

YANKS CONSOLIDATE POSITIONS AFTER LANDING ON N. BRITAIN

CASUALTIES ARE LIGHT

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, Dec. 17 (AP)—American troops that invaded the Arawe peninsula of New Britain Island Wednesday are consolidating their positions, while the American air force has successfully repelled several Japanese air attacks.

Berlin Blazing After Another Great Attack

RAF Determined To Level Capital

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Stricken Berlin heaved up fields of flame and smoke again last night as hundreds of giant, black RAF bombers loosened thunderous explosives on the Nazi nerve center for the 41st time this year.

Toll Mounts To 79 In Carolina Train Wreck

LUMBERTON, N. C., Dec. 17 (AP)—The toll of known dead in the southeast's worst railroad disaster rose to 79 today as wreckers worked with little success to pry apart four telescoped passenger cars that still blocked the Atlantic coast line's double-track mainline from New York to Florida.

French Join In Italian Battle With Success

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Dec. 17 (AP)—French troops, entering the war on the European mainland for the first time since 1940, have scored outstanding successes against the Germans in mountain fighting in central Italy, it was announced today.

Tunisia Veterans Fight Alongside Yanks And Brits

Soon after moving up to the battlefield the French participated in a series of local attacks, capturing several important German hilltop positions and taking a number of prisoners, who expressed surprise at finding the French in action.

Drive Seen As First Setback For Japanese

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The invasion of New Britain, obviously aimed at conquest of the entire island and seizure of Rabaul, not only threatens the Japanese with the irretrievable loss of that key base but presages the first real strategic setback of the war for the Rising Sun empire.

Vatutin's Army Established West Of Kiev

MOSCOW, Dec. 17 (AP)—Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian army appeared to have firmly established the upper hand west of Kiev today after more than five weeks of desperate fighting against heavy German infantry and tank attacks.

Schools Close For Christmas Period

School books will be parked in a corner Friday afternoon and forgotten until January 3rd at 9:00 a. m. while students and teachers enjoy a two week holiday vacation.

Grand Jury Studies Additional Cases

The grand jury for the November term of district court reporting back Friday had two cases to hear, one a marijuana charge and another a forgery charge.

Gerald Mann Resigns As State Attorney General

AUSTIN, Dec. 17 (AP)—Gerald C. Mann could no longer affix "attorney general" to his name today, but he went out of office through a door that could lead to wider political horizons.

No Armistice; Just A Loose Whistle

HOUSTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Telephone switchboards at newspapers, the city hall, police and fire departments were swamped with telephone calls today inquiring if an armistice had been declared.

Two Cadets Killed In Crash Of Plane

PAMPA, Dec. 17 (AP)—Aviation Cadets Donald Merton Farnam, 23, and Harrell Wesley Hulett, 21, were killed last night when their twin-engine training plane crashed shortly after a takeoff at Pampa Army Air Field.

Victories Will Be More Costly From Here On

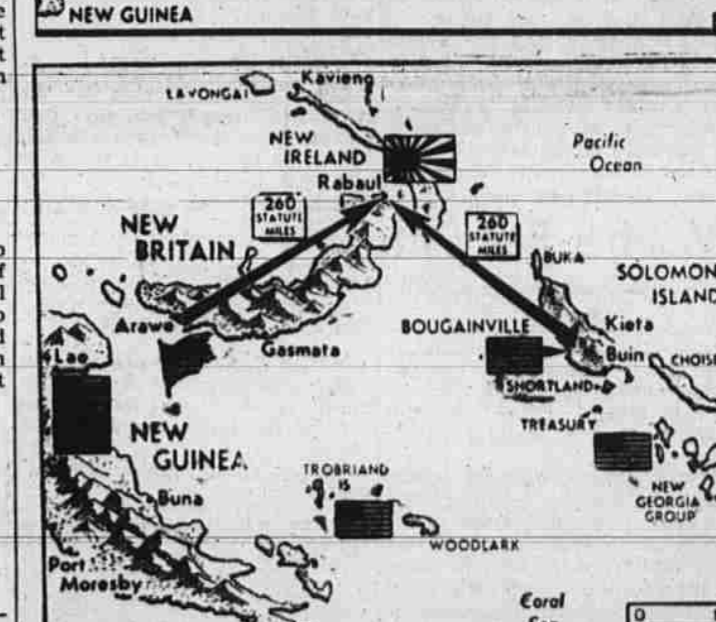
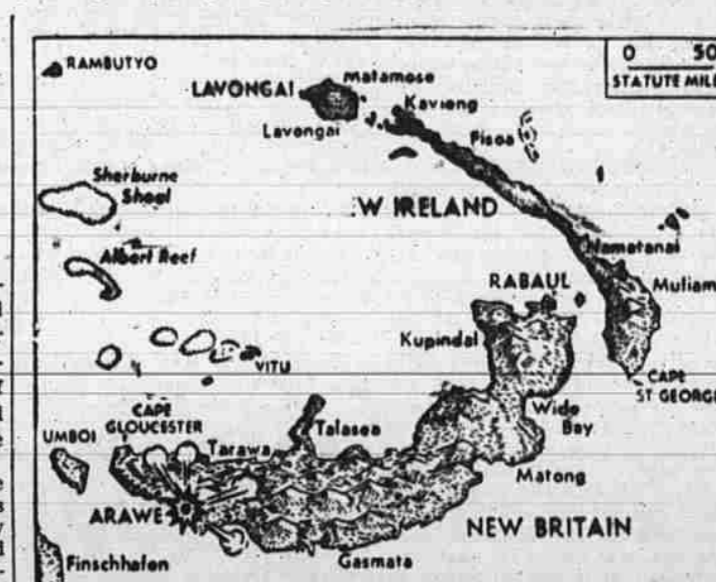
By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The start of the long-awaited campaign for Rabaul, together with the costly conquest of Tarawa island, closes that period of the war in which the United States frequently has been able to buy victory at low cost.

FDR Back At White House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt returned to the white house five weeks and a day after departing for historic military and diplomatic conferences in the Middle East.

American Subs Get Eight Jap Vessels

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—United States submarines roaming the Pacific have added eight more Japanese cargo ships to their "sighted and sunk" list. These raised the total of all Japanese vessels sunk since the start of the war to 374.



Move On New Britain—Arawe (shown by bomb burst in top map) was the immediate target of the American invasion of New Britain, following heavy bombing and dispatches today said MacArthur's forces were consolidating positions.

Great Harbor At Rabaul Is Major Prize At Stake

By HAROLD STREETER Associated Press War Writer Gen. Douglas MacArthur's successful invasion of New Britain on the rugged, back door route to Rabaul is the outstanding ground stroke of the war against those fortified Pacific islands guarding the Philippines and Japan, nearly 3,000 miles away.

Cold Weather 'Breaking Up'

By The Associated Press Texas warmed-up today after its first bitter cold wave of the season but the official forecast tonight for the panhandle, south plains and the north and central portions of east Texas.

6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT. I see a present for a tall, dark + handsome man. Buy Christmas Seals.

Texans Bear The Brunt Of Losses In The New Britain Invasion

By The Associated Press Texans played a prominent role in the American Sixth army's successful invasion of New Britain which cracked the Japanese main defense wall in the South Pacific.









Editorial - - -

It Looks Like Politics As Usual

Secretaries Knox and Stimson have held that there are no rules and regulations which would prevent an army or navy officer from accepting a draft nomination from a major party for high political office.

worrying about one-half of their dilemma. The Knox-Stimson pronouncement made no provision for an enlisted man to accept nomination or to resign if elected.

So while congress boogers up the problem of fixing it so service men overseas can vote, it does find time to find out whether officers in service who might prove to be valuable political timber can accept if drafted—and the answer is yes.

General MacArthur has said emphatically that he is not interested in politics, that his sole ambition in life is to win back the Philippines and help destroy Jap military power, and that once these tasks are completed he desires nothing more than to retire to a quiet old age.

American Flat-Tops Are Pointing Toward Tokyo

By JACK STINNETT WASHINGTON — Well, anyway, they're not "floating eggshells." After months of hoots and hails for the aircraft carrier, military experts, eyes on the budding Pacific campaign, are convinced the aircraft carrier has arrived.

ably was the bombing of carriers which made the bloody successes on those flat coral isles possible. The narrow margin of victory on Tarawa may well have been the result of that preliminary softening.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds — Rosalind's A Good Guy

By ROBBIN COONS HOLLYWOOD — Every year around Christmas the Hollywood Women's Press Club nominates, in secret voting, the "most cooperative" actor and actress—and his least, too.

Let her so much as suggest that she'd like her set closed for a couple of days, and all Hollywood is on her neck.

FINAL ASSEMBLY By E. H. LEFTWICH

Chapter 23 Pete worried all night about the problem, but he could figure no way out of his dilemma. Then, suddenly, miraculously, the solution came to him just before dawn.

work for good pay." This explained a lot of things, Pete thought. It explained why Graham had been seen going into the ships in which he had no business.

Capital Comment — Martin Dies' Son Wins Honor In Naval School

By GEORGE STIMPSON WASHINGTON — Apparently the Nazis have decided to commit suicide. They have ordered all plunderers shot.

Congressman Wright Patman sent me with his compliments a copy of his new 68-page handbook containing 315 questions and answers for servicemen and service-women of World War II and their dependents.

But all the time the navy men were developing a new technique, building task forces around carriers, with perhaps a battleship and 15 or 20 other fighting ships protecting a couple of flat-tops.

Bridge HUNGARY has been the home of the Magyars for a thousand years.



Texan Decorated By General Hap Arnold AN ADVANCE AIRBASE IN ITALY, Dec. 12 (AP) (Delayed)—Lt. Col. Yancey Tarrant of Brownwood, Texas, was a little off guard.

No American doubts that we will ultimately lick the Japs, but boys back from the Pacific feel that the people back home are too optimistic about the time it will take after the Nazis are beaten.

Speaker Sam Rayburn has taken a hand in the soldier-vote tangle. He told Chairman Gene Worthy of the house election committee that he wants the House to reassume leadership and to try to work out a bill that will be more practical than the one rejected by the Senate.

THE FIXER SAN FRANCISCO — Itemizing the portraits in the city hall, Jim Leary debated listing '42 mayors, framed,' or '42 framed mayors.'

At Makin and Tarawa it probably was the bombing of carriers which made the bloody successes on those flat coral isles possible.

Impressing the little woman with her responsibilities.



Unfortunately, engineers are hard to get these days, and our men having been trained to draw prints in this manner, well... it would only confuse them now, to have to change their methods suddenly.

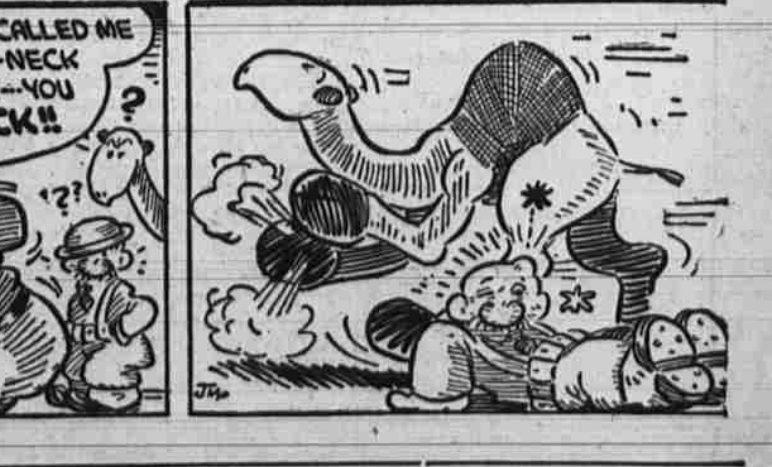
Because Texas was not represented when the case was argued several weeks ago, the Supreme Court ordered reargument of the case involving the right of negro people to vote in Texas Democratic primaries.

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Friday Evening

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5:01 Phillip Keyne-Gordon.

5:15 News.

5:30 The World's Frontpage.

5:45 Superman.

6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.

6:15 The Johnson Family.

6:30 Don Redman's Orch.

7:00 Calling S-A-N-T-A.

7:30 Jimmy Dorsey's Orch.

7:45 News.

8:00 Gabriel Heatter.

8:15 Benny Goodman's Orch.

8:30 Double or Nothing.

9:00 Fights.

Saturday Morning

7:00 Musical Clock.

7:15 News.

7:20 Musical Clock.

7:30 News.

7:45 Rhythm Rumble.

8:00 Vocal Varieties.

8:15 Morning Devotional.

8:30 KBST Bandwagon.

9:00 International S u n d a y School Lesson.

9:30 Rainbow House.

10:00 News Roundup.

10:15 Music As You Like It.

10:30 "Hello Mom."

11:00 News.

11:05 Dr. W. S. Palmer.

11:10 KBST Previews.

11:15 Voice of the Army.

11:30 Rhythm & Romance.

Saturday Afternoon

12:00 Henry Jeromes' Orch.

12:15 What's the Name of That Band?

12:30 News.

12:45 Luncheon with Lopez.

1:00 Memo for Tomorrow.

1:15 Listen Ladies.

1:30 Mutual Goes Calling.

2:00 March Time.

2:20 San Angelo vs. Highland Park.

4:45 A Radio Visit With Santa.

Saturday Evening

5:00 KBST Bandwagon.

5:30 Hawaii Calls.

6:00 "The Return of Nick Carter."

6:30 Variety Time.

6:45 Confidentially Yours.

7:00 California Melodies.

7:30 Rhythm Maker's Orch.

7:45 News.

8:00 Chicago Theatre of the Air.

9:00 Sign Off.

**THIS WEIRD WAR**

KANSAS CITY — Passengers on a street car stared when an army officer, with his companion, entered with a wintry blast, tipped his head to one side, then the other, an extracted a carfare token from each ear.

Depositing the fares, he drew on his gloves.

**Bangle Day Goes Over In Schools**

One of the most successful Bangle Days was observed this week in the public schools for the Tuberculosis Society Mrs. Cecil Wasson, president of the group, said Friday.

In addition, Saturday will be observed as Tag Day downtown with the High Slipper club, Sub Deb club, and Girl Scouts selling the tags, Mrs. Wasson said. The tags have no set price but are to be sold to anyone who wishes to contribute any amount from a penny on up.

In addition, the Tuberculosis society will sponsor next week, booths in the Settles, Crawford, and Douglass hotels, and at the post office where stamps and buttons will be sold. Again the Sub Deb club and High Heel Slipper club members will be in charge of the booths and will wear caps and arm band designating that they are authorized to sell the tuberculosis seals.

Funds for the drive are coming in slowly now, Mrs. Wasson reports, and she urged that others who have not returned their seals or their contribution do so before Christmas. She also explained that the more the seals were used on Christmas cards, Christmas letters, and packages, the more the public is reminded to purchase the seals to combat tuberculosis.

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**Dawson County Farmers Receive Army's 'A' Award For Production**

By JOE PICKLE

LAMESA, Dec. 17 — Dawson county farmers, with their hands to the plow and their hearts on hundreds of their sons in the service, Thursday afternoon accepted the US Army's "A" award for food production for 1943.

One of five counties in the state to win the coveted award, Dawson county had earned the banner on the basis of an outstanding food and fiber production program. In the face of summer drought, the county's farmers made the 86 per cent of its total acreage devoted to cropland yield a bumper crop.

Capt. G. E. Smalle, Fort Worth, representing the quartermaster's division of the army, made the presentation, thanking Dawson county producers "for supplying us with food—food the secret weapon of this war." He pointed to the importance of food, placing it on a plane with bullets by declaring that "empty mess kits" could defeat an army as well as "empty guns." Not only is the American army having to furnish its own food in the global war, but in most cases food for starving people in occupied territories, Capt. Smalle declared.

T. E. Limer presented the state USDA War Board award for achievement to "farm families of Dawson county," reciting the outstanding record of the county in "not only meeting but exceeding every production goal given them." Cotton acreage in 1943 gained 11,000 acres, he said. Accepting an allotment of 170,000 acres for grain sorghums, the largest quota in the state, Dawson county promptly put in 229,000 acres. Today the county had 21,000 head of livestock, 6,700 dairy cattle, 13,000 sheep, 2,000 sows, 2,900 turkeys, 300,000 chickens, and farm wives had put up 750,000 quarts of food, he said.

To help produce protein and vegetable oils, the county planted 6,000 acres to peanuts and 800 to soy beans. Sudan grass pasturage totaled 50,000 acres and farm families, "working harder than ever before," harvested 300,000 pounds of black eye or cream peas. One firm in Lamesa alone handled 155,000 gallons of milk and 138,000 pounds of butterfat during the year.

Dawson county still found time to gather 1,600,000 pounds of scrap, thanks to help from 1,900 school children, including Betty Jean Scott, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Scott of the Sparenberg community, who personally gathered 33,700 tin cans in one scrap drive.

C. A. Barron, who has farmed longer continuously than any man in Dawson county, having carted his lumber for a homestead from Big Spring in 1909, accepted the achievement award, asserting that it was unique in that it marked the first time he could remember the government properly recognizing the part of agriculture. A fertile soil and an industrious people are imperishable qualities of a nation if they are coupled with an acknowledgement of dependence upon Divine guidance, said Mr. Barron.

County Judge Kilmer Corbin accepted the "A" award on behalf of the citizens of the county, "with thoughts of our men in service." Dawson county felt it incumbent to meet all its goals to maintain "a solid home front," he said and pledged that "given favorable conditions, we will make a greater showing in 1944 than in 1943." Joe Peterson, chairman of the county USDA War Board, presided.

The ceremony followed a colorful parade, led by a color guard and the Big Spring Bombardier school band. Honor guests rode in army staff and scout cars, which were followed by marching farmers, a corps of farm laborers who cited the achievement of having harvested "42,000 bales of cotton in three months"; truck loads of white and yellow maize heads, of white and red threshed grain, chickens, turkeys, milk and cream, peas, cottonseed, cottonseed meal, hulls and cake, snap cotton, baled lint, peanut hay, and a variety of farm implements. The Lamesa high school band and student section also marched in the parade. Invocation was given by Chaplain R. T. Miller of the Lubbock Army Air Field.

**TESTIMONIAL**

LOS ANGELES—Harry Zacky, poultry market operator, on trial charged with violating OPA ceilings by selling a cull stewing hen (ceiling, 35 cents a pound) as a pullet (40 cents), brought along the little white hen as exhibit A.

Assistant City Attorney Tom Howard referred to her as "an old cull."

Defense attorneys were overjoyed when she promptly responded by laying an egg on the counsel table.

It proved, they said, she was a laying pullet, not a cull.

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