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MRS. BERTHA JOYNER PASSES AT AGE OF 80

Highly Esteemed Pitt County Woman Succumb To Illness Of Several Weeks

Mrs. Bertha Barrow Joyner, 80, a beloved and highly esteemed gentlewoman of the Farmville community, died Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock at her home near here, where she had lived for the past 59 years. Her condition had been gradually growing worse during an illness, which lasted four months, and her passing was not unexpected.

The funeral was conducted from the home Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. M. Y. Self, pastor of the Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. D. A. Clarke, of Washington, a former pastor, and Rev. B. B. Fordham, of the Baptist Church.

The final rites were simple but solemnly impressive, including as they did a tribute from her pastors to Christian womanhood as exemplified in the noble life of this woman. She had been an active and faithful member of the Methodist Church since early girlhood.

A choir, composed of Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mrs. L. P. Thomas, Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck, Miss Helen Willis, John D. and Elbert C. Holmes and A. Q. Roebuck sang, "How Firm A Foundation," "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," "Nearer My God To Thee," and "Have Thine Own Way Lord." Interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery beneath a large and handsome floral tribute.

Mrs. Joyner was born in Greene county, the daughter of the late Taylor Barrow and Mrs. Mary Ann Sugg Barrow. Coming to this community after her marriage to Richard Leon Joyner in 1882, she helped her husband establish a home notable for its Christian atmosphere and culture and for its hospitality. Here the couple reared a large family of boys and girls, who have been given positions of prominence and trust and are held in highest esteem throughout the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Joyner, who preceded his wife in death, was for many years regarded as one of Pitt county's foremost farmers and citizens, and the passing of his widow leaves but a few of the community's pioneers.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Bertha Joyner Gardner and Mrs. T. W. Lang, of Farmville, Miss Bettie Joyner, of the home; five sons, A. H., of Morehead City, R. S., of Chicago, Ill., T. E., R. A., and J. B. Joyner of Farmville, a brother T. E. Barrow, of Greene county, twenty-three grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers were her grandsons; Sam Lewis, Eli, Audrey, Joseph, Aquila and R. L. Joyner.

Honorary: Joe Rasberry, LeRoy Hollins, G. A. Rouse, Bill Royster, Fred Smith, Glasco Smith, John Stancil, B. O. Taylor, Robert Teel, Ed Nash Warren, Dr. Whelless, Weslie Willis, Stanley Garris, Lloyd Smith, Robert Monk, Herman Baker, Earl Bagley, Melvin Gay, Earl Modlin, Irvin Morgan, Coy Monk, Tom Dail, David Harris, Maynard Thorne, Bob Joyner, Dr. W. M. Willis, J. C. Corbitt, J. K. Hedgepeth, Willie Meeks, J. G. Hobgood, E. L. Barrett, George Davis, Robert Bouse, Haywood Smith, Earnest Barrett, S. C. Thorne, Ronald Joyner, Buck Smith, Bob Jenkins, Walter Brown, C. E. Spivey, Arch Flanagan, Archie Speight, Curtis Flanagan, L. W. Godwin, J. H. Harris, A. C. Monk, J. T. Thorne, John Holmes, Elbert Holmes, J. W. Holmes, Carl Tyson, M. V. Jones, Dr. P. E. Jones, Carl Turnage, Otto Turnage, J. W. Joyner, W. E. Joyner, R. H. Knott, K. O. Lang, L. E. Wals-ton, Jack Lewis, Ben Lewis, John Lewis, Dr. J. M. Mowborn, R. A. Fields, Johnnie Carlton, Haywood A. Smith, J. I. Morgan, Sr., W. A. McAdams, Red Newton, R. A. Parker, Alfred Moore, Wyatt Tucker, Jake Joyner, Charlie Joyner, Herbert Bournette, Jessie Moys, Howard Moys, Joel Moys, Cliff Moys, Lester Turnage, A. C. Turnage, David Turnage, Roy Lassiter, Mark Lassiter, Bert Smith, Robert Lee Smith, Claude Barrett, Ed Bearman, John Bynum, Carlton Carr, Lester Carr, Frank Carr, Fred Carr, Seth Barrow, Taylor Barrow, Frank Davis, Sr., James Monk, Luther Thomas, C. A. Turnage, Mark Turnage.

Christmas Seal Sale Reported As Success

Around \$300 Resulting From Sale Is Largest Amount Raised Here

Response to the annual Christmas Seal Sale in Farmville is reported by the chairman, Miss Tabitha Devisconti, as the best ever experienced here. The results amounted to around \$300 and Miss Devisconti and her committees here expressed themselves as deeply grateful to everyone who responded to the call and helped in any way towards raising such a splendid sum.

Swelling the fund to large proportions were bonds purchased in the crusade against tuberculosis, by the following business houses and citizens:

Farmville Oil & Fertilizer Co. \$80; Bank of Farmville \$25; A. C. Monk \$25; John T. Thorne \$25; George W. Davis \$10; purchasers of 45 bonds were—R. O. Lang, Jack Lewis, J. H. Harris, Dr. R. T. Williams, Farmville Furniture Co., Dr. Paul E. Jones, J. O. Pollard, Mrs. Frank M. Davis, Sr., John R. Lewis, R. A. Joyner, J. Y. Monk, Jr.

Cigarettes Frozen

Washington, Dec. 30.—Moving to prevent general increases in the cost of cigarettes, Price Administrator Leon Henderson today froze manufacturers' prices at levels prevailing December 28.

He had forecast the action yesterday after announcing that the American Tobacco Company had refused to withdraw an increase of 57 cents a thousand in the price of Lucky Strikes.

George W. Hill, company president, contended that "the entire amount of the increase represents higher costs, without additional profit."

Reiterating that advances in cigarette prices now were unwarranted, Henderson declared he was prepared to extend the ceiling to wholesale and retail prices if distributors failed to cooperate.

Local Red Cross Organizes Forces To Raise Quota

January Drive For War Relief By Red Cross Will Be Launched Here Tuesday

The Farmville Red Cross Branch of the Pitt County Chapter under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, is busily organizing its forces to raise the local quota of \$750.00 in the \$50,000,000 January drive for War Relief. The working groups will be organized along military lines with John W. Holmes as Colonel. The four men and women who have agreed to serve as Captains are; Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. Neil Howard, L. T. Pierce and John B. Lewis. Each of these Captains will command a force of six regulars and one "replacement" volunteer.

Preliminary work was done by the Boy Scouts under the leadership of Scoutmaster Linwood Russell, in placing the bumper tags this week.

The name of every adult person in the Farmville school district with his or her family will be written on a solicitation card—these cards being prepared by Mrs. E. N. Pettaway and Mrs. R. H. Chadwick, with a corps of assistants. On Tuesday morning, January 6, at nine o'clock, the soliciting group will proceed with the task of interviewing the entire community of Farmville. The work will continue until every person in the town and surrounding community has had an opportunity to contribute. Supt. H. B. Sugg will have charge of the campaign among the colored population.

Farmville has made a splendid showing in the regular, annual Red Cross membership campaign. She has done equally well in the recent "special gifts" effort and we are urging our fellow-citizens to give to the Red Cross in dollars, pennies and in loyal, moral ways of support.

The organization does not make any claim to perfection. In any understanding as large as the work of the Red Cross, there will, almost certainly, be mistakes but, if the aims and purposes of Red Cross are to be carried forward, the men and women of America must place a firm foot on the necks of Quislingly-inclined gossips and march forward as one solid unit. As each of us knits, sews, gives or prays for the work of the Red Cross, may we do so with the thought that there is a probability of our particular service being of help to our very own Farmville Boys as they fill the front lines in our defense.

District Governor Visits Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Farmville Had the Honor of Having as Its Guest, H. Denett Jones, Governor of the 189th District

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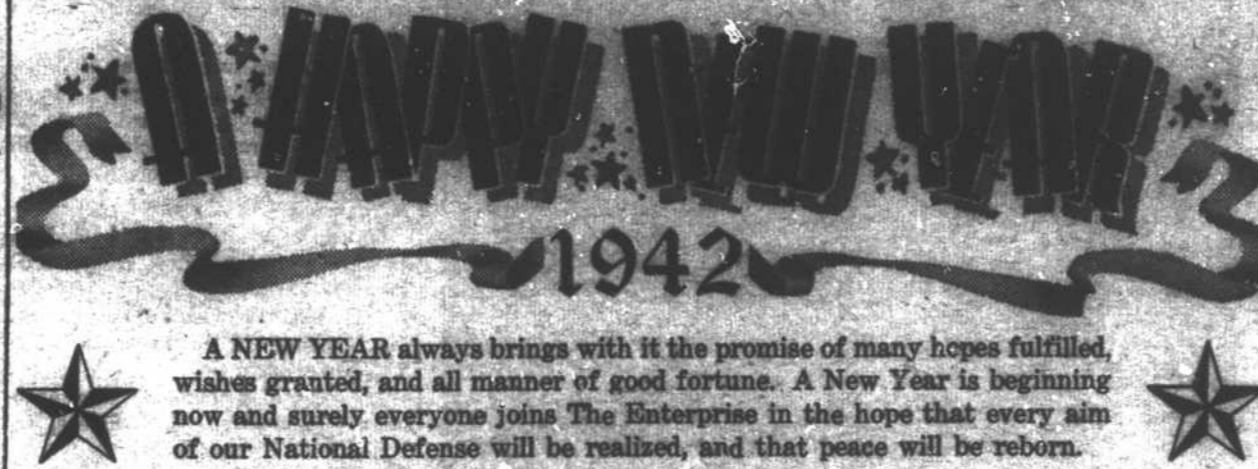
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Dear President Jim:

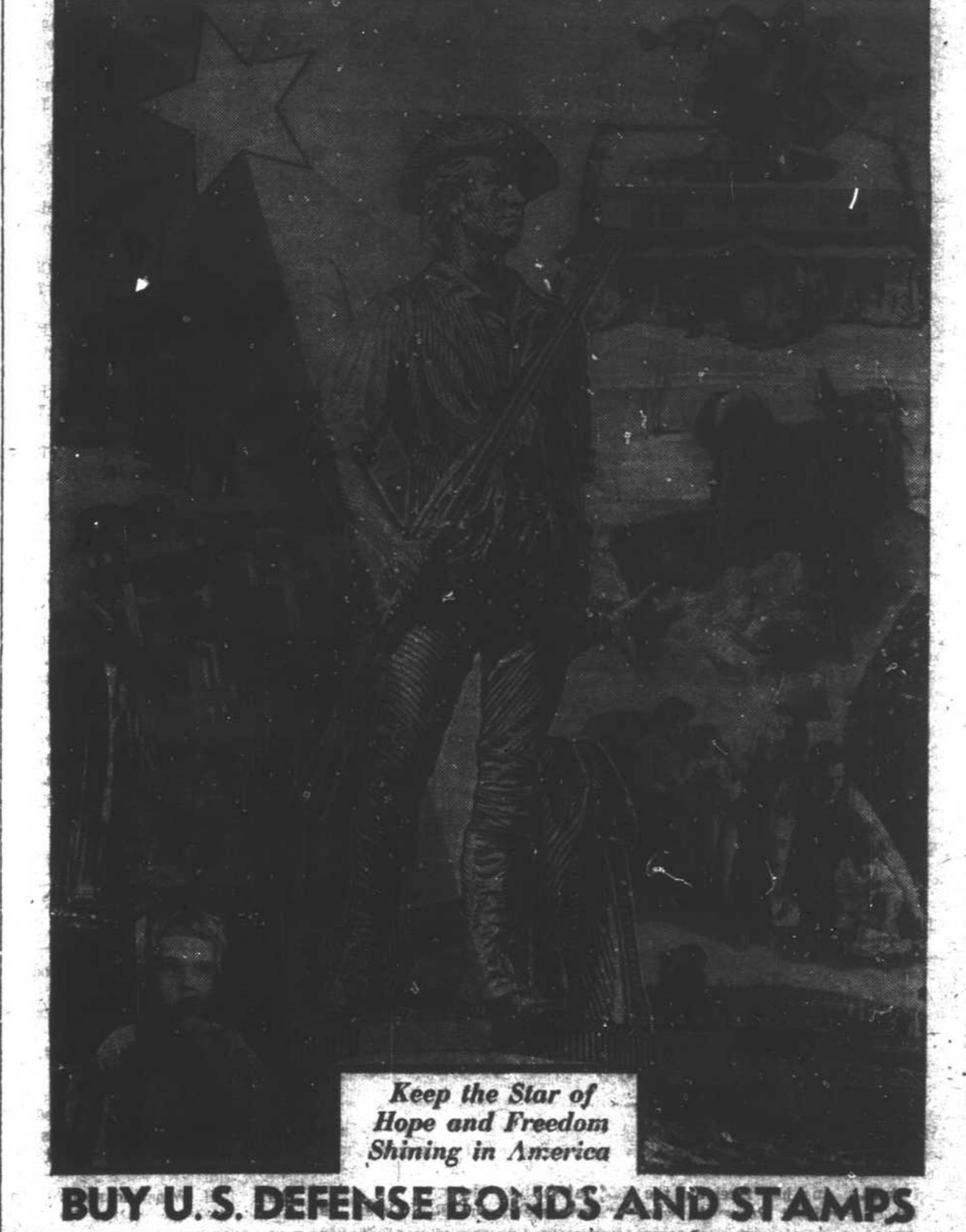
It is with the deepest regret that I find it necessary to tender you my resignation from the Farmville Rotary Club.

Most of you know that I expect soon a call to join the armed forces of our country. I made application in November to the U. S. Naval Reserve for V-7, even should this be rejected, I will then join the Army. It has been a genuine pleasure to be a member of the Rotary Club. At times I have thought that I was giving very little of my time and my services for the best interest of the club. On the other hand there are those benefits which are intangible that come from associating with a group as the Rotary club in comparison. The ideals of Rotary are excellent both in word and deed. I sincerely believe that our club lives up to the ideals of service, friendship and good will.

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A NEW YEAR always brings with it the promise of many hopes fulfilled, wishes granted, and all manner of good fortune. A New Year is beginning now and surely everyone joins The Enterprise in the hope that every aim of our National Defense will be realized, and that peace will be reborn.



BUY U. S. DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS

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Flue-Cured Crop To Be Increased

Boost of 10 Per Cent for 1942 Announced; Farm Aid Payments Extended

Washington, Dec. 30.—To assure ample supplies for a record cigarette demand and maintenance of normal reserves, the Agriculture Department today announced that the production goal of flue-cured tobacco next year would be increased 10 per cent.

The national marketing quota for this type of tobacco was raised from 618,000,000 pounds to 679,800,000 pounds. The 1942 planting allotment was increased from 762,000 acres to 842,500 acres. The department said that since establishment of the annual quota in October, the demand for cigarettes had increased more than had been anticipated. For the last half of this year the consumption of cigarettes, the outlet for four-fifths of the flue-cured tobacco used in the United States, was said to be running 18 per cent higher than for the same period last year.

Enroll Now For C.C.C. Encampment

January 6th is the next regular enrollment for white and colored juniors in CCC. The same eligibility requirements are in force. An applicant must be 17 years of age, not on probation or parole. If a former CCC enrollee desires to re-enter, he must have an honorable discharge and have been out of camp three months. No boy is allowed to serve over 24 months and no one over 28 1/2 years of age is allowed to enter. Applications are now being taken at the Department of Public Welfare for unemployed youths who are not needed for work at home. All eligible applicants accepted for enrollment will be enrolled at Washington, N. C. for service in North Carolina camps.

External problem: Death—the end of the beginning of life.

HEROIC MANILA DEFENDERS CONTINUE TO LOSE GROUND

Soviets Reoccupy Kalugo, Defeat 16 Nazi Divisions

Russian Army Reports Smashing Victory On Moscow Front As Great Offensive Continues; Guderian's Tank Army Meets Final Defeat; Crimean Drive Gains Ground

Moscow, Jan. 1.—The Red army announced today the recapture of the important city of Kaluga, final defeat of Col. Gen. Heins Guderian's tank army, and routing of 16 German divisions comprising six entire army corps on the entire central front.

In addition, a special brigade of Hitler's black-shirted Elite Guard, flown to the front from Cracow, Poland, has been routed, a special communique said.

The Nazi invaders are fleeing westward under heavy blows of the pursuing Russians, abandoning military equipment and even their wounded as they seek to hasten their escape, the Soviet communique said.

The text: "Our troops on the western front have occupied the town of Kaluga. General Guderian has suffered defeat.

"After the rout near Tula of the second tank army under command of General Guderian, stubborn engagements resulted on the line of the rivers Nara, Protva, and Oka.

"Fortified positions of the Fourth German army under Field Marshal (Guenther) von Kluge were broken through in many places.

Units Routed. "In the course of fighting, our troops of the western front routed the 20th, 12th, 13th, 43rd, 53rd, and 57th German army corps, comprising the 22nd, 25th, 183rd, 15th, 98th, 34th, 265th, 260th, and 167th infantry divisions, the 19th tank division, and the second SS brigade which was brought from Cracow by air.

"Under the blows of our troops, the enemy retreating in the western direction is abandoning military equipment and wounded.

"Following the clearing of the enemy out of the towns of Narofominsk, Ugojkskavod, Aleksin, Tserusa, Schekino, Adoyev, Cherspets, Parysk, Likvin, Koseisk and hundreds of villages, our troops on December 30 took the town of Kaluga.

"Large amounts of equipment which now are being counted were captured in Kaluga."

Kaluga, an old city on the left bank of the Oka, is 110 miles southwest of Moscow. Its capture liberated an additional large sector of the rail and road network southwest of the capital.

There were indications that after routing Guderian's armored army in the Tula vicinity, the Reds entered Kaluga, but that the town changed hands several times in days of furious fighting which led up to today's triumphant announcement of the final smashing of the tank expert's forces and the infantrymen of von Kluge.

However, Senators George (D-Ga.) and Russell (D-Ga.), who sponsored the peanut provision, said this difference between the administration and Congress could be worked out without serious difficulty.

The President's signature assures farmers of a floor under the basic crops during the wartime emergency, Senator Russell, a leader of the Senate farm bloc, said.

Other farm-minded legislators pointed out that farmers had collected about \$3,000,000,000 in soil conservation payments during the past six years, an average of amount \$500,000,000 annually, while the price-supporting loans had increased market prices received for cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco and rice during the past year.

Authority for both the payment and mandatory loan programs was scheduled to expire on December 31, and the measure signed by the President extended these until January 1, 1947.

Congress must vote funds for future benefit payments later, but Senator Russell said that mandatory loan program continued automatically. Under this, the Commodity Credit Corporation is directed to make loans at 35 per cent of the parity price. (A parity price is one computed in 1910, a farm product the same purchasing power purchased in a previous period, usually the 10-year period of 1909-14).

FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

Washington, Dec. 30.—Millions of farmers received a welcome holiday notice from the White House today as President Roosevelt approved a five-year extension of the system of farm benefit payments and price-supporting loans.

In signing a bill continuing the program that has not billions of extra dollars in farmers' pockets, the President made one objection. He said that the measure raised the

Washington Apparently Reconciled to Early Fall of Philippine Capital; MacArthur Reports 'Stubborn Resistance' Continuing; Wounded Sent To Australia

Washington, Dec. 31.—With the early fall of Manila a very real probability, General Douglas MacArthur nevertheless reported to the War Department tonight that a "stubborn resistance" was being offered the Japanese "according to pre-arranged defense plans."

The commanding general in the Far East also said that American and Filipino wounded had been evacuated on the steamship Mactan, bound for Australia. The vessel had been converted into and marked as a hospital ship, which by treaty should make her immune to enemy attack.

Meanwhile, from the Navy came a communique apparently intended as a denial of Tokyo claims that Mani, Palmyra and Johnson islands, in or near the Hawaiian group, had been effectively bombed. The situation on those islands, the Navy said, was unchanged since the last report, which was received December 24.

In full, the War Department's communique said: "General Douglas MacArthur, commanding the United States Army forces in the Far East, has advised the War Department that wounded of the American and Philippine army have been evacuated from the Manila area on the Steamship Mactan, which has been converted into a hospital ship and appropriately marked in accordance with the Geneva convention of 1907. The wounded will be taken to Australia.

Resistance Continues. "American and Philippine troops are continuing their stubborn resistance according to pre-arranged defense plans."

All indications were that Manila soon must surrender to powerful Japanese forces slashing their way steadily toward the city from two directions regardless of the fierce resistance of badly outnumbered defending troops.

There was only scanty news, phrased in most general terms, of what was going on, but its meaning was unmistakably plain.

The enemy was driving upon the island capital in great force from both north and south. Japanese dive-bombers dominated the roads. Great quantities of tanks and armored units were being hurried against the American and Filipino defenders.

How far the Japanese actually were from the city was a confused question. An Associated Press correspondent journeyed by automobile to the front line and back in an hour. Messages flying from one Axis radio station to another set the distance as less than 20 miles.

Nevertheless, an orderly readjustment of the defense lines was completed. The defending forces were interposing a strong resistance and dealing out death and destruction to the enemy on a large scale.

But General MacArthur admitted that "our lines are being pushed back."

Censorship or interrupted communications virtually had ended the receipt of press dispatches from the beleaguered city. Radio telegraph companies refused to accept messages for Manila, or took them only at the sender's risk. The Navy said, however, it still was in touch, presumably by radio.

It was considered indicative, too, that MacArthur announced the daring and dramatic effort to evacuate 300 seriously wounded soldiers from Manila by the sea on the Mactan.

The fall of the city had not been unexpected here, and word of its critical situation spread gloom or discouragement in the capital. Today, the Japanese had been pouring men and war machines onto Luzon, and simply storming the island by the overwhelming force of numerically superior troops and equipment.

The great difficulty of reinforcing the American-Philippine defenses was apparent from the outset, especially in view of the time situation. In the time that has elapsed since the war began troops badly would have reached the island by now under normal circumstances, to say nothing of having to run the Japanese blockade.

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