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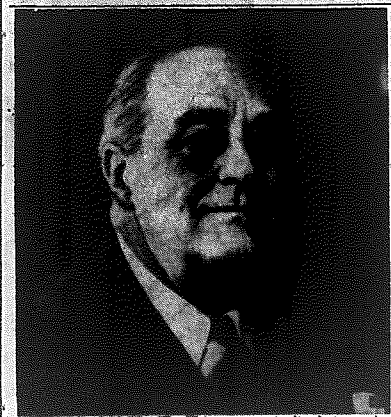
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BRITISH AIRMAN'S STORM FLEW OVER AMERICANS OCCUPY PACIFIC ISLE GROUP

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NEW PORTRAIT—This new portrait photograph of President Roosevelt was made recently at the White House.

Americans Leave Finland Capital

Crisis Looms on Issue of Whether Finns Will Stick With Nazis

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Six clerks from the United States legation at Helsinki arrived in Stockholm on a special plane today and left only a skeleton diplomatic staff in Finland as the whole question of whether that nation is going to string along with Germany militarily seemed headed for a showdown.

Nazis Fail To Advance

Batter Vainly at Red Army Lines

MOSCOW (AP)—The Germans hourly have reinforced their land armies in the Kuban and have shifted hundreds of their bomber and fighter planes into the Crimean front in the north Caucasian battles, but despite incessant attacks by these new forces the Germans have failed to dent the Russian lines, it was declared today.

Japan Broadens Scope Of Threats Of Punishment Of Plane Crews

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Move Into Strategic Ellice Isle Formation

300 Miles From Japs' Gilberts

WASHINGTON (AP)—Occupation of islands in the Ellice group in the South Pacific by United States forces was disclosed by the Navy today in a communique telling of an enemy bombing raid on American installations there.

The Ellice group is approximately 1,100 miles east of the Solomon Islands and lie on supply lines to the South Pacific and Australia.

Today's communique said that light casualties to American personnel were suffered and minor damage was inflicted in the bombing raid.

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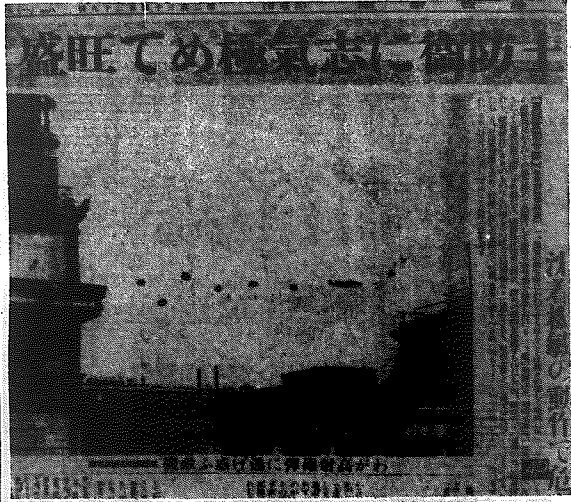
The whole island is covered with coconut palms and the principal village is at an anchorage beside a lagoon.

The text of the Navy communique:

On April 21, a group of United States fighter planes strafed Japanese positions in the Bougainville Strait area.

During the same night, flying Fortress (Boeing B-17) and Liberator (Consolidated B-24) heavy bombers, supported by Avenger (Grumman TBF) torpedo bombers, attacked Pooroona Island.

During the early morning, a group of enemy bombers raided the Ellice Island group.



JAPS PICTURE TOKYO RAID

The photo, copied from the Japanese newspaper Yomiuri for April 19, 1942, is showing action during the American air raid on Tokyo the day before Japanese capture says: "The enemy (is) running away because of the anti-aircraft fire."

Attack Jap Holdings

Allied Airmen Strikes In Salamaua Area

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA (AP)—Nassau Bay, New Guinea, which has been a Jap stronghold since the Japanese landed there in 1942, received the principal attention of General Douglas MacArthur's air force today.

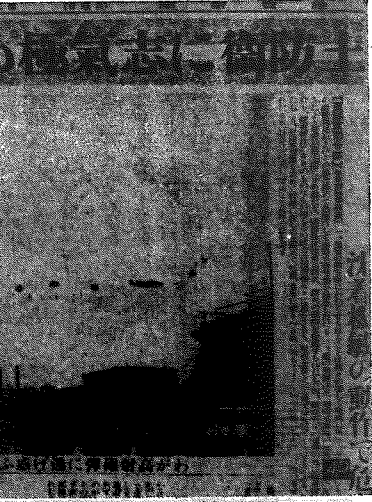
Another highlight of the day, an air attack by the day's communique, was an attack by four Japanese fighter planes upon a British Fortress reconnoitering alone over Kavieng, New Ireland.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP)—Roosevelt Hospital authorities today described the condition of William Allen White, 73, owner and editor of The Empyrean, as "fairly good."

Freight Yards at Raungoon Attacked

NEW DELHI (AP)—Allied bombers attacked the Raungoon freight yards at Raungoon last night and dropped bombs on the Molklin air field and another nearby airfield.



American Ace Would Like To Visit Tokyo

WASHINGTON (AP)—Captain Joe Foss, ranking American ace with 26 Japanese planes to his credit, said today he would like to pay "a short visit to Tokyo" to help settle accounts for the cessation of United States airman who participated in the hostilities last year ago.

after returning here from the South Pacific, the Marine captain said:

"Every one's ambition is actually to get to Tokyo. Then maybe we could talk it over and see about this."

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20 Huge Axis Air Transports Knocked Down

Spectacular Air Victory Scored As 8th and 1st Armies March

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—The British Eighth Army has captured El Krouna and pushed six miles from Enfidaville toward Ben Ticha in twin drives northward and the British First Army has staked ahead three miles against stubborn Axis resistance in the Bou Arada sector on the western Tunisian front, it was announced today.

These gains aground were coupled with aerial action during which Kittyhawks and Spitfires shot down every one of twenty six-engined Messerschmitt 323s, some carrying troops and others laden with freight, and ten of their escorting fighters encountered over the Gulf of Tunis.

The giant Messerschmitt transports, which dwarf such carriers as the Junkers 52s upon which Field Marshal Erwin Rommel has relied largely for reinforcements and supplies, are designed to carry 120 soldiers or almost ten tons of cargo.

The transports were carrying gasoline and personnel to Tunisia and the entire formation was destroyed, an official statement said.

Although not many aircraft were shot down, the size and importance of this victory ranks alongside the success of last Sunday when 77 enemy planes, including 58 Junkers-52 transports, were destroyed in one engagement, the Air Force announced.

(The Junkers 51 is designed to carry from 18 to 20 soldiers or 5,000 pounds of cargo. It is powered by three engines.)

PLANE DOWNED

20 Axis planes were shot down during the day, against an announced loss of five Allied aircraft.

The battle with the transports, reported here as the most important stroke against enemy supply lines since the start of war, lasted less than ten minutes. Flames burst from many of the great carriers as they were hit by the fighter bursts.

Four Allied planes were missing after the Gulf of Tunis engagement, in which British, South African and Australian fighters cooperated to cut down the transports, so large that tanks and trucks may be driven into their fuselages through open ends.

Eight Messerschmitt 109s and two Fiat fighters and a Reggiane 201 and Macchi-202 were destroyed during their vain attempt to defend the transports until they could settle upon the landing fields dotting the area about Tunis.



Late Bulletins

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Prisoners Home

A BRITISH WEST COAST PORT (AP)—A white ship marked with red crosses came out of the harbor today to bring more than 400 prisoners, laughing and weeping, from their home from Italian prison camps on Good Friday.

The rescued men, who arrived from Lisbon, where an exchange of British and Italian prisoners took place.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

LONDON (AP)—Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, who underwent an emergency operation April 14 in a hospital on the Isle of Wight, left the hospital today, it was announced today.

MARYLAND BUYS BONDS

BALTIMORE (AP)—Status of war bonds in Maryland in the second year of the drive will go way over \$100,000,000, although the state's quota remains at \$125,000,000, Walter N. Kutz, chairman.

JAPS HIT CHINESE CHANGKING (AP)—A determined Japanese attempt to dislodge the Chinese from the eastern part of the Chungking Mountains was reported today in a Chinese High Command communique which said the fighting was intensified as the Japanese "threw more troops into the battle in North Henan."

JOIN FOOD PARLEY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chile, Iceland, Colombia and Cuba will participate in the United Nations food conference opening at Hot Springs, Va., May 23. The State Department said today. All told 25 acceptances have been received since the United Nations food conference to 42 foreign governments.

WEATHER

Occasional rain; warmer tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 60; L. 50

Sunset Today 7:08 Sunrise Tomorrow 6:40 Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 12.