

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 P. 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 Train for Day of Invasion; N. Y. IN SHADOW 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, graying-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 marked 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 Sergt. 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, porridge and beans-and-sandwiches.

Guiping 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

young man from the Midwest.

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