

M'ARTHUR'S SAW CE BATTLE
RAF Strikes Hard In Malaya; Allied Warships Shell Japs
COM ORDERED ABOLISHED BY NELSON

Defenders At Singapore Get 13 Jap Planes

British Bombers Blast Enemy-Held Airdromes on Peninsula

SINGAPORE—(AP)—Singapore's defenders blasted thirteen raiding Japanese planes out of the skies over this island citadel today, while RAF bombers were reported to have carried out smashing attacks on Japanese-held airdromes in Malaya and heavy land fighting continued in the northwest portion of Johore State.

Japs Advance Under Enemy Naval Fire

Vessels Brought Into Action Along West Coast of Malaya

TOKYO—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—A Dornier war roundup claimed today that Japanese advance detachments were within six miles of the Strait of Johore, war barrier to fortified Singapore, and said large Japanese forces were moving up for direct assault on the British stronghold.

Enemy Gets Peninsula

Part of Celebes Island Captured

BATAVIA—(AP)—Japanese landing forces heavily supported by parachute troops and equipped with their own guns have completed occupation of the Minihama Peninsula of the island of Celebes, and are ready for full conquest, the Dutch High Command announced today.

Many Landings

Within a few hours the Japanese were landing at five or six places, according to three accounts. American troops on the Australian Air Force and Dutch Naval planes attacked the invaders, causing considerable damage with direct hits on two Japanese cruisers, near misses on a destroyer and two transports and destruction of several Japanese hulks. Four of the Australian Hudsons were lost.

House Passes Naval Measure

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A \$230,000,000 authorization for construction of 1,700 minor auxiliary, combatant and patrol naval vessels and authorization for expenditure of \$750,000,000 in additional shipbuilding facilities were passed swiftly by the House today.

War On All Fronts

Allied warships were reported shelling Japan's invasion armies swarming down the Malay jungle coast 60 miles north of Singapore today, and the United Nations were further directed by President Roosevelt's disclosure that "The Yanks Are Coming!" with AEF vanguards already in action on en route to far-flung battle fronts.

Mosquito Fleet In Action:

Torpedo Boat Sinks Jap Ship

WASHINGTON—(AP)—For a daring exploit brilliantly accomplished, the Navy wrote a new name into the roll of its war heroes today and added one more ship to Japanese losses for the Philippines invasion. The name belonged to 30-year-old Lieutenant John D. Bulkeley who rocketed a self-motor torpedo boat into enemy-held Binanga Bay and torpedoes a 3,000-ton Japanese vessel, despite a storm of gunfire.



TINY BUT DEADLY—One of the Navy's tiny torpedo boats is pictured above. It was a boat like this that Lieut. Bulkeley took to a Philippine bay and under the nose of enemy guns sank a Jap vessel.

Cotton Hits 19 Cents

For First Time in More Than Decade

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Nineteen-cent cotton appeared here today for the first time in more than twelve years, the October position going to 19.00 cents a pound. Demand for contracts which sent the market to the highest level since October, 1929, was attributed to reports that bids for purchase of Government loan cotton far exceeded the January quota.

Cotton Brings Higher Price on Local Market

Spot cotton moved up to a new high for World War 11 days ago. Approximately 62 cents a bale was quoted in 10-14 cents a pound, basis 15-16-inch middling.

Reds Recapture Vital Mozhaik

Beaten Germans Reported Pushing West on Road to Smolensk

MOSCOW—(AP)—Soviet Russia claimed the ruins of Mozhaik today, and remnants of a German Army blundered from that pivotal salient 67 miles out of Moscow were reported beating westward on the icy, pine-covered highway to Smolensk.

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Renovo Demanded by Puerto Rican

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Bringing All Office Work Under New War Board

Wide Changes Announced

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Donald M. Nelson announced today he would abolish the Office of Production Management and bring all of its functions and activities under his authority as chairman of the new War Production Board.

Nelson told a press conference he was setting up major divisions under the board, eliminating the old Contract Distribution Division entirely, and incorporating the priorities and allocations system under a new division of industry operations charged with full responsibility for the consoling of all possible American industry to war production.

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Heavy Losses Given Japs In Philippines

American and Filipino Troops Roll Nipponese Back

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Department said today American and Philippine troops in savage fighting on the Bataan Peninsula drove back the Japanese with heavy losses by the enemy.

A Department communique said the Japanese, by infiltrations and frontal attacks near the center of General Douglas MacArthur's line, had gained some initial successes before the defending troops counter-attacked and retook all positions. American and Philippine casualties were described as "relatively moderate."

Vanguards Of New AEF's On Journeys

Roosevelt Gives First Word That "The Yanks Are Coming"

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The vanguards of new AEF's were on route to far flung battle lines or already in action today, as the nation on the home front took the final step to convert the huge auto industry exclusively to war production.

Japs Widen Assaults

MELBOURNE, Australia—(AP)—Japanese bombers raked the bay ports of eastern New Guinea and the Salamaka Archipelago for hours today in strength with the

The President's remarks on the Pacific theater were in response to a letter from the War Relocation Authority.

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The ship was bought with funds given by about 12,000 North Carolina citizens. The largest single subscription was \$200, the Navy said. It was known as the "Old North State Fund."

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WEATHER

Continued rain with light

Today's Temp: 11. 61; 62; 63; 64; 65; 66; 67; 68; 69; 70; 71; 72; 73; 74; 75; 76; 77; 78; 79; 80; 81; 82; 83; 84; 85; 86; 87; 88; 89; 90; 91; 92; 93; 94; 95; 96; 97; 98; 99; 100

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