

# Casualties Are Low Now On New Britain

By Raymond Clapper  
WITH THE MARINES AT CAPE GLOUCESTER  
As you move around among the casualties here, you are exterminating the Japs at this end of New Britain, you realize how few of our men, killed, are in contact with the enemy.  
That is a thing about this war that is different from the mass fighting in Europe in the last war or on the Russian front now in our own Civil War. The war in the Southwest Pacific is one of large distances, a n d d small, but these are not big battles here.  
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for Krueger, commanding the Sixth Army, said in New Guinea just before saying a letter to the front here, the side that wins the largest number of small engagements with the enemy will win the war.  
In casualties, this is the most economical kind of war, and that is a dominating factor in the Southwest Pacific area. Almost all the officers out there are young men, and favor slow but less costly attrition in small engagements.  
They have learned by experience in jungle fighting, and the staff of Maj. Gen. William H. Rupertus say the Japs' morale has been broken. Yet one thing they seem not to have learned. They still make charges in the usual style, shouting the death cry.

# Marshall Islands Softened Up

PEARL HARBOR—The pattern of the "softening up" of the Marshall Islands by the Japanese in the past few days is not apparent as the explosive weight of the attack builds up to a Japanese aerial strike at the base of the island. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz yesterday said the Japanese had been making raids on the Marshalls since the neighboring Gilbert Islands were captured. Six additional raids were made before the Gilbert Islands were captured.  
Admiral Nimitz said the Japanese air force has lost probably 183 planes and has had 88 more shot down in the last few days. Japanese losses are placed at 22 planes.  
There are 22 separate islands or island groups in the Marshalls, but 100 of them are either uninhabited or have only a few natives. The 199 islands, all but four have been made against five enemy bases—Wot, Makin, Mochish, Eniwetok and Jaluit Atolls.  
Indicating a spread of Japanese defenses in the fact that on Jan. 15 American planes bombed Eniwetok Atoll for the first time in three days, the American bombers attacked Japanese shipping there. Eniwetok Atoll, which controlled Makin, was aimed at those installations and airfields on Eniwetok, Makin, Mochish and Jaluit Atolls.

During the first strike at Eniwetok on Monday, the Japanese Zero intercepted the 17 Mitchell bombers, but when the second strike on Wednesday was made, the Japanese Zeroes were shot down in the seven bays. All of our planes returned.

**Liberia Declares War On Germany And Japan**  
LONDON—The British Foreign Office today declared that Liberia, the Negro republic on the west coast of Africa, has declared war on Germany and Japan yesterday.

**British Planes Attack 22 Ships In Aegean Sea**  
CAIRO—British planes attacked 22 ships yesterday in the Aegean Sea, killing three and damaging several others. A communiqué today also declared that the British had bombed a German harbor last Sunday and the main railway station there.

# Green American Kids Pour Into Italy To Battle Nazis In Sky

By HAL BOYLE  
AN AIR BASE IN ITALY, Jan. 26 (Delayed)—A steady stream of young American boys are pouring into Italy in a steady stream from the United States with the night of the Fifteenth Air Force, which already is dealing with a heavy blow at German, Italian, and Japanese air forces.

## Leningrad Completely Liberated Initial Threat To Beachhead Turned Back

### Heavy Increase In Our Army Abroad

#### Stimson Says Two-Thirds Of Our Forces Going Overseas This Year

WASHINGTON—As present plans shape up, two-thirds of America's steady-growing Army will be at overseas stations by the end of this year.  
That was the word today from Secretary Stimson as he announced plans for creating a number of domestic Army camps during the next few months and the transfer to combat units of a substantial proportion of the soldiers now assigned to administrative duties.  
The overseas expansion program will double our forces abroad by the end of 1943, only about a third of the Army had been sent outside the country.

### Argentine Ships Frozen In Port

By STANLEY ROSS  
BUENOS AIRES—(AP)—The Argentine military government froze movements of the State merchant fleet today as one of the first follow-up actions to its diplomatic break with the Axis, all vessels being directed to remain in port "until new orders."  
It was expected here, however, that the embargo would not last long. Since Argentine commerce largely depends on the free movement of the merchant fleet.  
SUBS FEARED  
Although no reason was given for the freeze, it was apparent that the Ramirez Government deemed it unsafe to expose the vessels to the menace of any lurking enemy submarine in the South Atlantic until some provision could be made for their protection, possibly in convicts.  
(Nazi submarines sank three Argentine ships in 1942 but no mention was made of these torpedos in yesterday's official communique concerning the diplomatic break.)  
As congratulations poured in from all the countries of the Americas, the Argentine Government turned to another problem attending its diplomatic break with Germany.  
Suspension of these facilities brought a great increase in the number of the revelations that Buenos Aires was headquarters for a slanting network of Axis spy rings, telephone communications with Germany already have been cut.  
The German news agency Transoceanic, a powerful Nazi propaganda outlet, has been notified to wind up its affairs here by Jan. 31, and it was believed that the program afternoon newspaper, Compagnie, would be liquidated by the end of the month.

### Nazi Driven 40 To 60 Miles Away

#### More Than 700 Towns Freed

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The result of the fighting was a vast historic importance has been solved—the city of Leningrad has been completely liberated from the enemy blockade and from barbaric enemy shelling, said a special bulletin received from a Moscow broadcast by the Soviet monitor.  
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### Argentine Request Seen

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Argentina's new position in relation to the rest of the Americas probably will be clarified today and if again applies for lend-lease aid and supplies.  
A request for such aid is expected as soon as Buenos Aires has completed re-orientation of her foreign policy, according to a source here who said she severed diplomatic relations with Germany and Japan.  
What Washington's reaction will be, however, probably will depend on the extent to which the Buenos Aires government has done in clearing up Axis spy rings, propaganda and revolutionary activity within her borders.  
Argentina also has asked for lend-lease in the interests of her own defense and the Allied war effort.

### Rain Falls In Middle West

CHICAGO—(AP)—Rainfall battered the Midwest yesterday, with heavy rains in the Middle West today. The precipitation moved up from the Gulf of Mexico and spread into Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and also spread into Michigan and Ohio.  
However, agricultural and horticultural experts stated the danger of winter wheat in the Midwest is not so great as it was in the autumn and winter, a subsequent sudden or hard freeze would cause serious damage.  
Forecasters H. L. Jacobson said that already rain was changing to snow in the St. Louis area and that there was snow in South Dakota. He said the weather would begin to cool in Missouri and Iowa and elsewhere in the Midwest tomorrow.

### Great Plane 'Mars' Back In Mainland Waters

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP)—The United States Coast Guard today said the plane "Mars" had returned to mainland waters after a 20-day mission in the Pacific.  
The plane was launched from the USS Intrepid, a transport, at San Francisco to Honolulu as a military transport.  
The plane was in the air for 20 days and 17 minutes out of Hawaii, carrying 20,000 pounds of mail and supplies to the island and made the round-trip in 27 hours and 26 minutes flying time to be the first aircraft to make the 2,400 statute mile continent-to-island route.

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### Looks For Major Fight Below Rome

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A heavy battle probably will develop south of Rome as the Germans attempt to drive the Allied amphibious forces which landed at Nettuno back into the sea, Secretary of War Stimson predicted today.  
So far, the position of the Allied forces is favorable and enemy opposition has been extremely weak, he said. But he added that there is every reason to expect violent German reaction in an effort to save their communications between Rome and the southern front in Italy.  
The landing last Saturday, Stimson told a news conference, apparently achieved a complete tactical surprise. There was no opposition on the beaches, the critical phase of any landing operation is not yet over, he said. In the initial phases, some 40,000 troops landed, and the rest of the force is being landed in the next few days.  
Where the Germans will get the troops to launch a heavy counter-attack is not quite clear, Stimson said, but some of them probably will be drawn from troops currently in the Sicily area, he said. Some of them may even be pulled off the Southern front where the Nazis are fighting a hard battle toward Cassino.  
A BART LINE  
It is conceivable that the Nettuno landings and the exposure of that beachhead may cause the Fifth Army to advance to the present southern line, he said. But it is still some time before a real and decisive defeat for the Nazis and the Italians.

### Draft Looks To Farmers

CHICAGO—(AP)—Selective Service called scores today on the 1,700,000 farm workers who have been deferred from military service because of their individual production that will not add substantially to the nation's food supply, their deferments may be cancelled.  
Commander Patrick H. Winston, assistant director, National Selective Service Headquarters, said in a speech prepared for the National Council of Private Motor Truck Owners, Inc., that farm workers may be called upon in the near future to increase sharply their production goals or be taken into the armed service. He was speaking in Chicago before the National Selective Service director, Winston pointed out that the

### Canadians Get Out Of Kiska

OTTAWA—(AP)—The Government announced today the withdrawal of Canadian troops from Kiska Island, which joined U. S. forces in recapturing that Aleutian Island five months ago.  
It was learned here that the Kiska garrison now is made up of a strong detachment from the British, an unofficial source expressed belief the Canadian withdrawal resulted from a decision to concentrate the Canadian War effort in Italy and Britain.

### Declares Spain Still Neutral

MADRID—(AP)—Count Francisco Franco, Spanish Foreign Minister, reaffirmed Spain's neutrality today despite what he said was a "strong and serious threat" to force her to choose between the two sides.  
The decisive factor in overlooking this matter continues to be the presence of twenty German divisions which have become forces of submission rather than aggressors of the frontiers," the Budapest correspondent of the Gazette de France said today. "The Bulgarians were said to have produced moral, physical and political effects on the Spanish people with an average destruction of 60 per cent in three fourths of the captured territory. They were responsible, especially for state affairs."

### Say Bulgaria Near Crisis

BUDAPEST—(AP)—Bulgarian Foreign Minister today said Bulgaria was approaching a crisis comparable to that of Italy last July when Fascism was overthrown.  
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### Yanks Within Half A Mile Of Cassino

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WITH THE FIFTH ARMY BEFORE CASSINO, Jan. 26—Delayed—The American forces which recaptured the Rapido River in a deadly half of small arms fire today resulted in a breakthrough of Cassino in an envelopment movement through the surrounding mountains.  
Patrols advanced to the outskirts of the town itself before withdrawing to be destroyed.  
The concentrated opposition has

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP)—The first German counter-attack against the Americans and British just south of Rome, the first of the kind that probably will be launched in a furious effort to wipe out the Allied beachhead, has been thrown back with the crushing of German armor, Allied Headquarters announced today.  
Men and supplies continued to pile into the strategic wedge threatening the Italian capital.

### Hits Soldier Vote Stand

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Milken, Republican, Colorado, told the Senate today that if Congress overrules the State's constitution rights to prescribe the method of electing Presidential electors, it would be acting as "a revolutionary usurper."  
Challenging the contention of supporters of the Administration's service vote bill that Congress has wartime powers to set aside the state's authority over elections, the Coloradoan asserted that if that were true, "Congress could depose the President by the simple action, and could abolish elections and do away with the Supreme Court."  
The conclusion is inescapable, Milken said, "that when Congress overrides the constitution, it is acting as a revolutionary usurper."  
Milken took the floor in the fourth day of debate on a measure in answer to the President's veto which would establish a Federal war ballot on which members of the armed forces abroad could vote for President, Vice-President, Senator and Congressmen.  
In a speech, the President charged that a previously approved measure simply calling on the states for military votes was available to personnel was "fraud upon the American people," "filling the ballot box with illegitimate votes."  
Milken in his administrative role in foreign combat areas would have to be directed by foreigners in cases where American troops are fighting under foreign Allied commanders.

### No To Be Made

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A War Production Board announcement today made it official that there will be no distilling of new whiskey from several types of output.  
War needs will continue to require the full utilization of the distilling plant capacity.  
He estimated 1944 industrial alcohol requirements at 632 million gallons, a decrease from 650 million in 1943.

### Bombers Raid Port Of Fiume

STROCKO—(AP)—Allied bombers attacked the Italian port of Fiume today causing considerable damage, a dispatch from Zagreb in Croatia said today.

### Manuscripts Congress Member Hit By Street Car

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Congressman Charles L. Clifford, 73, was struck by a street car after being struck by a street car.

### Record Tonnage Of Bombs In Jan.

LONDON—(AP)—Allied planes operating from Britain and the Mediterranean have dropped 21,000 tons of bombs on Hitler's European bases since Jan. 1, according to RAF estimates, thereby probably setting a record for the year.  
Of the total, 22,000 tons were dropped in the Allied air forces in Britain and the remainder was loaded by Mediterranean Allies—mostly on Italy and the Balkans.

### Weather

North coast and north of it had a possible start in rain. The Congressman was struck by a street car after being struck by a street car.