

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Eloquent news today comes concerning the Pacific War. Tokyo states that the American forces are beginning their final offensive on Saipan and talks about a tank drive and violent bombardment by sea and air. The picture painted by the Japs is one of over-whelming American strength, and the whole propaganda tone indicates that Tokyo is preparing its people for the loss of that dominant island in the Mariana Groups.

SUBMARINES - 1

The Navy <sup>in</sup> announces <sup>ing</sup> the sinking of seventeen more Japanese Vessels by American Submarines, <sup>tells of two</sup> ~~two~~ <sup>Jap</sup> Warships ~~were~~ sent to the bottom - A light Cruiser and a Destroyer.

At the same time, London gives out a similar brand of news - <sup>more of the Mikado's</sup> ~~two~~ Vessels sunk by British Submarines.

In one foray the undersea craft sank nine Japs, several after long pursuit. Then, having sent the ships to the bottom, the British Subs kept going, and attacked land objectives - standing off shore and shelling Jap targets. This happened off the Northern Coast of Sumatra, and a barrage of shells from submarines hit a big supply train, and destroyed it completely.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

On Noemfoor Island, off the coast of New Guinea, General MacArthur's troops have captured another airdrome. Previously they had taken the Kamiri flying field after which they pushed on to the next objective.

Tonight's MacArthur bulletin tells of a small but violent counter-attack by the Japanese, who were beaten back in brisk fighting. The word is that our casualties on Noemfoor Island are negligible.

## JAPANESE AMERICANS

At Los Angeles today, three Japanese Americans went to court demanding that they be allowed to return to the West Coast. They are citizens of Japanese descent, who were moved from the Coast along with others Earlier in the war. They contend that the military authorities have no legal right to exclude them from the coast area, and argue that no military danger now exists. Of the three, one offered his services to the Army two days after Pearl Harbor, another had been honorably discharged from the Army, while the third is a woman whose ~~husband~~ husband won the purple heart while fighting in Italy.

## RUSSIA

The Russians have captured a railroad junction sixty-three miles from the city of Vilna, which is called the gateway to the Baltic Republic of Lithuania. So says Moscow, <sup>While</sup> the Germans place the Russians even closer to that point. - a Berlin broadcast saying that Soviet troops are ~~xxx~~<sup>only</sup> twenty-five miles northwest of Vilna. The Russian thrust in that sector appears to be aimed to go right on through the Baltic states to East Prussia. And we have a Stockholm rumor that the Germans are evacuating inhabitants from that province - the cradle of Prussian militarism.

Further south, the Germans have evacuated what was called the Kowel salient - which was an enemy bulge thrust forward in the area of the city of Kowel. That place is a hundred and twenty-five miles inside ~~of~~ the old Polish border, and, it <sup>'s</sup> inside the Prippet Marshes - the great swamp lands which the Germans might have been expected to use as a military barrier.

The German abandonment of the ~~Kxxxxxx~~ Kowel

salient now indicates that the Soviet forces may start a drive through central Poland toward Warsaw.

There is some exciting air war news, about a new ace. But first a word from Hugh.

## AIR WAR

The Air War is on again in Europe in a big way, after bad weather had impeded the operation of the planes based on Britain. (Thirty-five hundred of the aircraft of war flew from <sup>British</sup>~~Britain~~ bases today and smashed the Nazis all along the line behind their battlefront in France. At the same time, bombers based on Italy sallied forth and smashed Nazi targets in southern France - including the great air base at Toulon.)

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*And* London meanwhile discloses one of the air thrillers of the war, a daring raid that preceded the invasion landings in France. We have constantly been hearing how air power has been ~~is~~ used to choke off supplies for the German Army - and where could you find a more vital supply artery than the Kiel Canal? That was the target - though not for bombs. It was a case of <sup>mines.</sup>~~mines.~~ As a preliminary to D-Day, R.A.F. Mosquito bombers tied up the Kiel Canal by sowing it full of those charges of high explosive that blow up ships. ~~The Canal connecting the Baltic with the north~~ *and* ~~Sea was made unuseable until the Germans could sweep~~

~~up the mines which took considerable time.) And millions of tons of cargo which ordinarily would stream through Kiel, were held up. (mountains of war supplies which the Germans forces would ~~mix~~ otherwise have used against the invasion.)~~

You would expect the Germans to have had the Kiel Canal powerfully protected - and it was. For ~~on~~<sup>er</sup> thing, the vital waterway was lined with veritable walls of barrage balloons. Through these the speedy Mosquitos flew, the speedy planes whizz~~ing~~ between the rows of balloons, at low level. They skimmed the water in the face of the most violent anti-aircraft fire - in one of the most daringly ~~planned~~ planned strokes of war. And the Kiel canal was tied up with mines.



ACES

Tonight there are two new top ranking aces in the air war.

Among the Americans based in Britain it has been neck and ~~xxx~~ neck competition between Lieutenant Colonel Francis Gabreski of Oil City, Pennsylvania, and Robert S. Johnson of Lawton, Oklahoma. And today Gabreski shot three which gave him top score - with twenty-eight.

He accomplished the exploit/while escorting bombers returning from one of those double shuttle raids from Italy to Russia to Britain. And the last of the three planes he got today provided<sup>a</sup> a thriller. Nazi ~~xx~~ pilots tried a trick -- two attempting to lure Gabreski, while a third waited high above to dive down on him.

"I realized what they were doing", the ace relates, "and went after the top man. I gave him a ninety degree deflection shot, more or less to scare him, but the dope flew right through my fire. He started to dive. About one thousand feet he straightened

out. I overtook him, and caught him in a steep turn, and let him have it. His ship looked like a huge ball of fire, and I saw it hit the ground and explode. His parachute came down nearby. It might have been the pilot", he concludes, "but I don't see how he could get out." ~~of that flaming coffin.~~

So now Frank Gabreski with twenty-eight planes shot down is top ranking American ace for all theaters of the war.

And the British too, have a new high score <sup>2</sup> - Johnson. Bob Johnson is the number two American, while Johnny Johnson is the number one British ace. He shot down two more German planes today, giving him a total of thirty-five -- the highest number for any pilot <sup>on our side</sup> ~~of the Allies~~ in this war.

## ROBOTS

In southern England, the rocket bomb terror campaign was in full blast today - with robots coming across the Channel in steady streams. And tomorrow Prime Minister Churchill is to make a declaration in the House of Commons - in answer to protests against the secrecy with which the British government has surrounded the war of the rockets. (The British are demanding that information be made public about damage and casualties and the numbers of the planes without pilots that have been shot down.)

~~(And Churchill is also expected to say something about possible retaliation.)~~ It has been ~~mgx~~ urged both by the public and in Parliament that undefended German cities be wiped out by air bombing as a reprisal for the attack by the robots - which, from their very nature, hit indiscriminately. However, Churchill is expected to turn down that proposal - with the contention that the Allied Air Forces must not, for purpose<sup>s</sup> of revenge, be diverted ~~from~~ from the blasting of military targets and the disruption of

German industry. More likely - Churchill will issue a warning to the Germans that when peace is made, they'll be compelled to answer for the rocket campaign of terror.

## FRANCE

American troops driving south from the Cherbourg Peninsuls have driven into the Highway Town of La Haye ~~(High)~~. They took the Railway Station, <sup>h</sup> pushed around the City on three sides, and fought their way in - battling along through the streets. The Germans launched their usual counter-attack, but this was beaten off.

The conflict is stubborn along the Coast, but the Americans are hammering on. Today they made gains of as much as two and a half miles, thereby increasing the outflanking threat to the Germans farther inland.

At the other end of the Invasion Front, Canadian Troops are having a bitter struggle. They drove on to the Airport at Carpiquet, (car-pea-kay) and then were forced back. The Germans launched heavy counter-attacks, which made the Flying Field too hot to hold. The Canadians withdrew - still holding on, however, to the Village of Carpiquet.

Off the Coast of Normandy - the Germans are believed to be trying to evacuate the Channel islands, including historic Guernsey and Jersey. This is indicated by a sharp ~~mava~~ encounter in which British Warships sank two German vessels and drove a number of others in hasty flight. The Nazi ships had put out from the mainland, and were on their way to the Channel Islands, and all signs are that their purpose was - evacuation. If so, the attempt failed.

General Eisenhower is back in Britain after a weekend Fourth of July visit to the Invasion lines. The Second Front Commander toured the fields of battle from the Cherbourg Peninsula to Caen - traveling both on the ground and in the air. When it was all over, General Eisenhower said he was highly satisfied with the progress of the invasion.

He conferred decorations, and had a chat with pilots of planes based on French airfields. And this takes us to an interview that has the possibility for rhyming. In case you should be inclined to

make a bit of warlike verse, you might use the rhymes. General Eisenhower was introduced to an air ace, Captain Don Beerbower of Hill City, Minnesota.

Said Eisenhower to Beerbower: "How many planes did you get, son?"

Said Beerbower to Eisenhower: "Sixteen in the air and two on the ground, Sir".

The rhyming possibilities are only too vivid.

In Italy the Americans are approaching the Port of Leghorn, and are only twelve miles away now.

~~(German resistance is becoming heavier as is indicated by the fact that the Americans are now running into heavy artillery, seventeen centimetre guns. These during the long retreat of the Germans were not in evidence, and now their reappearance is taken to indicate that the Nazis intend to make a fight in permanent fortifications before Leghorn.)~~

*H Farther*

*On the inland front* French Troops driving

beyond Siena are now within twenty-eight miles of

Florence. The next German defensive line is supposed

to run near that City of such great renown, but it

is believed that Florence, with its incalculable

art treasures, may be spared the destruction of war.

Historic Siena was taken undamaged, the French refusing

to fire on the City and the Germans withdrawing. And

it is hoped that similarly Florence will be saved

from havoc.



JESSE JONES

There has been a good deal of talk about the fact that prominent administration leaders are from Texas, while in the Lone Star State they are having an anti-fourth term move. The Texas Democratic Convention has threatened to have the state's electors vote ~~for~~ for some one else, if President Roosevelt is nominated again and if the forthcoming Democratic Convention does not meet southern demands. These include white primaries -- to preserve white supremacy in the south.

Part of the <sup>comment</sup> ~~comment~~ has revolved around the fact that some of the prominent Texans in the anti-fourth term drive are business associates of a leading ~~person~~ personality in the set-up of government agencies. Also -- Secretary of Commerce, Jesse ~~H~~ Jones is a Texan and a political power down there.

~~Well, today Jesse H. Jones is a Texan and a political power down there.~~

Well, today Jesse Jones' newspaper, the Houston Chronicle, published a display editorial

~~xxxx~~ attacking plans of the anti-fourth termers and warning that any scheme to throw Texas electoral votes to anybody but the party candidate, will deprive Texans of the freedom of the ballot.

ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT

There have been rumors about a forthcoming marriage for Elliott Roosevelt, son of the President. One bit of gossip was that he was engaged to the daughter of the Prime Minister -- Mary Churchill. There was another story that he was going to marry the Dutchess of Kent. Well, we hear that Elliott Roosevelt ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ is engaged all right -- but the bride named is neither the Prime Minister's daughter, nor the Dutchess of Kent. According to ~~the news magazine~~ Newsweek, she is Captain Ruth Briggs of the WACS. *And* she's from Westerly, Rhode Island -- ~~and is~~ described as blonde and petite.

Here's a war story with suspense - terrific suspense. Up on Attu Island in the Aleutians, there are a Navy Pilot and a Newspaper Correspondent who may have ninety-six thousand dollars' worth of Ambergris Or - maybe not.

Ambergris, that strange and fabulously valuable stuff - which comes from the ~~intestines~~ of a whale, and is sometimes cast up on the beach. It smells bad, but is used for making the most of delicate perfumes. Ambergris is like Treasure Trove. Some people dream of one day finding a great shimmering pearl in an oyster. Others have had visions of discovering a few pounds of Ambergris on a beach.

Up there in the Aleutians Lieutenant Commander Al Neal of Pittsburgh and United Press Correspondent Russel Annabel were on the beach looking for Attu Moonstones. Semi precious gems, rather cheap. They were walking along when suddenly they came upon a whole string of white chunks of some unknown substance - soft and waxy. Lieutenant Commander Neal said - "maybe

→ its Ambergris." If so, they had a fortune. They got some buckets, and collected the chunks - two hundred pounds in all. The current price of Ambergris is - thirty dollars an ounce. Four hundred and eighty dollars a pound - and two hundred pounds would come to some ninety-six thousand dollars. Treasure trove indeed, if it turned out to be Ambergris.

To find out, they took some of the stuff to the Chemical Laboratory at the Naval Air Base Hospital. There the Chemist in charge examined the sample and said:

"It is probably Spermaceti." <sup>And</sup> that is cheap stuff from a whale's head, used in the old days for making candles. "Or else," He added, "It's Beef Tallow. Or maybe it's Paraffin."

"Analyze it, Doc," Pleaded Lieutenant Commander Neal, "And if it is Ambergris I'll give you a bucketful."

Whereupon a series of laboratory tests ensued. The stuff wasn't acid, which was okay for Ambergris, nor did it contain any resin. It dissolved in boiling Alcohol - and its specific gravity was right. So was its melting point. The suspense increased with each test. ~~But still they don't know.~~

And now H - what can you tell us? →