

## 'THAT'S HOW I GOT IT IN LEG'

Writer Describes Fury of Japanese Last Attack On Malayan Tip.

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were frightened refugees. There were men who defied the enemy bombers. There were camera men who kept their machines grinding as the enemy hurled bombs at the causeway.

And there was one among the many unsung heroines who refused to seek the comparative safety of Singapore Island. She was Mrs. Stanley Baillie of North Berwick, Scotland, who indignantly refused to accept advice that she leave a hospital base where wounded soldiers could not be moved.

Entitled to Salute

Mrs. Baillie said farewell to most of her friends and said she would stand by in one of the most dangerous areas. Her husband is in the army. We saluted her as she turned down the opportunity of joining a departing unit.

The traffic southward was not as heavy as might have been expected, but the evacuees were forced to move slowly and to keep to the side of the road.

I saw one group wearing red fezzes, presumably Egyptians or Arabs. Behind them came tricycle carriers piled high with a jumble of household effects, including a number of Chinese flower-painted pottery pieces.

In various villages small parties joined up under direction of local leaders. Many carried palm and pineapple fronds to shelter themselves from the scorching sun.

Boys Guard Rice Cargo

Two little boys pulled a home-made trolley on which they had placed a big bag of rice which they guarded as if it meant life or death to them—and perhaps it will.

Many bent and wrinkled natives plodded along, apparently without knowing where they were going.

Many women carried tiny babies on their backs and some carried the much-prized Westminster chiming clocks that are popular in native villages.

There did not seem to be many "good Samaritans" among the persons with motor transportation, but the others all helped each other and many women were given priority on official lorries.

Snap Pictures Despite Planes

Dust raised by the retiring armed forces settled on the sweating lines of refugees and half-naked bodies glistened under the hot sun.

Traveling in an automobile with news reel men, I arrived at the Johore Bahru causeway at a time when the light was excellent for photography. The film men stopped and set up their cameras.

A flight of 24 enemy planes appeared overhead, speeding straight for the causeway.

Three of us dived for a fox hole that had been dug for one man. We covered the hole with a sheet of quarter-inch steel which gave more comfort than protection. Just then the Japanese dropped their bomb loads and the whole earth seemed to shake.

Clouds of Dust

Two fellow shelterers muttered unprintable words starting "the little yellow . . ."

Near us there was detonation after detonation.

After several minutes we raised a corner of our cover and looked out. Clouds of dust were everywhere. Anti-aircraft guns were barking on all sides.

It was then that I got it in the leg again.

A bomb stick burst near me as I lay prone on the ground and I was showered with slivers of rubber trees, loose earth and small shrapnel splinters.

One splinter drew some blood from the calf of my right leg, which has always persisted in getting into the wars.

(Mr. Guard's right leg was partially disabled in the World War; he was a submarine officer.)

Everywhere I saw a determination to delay and disrupt the Japanese as long as possible.

The natives especially were cheerful, holding their thumbs up in greeting and giving every co-operation to the soldiers.

The soldiers themselves are now completely bronzed except for a brief section which they cover with the shortest of shorts—the sole uniform of the Malaya campaign.

Bomb Upsets Tea Kettle

Japanese planes dived low over us, making their way toward Singapore.

The soldiers began moving cautiously out of the rubber fields and the ditches when suddenly a single Japanese bomber, diving out of the sun, came so low I saw its markings. I had scarcely thrown myself on the ground when machine-gun bullets began spattering closely and the plane loosed its full bomb load.

I joined a group of British soldiers when the plane disappeared, and found them seething with anger. The bombs had upset the mess kettle in which they had just brewed a fresh lot of morning tea.

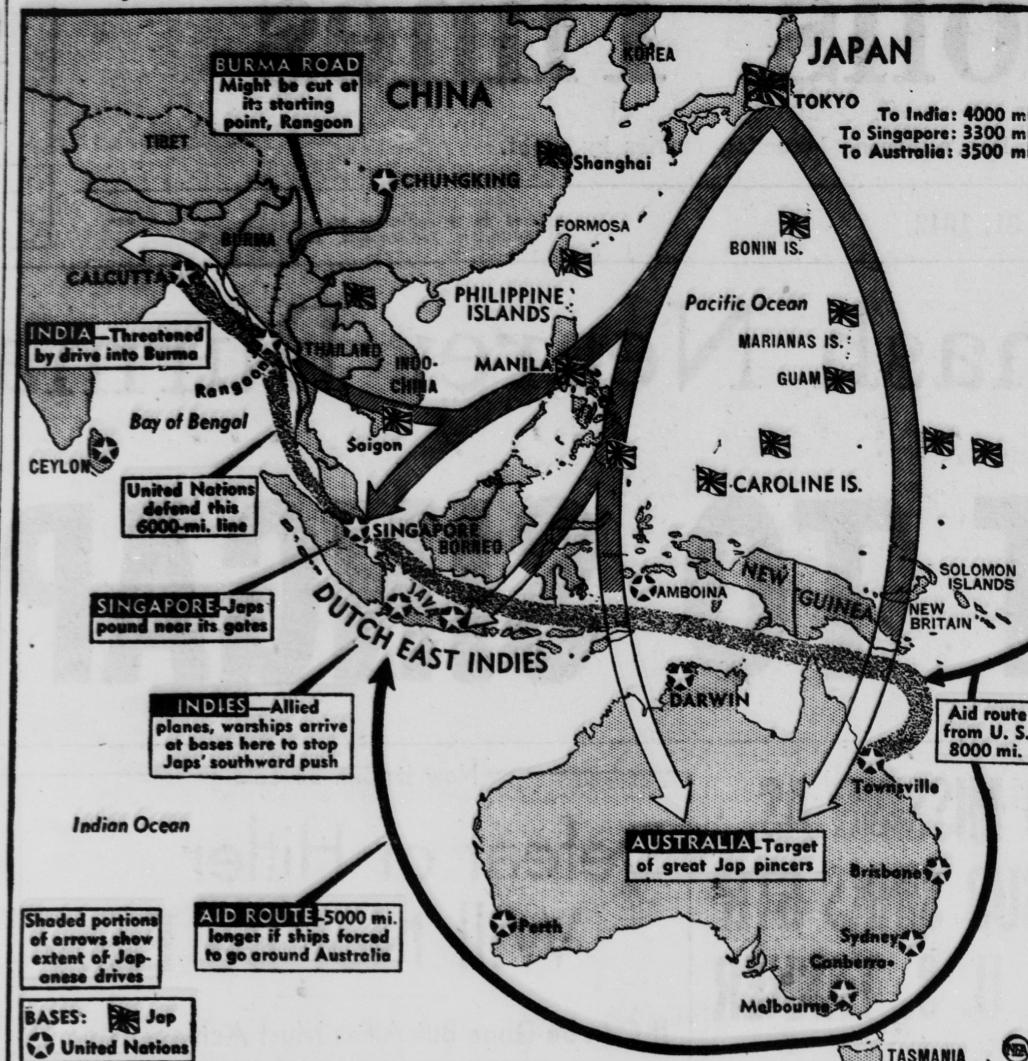
USE STAMP MUST BE ON AUTO BY MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (U. P.)—Monday is the deadline for purchase of the new Federal auto-use stamp, but Treasury officials today said the \$2.00 stickers will remain on sale during February.

Maximum penalty for driving an auto without the stamp after Monday is a \$25 fine and 30 days imprisonment. Treasury officials said enforcement rests with collectors of internal revenue.

The price of a stamp for a full year is \$5 and stickers of this denomination will go on sale before July 1, beginning of the next fiscal year and deadline for putting them on autos.

## Japs Move Nearer Dutch East Indies



The increasing peril to the Dutch East Indies is shown in this map. The large arrow indicating Japanese objectives takes in Amboina where a full scale invasion attempt was launched today. The United Nations defense lines are also shown.



Some of the world's biggest long-range guns and jungles as thick as any in Malaya guard the approaches to Singapore Island. The British forces, now forced off the mainland of Malaya, promise a fight to the death at the naval fortress.

## Washington Calling

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they'll have enough construction machinery soon to do all the building the war program will permit. Industry can be converted to munitions production.

CLOSER control of industrial inventories is in the works. It means burdensome figure work for industry, big checking job for Government. Advocates say it's needed so war industry can draw on supplies without danger of running out suddenly.

THERE'LL BE NO legislation—now, at any rate—to federalize unemployment insurance systems as part of the \$300,000,000 benefit plan for war-displaced workers. Sentiment in Congress is strongly for leaving supervision with the states—which have built up reserves exceeding \$2,500,000,000.

Leon Henderson has requisitioned 500 wage-hour inspectors. They're watching for chiseling on tire-rationing orders, working on inventory of dealers' stocks of tires and tubes.

REPUBLICAN strategy still calls for full support of FDR war program. GOP isolationists in Congress didn't miss the fact that two recent by-elections went to men following the Willkie pattern of liberal, non-isolationist Republicanism. They're watching munitions output; if this bugs it will be No. 1 Congressional campaign issue.

IT'S JUST ORDINARY JANUARY WEATHER

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DOUGLAS Dam isn't built yet but it has already washed out Senator McCall's one-time 100 per cent support of the New Deal. He denounced one-man price control this week; will launch an attack on TVA Chairman Lilienhardt.

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TRIPLE PURPOSE

LEND-LEASE money may buy South American meat, hides, wheat and other agricultural products for direct shipment to United Nations, thus killing three birds with one stone—feeding Allies, pleasing good neighbors, conserving United States food for home use.

## BRITISH BACK UP INTO SINGAPORE

### Japs Invade Dutch Naval Base, Seize Moulmein, Attack New Guinea.

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in the assault on Singapore Island, separated from the mainland by the mile-wide water barrier. Causeway "Breached"

The enemy was blasted by British naval guns, artillery and airplanes as the defense forces withdrew in good order from the mainland under a plan calling for the Imperials to inflict the heaviest possible casualties and delay the Japanese as long as possible.

The withdrawal was carried out as scheduled and without serious enemy interference.

The causeway across the strait was "breached," presumably merely broken by engineers in a way that would prevent the enemy from crossing as it is built of granite and would be extremely difficult to blow up entirely.

The British command then mobilized all fighting strength in the population of 751,000 persons on the island (30 miles long by 10 miles wide) and issued a communiqué saying that it would be defended until reinforcements arrived as "most assuredly" they will.

London commentators said that the big allied need is more naval strength in the East Indies in order to turn the tide against the enemy by striking at long lines of communications now stretching out into the Southwestern Pacific.

A British broadcast reported that reinforcements were arriving in that area, one convoy of 60 ships had arrived, presumably in Australia, after escaping a Japanese air attack.

The new enemy thrust into the Dutch islands centered on the Moluccas, lying about 140 miles west of New Guinea, south of the Philippines and 660 miles north of Port Darwin, the main Allied base in north Australia.

Another Jap Sub Sunk

Japanese forces, including three cruisers, six destroyers and four transports, supported by heavy air squadrons have been blasting at the Dutch defense forces at Amboina naval and air base for 24 hours and were last reported storming the coast.

The Dutch destroyed all installations at the base and were fighting strongly against the attack, but again were outnumbered.

The Japanese invasion fleet, part of the great sea-borne force the enemy sent into the East Indies in an all-out gamble for quick victory, was believed to be under air attack by Dutch and probably American planes based in Borneo but no details were disclosed by Allied headquarters.

The Dutch reported that they had sunk another Japanese submarine, bringing their toll of enemy ships bombed to 55 in 55 days of war, but did not give the position of the attack.

Amboina is on an island of 262 square miles but the Dutch defense units there were believed much inferior in numbers to thousands of Japanese troops on the invading transports.

Bomb New Guinea Bases

In addition to bombing Bulolo and Salamaua on New Guinea island the Japs pressed their land offensive from Sarawak down the west coast of Dutch Borneo, where they are being strongly opposed by Dutch defenders of Pontianak, which the enemy is seeking as a base for attack on Java. On the east Borneo coast, the Japanese were also still meeting resistance in the Balikpapan sector.

Northward in China, there were reports of an impending Chinese attack on the Japanese flank in French Indo-China and Chungking newspapers warned Russia of the possibility of a Japanese drive from Manchukuo into Siberia.

Chinese troops fighting in Kwangtung province near Canton captured the East River town of Poklo, a Chinese Army communiqué said.

The communiqué said that since Jan. 23 the Japanese air force had lost 54 planes in fighting in Burma and in United Nations attacks on Japanese bases in Thailand.

LICENSED women pilots, snubbed last year by Army's plane ferry service, are being courted now for civil air patrol. There are 2000 of them; CAP wants them all.

NYLON stockings are going the way of all silk; rayon's the only thing left for replacement.

WHAT, beards? There's talk cutting steel for razor blades. Not for a while yet, though.

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