

RUSSIAN AIRMEN INTENSIFY BLOWS

MOSCOW, April 28.—(AP)—Izvestia, the official newspaper of the Soviet Union, called on the Red Army today to prepare for decisive battles "which are in the offing."

The plea came as the Red air force carried on intensive attacks against German communications and maintained its sky superiority over the Kuban region of the Caucasus.

All along the lengthy front, Red air force fighters and bombers pressed their attacks against the German lines and to the rear, indicating they were providing a heavy mauling to German forces being brought up as reserves for future operations.

The German radio declared 44 Russian planes were brought down in the southern sector, but did not say what period the report covered.

The land fight still was mostly artillery dueling. Heavy shelling was going on from the Kuban Delta, in the Novorossiisk region, to the Volkhov sector southeast of Leningrad.

Six-Year Jap War Seen By Glacier Priest

LOS ANGELES, April 28.—(AP)—The Rev. Bernard R. Hubbard, S. J., known as "the Glacier Priest" for his Alaskan explorations, predicts that the war with Japan will last from six to ten years.

"That may sound too pessimistic; I hope I am wrong," said the priest in an interview here after returning from the Aleutians, where, he declared, American troops are anxious to fight the Japanese.

Father Hubbard added that he doesn't believe the Japanese presently plan to seize Alaska, although they want to carve out an empire in the South Pacific, which is more desirable and more easily defended.

"But the Japs do want to hold Kiska in the Aleutians because that would be an ideal submarine base for domination of the North Pacific," the priest said.

"We should have got there first, but on my last trip north in January I saw what leads me to believe we will capture it eventually."

"The Aleutians are stepping stones from Asia to America, but not from America to Asia. That is something many strategists do not realize. The simple reason is that the weather goes the other way, in the Japs' favor."

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Barbara Stanwyck Flits About Piling Bonds in Her Wake



ROBERT FARRAR and BARBARA STANWYCK

Barbara Stanwyck zigzagged through Seattle this forenoon. The actress moved fast, selling Second War Loan bonds as busily as a meat cutter with two tons of tenderloin steak in his shop.

She rewarded the first war bond purchaser of the day with a kiss which left him gasping and rubbing off lipstick with some perplexity.

"She's super!" breathed the bond buyer, 31-year-old Robert Farrar. "I wonder what my mother will say."

A hotel operator swore she'd carry the actress in her elevator "if it's the last thing I do—She's my favorite!"

Miss Stanwyck beamed at a cluster of girls from Lincoln High School. She passed out autographs and bond applications, smiling like a Fourth of July sparkler in a blackout.

She turned heads. She sold bonds. She upset the thoughts of the tough policemen in her escort. She had the whole force agog in the headquarters of the King County Women's War Savings Division. But they kept their presence of mind long enough to make her an honorary member, as they had Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

She's a Ball of Fire!

Next the actress wowed 'em at a war bond rally in the Seattle-Tacoma shipyards. The women workers sighed in admiration. There's a fair chance more than one riveter will eat dinner absentmindedly this evening, barely hearing the conversation of his good wife.

Slightly more than two hours after beginning her Seattle tour, Barbara Stanwyck was on her way

DUISBURG RAID HITS SUPPLIES

By NAT A. BARROWS

Chicago Daily News Foreign Service LONDON, April 28.—(Special cable)—Royal Air Force Bomber Command officials, studying the result of their 30 tons of bombs a minute for 45 minutes over Germany's huge inland port of Duisburg, is satisfied that this 59th R. A. F. air attack on Duisburg has dealt a severe blow on the German accumulation of war and home-front reserves.

Final reports on this "most concentrated raid of the war" are not yet available, but it seems clear that German supply lines, far removed from those smoking, ruined factories at the confluence of the Rhine and Ruhr Rivers, will suffer for months to come. Production for the German home front already has been cut to the bone, reduced to the barest essentials.

Thus, when civilian plants have been put out as at Duisburg, it is necessary to convert some war factories to civilian needs as a replacement.

Raids similar to this latest Duisburg attack, and the earlier concentrations at Essen and Pilsen, have cut deeply into the accumulation of German reserves. The feeling is growing here that the Allied bombing is now really getting into full stride with the R. A. F. Bomber Command growing steadily and surely to the desirable point where fewer airplanes are inflicting greater damage.

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Story of How Son Sank Ship Thrills Mother

The greatest thrill of her life came to Mrs. Grace Reinking yesterday when she turned the knob of a radio in her office and heard a press dispatch telling of the exploit of a Seattle flyer in North Africa.

For the hero was Lieut. William W. Whalen, her son, and when she learned he had been shot down, she was almost as if it was her son speaking.

The announcer said: "Lieut. William W. Whalen was the flyer of the twin-motored Lightning that put a Tunisia-bound convoy out of the Sicilian Narrows yesterday. Lieutenant Whalen said: 'I was the one who got the direct hit that blew up the ship. I guess it was my lucky day. I got a kick out of watching her blow up, but after all, the Germans got the biggest kick out of it.'"

A moment later Bob was meeting the wife of Robert Taylor, a lieutenant (j. g.) in the Navy. Miss Stanwyck was told of the boy's long wait to see her.

"This man here?" asked the actress, smiling at the youth. "Well, it's a pleasure." Bob put his hat in his mouth so he could open his wallet better, pulled out a \$20 bill for a war bond, and was given a bond and a kiss besides.

"Is this your first bond?"

"It's my third. I bank two-bits every week. My dad gives me that. I mow lawns and wash dishes and sell pop bottles, too. My mother lent me this money. I'll pay her back out of the bank."

The actress smiled again.

"You been in the hospitals and seen some of the boys who've returned," said Miss Stanwyck. "They don't understand why you've got to beg people to buy bonds. If everyone could see those boys, the Second War Loan would be oversubscribed. If the people think the service men alone can win this war, they're as crazy as March hares."

Young Bob nodded in approval. He gazed with awe at his heroine. He admired the St. Christopher medal she wore, gift of Jack Benny and Mary Livingstone. He admired the ruby heart looked around her neck. Christmas present from her husband. He admired her "hot chocolate" dressmaker suit, and the little lace bow she wore on top of her head because she hates wearing hats.

"She's super!" Bob breathed again, and Barbara Stanwyck went on to sell more bonds, and conquer more male hearts.

Renault Damage Described

LONDON, April 28.—(AP)—Dingle M. Foot, parliamentary secretary for the Ministry of Economic Warfare, told workers in a Scottish factory today that United States Flying Fortresses in their raid on the Renault works outside Paris April 4 damaged more than 40 shops and robbed Germany of at least 1,000 trucks and other war materials.

FLYER TELLS OF GREAT AIR FIGHT

(Capt. James G. Curl, 25-year-old Ohio State University graduate of Columbus, Ohio, commanded the United States fighter platoon who shot down 10 Japanese fighters—52's, probably destroyed another and definitely damaged 23. April 18 in one of the great air victories of the war in North Africa. Here is Curl's own story of the feat.)

By CAPT. JAMES G. CURL

Written for the Associated Press WITH A UNITED STATES FIGHTER GROUP IN THE WESTERN DESERT, April 19.—(Delayed)—We had the idea that the Germans might attempt to evacuate material and personnel from Tunisia and a desert striking force was ordered to patrol the area.

Royal Air Force groups were assigned to the first three sweeps. I guess it was just luck we were the fourth sweep, as we got there at the moment the Jerry's took off.

It was about 1745 (5:45 p. m.) when we took off. There were four squadrons of our fighters with Spitfires acting as a cover. Each squadron was divided into two layers so that as we climbed through the air we presented a stair-step formation.

As leader of the group I was flying on the bottom layer leading our squadron. After taking formation we flew to the Gulf of Tunis, passing seven to ten miles out to sea at about 10,000 feet. Visibility was about 2,500 Japanese American soldiers to this country from Hawaii—chiefly because the men are intensely proud of their American citizenship—Capt. Herbert T. Condon, Jr., of Seattle, said today.

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U. S. - Japanese Soldiers Proud Of Citizenship

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GEN. M'ARTHUR'S RAIDERS ACTIVE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, April 28.—(AP)—A 4,000-ton Japanese merchant ship was hit by a 500-pound bomb and a wireless station was destroyed Tuesday as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's heavy and medium bombers took advantage of improved weather to range far over enemy bases.

A Liberator on armed reconnaissance attacked two 4,000-ton vessels in the Arafura Sea 50 miles northwest of Dobo, on the Arco Islands. The American-manned bomber scored a hit on the bow of one ship and two near-misses on the other.

Wireless Station Hit

A Flying Fortress, following up a raid Monday in which the tower of the Japanese wireless station at Gasmata, New Britain, was toppled, wrecked the entire station.

Along New Guinea's north coast, bombers hit at Japanese holdings from Wewak south and east as far as Mubo where A-20's made nine strafing passes over enemy positions in the region of Green's Hill.

At Pischhafen, on the Huon Peninsula, Catalina dropped bombs on a suspected dump area and the crew reported heavy explosions.

Australian Planes Busy

Australian Beaufighters made 15 strafing runs during which cannon and machine-gun fire were poured into the jungle fringing Labu Laogoon, which is five miles southwest of Lae. The enemy has been attempting to conceal supply barges there.

A single Fortress fired at a coastal ship a few miles northwest of Wewak. Fortresses attacked fuel dumps on Williams Peninsula, North New Britain, as well as the Cape Gloucester airdrome.

RANGOON AGAIN HIT BY YANKS

NEW DELHI, India, April 28.—(AP)—United States Liberators delivered another heavy blow at Rangoon, chief port in Japanese-occupied Burma, starting fires and severely damaging warehouses in the vicinity of the central railway station on Monday, a United States Army Air Forces communique announced today.

Medium bombers also attacked railway targets at Thazi Junction 70 miles south of Mandalay. Enemy fighters gave battle on both raids, but were beaten off without an American loss.

Royal Air Force planes ranged wide over Western Burma yesterday, attacking a variety of targets as well as settled over the Arakan land front after several days of sharp fighting, a British communique announced.

Blenheim bombers bombed Japanese supply dumps at Akayab and the village of Magyichau at the tip of the Mayu Peninsula.

Japs Raid Chinese Town on Burma Road

CHUNGKING, April 28.—(AP)—Eighteen Burma-based Japanese bombers, escorted by nine Zero fighters, attacked the Burma Road town of Yunnan Yi in Western China Monday, the Central News Agency reported today, declaring that most of the bombs fell in forests without causing much damage.

Oregon to Reduce Big Food Stores

PORTLAND, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—Miss Loa Howard, administrator of the state Public Welfare Commission, announces that food stores in Oregon to prevent shortages in case of air raids would be released for immediate use.

The food, 219,000 pounds of canned goods and 108,000 pounds of staples, has been stored in 12 warehouses in Central and Western Oregon.

Miss Howard said the foods were ordered released by the Agriculture Department because of "heavy demands on the nation's food supply." They will be returned to the Agriculture Department for distribution.

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