

TWO JAP TROOP SHIPS SMASHED

Allies Bag Transports at Timor; Biggest Moresby Raid Driven Off.

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area yesterday, seeking to relieve pressure of allied plane attacks on Japanese bases and possibly to soften the zone for direct attack.

34 Bombers In Attack

Thirty-four heavy bombers, escorted by 15 zero fighters, tried to attack the Port Moresby airdrome. Cannon firing American fighter planes went up against them and shot down one heavy bomber, damaged three which were last seen wobbling and losing altitude over the jungle, with smoke trailing from them, and damaged three zero fighters. One allied plane is missing.

Only a few planes got through the fighter screen and they did negligible damage to the airdrome runways.

A United Press dispatch from an allied base said that 18 assorted Japanese bombers, probably escorted by eight to 10 fighters, attacked another Port Moresby area only to be driven back.

It was the 52d and most determined enemy raid on Port Moresby.

The number of planes evidently confirmed belief that the Japanese had received strong reinforcements at their Lae and Rabaul bases in the northeastern invasion area.

Yesterday's attacks came when the axis reported that the Japanese assembled a fleet north of Australia for a new offensive, and that an American naval formation had been sighted 550 miles east of the Solomon Islands.

Belief is strong here that the Japanese must essay another attack against the continent soon.

Japan's growing strength in the Australian invasion area was indicated by the assertion by Tokyo today that the Japanese had 69 airdrome sites in the region of Lae, on the north coast of New Guinea.)

DOWN 9 MALTA RAIDERS

VALLETTA, Malta, May 19 (U. P.).—British defenders of this island have shot down nine enemy aerial raiders and damaged four since 6 p. m. Sunday.

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As Thousands More Yanks Arrived in Ireland



Maj. Gen. Russell F. Hartle, right, meets the new American troops arriving in a northern Ireland port. This photo was radioed from London to New York.

DIM-OUT PLACES N. Y. IN SHADOW

Department Stores Darken Display Windows Under Stringent Rules.

NEW YORK, May 19 (U. P.).—New, more stringent dimout regulations that affect even table lamps deepened New York's wartime shadows last night.

Department stores abandoned lighting display windows or shaded them with awnings, signs that have been allowed on April 28 were off, and bars and restaurants shaded their lights or curtained their windows. Theater marquees were dark.

Housewives removed low lamps from windows.

Train for Day of Invasion; Huge Convoy Slips Past Subs

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United States army chief of staff, on his visit here a month ago that a steady flow of men and materiel would be sent to fight the war "to early victory."

It lent emphasis also to Gen. Marshall's statement that American troops would be operating against the enemy in the very near future.

As fast as the men landed they were hustled off to their training stations.

Bring Newly-Made Tanks

Equipment was put in operation as fast as it was landed. The Irish countryside echoed with the tramp of soldier feet, the rumble of trucks and the clank of tanks.

As I write, American light and medium tanks fresh from factories where the fathers of the troops are working on the home front are going through whitewashed coastal villages, the first American tanks in northern Ireland.

In addition to the armored units there are considerable numbers of mobile anti-tank guns.

The first arrivals were led by a 59-year-old commander from New York, a short, gray-haired veteran who came up from the ranks to become a specialist in field artillery.

O'Neal Is First Ashore

The first man ashore from the convoy was Pvt. First Class Marvin H. O'Neal, Philip, S. D., a freckled, red-haired youth of 21 who has been in the army 15 months.

He said the girl he left behind was Virginia Peterson, 18, who is in school at Philip.

"She's a beauty," Pvt. O'Neal said. "We are engaged and are going to be married when I get back home."

On the same ship was Sgt. Christian Nelson, Rapid City, S. D., who has been in the army so long that, as he put it, "landing in a new port is old stuff to me."

Many of the men came from the same section of the United States as earlier arrivals. South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and other Midwestern states.

Swarm to British Canteen

This fact provided the welcoming delegations with a new game—to find someone with an accent other than Midwestern.

I remarked to a colonel standing nearby that I should like to hear a New York 10th ave. accent.

"I'm from 10th ave.," said a sergeant who had heard me as he passed.

He is Edward Collins, 637 10th ave.

Mr. Collins was with Sgt. Charles Burns, also of New York, who drove the first tank from the docks.

Sgt. Bennie Jenkins, Opelika, Ala., drove the second tank.

As the troops came ashore they swarmed to a British canteen, where they were served black coffee, pork and beans and sandwiches.

Gulping their food, they began kicking the sea kinks out of their cramped legs.

Americans already here hurried to greet the new arrivals, among whom many found old friends.

It was like old home week for some of the Midwest boys who had played football together and lounged before the small town corner drug stores.

One of the new arrivals was a

police dog, who had hardly got ashore before he picked a fight with an Irish dog.

It was an entirely American show. American military police guarded the dock area and stopped even British naval officers and examined their passes. Many without proper credentials were turned away.

As the troops marched off an officer shouted:

"Hey, you guys: Keep left, you're not home now." The men had been marching on the right side of the road.

A big, freckled faced lad shouted to a military policeman: "Hi! hi!" "Hi, mug, what're you doing here," the M. P. asked.

"You can't keep a good man down," the lad said. "I told you I'd have to come over to help you lick those guys."

Britons got something of a shock when they saw the first new American steel helmets, almost embarrassingly like those the Germans wear.

The soldiers as they waited their turn to land threw oranges, cigarettes and souvenir dimes to the British Tommyes on the docks, detailed to give them a lift with their heavy barracks bags containing their spare equipment.

A British army major who assisted in the disembarkation said it was the finest troop movement he had ever seen.

Four Nurses in Group

The men were most impressive, big and raw boned and with sergeants' reminiscent of the hard boiled movie non-coms. Most of them have had five or six years of service.

Four snappy lieutenants remained aloof. They are Nurses Helen Aikens, Somerville, Mass.; Betty Eagen, Natick, Mass.; Helen Roque, Lexington, Mass., and Katherine Hough, Concord, N. H.

They made the crossing on a ship with thousands of soldiers, and there were many other nurses in the convoy.

One man came down the gangplank on crutches.

He was Sgt. Galen Quinn, Sturgis, S. D.

"They told me I could stay behind and let this broken ankle heal," he said, "but I couldn't pass up this opportunity to come over here with my buddies."

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Mr. Dickerson Brings Out The Big Book on Our Tomato Expert.

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perate regions and considered one of the most wholesome and important garden vegetables. Near the large cities it is extensively forced.

But upon the word "forced," I blanched and got out of there quick, leaving Mr. Dickerson still reading and nodding over his book.

Back at the office I looked over the tomato log and found the following recordings:

10:15 a. m. yesterday—Dr. William F. Molt's sister called to report they're putting out a tomato at 2315 Talbot ave. But where, asked the lady, do you get the corn cobs. We had a nice conference.

10:21 a. m. the same day—Dr. Molt's sister called back and asked: "Say, how many cobs do you put down there?"

"About a foot of cobs," I said.

7:30 p. m. yesterday—It is brought to my attention that S. J. Rennard, of 843 N. Meridian st., is going this plan three better and double-checking the whole thing.

Tests the Power Method

He dug a large hole, planted three plants and then put out three more in the ordinary way to see if there's anything to all this.

Got to keep an eye on this.

9:15 a. m. today—A call from C. E. Tuttle, of 317 E. 21st st.

"Put me down as an active member of the club," said Mr. Tuttle. He wanted to know what kind of a tomato I planted and I just told him an unidentified one bought at city market.

"Hm," said Mr. Tuttle. "Well, I'll let you know how I come out." And I'll be expecting to hear from you, Mr. Tuttle.

In the mail I find a note from a Tipton reader who says: "Your war production effort is going over great here in Tipton. You might make mention of Greel (Zip) Zimmerman, who has been helping out by selling seedless tomato seeds here at a nickel a seed for some time."

"Business is now booming for Zip due to your aid."

Think nothing of it, Zip. Always glad, any time.

Here's the Technique

In case you haven't joined this a-tomato-in-every-backyard-movement, here's how: Dig a hole three feet deep, put some corn cobs in the bottom, put a pipe in the hole with the top end resting above the ground and the bottom among the cobs, fill the hole, plant the tomato and pour water down the pipe daily.

Personally, The Times' tomato planted on the Central library lawn has grown about two inches since I planted it a week ago and if we can just get some warmer weather, look out!

I will be swimming in tomato juice and throwing tomatoes at innocent passers-by.

reminded him of the Muncie train fare interview.

"Where did you get the dough to come down here?" Asher was asked.

With a sly smile, he answered: "That's a military secret."

Admitting that he liked the national publicity he has received, he said he had one complaint to make against Time and Life magazines.

"Darned if they didn't call me a petty bootlegger of the prohibition era. The fact is that in those days I never did sell less than a case."

This afternoon he will be given a chance to tell all to the acting judges.

Oscar B. Ewing, New York attorney, who will try the Felley sedition case in Indianapolis, was on hand for the hearing.

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RUSS CAPTURE GATEWAY TOWN

Saber-Wielding Cossacks Win City as Nazis Fail To Block Advance.

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broadcasts pointed to the fact that Kharkov has not fallen after seven days as evidence that the Russian drive has "failed."

Fleets of German tanks and infantry units were being drawn into traps inside the Russian lines, which swiftly closed around the enemy forces while red army gunners opened up with murderous fire, Russian dispatches said.

The Nazi counter-attacks were spearheaded by tanks in fleets of 50 to 200, scores of which were said to have been left in blazing wreckage by the Russian fire.

The Germans lost more than 400 tanks in the first four days of the battle, and when they found that their lighter models were not a match for the big "Killa Voroshilovs"—virtually land battleships—they adopted a more cautious plan of movement for their panzer outfits, the Red Star correspondent wrote.

Great Tank Battles

Instead of massing for attacks, the German panzers now are more widely placed in smaller columns, but despite this precaution their losses are mounting, Red Star said. Three German tank columns, numbering from 50 to 100 each, counter-attacked on a sector of only 2½ miles, only to be met by point blank fire from the famous Russian artillery which knocked out more than half the tanks and sent the rest fleeing in rout, front dispatches said.

desperate Germans sent many men to the front lines in armored trailers attached to tanks, but as the Red artillery smashed the tanks, the Russian infantrymen raced to dispose of the enemy troops with bayonet and hand grenades.

Cossack cavalrymen moved in to saber German parachute troops who sought to impede the triumphant Russian advance by diversionary attacks.

Kerch Apparently Lost

German planes, which sought to drop supplies by parachute to men isolated in pill boxes and steel and concrete fortifications, were raked by deadly anti-aircraft gun fire and attacked by Russian pilots in Russian, American and British planes and many crashed to provide additional spoils for the advancing Red army.

It was the eighth day of one of the great offensives of the war.

"Monday our troops conducted offensive battles in the Kharkov direction and continued their advance," the midnight Russian communique said.

"In the Kerch peninsula tense fighting continues in the area of the town of Kerch."

The mention of fighting in the area of Kerch apparently was meant to imply that the Germans had now taken the town itself and that the Russians, in the only part of the 1800-mile front where the enemy held that initiative, were making a last-ditch defense at the eastern end of the Kerch peninsula in the Crimea, opposite the four-mile strait separating it from the Caucasus.

WPB Believes Plane Output In U. S. Tops That of Axis

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now than during all of last year. Spectacular as some of these production figures are, WPB officials said the huge automobile factories were just coming into war production after several months of retooling and after completion of plants started before Pearl Harbor.

For example, one factory just beginning to get into the mass production of planes will be able to turn out 600 four-engine bombers a month.

Plant Exceeds Goal

A WPB spokesman cited another plane factory which was designed to produce 50 planes a week. When it got into full swing it could make 150 planes.

WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson believes that the only limiting factor in American war production is the possible shortage of vital materials.

For the first time in American history, Mr. Nelson said, the full force of mass production is being concentrated on guns, tanks, planes, ships and munitions.

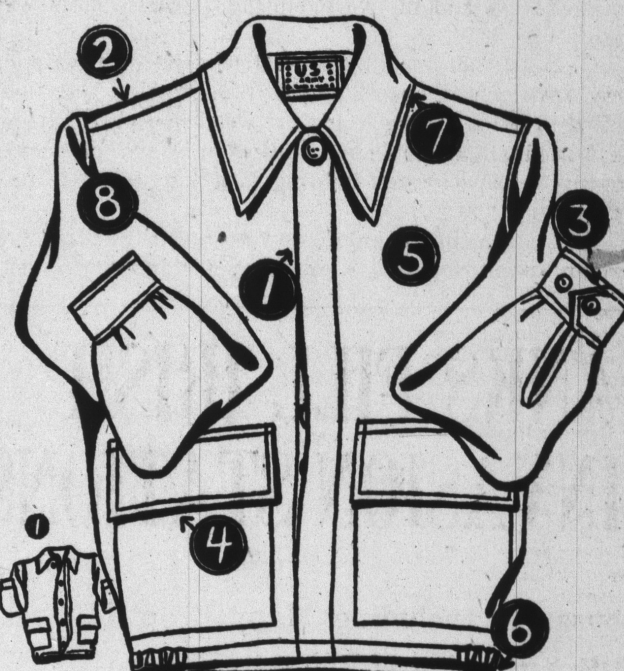
WASHINGTON, May 19 (U. P.).—Germany has been forced to spread her air force extremely thin over three major fronts and to tie up 60 per cent of her aircraft in France, Germany, Sicily and Libya, an informed British source said today.

He made the statement to emphasize the importance of the recent R. A. F. offensive.

This source said Germany faces three major aerial fronts—the Russian, western and Mediterranean—compared with only one during her great air offensive against Great Britain in 1940.

He estimated Germany's air strength at 30,000 planes.

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