

# CHINESE FIGHT TOWARD JAP TIDE ALERT FOR GREAT PORT MORESBY

## Ap Force Withdraws After Push Up Valley

### Nations Taking No Chances

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ATTIED HEADQUARTERS,  
Australia. — (AP) —  
Japanese reconnaissance  
force has withdrawn to its  
original base at Lae in New  
Guinea after a 27-mile pen-  
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sites, but another enemy col-  
umn held its position within  
miles south of nearby Sala-  
watu today.

Neither column had been op-  
posed by United Nations regu-  
lar troops, although guerrillas possibly were  
active in the region on the  
northern side of the mountain-  
ous Torricelli range.

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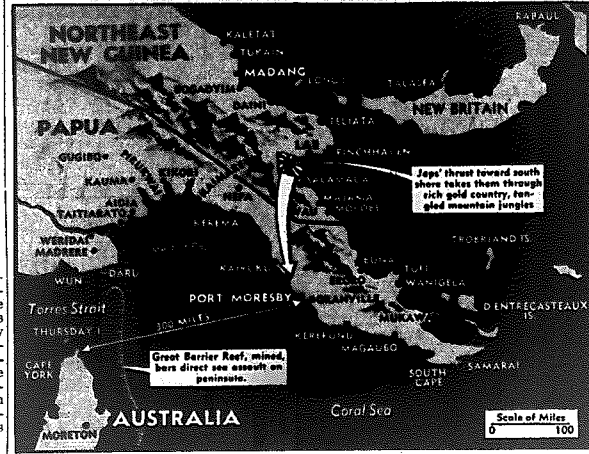
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**JAPS IN NEW GUINEA**—The Japanese today were pushing their campaign in New Guinea, the paradise of headhunters, spear-throwing, cannibalistic natives. The United Nations forces were on the alert for a possible enemy overland drive at Port Moresby. The map above shows the fertile territory where the campaign is shaping up.

## Running Naval Battle Fought

### Nazis Credit Forces With Sinking British Cruiser, 6 Other Ships

**BERLIN** (From German Broadcasts) — (AP) — The German High Command told today of a furious running naval battle above, below and on the black Arctic waters in which Nazi forces were credited with sinking a 10,000-ton British cruiser and six convoys ships totaling 37,500 tons.

Several destroyers and four other supply ships were reported damaged by German destroyers, submarines and bombers. One Nazi destroyer "suffered serious damage" and five planes were reported lost.

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## Report High Nazi Losses

### Reds Say Another 2,000 Germans Slain

**MOSCOW**, (AP) — Another 2,000 Nazi officers and men have been killed on the Leningrad front, the Soviet Information Bureau announced today in the second successive report.

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## RAF Makes Hamburg Target of Night Foray

### Nazis Retaliate For Assault

**LONDON**, — (AP) — RAF bombers and fighter planes made a successful sweep over the Le Havre area of northern France today after a punishing night raid on Hamburg, British authorities announced.

"This morning squadrons of our fighters escorted a small formation of Boston bombers which attacked objectives at Le Havre," the announcement said.

"Enemy fighters attempted to interfere and five of them were destroyed by our fighters, which also shot down a German bomber which they encountered."

"All our bombers returned safely from the operation but three of our fighters are missing."

The day raiders crossed over the channel and struck a heavy ground target near Hamburg, which was reported to be a large industrial area.

The 23 survivors, including Captain Paul Francisco Digoli, were reported well.

Four Brazilian vessels have been sunk by submarines and a fifth never has been heard from since she sailed on Feb. 2.

The Parahyba, one of the largest freighters of the Government's Lloy Brasileiro Line, left Rio de Janeiro on Feb. 2 for the United States.

She was armed with one large cannon in the stern, placed there after Brazil decided to arm her merchant vessels and ordered their skippers to defend themselves.

The Parahyba was to return with a cargo of coal.

The Cabo De Hornos, due in Rio de Janeiro May 11, already had on board 35 survivors of the Uruguayan ship Montevideo which was torpedoed early in March.

They embarked at Trinidad.

There was no immediate official reaction to the sinking, but it was recalled that President Getulio Vargas, in a speech read for him on May Day, said re-quests would continue.

The date of the Parahyba's sinking was reported to be the same as that of the President's birthday, which was celebrated in Rio de Janeiro on May 1.

## Seek To Stop Drive Toward China Proper

### British on Flank Before India Fall Back to New Positions

**CHUNGKING**, — (AP) — Chinese troops fought fiercely through the night 60 miles up the Burma Road from Lashio to stem the Japanese drive toward China proper, while the British on the Allied flank before India dropped back slowly to prepared positions, a Chinese communique said today.

The Japanese thrusting up the once-great supply line to China continued to advance "in an attempt to attack Chinese positions near Kutkai," the Chinese communique said.

Kutkai is 40 miles from Yunnan Province, but the Japanese, adept with encircling tactics, might conceivably be much closer to China.

One column which attempted to flank the Chinese positions was repulsed, the Chinese said officially.

Fighting continued in the Mow-sa area of the Chindwin River valley, where another Japanese column had driven to within 150 miles of India.

Chinese forces were slowly falling back along the Irrawaddy River north of Mandalay.

Dispatches from the front told of sharp fighting at Kweichow, 58 miles north of Lashio, where the railway from Rangoon connects with the Irrawaddy River over which war materials were flowing into China only a few weeks ago.

The presence of Japanese troops in the area was reported to be a heavy and aircraft fire, a communique said, but no details were given.

The Japanese announced Saturday that their troops had captured Mandalay the day previous and reported they had captured a town a charred, smoking shell of ruins.

The Chinese declared they were still holding Taunggyi, which is about 100 miles southeast of Mandalay.

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