

# JAP DESTROYERS SUNK, 4 MIA

Not War—Only Defeat—Destroys the Freedom Of Men And The Privileges Of Democracy

Livest Newspaper In The Carolinas

## THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

Final

ESTABLISHED 1888

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1943

20 Pages—Price Five Cents

Food for... Chowder... Dessert... anywhere... CO. 7111... Plan?



**RUSSIANS DEAL WITH FIFTH COLUMNIST**—In top photo collages burn and men fall during the height of fighting as Russian guerrillas surprise a Nazi-Hungarian brigade in this Russian village and cut the invaders to pieces. Although the attack was successful, a treacherous informer cost them the lives of twelve brave men. In center photo the fifth columnist, foreground in cap, is led out after seizure by the men he betrayed. Women, perhaps even the wives of the dead men, belabor the traitor with brooms and sticks. As a fitting conclusion, in bottom photo, the village turns out to watch the execution of the fifth columnist whose perfidy cost the lives of his fellow villagers.

# WAY CLEARED FOR ALLIED OFFENSIVE IN TUNISIA AREA

## Bad Weather Might Cause Some Delay

Storms Sweep Rain and Snow Across Most of the Front  
By DANIEL DE LUCE  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — (AP)—Unification of the Allied command in North Africa cleared the way today for an all-out offensive to drive the Axis from Tunisia, but observers believed that bad weather might delay the final showdown a month or six weeks more.

## U. S. Planes In Attack During Jap Evacuation

Blows Struck Off Guadalcanal  
By WILLIAM HIPPLE  
GUADALCANAL, Feb. 10 (Delayed) — (AP)—United States bombers and torpedo planes sank three Japanese destroyers and damaged at least four others in two attacks on task forces desperately evacuating Jap officers and technical personnel from Guadalcanal the first week in February, the Navy disclosed today.

## Russians Extend Kharkov Threat

Two Strong Red Arms Stretched Around Donets Basin  
By EDDY GIMORE  
MOSCOW — (AP)—Breaking fierce resistance and smashing into deep German defenses and ranks of reserves, the Red Army today had stretched two strong arms around the vital Nazi-held Donets basin in southern Russia and extended the threat to Kharkov, capital of the Ukraine, the Russians reported.

## FR To Talk To Nation

Speech To Be Made From White House  
WASHINGTON — (AP)—President Roosevelt will talk to the nation by radio tonight for the first time since he returned Jan. 23 from his three week's trip to Casablanca and his historic "unconditional surrender" conference with Prime Minister Churchill.  
He chose Lincoln's birthday for the first of two broadcasts on foreign and domestic affairs, the second to come Feb. 23 when he addresses Washington birthday observances with a confirmation of this report in the day's communications.

## Defeat Big Jap Force

Allied Troops Win New Guinea Battle  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA — (AP)—Allied troops have decisively defeated a large Japanese force which attempted to capture New Guinea, on Jan. 20 and the enemy is retreating toward Nubo. Leaving approximately 1,000 men dead on the battlefield, General MacArthur's Headquarters announced today.  
Total enemy casualties, including wounded, probably are many times the number of known dead, while Allied losses have been relatively light, the announcement said.

## Plans Made For Training

Compulsory Service After War Object  
WASHINGTON — (AP)—Congress today had for study legislation which would provide compulsory universal military training for all youths of the nation after the war.  
Representative Wadsworth, Republican, New York, and Senator Gurney, Republican, South Dakota, introduced almost identical measures yesterday to provide that when a youth becomes eighteen, he shall be inducted into the Army or Navy for a training period of one year. Upon completion of training, he would be placed in a reserve status and subject to call for any prescribed refresher course.

## German Naval Base Attacked

LONDON — (AP)—The German navy base at Wilhelmshaven was the target for a heavy attack by the RAF last night, the Air Ministry announced today.  
Three planes failed to return from the raid, the first night attack on the port since June 27, when it was the target of a heavy raid by American Flying Fortresses, Messerschmitts and Ju-88s.  
Wilhelmshaven, an important submarine building center, was last attacked on the port since June 27, when it was the target of a heavy raid by American Flying Fortresses, Messerschmitts and Ju-88s.

## Guadalcanal Victory Sealed By Hard Man-To-Man Combat Work

By WILLIAM HIPPLE  
GUADALCANAL, Feb. 9.—(Delayed)—The battle for Guadalcanal was a campaign of destruction by ground forces supported by powerful artillery. Major General Alexander M. Patch Jr., said tonight with the announcement that the Japanese had been driven from this island here.  
"It was a matter of digging them out of the jungles and hill-fighting man to man," said the commander of the United States forces here.

## For Post-War Planners: Reds Hint That Bessarabia And Baltic States Be Left Alone

By WADE WERNER  
WASHINGTON — (AP)—Consolidated American newspapers in their official and diplomatic quarters here by a broad hint from Moscow that post-war planners would do well to keep their hands off Bessarabia and the Baltic republic acquired by Soviet Russia in 1940.  
All of these territories were taken over by Russia during the Red Hitler's conquest of the Lowlands and France, and his subsequent preparations for the Battle of Britain. Russia - German relations at the time still were doubtfully peaceful under the 1939 non-aggression pact, but commentators in Allied countries were quick to point out that the occupation of Bessarabia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania must have infuriated Hitler.

### WEATHER

Slightly warmer tonight.

## Jap Attacks in Burma Repelled

NEW DELHI — (AP)—The Japanese have made a series of sharp counter-attacks in the region of the Salween River, about 400 miles northwest of Akyab, but they have been repelled in all cases, the Indian command announced today.  
The battlefront represents the forward position reached by Field Marshal Wavell's small scale invasion from India, some 25 miles

## Rommel Said To Be Wounded

NEW YORK — (AP)—The Sun published a copyright dispatch from the Tunisian front today which said there was an unconfirmed report from a quality British source that Field Marshal Rommel was wounded in a recent heavy American bomber attack on Gabes, where the German commander was said to have had his headquarters.  
The dispatch was from Gault MacGowan, Sun correspondent. It said Rommel was reported to be in a hospital at Tunis. The extent of his injuries was not indicated.

## Jap Positions In Solomons Bombed For Training

Large Fires Started in Target Areas By American Attack  
WASHINGTON — (AP)—The Navy reported today that Japanese positions at Munda and Kolombangara had been bombed Thursday and large fires started in the target areas.  
The Navy communique, No. 274, said:  
"South Pacific (All time call) (longitude) 'J'. On Feb. 11—'J'. During the morning, a force of Marauder medium bombers (Martin B-26's) with Airacobra (Bell P-39) and Lightning (Lockheed P-38) escort, attacked positions at Munda. Bomb hits started fires in the target area."  
"During the evening Marauders and Airacobra escorts bombed positions on Kolombangara. A large fire was started and one enemy plane was shot down."

## The General Speaks

PHILADELPHIA — (AP)—Major General Alexander A. Vandegrift, who commanded the Marines on the Solomon Islands, says the Japanese once lost 30,000 men in a single hand-to-hand battle.  
"They are very tenacious; as individuals given a mission to die, they do it or die trying. In the months of campaigning we took only 350 prisoners."