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Attacks on Bataan Die Down; Japs Feel Blows Repulsed With Heavy Losses

WASHINGTON (AP)—The War Department report of today that Japanese attacks on the Bataan peninsula in the Philippines dwindled after having been repulsed with heavy losses.

Hostile air raids continued day and night on the fortified island of Corregidor, however, a communiqué said today that our plane flying above 27,000 feet was shot down by anti-aircraft shells.

On the southern island of Mindanao, Japanese forces placed considerable weight on attacks at three widely separated points.

Following reports of a heavy Japanese attack on the Bataan Peninsula on Saturday, fighting continued throughout the night but died down at dawn on Sunday.

The test of the War Department's communiqué number 143 based on reports received here up to 3:30 A. M. Saturday War Times in the Philippines theater.

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MARGARET MITCHELL, ATLANTA'S NOTED AUTHOR OF "GONE WITH THE WIND", DROPPED A MAKE-BELIEVE INCENDIARY BOMB WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF INSTRUCTOR GUS GUIMARAN, A FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN, AS SHE GRADUATED AS AN AIR RAID WARDEN IN ATLANTA. "PEGGY," AS SHE IS KNOWN TO ATLANTANS, WAS ONE OF 150 IN THE CLASS, CONDUCTED AT A FIRE STATION.

Convoy To Russia Harried By Nazis Naval Forces Join Bombers in Attack; Claim Cruiser, Transport

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts)—(AP)—German naval forces, joining Nazi bombers in a fierce sea fight against a strongly guarded convoy headed for Murmansk, sank a 10,000-ton transport carrying tanks and ammunition from New York to the Russian port, damaged a British cruiser, and lost one German destroyer, the High Command said today.

The scene of the action apparently was the Arctic Ocean off North Cape, and the naval battle occurred in a damp blizzard the day after an aerial attack on the convoy which the High Command said yesterday.

On Bataan, the Japanese attacked in force Saturday along the main front of the island, but the army was quickly hurled back to a principal position, attack in the afternoon.

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Blows Struck At Japs in Burma Zone By Chinese

Defenders Make Counter-Attack

LONDON.—(AP)—Chinese defenders of the road to Mandalay have counter-attacked the advance of the Allies' Burma front, recapturing Nanyang and Kyungon Airfield ten miles north of Toungoo, a Chinese communiqué declared today.

Other Chinese troops were said to have captured a Japanese battle tank and a Japanese plane at Pindana.

The announcement from the Chinese field headquarters said the Chinese had clamped tight military control on the Pindana area, 50 miles north of Toungoo.

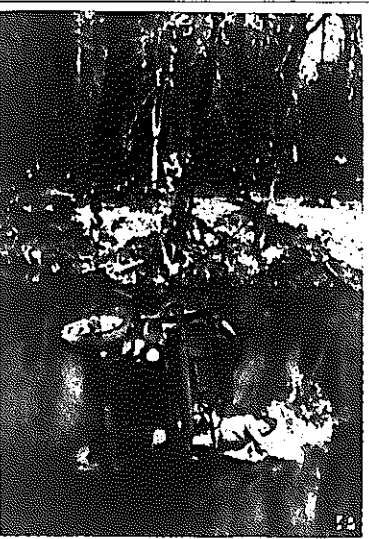
On the western flank of the battlefield, British mechanized forces were fighting Japanese troops at Paungde, 30 miles south of Toungoo.

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THE COLONEL TAKES A SPILL.—Putting too much weight on one side of his jeep car as it was being hoisted across a stream, Colonel Edgar DeMuth, commanding officer of the 62nd anti-tank unit, toppled into the water for a wet spill during recent maneuvers at Fort Meade, Md. (AP photo from Paramount News.)

Think Raid To Cut U-Boat Operations British Attack on St. Nazaire Leaves Subs High and Dry

LONDON.—(AP)—Damage which British Commando inflicted at St. Nazaire in a daring raid Saturday morning should cripple that German submarine base for a year and curtail U-boat activities in the North Atlantic for some time, a well-informed source said today.

They visualized the possibility that constant bombing of St. Nazaire by the RAF might make repairs so difficult that the Germans would be forced to concentrate their submarine forces at other ports.

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Say Tenth Of Jap Cruisers Knocked Out Floods Force Withdrawal of Invaders in New Guinea

By VEIN HAUGLAND MELBOURNE, Australia.—(AP)—American and Australian forces have gained at least temporary air superiority over New Guinea and New Britain, and have crippled one tenth of the entire Japanese cruiser strength, Air Minister A. S. Drakeford announced today as the invaders were reported to have made a 27-mile retreat in New Guinea as the result of floods.

Japan's recession from the high point of her invasion was noted by Drakeford, who declared that in addition to her cruiser losses she had suffered destruction of 48 bombers and fighters in recent weeks.

These successes, achieved with comparatively small forces are no longer to be regarded as merely of tactical significance," he declared. "They have made a marked strategic difference in the war."

Dispatches from Port Moresby, the New Guinea anchor of the Great Barrier Reef defenses of northeastern Australia, told of the Japanese withdrawal in the Markham Valley.

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Baltic Port Is Pounded Nazis Say Residential Sections Hit

BERLIN.—(From German Broadcasts)—The German High Command asserted today that the civilian population of Leningrad suffered severe losses in the British bombing attack on that major Baltic port Saturday night.

It has been established that mainly residential quarters of the town were hit, the communiqué said.

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Australia Ends Daylight Time

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Reds Retake Large Area Extensive District in Smolensk Area

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Recaptured by the Red Army of an extensive district in the Smolensk sector in a two-day battle was reported today by Tass, official Soviet news agency.

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Charge Japs Using Poison Gas In Burma

CHUNGKING, China.—(AP)—A Chinese High Command communiqué charged today that Japanese forces attempting to capture Taunggyi, Burma, had used poison gas in their attacks.

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Recaptured Convict Leads Break At Catawba Camp, Thirteen Flee

CONCORD—A recaptured convict who was recaptured here yesterday and returned to the Catawba Prison Camp near Newton yesterday afternoon, broke some signs this morning, this time in the company of twelve companions who aided him in commencing the escape.

Production Board order specifies that retailers must shorten the trouser length in size pants in stock. The excess cloth, formerly used for cuffs, will now be used for making reprocessed wool.

WEATHER

Continued rather cool, but slightly warmer today. Scattered light showers. Tonight: Partly cloudy, with light showers.

Today's Temp.: H. 66; L. 59. Sunset Today 7:46. Sunrise Tomorrow 7:11. Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 3-B.

Note To Readers: Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other news items are published by the News with the caution that they are not necessarily true for the purpose. This should be taken into consideration when reading the stories received by the service.