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CARRIER PLANES DEAL NEW BLOW TO JAPANESE SHIPPING

Fourteen Ships, Including Three Warships, Sunk or Damaged in Raid On Manila Area; Floating Drydock Destroyed

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 15.—Another American carrier plane raid on Japanese shipping and facilities in Manila Bay left 14 ships—including three warships—sunk or damaged, a floating dock destroyed and at least 28 imperial planes wiped out. The Sunday assault was announced last night by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz. One ship of the American carrier task force was damaged during a Japanese aerial attack. (Japanese broadcasters said earlier that 900 attacking planes hit the Manila area, and claimed one American battleship was sunk by suicide pilots east of Luzon Island.) Admiral Nimitz said two destroyers in Manila Bay exploded under the vicious American attack. While these were not listed as sunk in the communiqué, they could be termed probable. A third warship, a light cruiser, was left badly damaged. An estimated 11 cargo ships and oilers were either sunk or left aflame, and a floating dock was torpedoed. The attacking force of Helcats, Avengers and Helldivers tore up numerous docks in Manila Bay and in the Cavite navy yard and strafed Legaspi, Manila and Clark airfields, damaging at least temporarily 130 to 140 single and twin engine Japanese planes caught on the ground. Eighteen or 20 interceptors were shot down over Luzon, and 10 others were destroyed as they attacked the carrier force commanded by Rear Adm. Frederick C. Sherman. In fresh assaults Saturday on the Palau Islands, Marine Corsairs sank a small enemy vessel offshore. Hellcats and Liberators bombed Koror, Malakal and Aradagan Islands. Twojima in the Bonin group, only 750 miles south of Tokyo, was bombed by a single search Liberator on Saturday, and on Monday planes from Fleet Airwing One bomber various targets of the Bonins, scoring near misses on an escort vessel and a medium cargo ship. The enemy had planes in the air over the islands but they did not attack.

Tyson-Mays To Hold Their Annual Assembly Nov. 24

Descendants of the Tyson and Mays families will assemble at the Christian Church here, Friday, November 24, at 10:15 A. M. for the 24th annual meeting of the Tysons and about half that number of joint reunions held by the Tysons and Mays, which represents one of the most vigorous reunion organizations in the State. Despite adverse circumstances in connection with travel, the reunion organization is striving towards a goal of unbroken sequence in the point of annual meetings. The custom of carrying the spirit of Thanksgiving over into the next day will be continued also, and those returning from distant places to their families in this vicinity will have the added opportunity of renewing acquaintance and enjoying the fellowship of a wide circle of kinsmen. John B. Lewis, program chairman, announces that plans are going forward under the direction of Andrew Joyner, Jr., of Greensboro, President, and Mrs. Edward May, secretary, and the program is being designed not only for the purpose of honoring pioneer ancestors but to pay tribute also to their sons and daughters, who are giving their life blood today for those same principles of liberty, freedom and tolerance, which inspired their forebears in their heroic struggle for civil and religious liberties and happy homes. Rev. Edwin S. Coates will make the address and Mrs. G. Alex Rouse will have charge of the music. Miss Tabitha M. DeVisconti will give the genealogy report. Members of the two families are requested to bring with them information regarding the military service of those of their own immediate family and circles in order that a complete record of service may be made and preserved for future generations. A basket lunch will be served at noon in the basement of the Church. All members of the reunion and interested friends are cordially invited and urged to attend. No invitations have been mailed this year in order to keep expenses at a minimum.

Capt. James Darden Has Cluster Added To His Flying Cross

Headquarters Tenth Air Force in India—Award of the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross "for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight" to Capt. James H. Darden, 25, son of Mrs. Sarah A. Darden, Farmville, North Carolina, has been announced by Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, Commanding General, Tenth Air Force, EAC. An operations officer for the Burma Bantams, a P-47 fighter outfit of the Tenth Air Force that operates against the Japs over Burma, Capt. Darden also holds the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He has chalked up 125 combat missions and 362 combat hours to his credit. Capt. Darden attended the Farmville High School and the University of North Carolina where he participated in football, basketball, and baseball and was a student before entering the Army three years ago. His latest citation reads in part: "... for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight. He has accomplished with distinction, as pilot, more than one hundred combat missions over unspoiled territory of Northern Burma. In the execution of these flights he has with eagerness and vigor attacked enemy installations of material and troop concentrations, inflicting severe damage on these as well as bridges, airfields, and other communication facilities. These operations, in which he has flown, constitute acts of extraordinary achievement in aerial flight and reflect the highest credit on the military forces of the United States."

REPORT FROM THE RED CROSS ROOM

Mrs. Neal Howard, knitting chairman, announces that there is now on hand material for 20 V-Neck, Sleeveless, olive drab sweaters and 5 Turtle-neck, long-sleeved, navy sweaters. These are needed for shipment by January 15th. Volunteers, please call 965-1 immediately and your wool will be delivered to your home, that this important task may get underway as soon as possible. Mrs. W. M. Willis, general chairman, Red Cross Stock Room, advised 70 kits and 2,000 donations to County Headquarters, this week. The Surgical Dressing Station will be closed with after Christmas as the present quota has been completed.

Congress Starts On Home Stretch

Social Security Battle Coming Up Again; Republicans Pledge War Aid

Washington, Nov. 16.—The 78th Congress convened for its final session Tuesday, swore in a former Capitol elevator boy as a Senator, and recessed until Thursday to map action on a legislative slate which it hopes can be wiped clean by December 10. Social security taxes shared the spotlight with election yarns as each house conducted only perfunctory business before tackling an agenda which includes a vast postwar highway program, flood control, extension of the War Powers Act and important appropriation bills. The reconvening Congress includes some 75 "Lame Duck" members who will yield their seats January 3. Democratic leaders, jubilant at their party's victory at the polls, will confer with President Roosevelt tomorrow on his plans for any new legislation. The President is expected to submit nominations soon for a number of important offices, including successors to Clarence E. Gauss, ambassador to China, Chairman James L. Fly of the Federal Communications Commission, and Chairman William H. Davis of the War Labor Board. Republican Pledge. House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin, who would have succeeded Sam Rayburn of Texas as Speaker had the GOP captured control of the House, pledged Congressional Republicans to "full support of the war and the building of an enduring peace."

WINS AIR MEDAL

Staff Sergeant J. A. Taylor, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor, 7834 Yorktown Drive, Norfolk, Va., formerly of Farmville, has recently won the Air Medal, "For meritorious achievement in aerial flight." Eight weeks earlier in a B-17 Flying Fortress, he has seen 50 combat missions and won his decoration while serving with the 15th AAF based in Italy. A professional golfer, Taylor was selected December 1, 1943, and has been playing ever since.

U. S. Artillery Cuts Down Foe

M'Arthur's Men Threaten To Cut Off Japanese Spearhead Above Ormoc On Leyte; Principal Fighting Rages Near Limon

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Nov. 16.—American fighting men Wednesday were on three sides of the Japanese Leyte Island spearhead thrust north from the port of Ormoc, and threatened to cut the spear from the shaft. In a strategic maneuver, infantrymen of the 24th Division swung wide to the west of the Japanese front line regiment near Limon, while other units of the 24th maintained pressure along the line from the north. First Cavalry (dismounted) units closed in from captured Hill 1625 and Mt. Catabran to the east. In his communiqué Gen. Douglas MacArthur spoke of the movement as a "wide envelopment" and declared it is "threatening the Yamashita line below Limon." He said American artillery was giving the infantrymen highly effective close support. Rake Supply Lines. At the same time American long range guns were raking the Japanese supply line twisting up through the mountains from Ormoc, making reinforcement of Nipponese troops at Limon costly and uncertain. Elements of the 96th American Infantry Division gained a mountain crest looking down toward Ormoc, 14 miles to the west, in the vicinity of Alto Peak. The American Seventh Division at Damulan on the west Leyte coast, near the mouth of Ormoc Bay, repulsed a small enemy force attempting to land from barges, General MacArthur reported. This was the first news of the Seventh in more than a week. He declared that along the Ormoc corridor American troops slashing out with constant offensive punches, have kept the Japanese off balance, and prevented Gen. Tokoyuki Yamashita from gathering enough force in his forward areas for a strong counter-attack. Elements of five Japanese divisions are hemmed in by the Americans, who hold high ground along three sides of Limon and along the east side of narrow valley leading to Ormoc. Principal fighting is near Limon, to which the Japanese have been forced to withdraw by the American 24th Division pushing south along the Ormoc road from Garigara Bay on Leyte's north coast. The Japanese are holding up the Americans advances there by a stand along what MacArthur calls the "Yamashita Line." It is this line the Americans are now threatening to cut off by moving in behind it from both east and west.

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Registering at the local Service Men's Center during the past week were: Leon Lovie, of the Merchant Marine, with home port at Norfolk, Va., who is spending some time with his sister, Mrs. Bernice Wooten. Lovie has been at sea since March touching many of the important ports in the Mediterranean. Cherry Point: S/Sgt. Robert Amos, Pensacola, Fla., and Greensboro, Ga., and Tech/Sgt. Charles O. Wood, McAlester, Okla. Saturday night guests of Miss DeVisconti and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Abernathy. Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro: Pfc. Richard J. Flouride, West Lynn, Mass., dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. B. Webber, and Cpl. Michael Kravnick, Cleveland, Ohio, dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Abernathy. Both were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Pollard. Kingston Air Base: Sgt. Arthur Griesman, Kalamazoo, Wis., and S/Sgt. James A. Riley, Indianapolis, Ind., Sunday night guests of Miss DeVisconti. Camp Chaffee, Ark.: S/Sgt. Thomas M. Faircloth, Thomasville, N. C., Saturday night guest of Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Mashburn and dinner guest Sunday of Mrs. George Parr. Circle 1 of the Methodist Church, between groups, served caramel cake, ham and egg sandwiches, pineapple cheese sandwiches, tomatoes, lettuce, home-made chocolate fudge, coffee and an assortment of fruit. Mrs. Pat Ruffin was acting hostess. Other donations were milk, by Mrs. and Mrs. Bob Norman; flowers by Mrs. B. S. Sheppard, and magazines by Mrs. W. C. Holston, Mrs. E. F. Brooks and Mrs. Ivey Smith of Wakefulness. Group 2 of the Christian Church will be in charge this week and, under the chairmanship of Mrs. R. D. Bantz.

Employees To Again Play A Big Part In 6th War Loan Drive

Josh W. Munden, Town-ship Chairman Retailers Division, Appoints Co-workers For Drive Beginning Nov. 20

In calling all employees to participate in the solicitation and sale of War Bonds in the Sixth War Loan Drive which begins Monday, Nov. 20th, Chairman Josh W. Munden of the Retailers Division, again divides employees into two teams as in the last drive; the "Eisenhower" team with Miss Mary Elizabeth Barrett as chairman, and the "MacArthur" team with W. H. "Bill" Duke as chairman. The above teams sold over two hundred thousand dollars in Bonds across the county during the Fifth War Loan Drive. The following is a copy of a letter recently mailed to co-workers by Chairman Munden, which we pass on to the public because of its importance at this time: To the Fellow Workers of the Merchants' Division, Pitt County War Finance Committee, Farmville, N. C. Friends: As you already know the Sixth War Loan Drive begins next Monday, November 20th. As before, you can be of invaluable assistance to the success of our part in this Drive. There will be other workers, but we, representing the Merchants' Division, are to again play a most important part. Because of interest created in our last drive we are again dividing our employees into teams. War Bond Sales for each team will be posted daily in the window of some centrally-located store so that the employees may note the progress of his or her team. Plans are already being made by the Captains for the losing team to entertain the winning team to a picnic supper like the one staged at the end of the last Drive. Our two teams will be as before, the "MacArthur" Team, with Bill Duke as Captain, and the "Eisenhower" Team, with Miss Mary Elizabeth Barrett as Captain. You have already been drafted to be on the same team that you were on before. Pledges will be given to each of you and there will be plenty of additional ones when needed. The Sixth War Loan Drive Must be a Success in our Community, as well as Nationally. Everyone of us must give this all the energy that we have. We all must participate. If you are a downtown worker and were not on a team in the last drive, it is important that you see one of the Captains of the two teams and enlist today. Do you know that over 600,000 of our boys have already been killed or seriously wounded during this war? Do you realize that every pledge you get signed to buy War Bonds will do its part in helping to shorten the war and thereby bring back a lot of our boys that might not have returned? Our boys over there are depending on us. Let's don't let them down. Let's all begin selling Bonds today. We did it before. Let's do it again. Yours very truly, Josh W. Munden, Township Chairman.

Churchill Sees Long Fight Ahead

London, Nov. 16.—Prime Minister Churchill, home from a tour of French battlefronts, told the House of Commons Wednesday that extremely heavy fighting "will certainly last for a good long time." His statement was in reply to James Duncanson, a conservative, who asked that men over 40 in "static" military stations be released from the army. "I need hardly remind you that the static stations are necessary for the prosecution of the war," Churchill replied. "Officers and men over 40 of low medical category who are employed there release officers and men for more active duty. In view of the present shortage of manpower I regret that the present arrangement for indefinite release from the forces cannot be altered." Insistence by Duncanson that the matter be reviewed in the light of new facts brought this statement from Mr. Churchill: "The new fact that stares one in the face is that extremely heavy fighting is continuing week by week and will certainly last for a good long time." WONT YOU SHARE YOUR HOME? Service Men everywhere are grateful for the warm touch of home life offered them by patriotic citizens who, conscious of the longing being experienced by their own sons and daughters in Service and those of their friends, open their homes and their hearts to all who come their way. Wouldn't you like to be among those serving in this way? Contact the local Service Men's Center and register your home on the list that says, "Welcome Servicemen." J. Barrett, Mrs. Lottie E. Lewis, Mrs. Cecil Johnston, R. R. Newton, Mrs. Emma L. Jones, G. S. Thomas, Mrs. Linwood Russell, Leslie Braxton, Benjie Allen, Dorothy Gay, Alice Fowler, Catherine Freuler, Gladys Leitch, North Nassif Cannon, Annie Nicholas, A. B. Tyson, Virginia Clayton, Louis Williams, Mrs. A. B. Tyson, Mrs. Blanche J. Paschall, Margaret Thomas, Jr., Lucile Bryant Allen, Flanagan, E. Ellmaney, Mrs. E. L. Crumpler, Ella Mae Bailey, Will Moore, T. E. Johnson, Mrs. G. H. Barrett, Joe Nelson, Mrs. J. Tom Taylor, W. A. Allen.

Russians Liquidate Enemy Bridgehead

Smash Nazis On East Bank Of Danube; 50,000 Prisoners Taken

London, Nov. 15.—German troops have evacuated the important communications center of Jasbereny, 35 miles due east of Budapest, the Berlin radio said today. The reported loss of the bitterly contested city of 30,000 came after the Red Army wheeled upon the Hungarian capital from several directions and liquidated a German bridgehead east of the Danube and south of Budapest. Moscow said 30 towns had been overrun. Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's troops, holding fast to their positions within easy medium artillery range of Budapest on the south, spearheaded north and northwest from Monor, and captured Uri and Peteri in gains of three to five miles. Squeeze of Solt and Duna Egyhaza, 45 and 42 miles south of Budapest, erased the enemy bridgehead on the east bank of the Danube. The Berlin radio said the Russians hurled three infantry divisions against the Nazis, who withdrew to newly-prepared positions on the west bank. A Moscow dispatch said 1,200 prisoners were taken in the bridgehead battle, and hundreds more of the enemy drowned in an attempt to flee across the river. Approximately 50,000 Germans and Hungarians have been captured since Hungarians have his drive on Budapest. Hungary seemed likely to remain the main theater of action on the eastern front, the Moscow dispatch added, for there was little hint of any attempt in the near future to break the stalemate in Poland or East Prussia. The Russian war bulletin announced the capture of Nagykata, railway town 27 miles east of Budapest and 10 miles south of the rail junction of Jasbereny. Moscow dispatches said yesterday hand-to-hand fighting was taking place in Jasbereny. Heves, 17 miles northeast of Jasbereny, fell to the Russians, and the entire operation had the effect of straightening a curving line stretching 80 miles northeast from the vicinity of Budapest to positions south of the big railway junction of Miskolc. A broadcast communique from Marshal Tito announced that his Yugoslav partisans had captured Skopje, important rail junction in southern Yugoslavia and key to the Vardar valley route through the Balkans.

PATTON'S FORCES DRIVING ON METZ FROM THREE SIDES

Hitler Reported Under Knife For Throat Tumor

London, Nov. 14.—A Viennese surgeon has operated on Adolf Hitler to remove a dangerous throat tumor which developed from his chronic throat trouble, a high German personality arriving in Switzerland said Tuesday. A United Press Zurich dispatch reporting the operation said that Hitler was at his Oberamtsburg retreat in Bavaria and that the operating surgeon was Professor Eicke of Vienna. Prof. Ferdinand Sauerbruch, formerly Hitler's personal surgeon, did not operate because he is no longer in favor, the dispatch said. The German informant offered the operation as an explanation of rumors that Hitler was incapacitated, held a prisoner by his own Nazis, or dead, and of his failure to read in person his manifesto last Sunday. At the same time the Moscow radio, also quoting reports from Sweden, said that Hitler had had a stroke which paralyzed the right side of his body and all but deprived him of the power of speech. The News Chronicle, commenting on the Zurich report of a throat operation on Hitler, suggested that the surgeon was Dr. Eichen, who had removed a polypus from Hitler's throat back in 1939. Hitler In Japan. New York, Nov. 15th.—"Hitler is alive, but in Japan, and made the trip in a submarine," according to one of the theories circulating among doughboys of the American First Army in Germany, Blue Network Correspondent Gordon Fraser said today in a broadcast from the front. France Seeking American Goods. Washington, Nov. 14.—The French are seeking approximately two billion dollars worth of United States exports during the next 12 months for use in rebuilding their country, it was learned tonight. Arrangements for the huge procurement program already are nearing completion. Some of the goods may be shipped on lend-lease because they are considered necessary to France's war effort against Germany or Japan, but the great bulk will go partly for cash and officials hope, partly on credit. The French program, probably the farthest advanced of the economic plans to come out of liberated Europe, calls for purchase of 700 locomotives as well as comparable quantities of railway rolling stock and track equipment, trucks for highway transport; huge shipments of cotton, fertilizers and other raw materials. Not As Great. The purchasing program recently has been revised as a result of the discovery upon the liberation of France that the ravages of war had not been as great as officials first believed. The amounts of factory equipment desired have been reduced sharply and the amounts of raw materials required to keep existing French factories running have been increased greatly. Similarly, there was a reduction of food required and an increase in fertilizers and other food-producing materials. The biggest problem is how to finance the French program. The answer will depend on what kind of over-all export finance program is worked out by President Roosevelt and Congress in the next few months. A hint of what may be coming was given in San Francisco today by Charles F. Tamm, a State Department economic official, who called for repeal of the Johnson Act which prohibits United States lending to nations that defaulted on World War I debts, and for expansion of the Export-Import Bank's lending authority.

Three More Forts Guarding Metz Captured Today; British Begin New Drive On Northern Sector In Holland; Seventh Army Advances On Southern Front

London, Nov. 16.—U. S. Third Army troops pushed to within a mile and three-quarters of Metz from the south Wednesday against stiffening resistance and fought fiercely for full control of Pouilly Ridge, which controls the Germans' main escape highway from the French fortress city. This advance by the Fifth Infantry division, which already has penetrated the outer fortress system of the city, was matched by the 96th Infantry division driving on Metz from the west. The 96th reached a point two miles from the city limits after gaining a mile and a half and overrunning two more forts in the Metz system north of Fort Driant. Some 150 miles to the north, British Second Army infantry smashed into the enemy lines in southeastern Holland behind massed artillery fire and flame-throwers, advancing 4,000 yards on a three-mile front west of the Dutch border city of Venlo. This drive was made in bitter cold and driving sleet. German Withdrawal. North of Metz the Koeningmacker Thionville bridgehead over the Moselle River was lengthened to 14 miles by Third Army troops and a front dispatch said there were signs of a general German withdrawal to the southeast in that area. In the wheeling movement southeast of Metz the Fourth Armored division passed Guebling, 27 miles from the city, and the 26th pressed closer to Dieuze. A German counterattack was broken up by the troops driving on Metz from the south and another enemy counterattack was repulsed in the Sixth Armored division zone around Arriance, 15 miles southeast of Metz and 14 miles from the German border. British Advance. The British mounted their drive Tuesday from Nederweert, 18 miles southwest of Venlo and some 38 miles northwest of Aachen. The apparent purpose of this offensive was to flatten the German bulge west of the Mass (Meuse) River and straighten the Allied front between the Dutch city of Nijmegen and Aachen, where American First Army troops have penetrated the Siegfried line and established themselves firmly on German soil. The British quickly established three bridgeheads over the Western and Rurder canals and occupied Meijel, six miles northeast of Nederweert, and Eind, a mile and a half southeast of Nederweert. The Germans had abandoned Meijel, but left it heavily mined and booby trapped. Immediately south of Metz, the Americans who breached the ring of forts—finding them surprisingly unmaneuvered and stripped of their big guns—ran up against a hastily-emplaced line of German 88s on the Pouilly Ridge less than two miles below the city. Still Other Gains. On the right flank of the Third Army's huge attack, American infantry and armor advancing north of Chateau-Salins reached the area of Desrech and Baronweert. Fresh gains were scored also by Allied troops of the Sixth Army group in the Vosges mountains and foothills north of the Swiss border. Northeast of Baccarat they advanced approximately 5 miles against light resistance. East of Bruyeres the town of Granges-Sur-Vologne and several nearby villages were captured as the enemy was forced back more than a mile. Still farther south, despite snow and mud and extensive German minefields, limited advances were scored against stiff opposition in the flooded valley of the Doubs River. The Allied communique reported that weather "severely restricted air operations" in support of the ground attacks. NEW SUGAR STAMP The Raleigh District Office of Price Administration has announced that Sugar Stamp 34 in War Ration Book No. 4 will be good for the purchase of five pounds of sugar beginning November 16. Local housewives now have the purchasing value of five ration coupons including No. 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34, all good indefinitely. Sugar Stamp No. 40 which was validated in February 1944 is still good for the purchase of five pounds of sugar for home cooking purchases through February 1, 1945. County A.A. Auctioneering will be held in South Carolina in Ivaux, North Carolina.