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30,000,000 Americans Trek To Polls During Day

BIG TANK BATTLE IN EGYP

British Open Attack With Large Force Of Machines

Reported Using 500 in Action

By EDWARD KENNEDY
CAIRO (AP)—British tanks in force have clashed with Field Marshal Rommel's augmented African Corps in the biggest tank battle of the day-old Allied drive in Egypt with fighting swirling around Tel El Akahir—the ill-fated wicked men—where the British infantry assault has knifed six miles deep into the Axis defense zone.

The scene is one of the highest points along the center of the desert, right where the Mediterranean and the Sahara salt marshes.

LONG AGAIN
It is sixteen miles beyond the anti-tank defense line through the desert southwest of El Alamein, and represents a gain of several miles by British infantry which pushed forward under their own artillery barrage during the night, but before the tank clash developed yesterday at dawn.

The infantry on a position which they pocketed a considerable Axis force.

That was when Rommel sent his long-revered armor into action—and that was the moment when the British tank on page 8.

Senator Lodge Off to a "Lead"
BOSTON, Mass. (AP)—The Massachusetts community to report in today's election, gave U. S. Senator Lodge (R) a lead. Republican, 32 votes to four for Representative Joseph E. Parnes (D). The town is normally strongly Republican.

WEATHER
Under tonight, with frost and freezing temperature.

LODGE OPPOSED
Massachusetts—Pre-World War voting record of Republican Senator Lodge (R) was up for decision with Representative Joseph E. Casey, his Democratic opponent, for Senate.

Stowe's Story
Russian Officer Tells How He Captured Nazi General

By ELAND STOWE
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THE RED ARMY ON THE GRENIV FRONT—Lieut. Colonel Alexanderovich Smirnov has the map of the Ukraine before him. Yet, strangely enough, he is talking long enough to get his story out of him, and it seems most unlikely. Unquestionably, the lieutenant colonel is the only man in



Eyes of Alaska

Canadian Kittyhawks keep constant vigil over snowy Alaskan peaks.

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Hold First War-Time Election Since 1918

Will Determine Congress Line-Up

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HE SAID IT!—That famous slogan, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," has been variously attributed to U. S. Navy chaplains—but now it has been revealed that the real author of the phrase was Lieutenant Howell Forgy (above), 34, of Haddonfield, N. J., a chaplain who was in the midst of the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor.

Warning Given By Knox Along With Report

Admonishes Against 'Growing Too Optimistic' About Solomons

WASHINGTON (AP)—The sinking of two additional Japanese cruisers and a destroyer in the South Pacific was reported today by Navy Secretary Knox who coupled with the news an admonition against "growing too optimistic" about the Solomons campaign.

"It is still a bitter, tough fight," he told his press conference. "They (the Japanese) have a fleet of formidable proportions left. We haven't any doubt they'll come back."

Knox' report of sinking more enemy warships was based on late information from Vice-Admiral Robert L. Ghormley, now a phase was Lieutenant Howell Forgy (above), 34, of Haddonfield, N. J., a chaplain who was in the midst of the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor.

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Jap Guinea Base Falls To Allies

Push Toward Coast After Taking Kokoda From Nipponese

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia—(AP)—Allied ground forces captured the Japanese base at Kokoda, inland from New Guinea, yesterday after a gruelling drive over the Owen Stanley Mountains and were shoving the Japanese troops toward their coastal base at Buna today after medium and heavy Allied bombers drove off an enemy convoy and set fire to a transport attempting to approach Buna with reinforcements.

The recapture of Kokoda heightened a sharp turn in the fighting in southeastern New Guinea, where the Japanese five weeks ago were within 32 miles of Port Moresby, the key Allied position on the island.

The Japanese, aware of the precarious position of their troops, attempted to send two transports with an estimated 7,000 soldiers to Buna to bolster their retreating forces, an Allied commander said today.

ATTACK TRANSPORTS
Allied heavy bombers sight the transports escorted by a light cruiser, a destroyer and nine fighter planes and attacked as they were approaching Buna. Many near misses were scored in the first raid and five of the Japanese fighters were shot down.

Medium bombers then attacked yesterday afternoon and dropped bombs which missed the transport only narrowly. The convoy withdrew.

At twilight the bombers struck again off the south coast of New Britain and scored a direct hit on one of the transports and near hits on both. One transport was lost seen burning off Gasmata on the south coast of New Britain, it was stated officially.

The Japanese landed first at Buna on July 22 and within two weeks had advanced 60 miles across New Guinea to Kokoda, a small village accommodating an air field.

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Revenge For Cruisers—American Naval Forces Cross "T" And Blast Japanese Ships

PEARL HARBOR—(AP)—American naval guns sank two and possibly three Japanese cruisers and a destroyer in the Solomons the night of Oct. 11-12 in an engagement described here by Captain Ernest J. King as "a hell of a melee" which completely surprised the enemy.

"We saw one heavy cruiser and believe we got two others and one light cruiser, and we know we sank one destroyer and probably four others," he said.

After the fight, Small said, the heavy cruiser was just a "hole of burning ships."

The Navy communiqué on that engagement had reported only one enemy cruiser sunk, plus four destroyers and a transport. Ghormley's report thus added two cruisers and one destroyer to the tally of the enemy.

CONSERVATISM SHOWN
Knox said the additional damage reported by Ghormley was a sign of "conservative optimism" springing from the severe damage inflicted on the Japanese fleet in the Solomons, Knox said.

"There is no warrant for the optimism. It is still a bitter, tough fight. They have a fleet of formidable proportions left. We haven't any doubt they'll come back. It is dangerous to assume they can't be back and any assumption that this is all there will be of the operation is unwarranted," Knox said.

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