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VGGORN LASTS JAP

Say Nazis Can't Beat **Reds This** Summer

Russians Have 350 Divisions

Declares Heart of Red

Bledsoe Branded Object Of Ward's Hallucinations

Hearing Ends Surprisingly When

By T. L. KLUTTZ.
Charlotte News Special Writer
MARION.—A legal attempt by Taylor Bledsoe, Asheille attorney, to get a patient released from the State Hosital at Morganton came to a weird and surprising climax ere today when Dr. F. B. Watkins, hospital superintendent, idd that the patient, Luther Ward, wanted to get out of the sapital so that he could kill Bledsoe.

Watkins, Mr. Bledsoe, and

Japs Hard Hit But Still Quite Strong

Baltic Port Assaulted

British Airmen Push Bombing Campaign

DOMBITING CAMPAIGN

LONDON — (6) — Big British
bombers pressed home attacks
from 400 to 800 foot levels last
night to leave in flames the Germen aircraft works at Warnemuende. Baltic port for Rostock,
in heavy night operations which
cost inheteen planes, the Air Minstay reported todays, were made

The low level attacks.

German Fighter

Pilot Is Lost

New Menace To U. S.

Fast Subs Whose Officers Know

Waters Appear In Gulf Of Mexico

Ocean Battle Tide Still Unturned And New Enemy Blows Expected

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — hington today as headed towa

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Chinese Hit Back at Foe In Section Of Burma

Maymyo Retaken From Japs

CHUNGKING. —(AP) — thinese forces which had een cut off in Burma have truck north from Taunggyi and recaptured Maymyo, for-ner Allied headquarters 25 piles northeast of Mandala on the now-severed rail leg of the supply route to China, the High Command said to-

the High Command said today.

Thus, the communique declared,
the principal line of communication of the Japanese column which
drove up the Burima Road into
Yunnan Province has been cut.
A Japanese force which attempted to counter attack the
newly established Chinese position
satiride the rall line "is being
bottled up and is facing annihilation," the war bulletin said.
LOOSELY HELD

(The Chinese account of this
new action deep in Japanese-science
territory indicated that much of
the region behind the Japanese
spearhead into Yunnan Province
was only losely held by the invadera.)

The Chinese reported that

Coast of East India

Is Raided By Japs

WEATHER



SOLOMON IS. AUSTRALIA

SCENE OF BATTLE—The map shows the general area in which Allied and Jap fleets clashed in the greatest battle of the war. At stake was the vital Allied supply line to Australia.

British Acclaim Repulse Of Japs

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Headline Declares "Invasion Fleet on the Run"

LONDON—(AP)—The repulse of the Japanese naval forces in the Coral Sea was acclaimed by London newspapers today with headlines declaring "invasion fleet on the run" and "Tokyo claims fantastic."

While the most optimistic connemitators asserted that the seal possible invasion of Australia, more fight had definitely forestalled a possible invasion of Australia, more fifteness of the espagement could not be assessed until Allied losses were known.

No Lights for Beach Driving

Rejoices

But Full Meaning of Battle Still Awaited

CANBERRA, Australia — (F) -ustralians awaited details to place coral Sea battle in prope ective today, but Prime Mir John Curtin said "we can t

Enemy Fleet RemnantsRun After Defeat

Australia, New Caledonia and Port Moresby Safe From Invasion Now

By TOM YARBOROUGH

ADVANCED ALLIED BASE, Australia.—(AP)— United States victory in the great sea battle off north-east Australia ended temporarily at least the Japa-nese invasion threats to the island continent, Ameri-can-garrisoned New Caledonia and Port Moreaby, mil-itary authorities said today.

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These same authorities warned against too great optimism, however, and emphasized that the situation still is serious."

The Japanese fleet, intent upon severing Australia's lifeline from the United States or an actual invasion of the populous east coast of the continent, wheeled in desperation behind the terrific hammering of Allied planes and surface craft.

In their desperation to escape the savage attacks which put eleven of their ships at the bottom of the Coral Sea and left six badly crippled, the remnants of the enemy fleet left long curly wakes that resembled the thrashing of a wounded snake.

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Millitary experits recalled that the Japanese kept moving against the treasure island of Java through Micassar Strait despite losses comparable to those suffered since Monday.

This time, however, the Japanese were forced to retire while in the case of Macassar the crippled and wounded invasion force pressed steadily forward.

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In a correlary to the main battle, huge United States bombers found a Japanese convoy off New Britain Friday.

Anti-Aircraft fire was intense but all the aircraft returned safely.

Some other bombers returning from Friday's chase came down through the overcast and found two Japanese seaplanes, which they dealt with.

From a standpoint of land-based air power, the effectiveness of recent sustained raids on Las and Rabaul — kingpin Japanese invasion bases— has been reflected sharply in the total absence of Japanese bombers over Port Moresby since Monday. Enemy activity there has been confined to strating by Zere fighters.

Americans Chase **Battered Fleet**

By C. YATES McDANIEL

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, —(AP)—Ancing categorically the basic outline of a clear-cut naval or in the greatest sea fight of the war, Gen. Doughas Arthur declared today that American losses in repulsing proud invasion armada Japan sent into the Coral Sabeen relatively light, and branded Tokyo's claims of age flatly as false and fantastic.

In successive communiques MacArthur declared:

1. "The great naval and air battle off the northeast coast of Australia has temporarily ceased ...
2. "Our naval forces ... fought with admirable courage and tenacity and the enemy has been repulsed.
3. "Our attacks will continue.
4. "The enemy version of the battling ... is expected.

Plan To Exempt Some Counties From Gas Rationing Program