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Home From The Wars Writers On Gripsholm Shed Light On Orient

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and all these places were in Japanese hands, quickly conquered.
Yet, the officer was asking about the state of preparedness in all the colonies and territories bordering the South China Sea. The subject seemed to fascinate him. He returned to it, again and again.
He would say, “At that time, did they expect war with Japan?” or, “How long before the war had they been preparing?”
The answer in the case of the Netherlands Indies was that the Dutch had expected war. They started too late, numerically, to hold such a vast territory as the Indies.
The officer understood that. “What the Oranda-Jin (Hollander) were very brave. What about Singapore? What did they think there?”
To the British, an attack on Singapore, late in 1941, was almost an academic question. It was possible, they thought, to hold it. The Japanese officer smiled

Air Raiders Shower City With Bombs. To Pave Way Army 40 Miles From Objective

By EDDY GILMORE
AP War Correspondent
MOSCOW — (AP) — The Germans massed large forces of tanks on the eastern bank of the Don before Stalingrad today while five bombers swarmed the skies as paratrochists descended in the Don and Caucasus areas with anti-tank guns and motorcycles to menace further the already precarious Red Army position.



SOUTHERNER UNLOADS FROM RAIDER—Out of the belly turret of Brig. Gen. Ira Eaker's Flying Fortress "Yankee Doodle" squeezes Sgt. Ernest Clark of Greenwood, Miss., after the raid by U. S. bombers on Douen, France. Assisting Clark is Sgt. Jerry Coggeshall of Norfolk, Va. General Eaker personally directed the raid in his plane, giving Sergeant Clark and others of the crew plenty of action.

Yankee Forces Hit Six Ships In New Battle

Large Scale Fight in Progress As Enemies Tangle on Islands
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy announced today that the Japanese have counter-attacked American forces holding the southeastern Solomon Islands and that a great sea and air battle has developed in which the enemy had suffered more than half a dozen ships damaged.
The battle began developing on the afternoon of Aug. 23 and already Army and Navy carrier-based planes have effectively bombed two Japanese carriers, one battleship, one transport, one cruiser, and an unspecified number of other cruisers which the Navy described only as "several."
TWENTY-ONE ENEMY PLANES FELLE
The transport and one cruiser were left burning ferociously after an aircraft attack on them north of Guadalcanal Aug. 24.
American fighters intercepted a strong enemy air force attacking Guadalcanal the previous day and shot down 21 Japanese planes, the Navy said, suffering only minor losses themselves.

Gripsholm Docks With Happy Load Envoy Grew Overjoyed as He Talks To Press; Investigation Starts

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—(AP)—With a fervid expression of happiness to be once again upon the soil of his beloved country, veteran Ambassador to Tokyo Joseph C. Grew stepped ashore from the diplomatic exchange liner Gripsholm today at the head of a procession of 1,451 Americans repatriated from Japan and the Orient.

RAF Bombs Upper Rhine Frankfurt, Wiesbaden Hit in 300-Plane Raid

LONDON — (AP)—A "strong force" of RAF bombers smashed at Frankfurt and Wiesbaden and other objectives in the upper Rhineland last night in the largest RAF night attack on Germany in a week, the Air Ministry said today.
The exact strength of the force was not disclosed.

Inside A Jap Prison Camp Japs In Hong Kong Attack Appear As Brutal Ape-Men

By BENJAMIN PROULX
(As Told to Carl Wall)
The Japanese assault troops who came to Hong Kong were like apes.
They were short, squat, chunky and averaged about five feet six inches and weighed about 150 or 200 pounds. They had extremely long arms and even when they stood upright their hands seemed to be about two inches below their knees.
There was nothing about their faces that seemed to distinguish them from the other. In the shadow of the steel helmets their faces were sort of yellowish brown and whenever I saw them they were dirty with sweat and dust. Their eyes were very deep and when you saw them from the rear you got the impression that their ears were far and their plump might bump on the ground at the next step. They were very low slung but they were fast.
The assault troops carried a 23 caliber rifle which was much shorter and lighter than the rifle carried by the American or Canadian infantry. But the bullets killed and

Nazis Claim Tallest Peak Flag Over Elborus, Says Berlin Report

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts)—Several Western Caucasus passes have been mastered by German troops, and the Reich's war flag was hoisted four days ago on Mount Elborus, 18,711-foot peak that is the highest in the Caucasus, the German High Command reported today.
Mount Elborus is about 50 miles southeast of Pyatigorsk, which has been a battle ground since the first weeks of the war. The highest mountain in Europe, nearly 3,000 feet higher than the tallest of the Alps.
On the sea of Azov Russian troops captured the Kuban Vaini town of Yermuk, 40 miles northwest of Novorossiisk, after bitter house-to-house fighting, it added.

Harriman, FDR's Ear In Parley, Heads Home

LONDON — (AP)—Waverell Harriman, who represented President Roosevelt at the recent historic Churchill-Stalin conferences in Moscow, announced today that he was leaving shortly for Washington to report to the President.
He declared he attended "most but not all" the discussions between Churchill and Stalin, and indicated that the United States was a full partner with Russia and Britain in an "unconclusive" discussion. He said in reply to a question as to his exact status at Moscow.
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Bulletin

MOSCOW — (AP)—More than 1,800,000 strong, the Nazi army in Southern Russia tonight had driven its units less than 40 miles of Stalingrad and 170 miles of the Caspian Sea.
Stalingrad's peril appeared to be growing greater hour by hour as the invaders drove northward from the region of Kotelnikowski while huge tank forces which had crossed the eastern bank of the Don River came from the northwest.

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Lishui Under Chinese Fire Forces Drive Toward Important Air Base

CHUNGKING — (AP)—Lishui, an important base from which Japan might be bombed, is under direct attack by Chinese forces who have driven the Japanese inside that city in Southeastern Cheching Province, the Chinese High Command reported tonight.
The Japanese already have suffered "great losses," said a communique, which announced recapture on Saturday of Tengmu in the westward Chinese drive in the Kwangsi Province.
Dill's return to England at this time appeared to British observers as more than coincidental.
The questions British editorialists asked were when and where the Chinese would strike to help lift the burden from the Red Army and whether time was left to make his effective in disorganizing the Axis timetable of conquest.
Rumblings suggestive of a critical new campaign in North Africa and the day-and-night

New Marine 'Raiders' Battling On Solomons

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Heavily armed and highly trained Marines, organized into "raider" battalions, are battling the Japanese on the Solomon Islands and carried out the Aug. 17 attack on Japanese-held Makin Island in the Gilbert group of the Pacific.
This announcement today by the Marine Corps is the first official disclosure of the existence of the Marine raiders whose equipment and training methods have been closely guarded secrets against the time when they would go into action.
These first known attack of these specially trained, devil-like units in the Solomon offensive beginning Aug. 7. Their second was in their own show at which the Gilbert Islands group. Major James Roosevelt, son of the President, made the first enemy strike in the Makin attack which damaged installations and killed Japanese defenders.
"In surprise landings like that on Makin," the Marine announcement said, "their objec-

Guide to Good Reading

ORDNANCE EXPERTS FROM ATTO BEYOND
—Sixty-day wonders of Uncle Sam's new fighting force are the ordnance engineers who are the backbone of the modern American Army.
A new book, "The Ordnance Engineer," is available in paperback form for 50 cents.
WE OUGHTA HAVE MOSS FIRESIDE CHATS
—The Editor of the "New Yorker" magazine has collected a volume of the author's popular "Fireside Chats" which are available in paperback form for 50 cents.
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Home-Made Victory Mississippian First Yank Flier To Knock Down Nazi In Combat

LONDON — (AP)—Second Lieutenant Sam F. Junkin, Miss., is the first American fighter plane pilot to gain the edge over a German plane in combat operations. Junkin, who had his headquarters in Britain announced today that he had shot down a German plane in combat operations.
The action occurred over Dunkirk last week.
Junkin, 21, suffered a bullet wound in his right shoulder and had to jump from his own disabled plane, but was rescued from the water by naval crew members.
"I was at 4,000 feet with three others in my flight, circling over a portion of a convoy two miles off Dover," said Junkin.
"The ships in convoy looked like stepping stones all across the channel."
There were more aircraft than I have ever seen, most of them being Rocke-Wulf 190's.
"They wouldn't come in and fight on equal terms. They would dive down, get in a squirt at us if they could, and then break off. At about 4:30 A. M. I saw two FW 190's approaching another Spitfire and myself from behind.
"We waited until they were close and then turned to meet them, but both went past. At that moment we saw two more FW 190's which had dived through several layers of Spitfire overhead, and were leveling off in front of us."
THE PAYOFF
"I got one in my sights and gave him a good burst. He came in within minutes later. I was hit from behind by one of them."
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WEATHER

Continued rather cool tonight.
Today's Temp.: H. 75; L. 60
Sunset Today: 7:59
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:51
Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 2.