

Tales From A Flat Top In Pacific War Zone

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ABOARD A CARRIER IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC (Continued)
The sun had just set. It was five minutes of eight, time to relieve the watch.

Two lads averred disaster aboard this carrier. "I just naturally ran up and caught the bomb," they said, "and took out the fuse."

Two hundred and seventeen miles away from Eniwetok, came to the aid of a stricken pilot in distress.

Economy Axe Is Swung

WASHINGTON—Congress' nearest economy drive was thrown into high gear today as the House Appropriations Committee recommended a \$91,255,064 slash in the funds requested for various Federal agencies for the first deficiency supply bill of 1944.

After slashing requests for post funds, the committee turned to requests for transfers of \$26,943,000 in funds previously appropriated and for contract authorizations of \$19,000,000.

Return This Newspaper For Front-Line Service

The paper on which this newspaper is printed today is literally worth its weight in gold to the war effort.

Fair and colder with frost tonight. Temperature from 26-32; Wednesday, fair and cool with slightly higher temperatures in afternoon.

Clashes Flare Up In Battered Cassino Rain & Mud Bog Down Both Forces

Yanks Repel Two Beachhead Blows
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples—(AP)—Sharp clashes have flared between Allied patrole and the Germans inside battered Cassino, headquarters announced today, and American troops have thrown back two small Nazi attacks near "Esperia" on the Rome beachhead.

The Germans opened up with heavy mortar and machine-gun fire at Cassino, then sent patrols out but in gains were made. Heavy fighting raged over both sides. The Rapido River rose three feet.

Small attacks against Italian troops of the Eighth Army near Cassino, but they were beaten back. Canadian artillery again smashed an enemy mortar supply convoy near Cassino.

Spitfires led a schooner flaming in Kotzebue on the Bering Sea coast and strafed a freight train and a troop-carrying truck convoy near Tobruq, causing confusion.

Allied troops, who hold about one-third of Cassino, made several frontal attacks today. The German held part of the town, which resulted in fierce local fighting.

The Germans have increased the number of snipers along the beachhead and increased the number of snipers along the beachhead and increased the number of snipers along the beachhead.

Southeast of Corceto an enemy patrol of twenty men sought to penetrate the American lines, but was driven off. Three prisoners were taken. Southwest of Corceto, British troops raided a German position.

Continued rain has deepened the mud on the beachhead and flooded many low areas, making the hold of the troops still more unpleasant.

In the lower Garigliano River region of the front, the British Army for the first time, British patrols had local skirmishes with the enemy and captured four prisoners.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—(AP)—Three minutes of the U. S. A. Medical Corps here overtook, captured and seized his keys while approximately 100 others searched for keys in the rubble of a burning city last night.

Dr. J. M. Powell, surgeon, said the keys were found in the rubble of a building that had been destroyed by fire.

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The need for paper for the war effort is so great that the Government has authorized the use of waste paper in the manufacture of newsprint.

But, more important, the weather forecast for the week ahead shows a period of unsettled conditions with frequent changes in temperature.

Fear Nazis May Throw More Men Into Italy Fight

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Reports of early Spring thaw on the Russian front caused fresh concern here today over the Allied campaign in Italy. Any Soviet slowdown might enable the Germans to throw new divisions into the Italian fighting, in which the Allies already have conquered three resistance zones since their initial landings on "the beach" last September.

No Contempt Move Likely For Daniels

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A move to cite Presidential assistant Jonathan Daniels for contempt of the Senate apparently collapsed today after he appeared before an agriculture subcommittee and testified in detail about an unsuccessful Administration attempt to persuade Harry E. Slattery to resign as Rural Electrification Administrator.

Finns Await Soviet Word

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—The Finnish Government is momentarily awaiting word from the Soviet Russian Government on Finland's reply to Moscow's proposed armistice terms, the Associated Press Helsinki correspondent reported today.

This report, which was cleared by Finnish censorship, was the first word direct from Finland to Helsinki since the armistice terms, the Associated Press Helsinki correspondent reported today.

At the outset, Daniels made an opening statement. The subcommittee reported that he was "doing what was proper under the law" and that he was "doing what was proper under the law."

BRITISH SOLDIERS WON'T GET RAISE
LONDON—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill today said that no fundamental changes are likely to be made in Army pay and allowances, at least so long as the Government ekes out a narrow 20-per-cent margin in last week's Budget vote in the House.

DURHAM STRIKE ORDER GIVEN
ATLANTA—(AP)—The Fourth Regional War Labor Council today issued an order for a 24-hour strike by workers of approximately 2,400 at the Durham, N. C., plant of the American Tobacco Company at Durham, N. C., to slow down a hearing here on charges that the company was in violation of a back-to-work order.

BRITISH MINE STRIKES SPREAD
LONDON—(AP)—Wave protest strikes which began in the north of England yesterday spread today to the south.

But whether you return this newspaper is up to you. We are not in a position to offer you a refund.

Junior Commandos are working with the News and the Chamber of Commerce in collecting scrap paper to help in this crisis. Chief Hendrix has urged that the Chamber of Commerce, Department, etc. co-operating.

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Reds Bring War Close To Rumania

ADVANCE DESPITE TERRIBLE WEATHER
By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW—(AP)—The Red Army brought the war close to Rumania today, all out battling the Fritz von Manstein's southern Ukraine Army from Germany and Poland, surging on despite weather so bad Soviet dispatches regarded it as "almost impossible."

At some places where the Rumanians have taken strongholds on the Odessa-Warsaw railway, Soviet units are 67 miles from the Rumanian border beyond the Italian republic. This refers to the border established in 1940 when Rumania ceded Besarabia and Northern Bucovina to Russia.

Front dispatches said the snow had been washed away by heavy rains and that wide fields of the Ukraine are ponds and areas of mud. "To wage an offensive would seem absolutely impossible," Red Star declared, reporting the Spring thaw "just what the Germans want."

These dispatches pointed out how the lack of roads and the weather would hamper the German Army, and indicated the Germans have been separated from one another and are falling back without contact though they are still in the area.

Nazis Fearful Of Soviet Drive South Of Lvov

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—German propaganda agents in Berlin today pictured a Soviet drive south of Lvov in the Ukraine as a major threat to the German position in the Balkans.

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68 Big Planes Are Lost When Berlin Raided

Second Highest Single Day's Score Made By U. S. Craft
LONDON—(AP)—The great American air fleets smashing Berlin Monday knocked 176 Nazi planes from the sky, but lost 68 four-engined bombers in one of the greatest plane battles of the war, U. S. Army Headquarters disclosed today.

RAF night bombers kept the attack rolling, with a heavy blow last night on railway targets at Trappes, France, fifteen miles southwest of Paris, and Mosquito bombers darted against targets in northwest Germany, all without loss.

U. S. Troops In Los Negros Push
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific—(AP)—United States troops pushed ahead Sunday toward Los Negros, an inhospitable new jungle battles to drive the enemy from Strategic Los Negros Island of the Admiralty in the Bismark Sea—a military campaign startlingly reminiscent of the 1942 Guadalcanal invasion.

U. S. Subs Plague Japs
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet, reported today on his return to Washington for a series of conferences. (1) American forces have occupied the Marjoro atoll in the Marshall Islands and (2) our submarines may deliver the killing blow in the Pacific.

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