

## Week of Torture Ends for 7 at Sea

Navy Men Rescued From Disabled Plane Tell How Albatross Hovered Over Them.

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half days before we could get a at the pathetic trickle of fresh water from their condenser.

"We had only three-quarters of a cup of food daily for each man and the labels had been washed off, so we never knew what we were getting. We rigged a salt-water condenser from a glass windshield wiper and were able to get enough fresh water for one swallow each. The most we got was three-quarters of a pint of water, and that was on a good day."

"The impact of landing smashed a large hole in our port hull and our clothes, gear and much of our apparatus were washed out. We expected the plane to sink any minute so we prepared our rubber rafts and ourselves for getting away. Two of the men had to bail all the time. We plugged the rivet holes with pencils and that helped keep the leaks down."

"A heavy wind was blowing all the time and we were being sent through the water fast enough to make a white wake. We drifted for 400 miles or more before we were picked up on the night of Jan. 17. Our plane was in such a broken and damaged condition that we had to patch it with wire, and even then the sides bulged and bent with every corner."

### Albatross Keeps Vigil

From a stance on the port engine of their half-sunken plane, an albatross fixed a beady eye on the men. Hour after hour he perched there, passionately watching their fight against the death they knew would come if they could not patch up their broken, water-soaked radio.

Never once shifting its position, never once taking its eye from them, the great bird immortalized by "The Ancient Mariner" rode the wildly pitching wreck. To the seven, his presence was like an evil spirit foretelling an inevitable destiny.

As they bailed with never a halt, racked their brains to contrive some way to repair the radio and stood b ready for instant escape from their broken plane, the Navy fliers found enough breath to recite bits of poems. It helped to lighten their plight and their realization that nothing short of a miracle would ever bring rescue before they died from thirst and hunger, or disappeared under the seas.

"Water, water everywhere and only one sip a day to drink," they paraphrased trying to laugh a little.

War Moves Today—

## RUSS DISPELL NAZI FICTION

German Withdrawal Not  
Orderly as Claimed,  
But a Retreat.

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It seems that a large German army, estimated at about 100,000 men, is in serious danger in the Mozhaisk-Borodino area. Two Russian pincer arms are closing in from Rzhev on the north and Orel on the south, threatening to meet behind the retreating Germans, while their center smashes directly towards Smolensk.

The mystery of why the Mozhaisk bulge in the German line, so close to the capital, stood for weeks while the Russians were making notable advances in other sectors, has been cleared up.

The Russians allowed it to stand while they perfected their flanking operations to the north and south. They were shooting for bigger game than a mere German retreat. They sought to pocket and trap a formidable enemy force, and ensuing days will show whether they succeeded.

### Nazis Not Yet Beaten

Beside prayers half-remembered came to their lips. The voice of mother's prayers of their childhood returned.

"... Our Father Who art in Heaven..." "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

"We all feel it was just faith that pulled us through," said Lieut. Sutherland.

Official word of the rescue was released here yesterday noon. The men had landed at Balbo Tuesday and were taken to Coco Solo for the night. They will be given extra leave—and then they will be back in the air again, flying over the same area that nearly became their grave.

### Refused to Be Downhearted

Ensign Lahodney recalled some of the lighter moments as the crew struggled to keep up their spirits while the hole in the plane's side hourly grew larger.

"After about four days we were ready to settle for a nice job in the salt mines of Siberia," he said.

"We talked of what we would have to eat when picked up and then when we were rescued all we wanted was water and coffee. We took an oath never again to pass a drinking fountain anywhere without taking a drink—if we got saved."

## 3 DIE IN TRAIN-AUTO CRASH NEAR INGALLS

Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 22.—The death toll in a railroad crossing accident near Ingalls late last night mounted to three today when Harry Roland, 15, of Greenfield, died in St. John's Hospital here.

His brother, Russell, 17, driver of the auto that was struck by a Big Four passenger train, and Miss Bonnie Smith, 16, also of Greenfield, were killed outright.

Miss Virginia Wiggins, 15, also of Greenfield, was in critical condition today at the hospital. Another Roland youth, Robert, 21, suffered minor injuries.

## Falls 8 Floors



Chicago police today were investigating the death of Dorothy Sullivan, 27, (above), who fell eight floors to her death, her clothes afame. Miss Sullivan was to testify in a narcotics case.

## 200,000 JAPS ATTACK LUZON

### Fierce Attempt to Blast McArthur Off Bataan Is Made.

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It is impossible to predict how far the German retreat will be carried but it seems increasingly probable, as previously predicted, that it will fall back to the line of the Dnieper.

The Russians, flushed with success, are even talking of driving the Germans entirely off Russian soil.

Even with the bitter winter weather in favor of the Russians,

this would be a feat which few

military observers would care to bet.

On Hitler's powerful army has suf-

fered a serious reverse, but it is not yet beaten.

### Plans MacArthur Tap

Success of these drives would put the Japanese behind Gen. MacArthur's very strong eastern Bataan positions and might well force him to withdraw to Corregidor fortress in order to avoid being cut off from his communications port of Mariveles.

It was evident that the small American and Filipino group—despite Gen. MacArthur's astute generalship—could not continue to battle indefinitely against such vast and growing odds.

The exact size of the Japanese attacking force was not revealed.

However, the communiqué reported that the entire 14th Japanese army under Gen. Homa, bolstered by a number of other units and the constantly arriving reinforcements, is engaged in the attack.

### Outnumbered 10 to 1

A Japanese army is believed to comprise up to 12 divisions of about 15,000 men each. This would constitute a force of 180,000 and with reinforcements and other troop units it was believed that the Japanese assault troops may well number as high as 300,000.

The size of MacArthur's force is not known but it was evident that he is outnumbered by something greater than 10 to 1 although it is probable that not all the Japanese troops are actually engaged on the narrow Bataan front.

### Seek to Trap Defenders

The Japanese attack was only lightly supported by aircraft, the communiqué said, but an attack by 17 Japanese bombers on the city of Cebu, principal city of a centrally located Philippines island of the same name, was revealed.

American military circles de-

scribed Gen. Homa as a very able commander. At 54 he has a long record of important assignments, many of which have brought him into close contact with the western world.

He has long served on the Japanese general staff and four years ago operated the "second bureau" of the staff—a section roughly like the G-2 section of the U. S. general staff, the intelligence section.

He has a good command of Eng-

lish and acted as public relations officer of the Japanese war office early in the 1930's. He was the Japanese army representative at the Geneva Disarmament Conference in 1931 and accompanied Prince Chichibu, brother of Emperor Hirohito, on his trip to London in 1937.

## FIRE ON 8TH FLOOR OF LINCOLN HOTEL

A cigarette, apparently dropped on a bed, caused a fire that destroyed the mattresses of twin beds in Room 827 at the Lincoln Hotel today.

The room was occupied by David Hughes of Chicago. Mr. Hughes notified a hotel watchman when he discovered the fire at 1:30 a. m.

Firemen under Battalion Chief Charles Gregory threw the smoldering mattresses out of a window, dropping them to the Kentucky Ave. side of the hotel. Hotel employees emptied three fire extinguishers on the burning beds and firemen emptied three more.

Chief Gregory praised the em-

ployees for telling guests in rooms opening on the smoke-filled hall to open their windows and to keep calm.

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