

U. S. & BRITISH TROOPS SMASH NAZI FRENCH COAST

Navy Seeking South Pacific Sea Mastery

Little News From Solomons Area
But U. S. Forces Appear Successful

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia—(AP)—The final expulsion of Japan from the Solomons Islands apparently rested today on the completion of two tedious, difficult jobs—the mop-up ashore where the United States Marines have landed and the consolidation of naval mastery in that south Pacific zone.

One thing, the Japanese are doing is storing up for the battle and the only reference to it in the latest Tokyo dispatch was a commentator's remark that the United States might lead to further attacks on Japanese-held territory even on Japan herself.

A report to Auckland from a New Zealand correspondent some-

Warship Sunk In Aleutian Waters

Cruiser or Destroyer Knocked
Off By American Submarine

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A United States submarine sank a Japanese cruiser or destroyer in the western Aleutians, the Navy announced today, bringing to 23 the total of enemy ships announced as sunk or damaged in this area.

WEATHER

Little change in temperature; showers and showers today and tonight.

Day's Temp.: H., 81; L., 72.

August 20: High 80, Low 64.

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

U. S. Employment Increase Shown

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Employment in the executive branch of Government reached 2,297,754 at the end of June, an increase of 100,000 during the month, the Civil Service Commission reported today.

The War Department added 1,444 civilian employees, bringing its total to 824,658. The Navy added 21,871 workers, making its staff total 449,826.

Brazil Soldiers Recalled To Duty; U. S. Plane Sinks U-Boat Off Coast

RIO DE JANEIRO—(AP)—The newspaper O Globo reported today that planes had sunk a second Axis submarine off Bahia.

"gates of war" hastened steps to meet the threat of Axis submarines, which recently sank five Brazilian coastal ships.

One of the submarines sinking Brazilian coastal ships was a Brazilian plane, a Brazilian ship, and that thirteen ships which were in the submarine zone had reached port safely.

The first official word of the sinking came from Commander Ernani A. R. Amaral Pinto, chief

Nazis Pour Reserves Into Battles In Russia

Russians Fighting
Back Fiercely

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW—(AP)—The Germans poured strong reserves today into the Don Bend and Caucasus battles from south of Voronezh to the high plains of Piatigorsk and the bolstered onslaught pressed a full-scale drive against Stalingrad and along the Raku rail line to the shores of the Caspian.

The Russians were fighting back fiercely. A communiqué declared that the Nazis' gains since May 15 had cost 1,250,000 casualties—twice those of Russia—and that Adolf Hitler was draining Western Europe for the new fighting men required in the east.

The Russians fell back in the Don Bend where their counter-offensive appeared spent, and gave ground in the region of Piatigorsk, 170 miles southeast of the destroyed and abandoned Maitop oil fields.

NAZIS MAKE PROGRESS
In London a British source, whom it was not permitted to identify by name, said the Germans had made some progress toward Stalingrad, reaching but not crossing the Don River at the head of the city.

While the Germans "succeeded in somewhat pressing back our troops in the Piatigorsk sector," General G. H. D. G. said, "we will have to pay for the war." "Where should Congress turn?" he said. "Blindless Turbidity" on the editorial page.

FOOTBALL IS HERE, BUT NOT SERIOUSLY
Somewhat reluctant talk about football today, however, and the possibilities inherent in the situation increased as night approached.

The constant procession of more than 1,800 United States Army Air Force fighters and bombers from British front-line airfields to the battle zone in France suggested that, at the least, the great assault might be a test to determine whether such an aerial "big-



COMMANDOS IN ACTION—This picture made during a British Commando raid on Norway shows the famous fighters in action such as took place today in France. Map below shows French coast.

Army Will Seize Plant

Woods Machine Co.
To Be Taken Over

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Robert P. Patterson, Acting Secretary of War, on orders from President Roosevelt, today directed Major Ralph P. Gow of the Boston Ordnance District to take possession of the plant of the S. A. Woods Machine Co. in South Boston.

In a statement explaining the action, Patterson said failure of the company's officials to obey a War Labor Board order in a dispute with the company's employees had created a serious threat to the production of vital war material which it manufactures.

No company and no labor organization can be permitted to defy the mandate of this impartial tribunal, Patterson asserted.

The Chief Executive signed an order.

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Guide to Good Reading

United States
Rangers

A new group of American fighting men, The Rangers, was announced to the world today as Allied forces landed in France. The AP's Rice Yalmer knows them, has seen them in their training. He describes them in a cable story on page 5.

MALLON PAINTS THE TAX PICTURE

To Paul Mallon readers of The News may well turn today to get a head about Federal tax policies. As for ex-crafts, even profits of the kind, says Mallon, there just aren't any more eggs in the basket. For the war, or for the tax bills we will have to pay after the war.



Aerial Umbrella Protects Allies

More Than 1,000 Planes Shuttle
Over Channel During Great Raid

By RUSSELL LINDSTROM
LONDON—(AP)—United States troops with Canadian, British and Fighting French Commandos stormed the French coast on the broad aerial umbrella ever spread aloft fought on throughout the day against the German defenders.

Despite the unprecedented scope of the attack, the British reported, the action was not an invasion intended to create a front in Western Europe but was only a raid.

SOME RETURN
This was supported by the return to Britain during the afternoon of some of the Commandos who had accomplished their mission speedily.

Allies Land And Open Big Attack

Assaulting Forces Believed Still
Fighting With Night Near

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor

Landing with tanks and heavy weapons, American Ranger troops, British Commandos and Allied forces smashed at the Nazi-occupied French "invasion" coast at Dieppe for hours today while giant U. S. Army Flying Fortresses pounded a German fighter plane base at nearby Abbeville.

Dispatches from London at 2:15 P. M. EWT. said the Allies were believed to be still fighting around Dieppe as night approached and that the chief objectives of this greatest Commando raid of the war had been achieved.

The German news agency DNB asserted at 1:30 P. M. EWT. that the big-scale Allied landing attempt had ended in a debacle and that since this afternoon there was "not a single armed British, American or Canadian left on the European continent."

There was no confirmation for the Nazi claim. British reports said the battle was continuing late in the afternoon.

Authoritative London quarters, however, had said earlier that the Allied raiders would be withdrawn once they had achieved their objective of testing German anti-invasion defenses.

DNB asserted that more than 1,000 prisoners had been taken and that Allied losses in men and material were "very high." This is a standard Nazi claim.

Heavy fighting raged in the Dieppe area late this afternoon amid indications that a major operation was unfolding—possibly even a second front, although British quarters discounted the idea of a full-scale invasion.

As the Allies attacked hour after hour without sign of a let-up, the possibility—not the probability—appeared that what began as the greatest Commando raid of the war may have found a "soft spot" which might become a genuine invasion spearhead.

Black-suited Commandos of the four United Nations—Americans, Canadians, Britons and Fighting Frenchmen—drove their tanks and guns into Nazi lines, blew up defenses and captured at least one beachhead by assault.

"Troops taking part in the raid have landed at all points selected," it was announced.

The military force consists mainly of Canadian troops.

First units returning from the battle area—presumably a group which had smashed Nazi gun emplacements and then been re-embarked after their mission was accomplished—arrived at a British base in gay spirits late today.

There was no indication that these units meant a general withdrawal. Indeed, heavy fighting was reported still raging in the Dieppe region, even into U. S. Army bombers and fighters joined in force.

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Berlin Claims Raid Ended In "Debacle"

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts)—(AP)—The German DNB agency reported tonight that a large-scale Allied attempt to land on the French coast near Dieppe had ended in a debacle, and that since this afternoon "there was not a single armed British, American or Canadian left on the European continent."