

ACTUAL FIGHT FOR ITS LIFE J. S. Gains Balance Of Striking Power In West Pacific MORGANTHAU PROVE CHANGES

Clark Lee's War Diary (Editor's Note: This is another page from the diary of Clark Lee, a correspondent in the Pacific, written about an air-raid carrier before the initial successful American attack on the Solomon Islands. Although Clark Lee's work here is reported as it was written, Lee's picture of the battle preparation is in many instances misleading, and a number of later reports from his diary were corrected before this one and have been published. This page is in his story.)

By CLARK LEE ABOARD A UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT CARRIER IN THE CORAL SEA EN ROUTE TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, AUG. 6—(Delayed)—We're going into battle tomorrow as the United States Navy launches its first offensive of the Pacific war. The date of attack—the seventh of the month—is exactly eight months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The seventh of the month is the anniversary of the Battle of Midway, which occurred June 7, 1942. When the Marco Polo Bridge incident touched off the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States Navy was in a defensive break-through on this day. It was April 9, 1941, that the Japanese battle cruiser Hara was sunk by the USS Maryland.

Since this morning there has been a sudden change in the atmosphere aboard, as if the ship itself, the planes and the personnel were straining to get their muscles as a fighter getting set to swing his training punch.

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WEATHER Little change in temperature tonight. Day's Temp.: H., 90; L., 70. Wind: S.W. 10 to 15. Forecast: Partly Cloudy Tomorrow. 7:30

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau reports will be found on page 15.

Victory Through Air Power—Actual War Test Revealed Defects In Our Warplanes

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Broughton's Proposals Adopted at Board Meet

Improvements To Be Made

By PETE MCKNIGHT CHARLOTTE NEWS Staff Writer MORGANTHAU—Eleven definite steps toward vastly improving conditions at the State Hospital here were taken today by the Board of Trustees at a meeting called to act upon Governor Broughton's recommendations as a result of the Tom P. Jimison disclosures in The Charlotte News and the findings of the resultant Board of Inquiry.

The board voted to acquire additional land as soon as a suitable site can be found and selected a committee of three to investigate the probable sites and report to the Council of State. The committee includes J. H. Bell, Harry Riddle and B. G. Dutton. The board also voted to buy additional building implements and add to the days here so that production of milk will be about 500 gallons a day as compared with the present 300 gallons.

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A New Day Dawns For Morgantown

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Admiral Towers Heads Pacific Fleet Air Force

New Recognition To Navy Arm

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rear Admiral W. H. Blandy, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics, has been appointed to the newly created post of "commander in chief, Pacific Fleet," Secretary Knox announced today, in a move giving new recognition to the Navy's air arm.



ADMIRAL TOWERS

Towers, 57, will become a vice-admiral in his new position and will be replaced as chief of aeronautics by Rear Admiral John S. McCain, 68, of Carrollton, Miss., who now has an air command in the Pacific.

Guinea Situation May Explode Soon

Patrol Activity Increasing in Owen Stanley Mountains

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia—(AP)—There were signs today of possibly imminent action in the Owen Stanley Mountains where the Japanese are believed to have been for five days, but the day's communique said the general situation remained unchanged.

Nazi Naval Station Hit

British Make Attack At Wilhelmshaven

LONDON (AP)—The RAF bombed a station at Wilhelmshaven, chief German naval station on the North Sea, and killed three which were attacking pilots said were left sprawling about the hangar in the middle of the night.

The results of this attack were not observed. The Wilhelmshaven attack was the second by the RAF in as many nights and the ninth this month upon Germany.

Argentina Hits at Nazi

Propaganda Activities—BUENOS AIRES—(AP)—Argentina has struck sharp at Nazi propaganda activities with an order for immediate dissolution of the German Cultural Welfare Society.

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BAGGED NAZI BIRDS—Second Lieut. Sam Junkin (above) of Natchez, Miss., is one of two U. S. Army Air Force stragglers credited with being the first American pilots to destroy enemy planes in the European war theater. He shot down a German Focke-Wulf 190 off Dieppe, France. The other officer so credited is Second Lieut. Elsworth Shanan of St. George, W. Va.

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Still Holding Hills Looking On City Heart

Red Army Strikes at German Lines On Moscow Front

MOSCOW (AP)—Backs to the Volga, the defenders of Stalingrad stood to their guns today under the heaviest of pattern bombing and still held hills looking down upon the heart of the city against the redoubled assault of Nazi troops and tanks.

But even while the bomb-splattered city fought for its life, the Red Army kept up its own clogged punching at the German defensive lines on the Moscow front to the north, and reported the annihilation of about 4,000 Germans and the capture of a fortified town in a three-day fight.

Russian planes and Russian tanks still played their part in the fight to save Stalingrad—both outnumbered though they were. And the Russians reported that although their lines sagged again and again under terrific onslaught, the Germans being now being held to a costly 300 to 400 yards for a whole day's fighting.

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