australia from invasion.

However, America paid a price for her victory in the sultry Coral sea. In this engagement the 880-foot aircraft carrier Lexington, famed ship that laid the foundation for our modern navy's aircraft carrier operations, went to the bottom. This happened on May 7.

The destruction of a Japanese armada some hundreds of miles off Midway island, on June 4 and 5, was another action of the same kind. In this engagement U. S. army bombers roared off from their bases on Midway island—just another dot on the Pacific—to meet the most formidable array of warships that imperial Japan ever sent steaming against a foe. The armada was put to complete rout.

The carrier Yorktown was lost in the Battle of Midway. It went to the bottom on June 7 in the final phases of the great sea-air battle. But before the grand old "Y" went down she catapulted from her flight



Official U. S. navy photo showing wreckage of the battleship Arizona after the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor.

deck the dive bombers, fighters and torpedo planes that swung the tide of battle in favor of Old Glory. A heavy toll of Jap ships was taken.

Japs Invade Aleutians.
Early in June, after bombing Dutch Harbor in Alaska, Jap forces invaded several of the Aleutian islands, in the North Pacific. They made their main stronghold Kiska, and evidently believed that the everlasting fogs that shroud these islands would be their protection. But Uncle Sam was up there, too, and soon the fleet's heavy guns, Catalina Flying Boats, B-17s and B-24s (Flying Fortresses and Liberators) began bombing and blasting them out. On August 8, a U. S. navy task force, consisting of a great concentration of cruisers and destroyers, glided through the Aleutian fogs almost to

veit told the story. All guns were blazing. At point blank range she engaged a Japanese battleship and disabled her so she could be sunk by torpedoes.

Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan, a close friend of President Roosevelt, who was aboard the San Francisco in command of the spearhead of the attacking force, gave his life for his country in this battle. The San Francisco, although hit many times, was brought back to port.

Hero Ship Sails Into Enemy Fleet, All Guns Blazing
In the second round of the battle for Guadalcanal, in mid-November, when the Japs threw in all they had to recapture the island with its strategic airfield, the navy did a magnificent job. In this engagement, despite their great numerical superiority in ships, enemy losses were about three to one.

At the height of the action the cruiser San Francisco sailed right into the enemy fleet—right through the enemy fleet—as President Roose-



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AMERICA AS A MODEL FOR POST-WAR WORLD

TO THE POST-WAR WORLD will come many changes. Ideological forces will provide, if possible, those conditions out of which another world holocaust cannot be produced, but out of which will come a betterment of conditions of the people.

It would seem to most of us Americans that no better foundation on which to build a new world could be found than the government and system upon which has been erected the greatest, most prosperous and freest nation in the world. Within but little more than 150 years since establishing our independence, we have expanded from a narrow strip along the Atlantic to a nation that covers the width of the continent. Under the system provided by the American Constitution, we, as a people, have conquered a wilderness, have built great cities, provided millions of comfortable homes. We have built more miles of highways and railroads than are to be found in all of Europe. For each one thousand persons, we own more than six times as many automobiles as the same number of Europeans own. In radios, telephones, washing machines, in everything which adds to the comfort and pleasure of living, America stands pre-eminent throughout the world. We, as individuals, have greater opportunity to achieve. Among us there is a much more equitable distribution of wealth than in any other land. Our workers receive a much greater share of what is produced than do those of any nation of Europe.

Yes, America has prospered under our American system and form of government. Let us hope it may serve as a model for the rebuilding of a war-torn world, rather than that we adopt any one of the "isms" of Europe, which have nothing to offer us as compensation for what we have.

A REAL HERO —THE FIGHTING MARINE
"JOHN IS IN defense work," said the fond mother, with a tone of pride in her voice.

The "John" in that case is a young man, less than 20 years old. He is working 40 hours a week in an airplane plant, for which he is paid better than \$60 each week. I do not see anything especially heroic about "John in defense work" under such conditions.

Another "John" I know is a United States marine, fighting Japs 168 hours each week in the South Pacific and receiving less each month than the "John in defense work" receives each week. To me the marine "John" is a hero.

GLORY OF CRIPPLE CREEK WILL LIVE IN U. S. HISTORY
AN ACQUAINTANCE of many years, E. V. Jones, who died some two years ago, was editor of the first newspaper published at Cripple Creek, Colo. It was a real pleasure to listen to his tales of experiences in that wild, and then practically lawless, place. The early Cripple Creek was a model for other western mining towns, but no other ever equaled it. Running a newspaper in such a town in its early days was a hazardous occupation. Now Cripple Creek is to become but another of the numerous western ghost towns. A government edict has closed its mines, as gold is not a war necessity. The glory of the Cripple Creek of old will live long in the annals of the West.

FREEDOM OF PRESS VITAL IN DEMOCRACY
IN CALIFORNIA recently, Grove Patterson, editor of the Toledo (Ohio) Blade, delivered a remarkable address on "Freedom of the Press."

Justus Craemer, former president of the National Editorial Association, in a letter complimenting Mr. Patterson on that address, put into a concise statement just what a free press means to America. He said:

"Advertising, in a profitable sense, cannot exist in a totalitarian state and free enterprise cannot exist without advertising. All our freedom, our enterprise, our civil and religious liberties, stand or fall together. The newspaper is particularly the medium of expression for any minority not in power, because the newspaper is not under the control of a bureaucratic government and a newspaper has the privilege of taking sides in a political controversy."

JAZZ ORCHESTRAS
Recently I listened for an hour to an orchestra playing jazz music. All of the players looked healthy and physically capable of doing a real man's job. In age they probably ranged from 20 to 35. I wondered if using such manpower on a saxophone and fiddle was more important than gathering corn or firing a rifle. I will not believe we are short of manpower for the armed forces, the farms or the factories so long as jazz orchestras continue to operate.

Things I Never Knew 'Til Now:
That you shouldn't applaud at the end of "The Star Spangled Banner." (It would be just as correct to applaud a minister's prayer.)

That when your doctor writes on the prescription: "Gossypium purifacum" don't get panicky. (It only means absorbent cotton.)

That Miles Standish was one of the few warriors correctly christened. Miles, in Latin, means soldier. (Oh, I read it somewhere!)



Reading the Papers Out Loud:

This is not the first time that American battle flags have been carried to the Mediterranean. They were there over a century ago—for the same purpose—the extermination of pirates . . . At that time we fought for the freedom of the seas. Now we fight for the freedom of America . . . If you said that a little while ago, you were called a warmonger, an interventionist or a soandso . . . But no one today doubts that America is safer because men from Montana and Georgia, Vermont and Nevada are throwing pirates out of Tunis and Algeria . . . This AEF is more than a lesson in geography. It is a milestone in national responsibility.

Rome and Berlin now know that Tripoli and Libya are our next military objectives. But their chief worry is that world freedom is our war aim . . . They know that while one concentration camp exists—while one Nazi propaganda cell functions—and while one squad of Axis troops resists—our arms will remain in the field . . . America has liberated North Africa because a free America can only exist in a free world . . . The full strength of America will continue to march . . . Because the road to Berlin is the only way back to Main St.

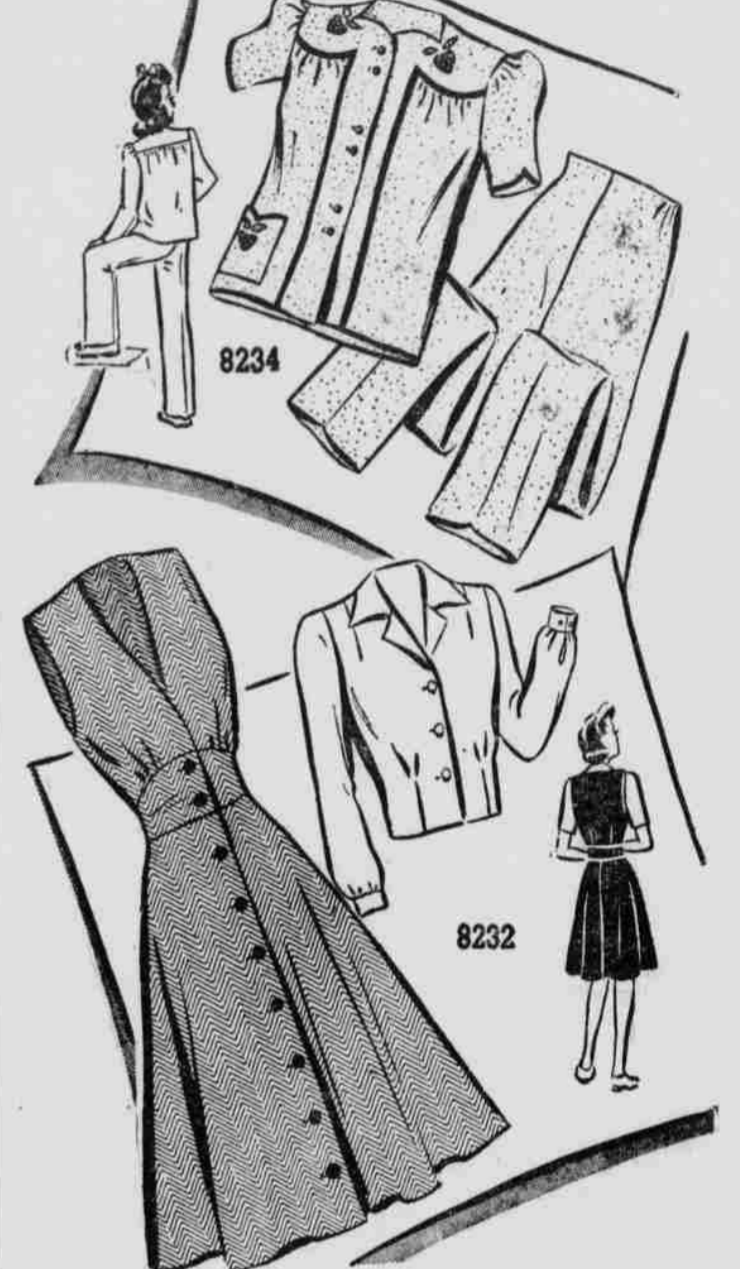
The whispering that went on against the British is now being directed against the French . . . Maybe it's wrong to keep Darlan on the job, but Gen. Eisenhower got that far by ignoring the clamor clique, so why should he listen to them now? You can get a rap against Giraud, too, if you turn your ear in a certain direction . . . DeGaulle has an enemy section over here, and so have most of the French military leaders our forces are dealing with . . . It's the same old line you heard against Churchill, Wavell, Ritchie, etc. You'll hear it again if we happen to line up with the Arabs or the Hottentots. Because it's easier to say something than to know something.

Nobody has lined up more eagerly for the war causes than the Hollywood workers . . . They have contributed their time and their talents to amusing the service men and building up bond sales. The spirit out there is right, too . . . Then they tip over the works by making a flicker that gives people the idea that it's still 1928 in California. The latest to get the hammers is "Once Upon a Honeymoon." Several of the N. Y. reviewers were shocked that a picture could take ruined Warsaw as the setting for a piece of low comedy. This is the third flicker that has earned rebukes for the movie makers. They will soon have to start reading the New York reviews with smoked glasses. They're too blinding for the naked eye.

There's no group as superstitious as show people. They fear more jinxes than a voodoo tribe . . . One of their pet superstitions is that their colleagues always die in threes. It's just happened again, with May Robson, Edna Mae Oliver and Laura Hope Crews passing away. Earlier in the year a Hollywood trio died within a short time of each other—John Barrymore and two producers, J. Walter Ruben and Bernie Hyman.

Brooks Atkinson gave a tender column to George M. Cohan. Best of all was his discussion of "Over There," which was the "theme song" of the last war. Mr. Atkinson tells you why. "Although 'Over There' has the strangest and most unlikely tune," said Mr. A., "it is one of the songs almost any American can sing on the spur of the moment. It is a perfect expression of a popular emotion" . . . What more could you ask of a war song? So far there have been good ditties for the service branches—Air Corps, Marines, etc.—but nothing for the civilians to get hot about . . . Mr. Cohan knew how to stir up people. He might have spun out another "Over There." For that reason, and too many others, he died too soon.

Two lasses were schmoozing over their daquiris, wishing the war would end and things get back to normal. What's normal? . . . That's when the Stock Market fell on its kisser and bankrupted everybody who's anybody . . . That's when Bundists strutted in Madison Square Garden and challenged the law to make something of it . . . That's when people lived in tar paper shacks and peddled apples on the corner . . . That's when the dust storms shooed okies all over the nation.



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A General Quiz

The Questions

1. Where is the natural home of the penguin?

2. What is the binnacle on a ship?

3. What country was called "Seward's Folly"?

4. How many figures on the Rushmore memorial in South Dakota?

5. What king of England signed the Magna Carta in 1215?

The Answers

1. The Antarctic region.

2. The case for the ship's compass.

3. Alaska.

4. Four—Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

5. John. That Magna Carta laid a foundation for English political and personal liberty.

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