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SOLOMONS

Uncle Sam's Navy ^{seems to be} making up for those three heavy
cruisers ^{of ours that were} ~~that were~~ sunk by the Japs. ^{U.S.} ~~Our~~ submarines
have sunk no fewer than five Japanese vessels lately

in Far Eastern waters. Among them ^a ~~was one~~ heavy cruiser.

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~~They~~ probably sank one other ship, and, ^{definitely} ~~certainly~~ damaged
two more. The latest haul of our subs reads as follows:

One heavy cruiser sunk; one medium sized cargo ship
sunk; one small cargo ship sunk; one small tanker sunk;
one large tanker damaged; one medium sized cargo ship
damaged and probably sunk; one medium sized tanker
damaged; one small prowler sunk.

And the Navy adds that these operations have
not been announced in any previous communique. *In other*
words, they are in addition to the six enemy ships reported
sunk last night. That leads to an interesting bit of

recapitulation of Japanese losses as compared to ours.

The Japanese have definitely lost two hundred ships

~~that were~~ sunk, ^{and} ~~fifty-one~~ probably ^{51 more.} ~~sunk.~~ ^{Plus} ~~Their total~~

~~ships~~ damaged ~~mounts~~ up to a hundred and fifty-eight,

others.

In other words, the Army, Navy and Marine forces of the United States have hit no fewer than four hundred and nine Japanese vessels.

The American losses in the Pacific, since Pearl Harbor, are sixty. *Including* ~~That means~~, forty-six men-o-war of all classifications ~~that were~~ sunk, and, fourteen merchant ships.

FLEET FOLLOW SOLOMONS

There is a story abroad over the Pacific area that a big Japanese fleet is at sea. Just where we do not know, but it was reported ~~to have been~~ moving south.

The story comes by radio from the Australian Broadcasting Commission, and the news is attributed to Chinese military sources in Chungking. However, the ~~story~~ ^{tale} is fairly circumstantial to the extent that it enumerates the Japanese men-o-war: - seven battleships, four aircraft carriers and several cruisers. The exact number of cruisers is not specified.

with my own eyes the things I had been hearing and reading about." ^{And} From that standpoint," he ^{says his} explained, ~~my~~ "trip was most successful."

~~xxxxxx~~ The Admiral ~~found~~ moral everywhere excellent, particularly among the marines on Guadalcanal, ~~and that means~~ everyone from Major General Vandegrift, commanding the ground forces, down to the ~~high~~ ^{He says} privates. They are working hard from early morning to night to improve their positions. ^{HP} Admiral Nimitz found that it ~~was~~ hard to tell the difference between the members of the ^{various} ~~different~~ services - marines, army men and coast guard. ~~And he~~ ^{he} said: "You must see the jungles to appreciate the difficulties of moving troops there." ^{HP} "The marines," he added, "have taken a heavy toll of the Japanese who are attempting to reinforce Guadalcanal Island. ^{and} The marine losses have been disproportionately small. The Japanese," declared

Nimitz, "must not be under-estimated. They are brave and resourceful and for the most part experienced fighters. But they are now meeting people with those same characteristics, and they are suffering losses accordingly."

"Every ~~is~~ Jap ship torpedoed by our submarines increases the seriousness of the Jap problem. Our submarines, ^{said he,} ~~he added,~~ "are in there swinging day and night. Some are luckier than others, but they all get something. ^{with} The Japs ~~are~~ losing a lot of ships!"