

U. S. NAVY STRIKE IN NORTH PACIFIC

Japanese Base On Kiska Put Under Attack

Assault Apparently Co-ordinated With South Pacific Offensive

WASHINGTON (AP)—An American naval task force bombarded the Japanese base on Kiska Island last night, the Navy announced today, in an attack apparently co-ordinated with the United States offensive against Japanese defenses in the South Pacific.

The Navy said it was not clear whether the Japanese base on Kiska Island was damaged or whether the Japanese forces there were demoralized. The Navy said it was not clear whether the Japanese base on Kiska Island was damaged or whether the Japanese forces there were demoralized.

U. S. Navy Victory in Solomons Announced

Enemy Force Gets Pounding

By C. YATES McDANIEL ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA—(AP)—A United States naval victory in the Solomons—probable sinking of six Japanese warships and damaging of four others out of a cruiser-destroyer force at a cost of one cruiser—was announced today, one week after the outbreak of the current Pacific offensive.

The triumph, recorded by guns of American ships which flashed in darkness of July 5-6 in the Kula Gulf about New Georgia Island, was described in a communique from headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur.

Divorce Granted To Jack Dempsey

Rules Charge of Infidelity Against Hannah "Proven Beyond Doubt"

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—(AP)—Lt. Comdr. William Harrison Dempsey, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, the former world's heavyweight boxing champion, was awarded an interlocutory decree of divorce today from Hannah Williams Dempsey, former musical comedy actress.

Official Referee J. Addison Young of the Supreme Court, who heard the case last month, ruled that Dempsey's charge of his wife's infidelity in Los Angeles on May 22, 1942, "was proven beyond doubt."

Reich Draws On Reserves

Manage To Maintain War Goods Output

LONDON (AP)—A Ministry of Economic Warfare spokesman said today that German production in the first six months of 1943 had been cut by Allied bombing and difficulty of obtaining raw materials and labor but that the output of war goods had been fairly well maintained.

He said the flow of war goods, particularly defensive weapons such as fighter planes, anti-aircraft guns and anti-tank guns, had been maintained by drawing on reserves, concentrating on a few basic types of weapons and sacrificing secondary goods.

Attacking In Waves Against Soviet Lines

Reds Attain Loss of Two Towns but Say Terrific Toll Taken of Invaders

By WILLIAM McGAFFIN MOSCOW (AP)—The German Army has paid a terrific toll in tanks and manpower as the price for the "insignificant gains" achieved in two days of bitter fighting in the 1943 Summer offensive on the Orel-Kursk-Belgorod front, the Russians said today.

While acknowledging the loss of two unidentified towns near Belgorod at the southernmost end of the revitalized 165-mile front, the Red Army announced last night that in two days its artillery had smashed 1,271 enemy tanks and shot down 314 planes while the German loss in dead exceeded 10,000.

Sicily Base Siege Passes 36th Hour

American Planes Try To Knock Out Air Base of Gerbini

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—Flying Hercules from North Africa and Liberators from the Middle East Command poured hundreds of tons of high explosive and fragmentation bombs on Gerbini airbase in Southern Sicily yesterday as the air siege of that vital enemy base roared through its 36th hour.

The all-out effort to knock Gerbini and its four satellite fields from the map appeared nearing completion, photographs revealing terrific damage to administration buildings, hangars, parked aircraft and landing strips from the relentless pounding of the last two days and a night.

Island-Hopping Explained

LEEDS, England (AP)—H. V. Ewart, Australian Officer-General, charged for External Affairs, said today that the "island-hopping" strategy would be "preposterous and unnecessary."

Ewart, who arrived in Britain this week, says he declared, however, it is essential to attack and occupy "some islands of crucial importance" and then apply pressure on Japan from all directions, including China and the Pacific.

Nazis Go To Dodecanese

Strengthen Garrisons In Balkan Area

LONDON (AP)—The Germans were reported by the Athens radio today to have sent fresh troops to the Dodecanese Islands, potential Allied stepping stones to any invasion of the Balkans, and Berlin declared that the German troops were being wiped out in another step to strengthen Axis positions in the Balkans.

Commission Expert Becomes A Corporal

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—Bernard Galpin, author of a best-selling manual "How to Get Out of the Army," has been promoted to the grade of corporal at the Buckingham Army Air Field, near Fort Myers.

Galpin's book, which has sold more than 75,000 copies, has helped thousands in all parts of the country to get the inside dope on the functioning of the armed services promotion system. Galpin himself was a able to take so vast a task on his own initiative, he was promoted before his draft board nabbed him last summer.

Giraud Will See Roosevelt

WASHINGTON (AP)—General Henri Giraud, commander of French forces in North Africa, will see Roosevelt today for a conference with President Roosevelt.

Output Of Planes & Naval Ships High But Munitions Lag Serious

WASHINGTON (AP)—Production of planes and naval vessels reached new highs in May, the War Production Board's monthly report showed today, but the overall output of munitions remained unchanged from April.

WPA Chairman Donald M. Nelson's report noted declines in ground ordnance, miscellaneous munitions and merchant vessels, which he described as a "very serious matter." The decline in merchant vessels was based on the value of work put in place in shipyards, however, and not on the basis of actual deliveries, which in May were the highest so far with nearly 1,500,000 deadweight tons, merchant ships led in the first six months of the year, with 64

Action in the North Atlantic

Chapter 3 of the Ghatpat's thrilling "Action in the North Atlantic" is on page 8 of this edition.

Japs, After Loss Of 136 Planes, Dodge Battle With Yank Fighters

By LEIF ERICKSON UNITED STATES AIR HEADQUARTERS, Guadalcanal, July 3.—(AP)—Japanese aircraft, which have lost at least 136 planes in the first four days of the Central Solomons fighting, avoid tangling today with the deadly Army ground troops, with the solid air cover thus provided, were reported to have been subjected to only one air attack.

Miners Hurt In Alabama Blast

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Twenty coal miners were in serious condition today, suffering from burns received in a mine blast which took another miner's life and injured three others.

The explosion, in the Parkers Mine of the Franklin Coal Mines Co., occurred yesterday about 11:30 a. m. and a half from the entrance of the mine. The explosion, which was caused by a mine car's being jammed off the wire, resulted in a spark which set off a pocket of gas.

Weather

Continued warm... Scattered... Showers... Today's forecast... Tomorrow's forecast... Wednesday's forecast... Thursday's forecast... Friday's forecast... Saturday's forecast... Sunday's forecast.