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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Everybody in North America tonight wants to know what is happening on Guadalcanal. ~~We are still on~~

~~tenterhooks~~ ^{And} for the outcome of the battle still ~~is in~~ ^{appears}

^{to hang in}
the balance.

There is a detailed communique from the

Navy, but it does ^{not} say much that is definite. It does

tell us that no recent troop activity has been reported

from Guadalcanal nor any new enemy landing. ^{It} A strong

force of enemy warships, transports and cargo ships is

concentrated in the waters around Shortland Island, ^{that} which

~~is~~ two hundred and twenty-five miles northwest of

^{And -} Guadalcanal. It has been repeatedly bombed by Allied

heavy bombers. ^{so much} ~~that~~ we hear from General MacArthur.

^{It} This means that they are army bombers, presumably

flying fortresses. Apparently ~~they have been~~ operating out of New Guinea, for, that is the dateline of the report.

But ~~the~~ Navy report makes it clear that the Japs now have ~~quite~~ a strong concentration of troops, aircraft and artillery on the northwest part of Guadalcanal, west of Henderson Field, which is the ~~main~~ ^{main} position ~~that~~ we hold there. American warships have been laying down a heavy barrage on those Jap positions. Meanwhile American airmen have been pounding ~~on~~ enemy ship and shore concentrations. Thirty-three more enemy planes have been destroyed since yesterday. ~~That~~ ^{Which} raises the total number of Jap ~~airships~~ ^{planes} bagged in the Solomons to three hundred and forty.

Early yesterday afternoon, about twenty Jap bombers, escorted by twenty Zero fighters, attacked

^{U. S.}
the ~~United States~~ position on Guadalcanal. A flock
of our own Wildcats went into the air to intercept them,
shot down eight bombers and eleven Zeros, losing only
two of our own fighters.

But all this bagging of enemy planes and
bombarding of enemy positions cannot obliterate the
fact that our marines and soldiers on Guadalcanal are

in ^a ~~the~~ most critical position. ^{and} There is every

indication that the enemy is preparing for a heavy

mass attack. ^{and,} It is ominous that no mention is ^{now} made of

our planes attacking from Henderson Field, which is the

^{great} ~~important~~ air base on Guadalcanal. ^{and this} ~~That~~ ~~xxxx~~ has given

rise to the widely expressed fear that the Japs may

have put ^e ~~that~~ airfield out of commission, ^{as an} air base.

But at least it appears that the enemy does not
yet have control of the seas around Guadalcanal.

ALEUTIANS FOLLOW LEAD

The news from the Aleutians is a little better. But there again we have nothing much to talk about. American bombers are shuttling back and forth between their base and Kiska, bombing and strafing. They dropped fifteen tons of bombs on Kiska last Saturday. They report that anti-aircraft opposition was light and no enemy aircraft were seen whatsoever.

ODYSSEY

Here is a story of the adventures of two American officers, adventures which a reporter compares to the travels of Homer's Ulysses.

William Lloyd Osborne of Los Angeles, a captain of the U.S. Infantry, was serving with ~~the~~ a Filipino unit on Bataan Peninsula. When the Japs took Bataan, he joined up with a Filipino lieutenant and two privates and hiked to Manila Bay. There they got a rowboat and after rowing for eighteen hours, they reached a place of refuge near the Taal Volcano. The Filipinos went to a native village, and Captain Osborne made his way south.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Damon J. Gause of Winder, Georgia, a flyer in the Air Corps, had a narrow shave in another part of Bataan. He was helping to move supplies up to the front lines, not knowing that

In fact he didn't
the Japs had broken through. ~~He did not~~ realize it

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until he ran into a Jap armored truck on a bridge. Then he hid in the riverbed all that night and the next day. The Jap soldiers were often within a few feet of him, washing their clothes.

As he was trying to reach the coast, Lieutenant Gause was captured by three ^{of the enemy,} ~~Japanese soldiers,~~ They stripped him and pushed him into a prison camp ^{along} ~~containing~~ ^{with some} three hundred other Americans. But he broke away, reached the beach and swam to an anchored boat, diving frequently as he swam to escape rifle fire. In a few hours, he had rowed all the way to Corregidor. ^{And when he got there he found his} ~~His~~ boat had forty machine gune bullets in it. When Corregidor fell, Lieutenant Gause commandeered a banca, a native canoe. A storm blew up, spilled him out, and he struggled ^a ~~to~~ ^{and barefoot} shore, ~~He~~ [^] walked to the mountains ^{and hid} ~~on his bare feet,~~ ~~found a hiding~~ place in the hills, ^{After} ~~and xxxxx~~ ^{ing} rested ~~ed~~ for a week. =

He found another ^{canal} ~~banca~~ and got to an unidentified island ^{land}.

Where

The natives told him there was another American officer

on the island, but it was all of a month before he ^{located} ~~met~~

him. That other American officer turned out to be

Captain Osborne of Los Angeles, the first man I mentioned.

About the middle of July, the two ^{planned} ~~of them~~ ^{how to get on - somewhere else,} ~~planned their escape.~~ They found an old native-built

motor boat with ~~an~~ ~~engine~~ an obsolete Diesel engine,

They loaded it ~~up~~ with all the food it could carry,

and ^{with} ~~rigged up~~ an emergency sail. This took them a

month. It was August Fifteenth when they started south,

with ^{an} ~~the~~ American flag flying from the mast.

Fortunately, Flyer Lieutenant Gause had studied navigation at Randolph Field. The only equipment he

had was a National Geographic ^{ic} ~~Society~~ Society map and a small

compass. They had to stop often at small islands to

obtain water and ~~to~~ patch their sails. ^{And,} They were all

the time plugging leaks in the rotten hull of the boat,
and ^{anything to prevent the} ~~preventing~~ seams from spreading. Also, the ancient
motor had to be nursed ^{along,} ~~all the time.~~

In mid-September, they ran into a two-day typhoon. ~~There was~~ One entry in Gause's log book: ^{reads:}
" ^{We} ~~I~~ have seen everything now in the way of bad weather."
Another entry reads:- ["] ~~we~~ "nearly hit a reef."

When the fuel ran low, they poured coconut oil into the tanks. ^{Which} ~~This~~ made the wheezy old motor even more feeble, ^{she} ~~But~~ kept ~~it~~ going. At one time their ~~craft~~ passed two Japanese cruisers escorting troop transports. ^{Or rather the Japs passed them,} Another time they were about to land on an island when they saw a Japanese flag flying ^{there,}

A log entry of October third reads:- "Precisely at two-twenty this afternoon, a twin engined Japanese plane circled and machine gunned us for fifteen minutes. No material damage done."

On October Eleventh, after a voyage of almost two months, they ^{approached} ~~were near~~ the Australian coast and encountered a motor launch bearing an Australian army

officer and several men. Lieutenant Gause, with that

National
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Geographic ~~Society~~ Society map and a small compass, had

navigated a course which ^{brought} ~~took~~ them within fifteen miles

of ^{their} ~~his~~ objective. Any seaman would be proud of a landfall ^{as} close as that with such ~~an~~ instruments.

There is a seri-comic ending to the story.

By the time Captain Osborne and Lieutenant Gause reached Australia, they were most heartily sick of looking at each other and they confessed that they hadn't spoken for three days.

RUSSIA

Several weeks have passed since Hitler announced that he was raising the seige of Stalingrad. ^{well,} ~~So,~~ today we hear that Nazi troops have captured another block in ~~the~~ ^{the} heart of the city. It was a block consisting mostly of debris and broken down buildings. ^{and} The news comes from Moscow, ~~so we cannot doubt it.~~ ^{it} However, the Red spokesman ^{say that} ~~declared that~~ the Nazis had to pay dearly for their slight gains. ^{it} ~~and~~ Marshal Timoshenko has moved in fresh troops to relieve the defenders.

^{it} The latest Nazi assault on Stalingrad has been going on for six days now. ^{and}

^{it} From the Nazi high command communique it sounds as though the Germans have command of the air in and around Stalingrad. ~~again.~~ They are hammering the Russian supply lines east of the Volga River and claim to have destroyed now fewer than eleven trains.

RAIDS

Goering's air raiders are stepping up their tempo over Britain. Nothing too serious as yet; but there were air attacks yesterday which seem to presage more to come. Some twenty people were killed, trains and civilians were machine gunned, and there were three short alerts in London. Two raiders were shot down.

The principal reason the affair is worth mentioning is that it is the first on such a scale in quite a while. Possibly the beginning of a new aerial campaign.

SUBMARINES

Bad news about enemy submarines. They are going to be more troublesome than ever this winter. The authority for this is Rear Admiral Land, Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission. That U-boats will do much more damage the coming winter, because the bad weather and longer nights will give them concealment is Admiral Land's belief.

PLANES

We have been hearing a good many sanguine prophecies that it would not be long before the United Nations had command of the air. Those are false

hopes. ^{So says} ~~and it is~~ the Office of War Information, ~~that~~

~~tells us~~. The O.W.I. has been preparing ^a ~~the~~ report

for nearly four weeks, ^{and that} ~~The~~ report contains these

words:- "In the months to come, battles may be lost

and crushing defeats may be suffered. As our defense ^{we} ~~s~~

~~of~~ activity grows, casualties will increase and the

losses in aircraft will rise with the speed of our

participation."

And, it continued:- "The best the public can expect and the best it will get is that on an average the equipment of the Allied forces may be superior to the equipment of the enemy."

Director Elmer Davis comments ironically

that the United States has been paying with ~~x~~ defeat and

blood for its determined blindness towards air power during peace.

He remarks that "the Navy went to war with considerable quantities of obsolescent planes and suffered losses which ^{could} ~~should~~ have been avoided. ^{He says the} ~~the~~ most disastrous factor of the early days of the Pacific battle was the complete lack of air raid warning systems. The Philippine system was disrupted by fifth column agents before it had even begun to function. The Army aircraft score in the Pacific is better than the enemy's. But, it could have been improved if the services had been more on the alert for Japanese treachery or had more accurately forecast the performance of Japanese aircraft," *says the O.W.I.*

There is one consoling sentence in which the O.W.I. says that the United States medium and light bombers are the best in the world. The far famed

Aerocobras, on the other hand, ^{we are told} are outclassed by the British Spitfire and the German Messerschmitt and Focke-Wulf One Ninety.

Some people have said that our planes are the best in the world. Others have ~~xx~~ claimed that the British, German and Japanese are far superior. The truth, declares Elmer Davis, lies in between.

The report continues with a detailed analysis of the merits and demerits of all types of planes used

by our
~~in~~ American forces. ~~It makes interesting reading,~~

~~but it is too long to be repeated here.~~

COCHRANE

There is quite a to-do in Congress over the new head of the Navy's Bureau of Ships. Secretary Knox on Saturday announced that Captain Edward Cochrane had been appointed to succeed Rear Admiral Alexander Van Keuren. This ^{appears to have been} ~~was particularly~~ displeasing to the Senate Committee that has been investigating the war effort. The Senators declare that the appointment of Captain Cochrane was no change at all. It means a continuation of the policies which that Senate Committee has openly condemned. Cochrane, say the Senators, has been in the Bureau right^d along and the change does not change the source of the trouble. He will ^{follow the same line as his} ~~do just what his predecessors did.~~

PROHIBITION

The Drys in Congress are making use of the military laws, and it looks as though they will win -- in the Senate at least. This on the word of Majority Leader Barkley. A dry amendment has been offered to the bill drafting lads of nineteen and eighteen. It would forbid the selling or drinking of liquor, beer or wine in any district around a military or naval post. And Senator Barkley says it probably will be adopted if it gets to a roll call vote. Senator Josh Lee of Oklahoma is the author of the amendment. He says he is going to fight for it with every power at his command.

An alarm came to Chicago police headquarters that a money-lending office was being held up. A squad of Mayor Kelly's harness bulls arrived on the spot and, sure enough, found the robber at work. Nor would he come quietly as prisoners caught flat usually do. In fact, the Windy City gendarmes had to beat him unconscious before he would take their advice.

He turned out to be a deserter from the Army, one Irwin Kadens, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that he is one of the most dangerous criminals in the country.

According to the Chicago police, Kadens was not at all bashful about his ~~alleged~~ alleged felonies. Indeed, they say he has now confessed to more than fifty robberies, one a mail truck, also a kidnapping at Detroit.

He told the police he had been at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois. After a row with a Major he deserted and decided to do away with himself -- setting

his thirty-third birthday as the date. But first he resolved to have a high and violent time and leave his mark behind him. Today he is behind the bars and marks are on him.

DILLING

There was comedy at Chicago today, connected with the case of Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling. You may remember her, she got considerable Page One space once upon a time for her Communist hunting activities, *and her* She ~~published a~~ book called ~~"The Red Network"~~, in which *panned* she ~~included~~, quite a number of high federal officials including the President, *— and* Mrs. Roosevelt, ~~was also quite~~ ~~prominent in it, on the Dilling Red List.~~

Mrs. Dilling is in hot water, charged by Uncle Sam with conspiracy and sedition. The government wanted her removed from Chicago to Washington for trial. The federal court in Chicago granted the order, but Mrs. Dilling appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Before the court had time to act, Mrs. Dilling, who is quite a good looking woman, called all the reporters. She then burst into song. The subject of the song was William Power Maloney,

Special Assistant Attorney General, ~~to~~ whom the Department of Justice sent to Washington specially to obtain ^{of} the indictment ~~for~~ Mrs. Dilling. The other day, a large delegation of Chicago women appeared in court to back up Mrs. Dilling. Special Assistant Attorney Maloney, with more presence of mind than delicacy, asked them why they weren't at home with their washboards.

The lyrics that Mrs. Dilling had composed, she sang to the tune of "Kaaty", and one refrain went like this:

Mister Maloney,
"Ba-ba-baloney, ~~Mrs. Maloney,~~
You're a little 'guy who is easy to abhor,
When you insult us, come in our kitchen,
And we will mop you up just like we do the
floor."

The Affaire Dilling will
~~As yet there is no ending to that story, but we~~
no doubt be in the news for a while.
~~will give it to you later.~~