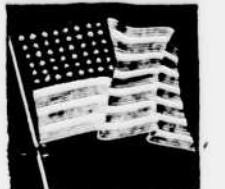


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## Borneo Japs Battered By Ships, Planes

### Naval Units Range Coast, Aussies In Oil Area, Planes Shower Bombs

Manila, July 9.—(AP)—Closely supported by American warships and aircraft, Australian jungle veterans against Jap resistance today on all fronts of the so-called Borneo invasion position at Balikpapan.

The naval units ranged the length of the coast, pounding Jap gun positions, while Mustangs, Spitfires and Liberators of the Australian and American air forces kept up a steady attack on Jap positions, smashing guns, warehouses, barracks and small coastwise craft.

One column of the Aussie 7th division infantry driving inland from Balikpapan to the Palangbanga region, where the Jap death stand rearguard has put up its stiffest fight. Across Balikpapan bay where Nip field pieces harassed the Australians in the early days of the invasion, another column of the 7th division advanced inland from one to two miles without opposition.

Northeast of the rich oil port, forces which overran Seningang and Manggar airfields, pushed ahead toward the great oil region of Sambodua and Samarinda, which extend 55 miles up the coast from Balikpapan in an area of soft marshes and swamps.

## British Destroyer Rams Nazi Cruiser Five Years Ago

London, July 9.—(AP)—Details of how the British destroyer Glowworm deliberately rammed the German heavy cruiser Admiral Hipper five years ago was told for the first time yesterday by the Glowworm's only surviving officer.

The ramming disabled two compartments of the Hipper, damaged her torpedo tubes and put her fresh-water system out of commission, but she was able to limp to Trowheim and later was put into a German dock for repairs. Lt. Robert A. Ramsey, 27, said.

The collision buckled the bow plates of the destroyer, which already was a heap of floating wreckage from the Hipper's eight-inch guns, which slammed shells into the British destroyer long before her 7-inch shells could begin firing at the German cruiser.

The battle between the 1,345-ton Glowworm and the 10,000-ton Admiral Hipper took place August 4, 1940 in the North Sea. All that was previously known was that she had been sunk by a heavy German warship.

Even after she rammed the Hipper, the Glowworm continued firing, but as more and more German shells poured into the destroyer, she began to list and Lt. Comdr. Gerald B. Roope, her commander, gave the order to abandon ship.

The destroyer shortly afterwards capsized and sank. Of the destroyer's 140 crewmen, only 30 survived and two of them later died in captivity after they were picked up by the Hipper. Lt. Comdr. Roope was among those lost.

## Recess In Meadows Case, Juror Ill

Greenville, July 9.—(AP)—T. V. Sexton, Elizabeth City, regular juror, is in a Greenville hospital today with heart trouble and the second trial of Dr. Leon Meadows, charged with embezzlement and false pretense while president of East Carolina Teachers College, was recessed until tomorrow.

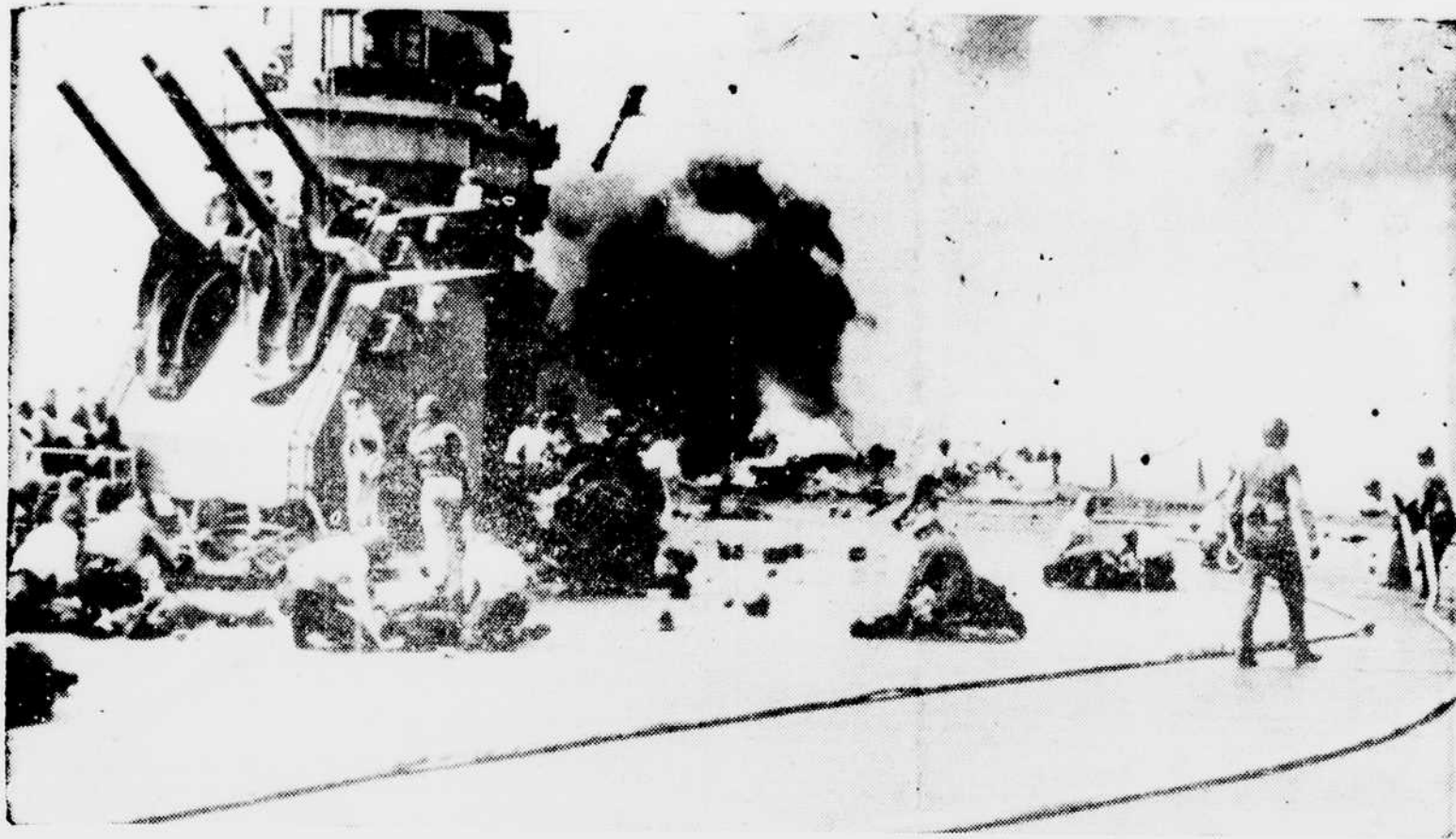
Judge Frizzelle advised the court that attending physicians believe that Sexton will be able to return to the box tomorrow and for that reason the judge has been unwilling to put the thirteenth juror in the box today.

## Japs Suffer Heavy Losses On Luzon

Manila, July 9.—(AP)—Counting of 3,824 Japanese dead in the past week and capture of 386 raised the total enemy Luzon casualties to 423,256, General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

American casualties for the week were 34 killed and 210 wounded to put the number of casualties at 244,000.

## HOLOCAUST ABOARD U. S. CARRIER AFTER EXPLOSION



BLACK SMOKE BLOSSOMS from the flight deck of an American carrier after a 500-pound bomb from one of its own planes had exploded as the craft came in for a landing. In the resultant fire, fifty-one of the crew died. While firefighters carry out their work in the photo above, medical corpsmen kneel about the debris-littered deck and tend the injured. Photo by courtesy of Yank Army Weekly. (International)

## 'Dauntless Dottie,' Famed Superfort, Crashes At Sea

### Windsor Youth, En Route Home, One Of 10 Dead

The 73rd Bombardment Wing, Saipan, July 9.—(AP)—The Superfort "Dauntless Dottie," the B-29 to drop bombs on Tokyo and veteran of 53 missions against Japan, crashed into the sea off Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, killing 10 of its 13 occupants en route to the United States. It was announced today.

Essentially, Pfc. Lowell B. Spivy of Windsor, N. C., one of the passengers who lost his life, was flying back to the United States on orders assigning him to "noncombatant duty" because two of his brothers had been killed in action in other theatres.

He was the sole surviving son of Mrs. Helen Spivy.

The three crew members who survived after a pre-dawn takeoff from Kwajalein for Hawaii, were Lt. John F. Neville, 114 Third Avenue, Detroit, Ill., copilot; 1st Sgt. Charles S. McMurray, 784 East Waldorf street, Memphis, Tenn., gunner, and 1st Sgt. Glenn F. Gregory, Walden, Ind., tail gunner.

The name of the second passenger killed was not disclosed.

Flown by Brig. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell, commander of the 73rd Wing, "Dauntless Dottie" led the first 21st Bomber Command mission against Tokyo last November. 24 O'Donnell flew with the plane's regular crew commanded by Lt. Col. (then major) Robert K. Morgan, Asheville, N. C. The plane was named in honor of Morgan's wife.

"Dauntless Dottie" performed 41 bombing missions and nine reconnaissance flights over the Japanese islands. She had flown 880 hours and 176,000 combat miles and was being returned to the United States for use in training crews.

Kelly and the crew flying "Dottie" home were not regularly assigned to the craft. The bomber's regular commander, Lt. Andrew G. Mayo, 4125 South 25th West Avenue, Tulsa, Okla., had remained behind to complete his tour of duty.

"Dottie's" crew chief, 1st Sgt. Milton H. Brinkmeyer, 5843 Feris avenue, St. Louis, Mo., said the plane had used up 10 engines. Her last mission was over Kobe, Japan, June 5.

## Diplomats Are Arriving For Big 3 Meeting

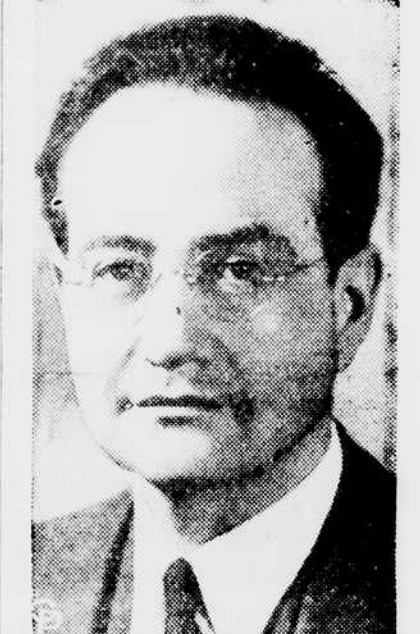
Berlin, July 9.—(AP)—The Allied deadlock over the government of Berlin continued unbroken today as high diplomats began arriving for the impending big three meeting.

W. Averell Harriman, U. S. ambassador to Moscow, landed at the Tempelhof airfield this afternoon and took quarters near the "Little White House" prepared for President Truman in the heavily guarded Potsdam area.

American army signal experts completed stringing a thick network of cables and wires by which Mr. Truman will be in touch with Washington, while he confers with Stalin and Churchill.

The Berlin governmental impasse over the issue of supplying food and fuel for the district occupied by the American and British still was unsettled and the possibility increased that the big three might have solved it.

## Byrnes' Assistant



ONE OF THE ORIGINAL "brain trusters," Benjamin V. Cohen, has been named by the new Secretary of State James F. Byrnes as a special assistant secretary. (International)

## Fighter Sweeps Against Japs Continuing

Guam, July 9.—(AP)—Fighter planes recently jumped into the aerial warfare again Sunday trying vainly to stem the assault of long-range American Mustangs from Iwo Jima, which rained for the first time in five days.

The two-based Mustangs, Okinawa Mustangs and Navy search planes destroyed or damaged 50 Jap planes, many on the ground, sank eight small coastal ships and damaged six others. Seven Mustangs were reported missing from the far reaching forces which struck every section of Japan's shrinking empire.

British commanders will convene courts for the trial of those accused of murder or ill-treatment of prisoners of war or of inhabitants of occupied countries.

## Truman On Way To Meet Of Big Three

Washington, July 9.—(AP)—President Truman was en route today to Europe for the big three meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Stalin.

The President left Newport News Saturday by ship. Accompanying him was a staff of advisors, including Secretary of State James Byrnes. The big three meeting is to be held in the Potsdam area near Berlin.

## Funds Sought For Enlarging School In Norlina District

Warrenton, July 9.—A delegation from Norlina School District asked the Board of County Commissioners that an appropriation be made to enlarge the agriculture building at Norlina high school and the commissioners agreed to include \$3,750 in the budget for the purpose. R. L. Yancey of Norlina was spokesman for the delegation.

## Crop Outlook In Europe Poorest Of War Period

Washington, July 9.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department's Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations reported today that the outlook for grain production in Europe this year is the poorest of the entire war period.

Wheat prospects were said to be particularly unfavorable. Factors contributing to the poor outlook were said to include a severe drought in much of the Mediterranean area, reduced seedings in most of the un-occupied regions, land reform programs, notably in east, lack of fertilizers, and shortages of machinery, transportation facilities and other difficulties.

Food allocation officials of the Department of Agriculture estimate that 650,000,000 bushels of American wheat will have to go to Europe in the next year, half from this country and half from Canada.

The situation varies from country to country, the OFAR said. Best prospects are in northern Europe while the least favorable outlook is in the Mediterranean area. A severe drought in the latter region has taken a heavy toll in wheat and barley crops of French North Africa, in wheat in Portugal, Spain, Central and Southern Italy, and parts of the Balkans.

Reduced seedings in France, The Netherlands, Central and Eastern Europe, along with a shortage of fertilizers, are expected to give the smallest output from these areas in many years.

## British Prepare For Trials Of War Criminals

London, July 9.—(AP)—War criminals to be tried in zones occupied by the British Army will face possible penalties of death, imprisonment, confiscation of property or fines.

A special army order, announcing this today, said the military trials would start soon but would not hear major war criminals, who are to be dealt with by Allied action.

British commanders will convene courts for the trial of those accused of murder or ill-treatment of prisoners of war or of inhabitants of occupied countries.

## Winston Churchill On Vacation With Wife and Daughter

Herdaye, France, July 9.—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill began his vacation quietly Sunday, relaxing under a big shade tree in the park surrounding the Chateau de Bordaberry.

His wife and his daughter, Mary, went for a swim in the ocean. The prime minister arrived Saturday for the first vacation since his illness in 1943.

## Armed Guard Machine Guns Nazi POWs

### Eight Are Killed Twenty Others Hit, Motive Not Disclosed

Salina, Utah, July 8.—(AP)—Three bursts of machine gun bullets fired by an American soldier from a guard tower plowed into tents at a prisoner of war camp here today, killing eight sleeping Germans and injuring 20 others.

Col. Arthur Ericsson, commander of the prisoner of war camp at Ogden, of which the camp here is a branch, said preliminary investigation had not determined the motive for the shooting.

He named Pfc. Clarence Bertucci, 23, of 2703 Dryads street, New Orleans, La., as the American soldier. The latter was taken into custody and an investigation ordered.

Ericsson said questioning of soldiers and prisoners yielded this story.

Bertucci went on duty at midnight. About a half hour later Lt. Albert L. Conell, the branch camp commander who was at work in his office only a few feet from the tower, was started to hear a burst of machine gun fire.

He leaped to the window, saw that the bullets were being fired into the tent area and rushed out the door just as a second burst of fire rained on the camp.

He yelled to the guard to quit firing but as he reached the base of the tower a third volley sounded.

That exhausted the guard's ammunition and Conell said Bertucci called out for a new supply.

The firing lasted no more than 15 seconds, Ericsson estimated, and approximately 250 bullets were expended.

The guard tower was within 20 or 30 feet of the nearest tent in which the German prisoners were sleeping with other tents as far as 300 feet distant.

Guards and prisoners throughout the camp were aroused by the shooting and treatment of those injured was begun immediately.

Ericsson said Bertucci served eight months in England, assigned to a field artillery unit. He has not seen battle action.

He will be questioned here, Ericsson said, along with others at the camp, and a report will be made to the security and intelligence office at Ninth Service Command Headquarters at Fort Douglas.

Of those injured, six in the most serious condition were taken to the station hospital at the Kearns Ordnance Replacement Depot near Salt Lake City. Twelve were taken to Fairchild General Hospital at Brigham, Utah, and two, only slightly hurt, were treated here.

The camp, 150 miles south of Salt Lake City, houses approximately 250 prisoners engaged in farm work in central Utah fields.

At Fort Douglas, Ninth Service Command Headquarters named the dead as Otto Bross, Gottfried Gaad, Ernst Fuchs and Hans Meyers, all under-officers, and Walter Bogel, Fritz Stockmann, Georg Liske and Adolf Paul.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and continued warm and humid today and Tuesday. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers.

## Swift Passage Of Charter Predicted As Hearings Begin

### Lidice Massacre Leader Is Taken By Czechoslovaks

Prague, July 9.—(AP)—The arrest of Gestapo Officer Hans Forster, accused of directing the Lidice massacre, was announced today. Czechoslovak police said Forster had been hiding in a forest near Karlsbad since the surrender of Germany.

## Sun In Eclipse Dawn Today, Total In West

### First Since 1932, Lasts Just 29 Seconds Clouds Hamper Pictures

(By The Associated Press) The sun was blotted out briefly in certain sections of the United States in the first total eclipse since 1932 and generally throughout the country a partial eclipse was observed.

A total shadow started at sunrise, 7:55 a. m. EWT, in Idaho and moved along a 25-mile path through Montana, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Hudson Bay, Greenland, Norway, Sweden, Russia and Siberia.

Low-hanging clouds and a haze obscured the early phase of the eclipse, but it was fully visible in the total stage, which lasted 29 seconds.

Dr. Sprague, astronomer from Wheaton College, Boston, who recorded the spectacle, expressed doubt of the success of photographic results of the mission, but a colleague, Dr. T. Whitten of Pomona College, Cal., said it "wasn't so bad."

## Europe To Be Used As Troop Carrier

Washington, July 9.—(AP)—The Europe, third largest ship afloat, will be used this fall as a troopship for deployment of soldiers to the United States, the War Department announced today.

The 32,000-ton craft, once the fastest on the trans-Atlantic run, is expected to make two round trips monthly. It carried a peacetime load of 2,126 passengers but it is being increased to a capacity of more than 5,000.

## Engineer of 'Old 97' Passes Saturday At Home in Salisbury

Salisbury, July 9.—(AP)—J. E. Smith, 73, former Southern Railway engineer and who once piloted the "Old 97" made famous in song and story, died at his home here Saturday night.

In later years he was frequently chosen to handle the thrills of presidential specials on the Southern. The late President Roosevelt's last two trips south prior to Smith's retirement in 1933 found the veteran engineer in the cab.

## Pre-Parley Site?



ACCORDING TO LONDON REPORTS President Truman plans to meet Prime Minister Churchill prior to the Big Three meeting and, say wire reports, the Chief Executive of the United States will go to the Churchill vacation hideout at Hendaye, France. As the map shows Hendaye is on the Spanish border and from there they are expected to go together to the Big Three meeting place. (International)

## Stettinius Is First To Give Testimony Before Senate Committee

Washington, July 9.—(AP)—A United Nations matter that even some of its critics conceded is likely to speed swiftly through without reservation began its official finish journey today.

In a setting where the late Wendell L. Willkie once expounded his own world ideas, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee called for testimony from Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., on the 30-nation peace-keeping agreement he helped fashion as chairman of the American delegation to the San Francisco conference. The silver-haired former secretary of state, designated by President Truman as the nation's representative on the world security council, was to be followed by Dr. Leo Pasovitsky, a leading charter technician.

While he was testifying before the committee, the White House made public Stettinius' 50,000-word report to Mr. Truman on the San Francisco conference. In it Stettinius reviewed the projected organization, then wrote:

"The battle of peace has to be fought on two fronts. The first is the security front when victory spells freedom from fear. The second is the economic and social front where victory means freedom from want. Only victory on both fronts can assure the world of enduring peace."

He said world-wide freedom of speech and assembly, unimpeded access to world information and abolition of racial, religious or sectional discrimination must form the groundwork on which to lay the foundation of lasting peace.

## Chinese In New Gains Along Border

Chungking, July 9.—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese forces had captured south guard posts on the border between China and French Indochina and said the Japanese were retreating in confusion toward Dony, south of the frontier.

With the capture of the paths, gateway to Indo-China, the whole of Southwest Kwangsi Province has been cleared of the enemy, the high command said.

Chinese forces striking from recently recaptured Lichow along the Hunan-Kwangsi railroad towards its northern terminus at Hengyang, recaptured Laoni, 20 miles northeast of Lichow, on Saturday.

## Outlook For Cotton Gloomy

Washington, July 9.—(AP)—The average cotton in cultivation on July 1 was estimated at 18,355,000. This was two million acres, or 9.8 per cent less than last year—and 30 per cent less than the ten year average, 1934-44 average.

The average planted in 1945 is only 40 per cent of the record of 45,968,000 acres planted in 1925.

Assuming an average abandonment in the last ten years 18,034,000 is indicated for harvest.

This will be the smallest acreage of cotton harvested since 1855.

All states except the western irrigated states show a smaller acreage than last year, largely as a result of the extreme drought. Some decreases are also indicated for the Mississippi river delta, Arkansas and Louisiana where excessive and continued rain fall interfered with planting.

North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, show sharp reduction, with smaller reductions in Mississippi, Alabama and South Carolina.

The total acreage planted to American Egyptian cotton is estimated at 6,400,000 acres, compared with 14,700,000 for 1944 and the ten year average of 175,300,000. In addition to unfavorable weather, difficulties in securing adequate labor was given as one of the reasons for the reduction in planting. The acreage in cultivation July 1, for North Carolina, was 595,000 acres, or 78 per cent of last year's acreage. (International)