

COMMANDOS RAID BASE IN FRANCE Grim Australian Veterans Prepare To Battle Japs PHILIPPINE DEFENDERS MAKE ATTACKS

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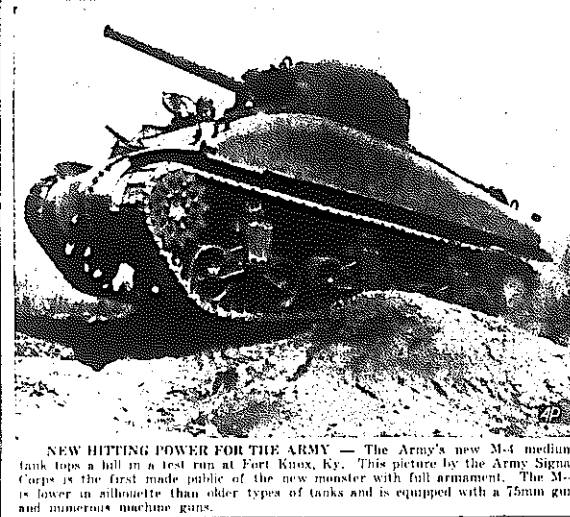
WASHINGTON (AP)—The War Department reported today that the Philippine defenders made two successful raids on the Japanese and that anti-aircraft gunners on the fortified island of Corregidor shot down one heavy enemy bomber.

A communiqué said the raids were on the Batavia Peninsula and at Zamboanga some 300 miles to the south on the island of Mindanao.

In the latter raid American Filipino patriots penetrated enemy lines to within less than a mile of the city to attack an outpost, and sustained no casualties.

REINFORCE BATTERY On Helian, American artillery blasting at enemy tank and truck concentrations, almost one Japanese battery, the communiqué said.

The bomber was shot down during the fourth successive day of hostile bombing on the island of Corregidor. The War Department said that the anti-aircraft gunners had inflicted such damage that bombing caused virtually no damage.



NEW HITTING POWER FOR THE ARMY—The Army's new M-4 medium tank tops a hill in a test run at Fort Knox, Ky. This picture by the Army Signal Corps is the first made public of the new monster with full armament. The M-1 is lower in silhouette than older types of tanks and is equipped with a 75mm gun and numerous machine guns.

Chinese Recapture Burma Airdrome Toungoo Front Situation Appears To Have Been Improved

NEW DELHI, India.—(AP)—British headquarters declared today the situation on the Toungoo front in Burma appeared improved following the recapture of Toungoo airport by reinforced Chinese troops fighting to hold the eastern end of the Allied line.

Little change was reported in the situation at the opposite end of the front where British forces are holding the gains of Japanese troops seeking to advance toward Prome and the rich oil fields of Northern Burma.

Our lines had to be straightened on the Irrawaddy front in consequence of recent developments in the Toungoo area, a communiqué said. Their still has been to contact on the front through large numbers of miles.

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Come Back From Fronts Far Away To Guard Homes Will Stand Beside American Troops

By C. YATES McDANIEL, MELBOURNE.—(AP)—The first battle-toughened units of the Imperial Force Australia sent to war fronts from sun-scorched Libya to the jungles of Malaya have returned to the homeland. They met nearly two years ago and are being reformed today into the ranks of the Allied defenders of their own directly menaced shores.

With these grim-faced veterans of Tobruk and Singapore—Battalions, battalions, and other units—other Empire soldiers and their number and identity undisclosed—grouped for the stand in the new front lines alongside United States troops already at their heels.

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The German High Command, which released detailed and obviously one-sided account of the action, claimed "an old American destroyer was hit by a mine, which was in fact a British motor torpedo boat and four other torpedo boats of the raiders were destroyed."

The German account also said that the raiders suffered severe casualties and lost over 100 prisoners in Nazi hands.

From the German communiqué, which said only that "a combined operation was carried out in the early hours of this morning by units of the three services in a small raid on St. Nazaire, further communiqué will be issued as soon as our forces return."

The regular German High Command communiqué said the landing forces were repulsed when they tried to attack a shipyard and to penetrate into the town of St. Nazaire itself, that no German warships were lost.

Earlier, special Nazi communiqué had claimed that all those troops who landed had been destroyed and destroyed.

After dawn this morning, the Germans said, their torpedo boats concentrated "a superior force."

Under the counter-offensive announced yesterday all anti-submarine forces are grouped in sea frontiers.

Large numbers of transport-carrying gliders are being made in Netherlands factories.

The Paris plant of the Renault works, which was recently bombed by the RAF, is turning out gliders as well as tanks.

Reports U. S. Subs Blasted Jap Warships

LONDON.—(AP)—The London Star's Sydney correspondent said today that American submarines in the Pacific had sunk five Japanese destroyers, an aircraft carrier, and about 20 transports and supply ships.

War Powers Act Signed Into Law

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today the second War Powers Act, an anti-submarine law carrying more than a dozen new emergency powers to facilitate production of war materiel.

Major British Naval Force Said To Be Enroute To Indian Ocean

By ROGER D. GREENE, Associated Press War Editor. A great impending battle for India increased today as the Home news reported that a major British naval force had been sighted on the Indian Ocean within 24 hours after Japanese fleet units were reported operating in the Bay of Bengal.

Bulgaria To Back Axis Apparently Ready To War on Russia

BERN, Switzerland.—(AP)—Bulgarian Premier Bogdan Philov declared in a speech today that Bulgaria was ready to fulfill her tasks in the Axis and said the destruction of Yugoslavia was necessary to the establishment of a new order.

The Premier's speech which the French News agency said was made at Sofia, was regarded as the first official indication that Bulgaria may have decided finally to join actively in the war against Britain.

Earlier, Bulgarian sources here had declared that King Boris had agreed to Bulgaria's active participation in the war at the instance of Adolf Hitler, who has been reported consulting the Balkans for additional manpower to put against the Russians this spring.

Netherlands Sentenced

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Airborne Invasion Of England Expected

LONDON.—The German High Command is preparing to "sacrifice" 500,000 airborne troops in a Spring smash attack on the British Isles.

It will not be the sort of invasion the public has learned to expect, he added. "Hitler will see to it, it is still a smart fellow."

Among its broad provisions are increased authority to take over business and property for war production, penalties ranging up to two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for violation of priorities, and, free postage for all persons in the armed services.

Weather

Today's Temp.: 11, 59; L: 45. Sunset Today: 7:41. Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:14.

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

Notes to Readers: Hints from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other enemy sources are published by The News with the caution that they usually contain false statements intended for propaganda purposes. This should be in mind whenever reading the stories credited to these sources.