

ARMED JAPANESE ALLEUTIAN INVADERS LARGE REAR AREA UNIT REACHES IRELAND

Midway Drive Costs Japan Great Price

3 or 4 Carriers Sunk, Probably More Than 10,000 Men Lost

PEARL HARBOR, T. H. — (AP) — Japan's attempt to invade Midway Island, a thrust broken by the fierce and skillful defense of fighting Americans, cost her a tremendous price—three or four aircraft carriers, hundreds of planes and probably more than 10,000 men.

These figures are unofficial but based on first-hand reports of the battle.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz's command has listed two carriers, possibly destroyed, three battleships and eight to eleven other warships damaged. But the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet pointed out that he reports were not all in.

At least three American destroyers were only a destroyer

Jap Air-Sea Arms Badly Crippled

Appears To Have Gambled Away
Chance To Hit on U. S. Pacific Side

WASHINGTON, — (AP) — The Midway and Coral Sea battles have cost Japan probably half of her best aircraft carriers and thus have broken the spearhead of her air-sea striking power, informed Naval sources estimated today.

Big German Drive Made

Termed the Greatest
Offensive of Year

By HENRY C. CANNON
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MOSCOW — (AP) — German tanks, planes and motorized infantry have broken through the Soviet line in a comparatively narrow front near Kharkov in the greatest Soviet offensive of the year. The attack was said to have been made by the Red Army's best troops, and the situation here is said to be critical.

The original German advance was checked, the dispatches said, while enemy tanks which filtered through the Soviet lines were being dealt with. In some serious Russian counter-offensives were mounting their own counter-attacks.

The German planes came over in waves and the tanks attacked in columns, while Soviet artillery and tanks fought in the rear. The Russian warplanes took to meet the enemy in the air.

At one village 100 German tanks attacked. The Germans made three successive assaults, but the Russian defense was said to be grinding down that offensive.

Donovan in London

LONDON — (AP) — William J. Donovan, U. S. Coordinator of Information, arrived in London today for consultation with Ambassador John G. Winant and the British Government.

Air Cavalry Rides

Saga Of Blasting Torpedo Plane Attack Comes From Midway Battle

By CLARK LEE

PEARL HARBOR, T. H. — (AP) — Here's the story of the first American Army torpedo plane attack in history as told to me by Captain James P. Collins, squadron leader, and Lieutenant James R. Muri, whose plane had 600 bullet holes in it when he reached his base.

Captain Collins, 36, comes from Marion, Miss. Lieutenant Muri, 33, from Miles City, Mont.

Captain Collins told his version first. "Before dawn June 4, all planes on Midway Island were checked out for alert. Our crews picked out

Thousands Protected By Yankee Warships

Atlantic Voyage
Uneventful

WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN IRELAND. — (AP) — Thousands more United States soldiers, including tank destroyers and forces as well as additional armored units, have arrived in Northern Ireland, it was announced today.

United States warships participated in escorting the transports which crossed the Atlantic without incident.

Most of the troops were from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Georgia, Illinois, West Virginia, Kentucky, California and Indiana.

Twenty-eight-ton tanks swung from the ships' holds to the docks, sailing the toll brought over by earlier contingents.

FESTIVE AIR

The band accompanying the new arrivals gave a festive air to the pier party as it blared out "I Don't Want to Walk Without You," "The Jersey Bounce," "Elmer's Tune," and "Deep in the Heart of Texas" while the troops marched down the gangplank.

Even while the men were waiting their turn to leave the ships, the usual scurrying began among British soldiers and dockworkers for American cigarettes.

This time the soldiers also tossed nickels, dimes and quarters ashore in exchange for big British pennies. It probably will be a few days before they learn they got the worst of the bargain.

Clerks from the transports grooved, but the band music drove the members of the WRENS, ATTS or WAFFS — Britain's women auxiliary forces — scattered past.

The fun crowd, however, when the men's turn came to go ashore, led by First Sergeant Wallace Jenkins of St. Louis and Lieutenant Robert Gibson of Charleston, W. Va., the steel helmeted troops with full packs barely had time to exchange words of greeting before they were whisked away to trucks for transport.

U. S. Army Headquarters issued a statement saying: "The announcement said the United States Army troops have arrived at a Northern Ireland port. The reinforcements, from Spain, were a small detachment of Negro soldiers for services of supply and maintenance."

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Will Protest Irish Sinking

DUBLIN, Eire. — (AP) — The Government of Eire announced today that an energetic protest would be made to the German Government over the sinking of the 900-ton steamer, City of Bremen, and that full compensation for the loss of ship and cargo would be demanded.

The announcement said the master of the ship had reported the vessel was attacked by German aircraft. The ship was from Spain. June 6 said 22 survivors had been landed at Vigo.

By contrast, the United States has lost the Lexington and suffered damage to another carrier off Midway. These represent a third of the large American carrier fleet. The attack was made by German aircraft. The ship was from Spain. June 6 said 22 survivors had been landed at Vigo.

As we watched, swarms of Zeros circled down on them like bees. Six of the Zeros apparently received radio instructions and cut away and came at us head-on. They were with us throughout the attack—they and many others.

"Simultaneously anti-aircraft started to come. Anti-aircraft picked up our targets, a carrier

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TRIBUTE TO OLD GLORY—Tomorrow is Flag Day and this year's observance, designated by President Roosevelt as United Nations Day, will have greater significance than ever before.

4 U. S. Planes Land In Turkey

Unwounded American Crewmen Interned—Report Says Nazis Attacked

ISTANBUL, June 12. — (Delayed) — (AP) — The official Turkish radio reported today that four United States planes had landed in Turkey.

The planes were bombers and landed before noon today, each with an American crew of seven.

All those who were not wounded were interned, this source said. There was no official information on who the planes were flying over Turkish territory, where they came from or where they were going.

SAY AXIS-BOMBED PORTS HELD

A Reuters dispatch to London, dated Saturday, said, however, the planes were believed to have been used in attacks on Odessa and Nikolayev, Black Sea Russian ports now held by the Germans.

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29 Killed By Tornado

SAVAGE BLOW DEALT
At Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY. — (AP) — Rescue crews counted 29 persons dead today in the rubble left by a tornado which dealt a savage blow at a residential district near the city's southwest corner.

Twenty-five other victims of the storm's wrath by critically injured in hospitals. Scores of others were treated for cuts and bruises.

Of the dead seven were men, nine were women and thirteen children. "While survivors of last night's tornado first reported there were two tunnels, directions of rescue work were hindered by debris and the tornado, the other the back hatch.

The full fury of the storm fell on an area too black square, where every house was wrecked. The area contained mostly frame houses, a few grocery stores and a filling station.

IN CURVE

Mr. and Mrs. T. Nelson saw the tornado approaching and crawled into a culvert. "Just as we crawled in the storm struck," Mrs. Nelson said. "We were hit and battered by flying boards and debris. There was terrific suction."

"I grabbed my wife by the ankles and tried to hold her but the wind whipped through the culvert and tore us from our grasp. She was hurled outside and cut about the face."

Power and telephone lines broken by the storm hindered rescue efforts. Soldiers from Will Rogers Field and Red Cross workers labored throughout the night aiding the injured and clearing debris. Victims crowded the classrooms and corridors of a grade school which provided the homeless with coats, blankets and clothing.

Flag Day Observed

Stirring Ceremonies
Over Country

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flag Day observances extending through the comradeship of war to all the 27 nations united against the Axis—multiple massings of standards such as the world never has seen—got under way in the United States today.

The Stars and Stripes waved from millions of homes. Parades moved along the avenues. The war-battered nation held stirring observances to show its might.

Military reviews, meetings, broadcasts and religious services honored the United States flag and the allied emblems in cities and field encampments on six continents. From Chungking to Cappelton, from Manchester to Melbourne.

A keynote was sounded from London by the fighting premier of Great Britain, Gen. Winston Churchill, in an order of the day to Polish forces. He declared victory "is coming to us much faster than was thought possible by our enemy."

CHURCHILL MESSAGE

The British radio announced that a message by Prime Minister Churchill would be read tomorrow (Sunday).

Actually, Flag Day is tomorrow but many of America's major cities scheduled their celebration today. New York and Chicago billed the largest parades with thousands of marchers in each city.

Bracketed with the holiday was the designation of June 13 as Arthur Day to commemorate the entrance of Gen. Douglas MacArthur into West Point. From his headquarters in Australia, the Army leader said:

"The action of my fellow countrymen in commemorating this day rededicates each one of them to the defense of our country."

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Isles Combed For Japs By Army & Navy

Nipponese Already Forced To
Retire From Populated Regions

WASHINGTON, — (AP) — American Army and Navy airmen combed the small, bleak islands of the Northern Pacific Aleutians chain today in a rising effort to search out and disperse small Japanese invasion units which have landed at Attu and the Harbor of Kiska in the rat island group.

Despite adverse weather conditions, a Navy communique asserted, air attacks have already forced the invaders to retire from populated regions of the tiny islands at the extreme western tip of the Aleutian Archipelago.

Own Fliers Sank Vessel

Lexington Downed
In Life-Saving Move

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — (AP) — The U. S. Aircraft Carrier Lexington was sunk by American torpedoes to prevent greater loss of life after fires and intense explosions started by a Japanese attack had raged for seven and a half hours, the commander of an American dive-bomber squadron said today.

"We finally had to go in under with our own torpedoes," revealed Lieut. Commr. Weldon L. Hamilton, chief of the Lexington's dive-bomber squadron, in an interview.

SAVED MANY LIVES

He said Captain Frederick Sherman's order to abandon ship "undoubtedly saved a great loss of life from flames and explosions, which was the important thing."

"I'm convinced it would be floating yet if we hadn't been forced to do that."

Commander Hamilton said only one eight percent of the men on the Lexington were lost. Aircraft from the carrier were searching for an enemy task force in the area around Tagula Island in the Coral Sea on May 7, when they stumbled upon a Japanese carrier and several cruisers that had not been reported, he said.

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Jap Isle Invasion May Be Defense Move

Nipponese for Years Have Been Conscious
Of Their Danger From the North

By JOHN FERRIS

NEW YORK. — (AP) — The Japanese, in attempting to seize the Aleutian Islands, may merely be following the idea that in war the best defense is an offensive.

While possession of bases in the Aleutians would allow the Japanese to attack shipping in the North Pacific more easily and would menace the 6,000-mile Arctic sea-way from Seattle to Archangel, Russia, it would also have highly important defensive value.

FEARED U. S. STEPS

As early as 1924 a Japanese admiral, Nobunasa Suoyetaka, commander in chief of the battle fleet, wrote the United States Government was surveying the Aleutians "on a grand scale" and voiced the fear that this meant "an American policy to surround Japan by all means in the event of war."

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WEATHER

Little change in temperature with a few scattered thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 80; L. 72

Sunset today 8:07

Sunrise tomorrow 6:00

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 1.

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