

JAP CRUISER SUNK, ANOTHER HIT

Sugar Registration Dates Fixed--Start On April 28

PHILIPPINE DEFENDERS STRIKE BACK

Sudden Raid Rocks Japs On Isle of Mindanao

U. S. & Filipino
Forces in Foray

WASHINGTON. —(AP)—The War Department reported today a surprise raid by American and Philippine troops on Japanese forces near Zamboanga on the Philippine island of Mindanao in which heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

American and Filipino losses were described in a communiqué as negligible.

Meanwhile the harbor defenses of Manila Bay were reported under "extremely heavy" shelling from Japanese artillery, which included 240-millimeter light and 160-millimeter medium guns but the War Department said little damage of military consequence was done.

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Blueprint For Offensive:

America May Attack Jap Northern Isles

Alutian Islands Potential Stepping Stone for U. S. To Strike—but Danger Lurks There

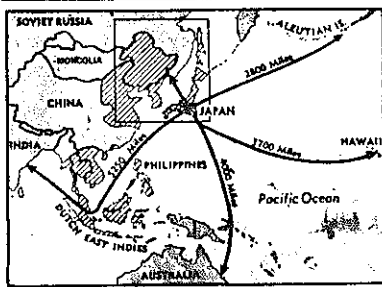
By GLENN BABB
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NEW YORK. —(AP)—America's military leaders are giving increasing indication that the eventual offensive against Japan will come from more than one direction, lending weight to speculation that one assault may follow the pathway of Japan's northern islands, the Kuriles.

General Douglas MacArthur, an American and Chinese troops in Tokyo together the climax of a drive from the West.

There is a potential battle-ground much closer home for both sides than the Alutian Islands—7,000 miles from San Francisco. Japan has been peaceful but with the advent of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere Japan's demand is increasing attention.

On the North, United States territory is only 700 miles from the Kuriles.



NEW WAR THEATRE: Above is a map of the general theater of operations which may develop if the United States or Japan should strike in the Far North. In the upper right corner are America's Alutian Islands which extend from Alaska in a point toward Japan.

Reds Smash At Four Nazi Bases

Soviets Reported To Have Already Entered Staraya Russa

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia's armies, crowding the Germans off balance before Adolf Hitler can launch his Spring offensive, were reported today and Vichy radio broadcast declared Soviet troops had already fought their way into Staraya Russa.

Other Russian assaults were aimed at Bryansk, Kharkov and Tchernogolovka.

Front-line dispatches said the Russians also were closing in from the north on German-held Orel, 200 miles southwest of Moscow, about halfway between the USSR capital and Kharkov.

Generalissimo Benito Mussolini, 100 miles from the base headquarters of the trapped German Sixth Army which has been cut off for weeks in the frozen marshlands around Lake Ilmen.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters acknowledged the increasing violence of Russian attacks, declaring that Nazi troops had beaten off six fierce attacks in the Staraya Russa sector, but gave no details on the fate of Staraya Russa itself.

"Many dead were left on the field and numerous prisoners," said a German communiqué.

Rationing Listing To Be Continued Until May 7

Individuals List
May 47

CHICAGO. —(AP)—National sugar rationing registration dates were fixed today by the Office of Price Administration for April 28 and 29, and May 4, 5, 6, and 7.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the 45 rationing administrators and regional supervisors by Frank H. Field, chief for OPA Director Leon Henderson.

Industrial consumers, such as confectioners and candy makers, will register for their rationing on the two April dates, using their nearest high school.

Individual consumers will register May 4-7 at the public schools.

AMOUNT NOT DECIDED

It was not decided whether the rationing stamps which will be issued at the time of registration will contain 25 one-pound stamps, but sufficient to last through the year if the one-half pound ration was decided upon.

In the case of individual consumers, the household or the family head will register for the entire family, reporting at the same time how much sugar the family has on hand. Stamps will be taken from the book at the time of registration to cover such supplies.

COULD AVOID REPORT

It was pointed out, however, that Henderson had advised "any household" to sell back to their retailers any unused stock of sugar at the current price, if the holder of such supplies desired to avoid making a report on them.

Each consumer of OPA's division of information, when asked about use of stamps issued for the rationing of sugar, will be asked to report on the use of the stamps.

"It is the theory of this thing that the stamp book will be good only for the person to whom it is issued," he said.

He said OPA was studying the problem of home canning, particularly in rural areas with the view to providing "additional supplies of sugar" for such canning.

Allocations to industrial users are to be determined on a percentage basis of normal sugar use over some past period. The exact formula has not been set up. These consumers will be required to register through a certificate system, rather than through use of one pound stamps.

Hours of registration for both industrial and individual consumers will be determined locally in consultation with school officials.

New Guinea Fight Complicated As Savages Rise Up

Fear Return to Cannibalism—Jap Forces Reported Near Australia

By ROGER D. GREENE
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Fierce head-hunting savages were reported on the verge of returning to cannibalism and inter-tribal warfare in New Guinea today, complicating the defense of that Japanese-occupied island, while a Vichy radio broadcast asserted that sea-borne Japanese forces were approaching Australia from the important harbor of Perth.

The Vichy station, which has been reported to be a Japanese fleet off Australia for several days, made this announcement:

"A Japanese squadron is approaching Cape Levein, the southwest corner of the Australian continent."

There was no confirmation elsewhere, official or unofficial, that a direct attack on the "down under" commonwealth was so imminent.

Refugees arriving at Port Moresby, New Guinea, from bombed north coastal villages reported violent outbreaks among the island's natives, which wild bushmen from the hills joining in looting plantations.

Refugees predicted that the natives would revert to head-hunting and cannibalism against the remaining whites.

Melbourne Cheers General MacArthur

Gives Hero's Welcome to American, Who Promises "Ultimate Success"

By VERN HAUGLAND

MELBOURNE, Australia. —(AP)—General MacArthur rode triumphantly into Melbourne today and promptly promised the cheering thousands who gave him a hero's welcome that he would do his best to carry the cause of the United Nations to "ultimate success."

"I shall keep a soldier's faith," General MacArthur declared simply in a short speech.

The demonstration for the hero of Bataan, deeply felt after his days in the Philippines, was one of the greatest in the history of this Commonwealth.

FLARE OF ACCLAMATION

The smoldering journey of General MacArthur with his family which started in extreme secrecy behind the Japanese lines on the beleaguered Philippines, ended in the sudden flare of pomp and public acclaim at Melbourne's Southern Cross Spencer Street railway station.

The Australians at the station, still shrouded in the general statement yesterday that a grand Allied attack would be launched in the South Pacific, were in a state of high excitement when the broad-shouldered Supreme Commander of the United Nations in the South Pacific stepped from the Admiral's limousine.

Allies Lash By Air at Invaders' Sea Forces

Japs Strike at Australian Points

CANBERRA, Australia. —(AP)—The aerial defenders of Australia's northeastern sea approaches within the past 24 hours have left one heavy Japanese cruiser sinking in the harbor at Rabaul, New Britain, and one other heavily damaged, two communications disclosed today.

The latest report on yesterday's attack at Japan's left wing of conquest, adding one cruiser to the score of those damaged, also told of continual enemy reconnaissance over areas of New Guinea and Papua.

Early this morning a Japanese heavy bomber was driven off Port Moresby, New Guinea's main capital, by anti-aircraft fire.

The Japanese had struck at the port of Milne Bay, New Guinea, which is a strategic point, but the attack was repulsed.

Targets of the Japanese raids were the ports of Milne Bay, Port Moresby, and the airfields at Port Moresby, Port Moresby, and the airfields at Port Moresby.

Derby, which had not previously been bombed, was attacked by a Japanese bomber.

Two Axis Supply Vessels Downed

LONDON. —(AP)—Two large Axis supply ships have been sunk in the Mediterranean, the Admiralty announced today.

The Admiralty said the ships were "successfully attacked" by British submarines in the central Mediterranean.

"The Admiralty's communiqué said:

"Two more large enemy supply ships have been successfully attacked by our submarines in the central Mediterranean."

"Both ships are known to have sunk."

"The larger of these two ships was escorted by two destroyers."

Five Killed in Tennessee Crash

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(AP)—At least five persons were killed when a two-engine Army bomber crashed and burned near the municipal airport today.

The dead, brought to a Memphis funeral home, were not immediately identified.

Two others were reported pulled from the flaming wreckage, badly hurt and cradled in the undercarriage a quarter mile from the airport.

WEATHER

showers ending early tonight; cooler.

Today's Temp.: H. 68; L. 62

Sunset Today 7:38

Sunrise Tomorrow 7:24

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 2.

Note to Readers

Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other enemy capitals are published by The News with the caption that they are "as received." This should be taken into consideration when reading the stories printed in this column.

Bright Lightning Flashes Help U-Boat Sink Large U. S. Vessel

NORFOLK, Va. —(AP)—Lightning flashes that illuminated the sea for miles helped an Axis U-boat sink a large American merchant ship off the Atlantic Coast early Wednesday.

Members of the crew related the attack on the ship, which was sunk on the Atlantic Coast, said the ship was not immediately established.

From Bataan To Australia: MacArthur's Epic Journey

LONDON. —(AP)—A high-powered sugar rationing carried Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his companion on their daring dash from the Philippines to Australia, succeeding a Japanese destroyer which threatened to intercept them.

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