

# Up To October 9 Total 31,126

WASHINGTON—(AP) — American Army casualties in the Mediterranean have come from the Italian landings in North Africa that night of last Nov. 7-8 until Oct. 29 totaled 31,126, Secretary of War Simon reported today.

Of this total, he said, 5,529 were killed, 2,000 were wounded and 7,596 missing, of whom most undoubtedly are prisoners of the enemy.

BRITISH LOSS HIGHER

British losses in the same area

waited since Nov. 8 being slightly under 10,000.

"Axis losses in this same area are estimated at 40,000 killed, 40,000 wounded," Simmons said, "and the official estimate of the war taken by the Allies in that area is 465,035."

"This makes a total of Axis casualties of approximately 600,000, or a ratio of about 6 to 1 in our favor."

Noting that the first anniversary

the expulsion of the enemy from North Africa, the changing of the Mediterranean from a "bitch's sea" to a safe route to the Orient for Allied shipping, the surrender of Italy and the possession of the Italian Fleet.

Surviving the war in general, Simon noted "two great victories in Russia during the year were asserting that "probably the more significant was the outstanding success of the Mediterranean campaign."

On the Russian battlefield, Soviet troops are still sweeping for-

harder, faster, more often and in more places than the Japanese ever dared think possible and that appearance of the Japanese fleet would bring disaster the day for the "march through Tokyo."

"Tuesday's Rabaul smash was devastating. More than 150 Mitchell heavy bombers and 100 B-24 bombers as low as the tops of ships' masts, to strike for 45 minutes," he said, "the Japanese had been told that the United States would attack Rabaul for counter-invasion action."

Twenty-six ships, nearly every one of them a cruiser, were sunk or damaged. Fifty thousand tons were represented

VERN HAUGLAND

SOUTH PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS—(AP)—In a blinding flash of star shells and parachute flares, American cruisers and destroyers drove off a Japanese fleet of six fast twelve warships at the entrance to Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville last night, the United States Navy by the admission of Radio Tokyo, sank at least one cruiser and two destroyers.

The Japanese admission of losses was certainly conservative, in

quoted a German war correspondent as saying the war carried radio transmissions.

# WEATHER

Cool tonight  
Friday,  
partly clouds  
and warm.

# Today's Temperatures

2:30 P. M., 58.

During the same period there have been only a few days away from somewhat higher, the Secretary said, and those of the French force considerably smaller. The former, however, has declined con- siderably since the first of May, having broken the principal land and severed the Crimea.

American planes of the 5th Air Force—considerably more than the British—were seen in the three destroyers, eight large merchant ships and four small coastal vessels sunk. One heavy cruiser was left listing with a large hole in its side.

'This was the first detailed report of the attack,' he said, 'the first time that the British had been told by the Americans that they were being attacked.' He added that the British had been told that the Americans were attacking the Axis forces.

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