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Marriage License

George Jefferson Howard Jr., and Miss Mary Elizabeth Utsey
Edwin Angle and Miss Doris Dye

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J. S. Whigham and wife to Joe M. Whigham
W. A. Culbertson and wife to W. W. Allen
W. I. Bay and wife to U. S. A.
W. D. Carroll and wife to D. W. Barnard and others
A. J. Blanchard and others to Travis Dyer
John Huber and others to U.S.A.
J. A. Jones and wife to U.S.A.
Mrs. Pearl Powell and others to H. H. Berry
Bernice Chambers and wife to United States of America
Robert Gilmore and wife to J. M. Pancake
W. D. Carroll and wife to D. W. Barnard and others.



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Ruth Watson
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Leck Houston
Johnnie Clay
Ed Miller
Elizabeth Holloway
Mrs. M. O. Morton.
Edwin Chandler
Mrs. Earon Blum
Baby Girl Blum
Tom Brown
Miss Bessie Powell
Carlos Gomez

Markets

Thursday, Feb. 25

Corn, ear	\$1.00
Corn, shelled	\$1.05
Oats, loose	60c
Eggs, No. 1 candled	32c
Cream, No. 1	50c
Cream, No. 2	47c
Fryers	20c
Old Roosters	7c
Hens, light	19c
Hens, heavy	21c

Northern "Hood" To Be Partially Occupied April 1

Col. Charles M. Thirkeld, Post Commander, Camp Hood who took Major General Richard Donovan on an inspection trip thru the "northern" end of Camp Hood (us so'the'ners, don't like that "northern name"), reported that construction work was far ahead of schedule, and the contractors promised the cantonment by May 17. Plans are being made to occupy the "northern" end by Apr. 1.

Major Gen. Donovan, is commanding general of the 8th Service Command of Dallas inspected Camp Hood Tuesday, and was much pleased.

Col. Charles M. Thirkeld, Post Commander accompanied him, and they inspected the cantonment south of Gatesville as well as the "auxiliary" part near Killeen.

General Donovan is charged with the supervision of the operation of all army posts in this area, and was accompanied by his aide, Capt. Wallace W. Fair, returning to Dallas by train.

WORKER'S CONFERENCE MEET AT MOUNTAIN CHURCH

Here is the program for the Worker's Conference which will be held at Mound, Monday, Mar. 1. Theme: Reaching All of Our Churches.

Mar. 1, 1943—Mountain Church.
10:30—Song and Prayer.
10:45—Conferences

Reaching all of Our Church with V.B.S.—J. T. Ayres.

Reaching All of Our Churches with schools of Missions — Mrs. Haase.

Reaching All of Our churches with Evangelistic Meeting — Russell Page.

11:40—Announcements
11:45—Special Music
11:50—Sermon, Maurice Huley,
12:30—Noon

1:30—Board Meeting, W.M.U.

Quarterly Meeting
2:30—Organization Report
Messenger Report
Adjourn.

"ADDRESS, PLEASE" IS PLEA OF SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD

If you know where these men are, notify Coryell County Local Board No. 1, at the court house. Might save them trouble.

Henry James Knight, Jesse James Hale, Harvy David Fisher, Kelton Stephen Farmer, Allen Earnest Lewis, James Robert White, Jesse James Hunter, John William Cupps, and Clarence Luther Chandler.

NORTH EAST WEST SOUTH

A SUMMARY OF WORLD, NATIONAL AND STATE NEWS

ROMMEL TAKING IT NOW

N. Africa, Feb. 24 (AP).—Combined British and American forces threw Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's tank columns into full retreat from the outskirts of Thala Wednesday, handing them their first defeat in Tunisia, and Allied artillery is lobbing tons of explosive still into German positions in the narrow Kasserine Pass and on the beaten rear-guard columns withdrawing thru it.

REDS CONTINUE TO 'GO WEST'

Moscow, Feb. 24 (AP).—Soviet tanks loaded with tommy guns churned westward thru the thawing Ukraine Wedi punching new holes in Nazi defense within 75 miles of the rail hub of Kono-tou, and spurred onward by warm winds which are melting the frozen military roads.

McNUTT'S JOT JITTERS

Washington, Feb. 24 (AP).—Paul V. McNutt's future War Manpower Commission was imperiled Wednesday as the House appropriations committee refused his request for \$2,454,000 which he had said was essential for his agency to discharge its duties. He is the main proponent of the U. S. Employment Service. There goes another "presidential possibility."

WAAC WEEK



WAAC Week in Gatesville will be climaxed Friday morning by a visit here of WAAC Lieut. Virginia F. Williams, and WAAC Auxiliary (Pvt.) Willie Alexander.

They will tell the full story of the WAAC, both from the standpoint of a WAAC commissioned officer and that of an Auxiliary.

Let's see, to be a WAAC you must be 21 to 44, citizen, no dependents under 14, good physical shape.

WAAC WEEK, Feb. 21-27. Join Today.

RED CROSS CHAIRMAN WRITES LETTER TO PUBLIC: IS SICK

"The War-Fund drive of the American Red Cross will soon be in full swing. The campaign of our chapter will be under the leadership of J. H. McClellan. I trust that Mr. McClellan and those being asked to assist in this drive for funds, will have our fullest cooperation and that all patriotic citizens will join in helping Coryell county to be among the first to go over the top for this worthy cause.

The American Red Cross has proven its worth in time of peace by being first to aid wherever disease and disaster strikes. In times of war it rises to its greatest heights of service in Army Camps and on the fields of battle. The dollars we contribute will go to provide surgical supplies, nurses, stretcher-bearers, ambulances, blood banks, and the best equipment science has to elivate suffering among the wounded and to save human life.

I shall never forget how loyally you responded during our last drive, when we oversubscribed our quota in a few days. Lets do it again. It's a small thing when we think of the many sacrifices our boys are making for us.

Sincerely,
R. B. Cross"

The drive starts March 1, and the first quota was announced as \$29,950, with a minimum figure set at \$10,000. Mrs. W. L. Connell, Jr., formerly Miss Sidney Ball Gibson has opened an office on the second floor of the courthouse to handle the detail work for Mr. McClellan who has his hands full at the post office.

Southern Hood Area Training Opens March First

The 16,000 acre southern extension of Camp Hood will be formally put into use as a training ground by the Tank Destroyer Center next week.

The Tactical area of the TDS school will be moved from its former location in the northeast part of the camp between Pidcocke and Antelope school, to the area south of the Cantonment, says Col. G. S. Meloy.

The southern extension goes almost to the Lampasas river and across its widest section, in the lower part of the area, it extends almost from the Reece's creek school on the east nearly to Copperas Cove.

DON'T WORRY HOUSEKEEPER, THEY GOT IT; CAFES ETC.

Rationing regulations which commercial eating places and other institutional users of foods follow in obtaining supplies of rationed foods—those now being rationed and those to be rationed in the future—have been consolidated into a single food program, effective March 1.

Here's a brief of the 6-type-written page handout.

Includes boarding houses, hospitals, jails, canteens, restaurants, hotels. Allotments will be for two months for each institution.

Divided into 3 groups, Group I, boarding houses and similar establishments, II institutions of involuntary confinement, III All others, such as restaurants and hotels.

Group I operates under a "pooled book" plan, using ration books of their boarders. This is where there are more than 6 but less than 50 eating.

Group III goes on a "December, 1942" basis, all of which will, or should be explained by the WP&RB without burdening the uninterested readers with all this.

Looks like, tho, on a Dec. 1942 basis, and considering the "facts of life" now, some, all, cafes are going to have a justifiable squawk.

PREACHING AT THE GROVE

Next Sunday, Feb. 28th will be our regular church day at The Grove Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Preaching at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Also I will fill our regular appointment at County Line School House, Sunday afternoon at 2:30. A hearty welcome extended all.

George Siler, pastor.

Henry Wedking of Waco visited Tuesday in the Alfred Stoll home.

Now, folks, there's a REAL friend, and we don't know it.

PLANE FLIES 2000 MILES NO PILOT

Washington, Feb. 24 (AP). They bailed out, 8 of them, and the "stick" was set. It was on a routine flight off the coast of Florida and the ship crashed in the mountains of Old Mexico.

SPINACH PRICE FROZE, BOYS

Washington, Feb. 24 (AP).—The OPA Wednesday night established emergency price ceilings on lettuce and spinach.

NO RESPITE FOR GANDHI

New Delhi, Feb. 24 (AP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill made it clear Wednesday that the India Government would continue to hold in confinement Mohandas K. Gandhi, who is now expected by his doctors at Poona to live thru his 21 day hunger strike against detention.

MINIMUM WAGE FOR WOMEN

Austin, Feb. 24 (AP).—The house labor committee sent to subcommittee bills seeking to establish minimum wages for women and minors and to prevent wage discriminations against women workers.

HITLER "GHOST TALKS"

London, Feb. 24 (AP).—Adolf Hitler, proclaiming a confidence in German victory called on his people Wednesday to mobilize all their energies for war, declared Germany's and Europe's future would be decided on Russian battlefield. Heel, you were never more right, but it's not going to be your way. He was busy on the "battle front" and had a "mouth piece" talk for him.

THEY SAID "NO" TO THE LADY

Washington, Feb. 24 (AP).—Sec. of Labor Frances Perkins, asking the House appropriations committee without success for \$337,000 to combat absenteeism, came in for some frank talk, it was disclosed Wednesday.

LEND-LEASE OKEHED

Washington, Feb. 24 (AP).—A measure extending the lend-lease act until July '44, was approved unanimously Wednesday by the House foreign affairs committee.

DON'T SEND 'CHARITY' CHINA

Washington, Feb. 24 (AP).—China does not want anything for which it cannot pay, Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek said Wednesday, and does not want the U. S. to help feed the Chinese after the war.

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Purmela News

We are glad to report the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mayberry who has been in a Waco hospital is much better and is at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Sumerford of Hamilton recently visited their son, Earl Sumerford.

Mrs. Geo. Theford visited her mother in Bowie Texas this week.

Mrs. Earnest Smith will leave this week to join her husband who has been transferred to a training station in Kentucky.

James Basham has returned from Calif. where he has had employment several months.

Mrs. Ada Whitley went to Llano Tuesday to attend the funeral of a brother-in-law.

Mrs. J. D. Haddock of Dallas recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kindler.

A number of homes at Purmela have taken in Camp Hood workmen and their families who could not find a place to stay in Gatesville.

Mrs. Joe V. Reid of Evant and Mrs. Miles of Hamilton visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bertrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Adams and son of Texas City visited their parents Mrs. Nancy Basham and Mr.

Mountain News

Mrs. Robert Fisher, Cors.

Mrs. Henry Franks has been sick but is better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thompson and family and Mrs. Penn Hopson and children were visitors in the Joe Burt home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burt were Sunday guests in the R. W. Burt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher and Roberta spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Felix Collard at Oglesby.

Benny and Billy Burt of Gatesville spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jo Burt.

Alphine Loer of Gatesville spent the past week end with Mary Lee and Betty Jo Burt.

Johnny Blanchard spent Sunday with Bobby Jo Beck.

Junior Loer and Ralph Turner were Sunday night guests of Jo Hop Burt.

Mrs. D. J. Turner and Mrs. M. C. Hartis visited Mrs. Henry Franks Monday night.

Doris Marie and Charles Powell Seward have the whooping cough.

and Mrs. Dave Adams.
Mrs. Claud Culp has returned from a visit in Corpus Christi.

Union News

Vadena Hagan, Cors.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Martin and children visited in the home of Ray Gallag Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gallag and children and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Martin and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Marion Carroll Sunday.

Mrs. Marion Carroll and sister of San Angelo visited their father in Waco last week.

Mrs. Roy Gallag visited Mrs. Knox Trimmell in Dallas last wk.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Bratton and children visited John Hegan last week end.

Miss Vedia Hegan who is employed in Waco visited home folks a few days recently.

Howard and Travis Hegan visited in the Charlie Russel home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carroll visited grandmother Carroll. She returned home with them for a few days visit.

Mrs. Hubert Dyson and little son visited her mother Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunk Eakin visited in the Jim Estes home Sunday.

Ater News

Mrs. Bertha Coward, cors.

W. O. Moreland visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pruitt Sunday.

Mrs. Jake McDonald visited Mrs. Roscoe Coward Thursday afternoon.

After an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Roebuck, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McElroy returned to their home in Odessa last week.

Mrs. Birdie Coward visited Mrs. Ruby Little near Jonesboro Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Rice and children of Dallas has rooms with Mr. and Mrs. Jake McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rivers returned home Saturday after a months visit with children at Lubbock and Rule.

Mrs. Bayle Baker of Albuquerque, N. Mex. is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rauschenburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rauschenburg last Sunday.

Mrs. Myrtle Baker and Mrs. Bayle Baker visited Mrs. Robert Rauschenburg last week.

Mrs. Granville Roberta returned home Monday of last week after a visit with J. C. and Boy Rogers at Houston.

Mrs. Otis Pruitt and Mrs. Jim Painter has the mumps this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Miles and family of Levita visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Russell Sunday afternoon.

Pvt. Paul Russell of Lexington, Ky. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Russell this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Choat of Levita visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Russell this week.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

Many a romance which began on a "bicycle built for two" has ended in a gasoline jitney with a front seat big enough for both, as well as mama-in-law and the two kids.

There are approximately 15,000 separate parts in a modern automobile, we are told—and we really believe it as there have been occasions when we have heard from each of them.

As an old paper hanger, Hitler should be interested in the way the American public is plastering things up with Defense Stamps and Bonds.

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NOTICE!

Robert L. Oglesby,

Representative of the

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Leaird's Dept. Store

Byron Leaird, Prop.

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Methodists Answer War Need In Three-Fold Dedication



Across the nation in 42,000 Methodist churches during the Week of Dedication, February 28 to March 7, eight million members of the denomination will be called by their bishops and pastors to rededication of "self, service and substance." Spiritual emphasis will be climaxed in a sacrificial offering on Sunday, March 7, which will be used to meet emergency war needs of providing Christian ministry or financial aid to men of the armed forces, "uprooted families" in industrial defense areas, refugees in war-torn countries, evacuated foreign missionaries, churches and schools in Latin America, and other projects created by wartime conditions.

METHODISTS OBSERVE WEEK OF DEDICATION STARTING FEB. 28

Methodists of Gatesville, Texas will join in a county-wide observance of a Week of Dedication, beginning next Sunday, February 28, in which nearly 8,000,000 members of the denomination will be asked to pledge a "new dedication of self, service and substance" in meeting the challenges and needs of a war-torn world.

The Rev. E. L. Craig, pastor of the First Methodist church, is issuing a call for all members to attend services on the next two Sundays to make personal commitments.

Culmination of next week's special services, home prayer meetings and discussion groups and of two months of preparations will come on Sunday, March 7, when personal commitments will be made and a voluntary, sacrificial offering will be taken to aid in meeting war-time emergency needs of the church.

The Methodist Council of Bishops and the General Commission on World Service and Finance, in joint session last August, approved plans for the Week of Dedication, and expressed the hope that more than a million dollars would be contributed for the various causes which demand immediate financial aid.

Bishop Ernest Lynn Waldorf of Chicago, chairman of a special committee, enumerated the emergency needs to benefit from the

offering as follows: spiritual services for men in the armed services; religious work among families in industrial defense areas; relief for war refugees; aid to chaplains in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps; expansion of missionary work in Latin America; evacuating and re-establishing foreign missionaries; building churches in defense areas, and aid to Methodist schools.

"To challenge present-day threats of barbarism, paganism and materialism," declared Mr. Craig, "we must have a new spiritual power of Christian faith and idealism. It is our hope that this will be sought by Methodists during the Week of Dedication."

"Every member of our church can join in this vast effort—strong laymen, humble people, shut-ins, youth, little children, aged folks—all those who wish to help build a better world."

A feature of the national Week of Dedication climax on Sunday, March 7, will be the holding of services in every one of the 42,000 Methodist churches in America—the first time this has ever happened on one day. On circuits where the pastors are unable to conduct services in all churches, laymen will occupy the pulpits of some churches.

Special services during the Week of Dedication will be held in the First Methodist church as follows: Monday evening, Rev. Ernest Roper of McGregor; Tuesday evening Rev. Lawrence Hayes, pastor of the local Baptist church; Wed-

nesday evening Rev. D. K. Porter, District Superintendent. The services will begin at 8:00 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend these services next week. The membership of the church are urged to attend all of them possible.

Next Sunday, Feb. 28, will be regular church day. Rev. George Siler will hold the services. He will also preach at County Line.

WANT TO SELL YOUR HOME?
A News Classified Ad will do it. Just phone your ad to the News Office today. The number is 69.

The Grove News

Ethel Jo Grissom, Cors.

Mrs. Paralee Odom who is spending a few weeks in Waco and Mrs. M. D. Dugger of Waco were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grissom.

Mrs. John Clawson has returned to her home after having spent several days in Houston with her daughter, Mrs. Howard Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graham and family of Waco spent the week end in the home of the former's mother, Mrs. W. R. Graham.

C. W. Brazzill is seriously ill at this writing.

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U. L. Rhoads

Mrs. Paul Wells, the former Miss Virginia Whigham has returned with her husband from Camp Ebelby, Miss. He has been assigned to attend school at Camp Hood.

NOTICE—Robert L. Oglesby, representative of the Fuller Brush Co., is in Gatesville this week, Feb. 22-27, at the Mabel Gardner residence. Phone 229. R-2tc

Classified

Over 5 lines: 5c a line 1st time, 4c line each additional time. Readers, Citations, Cards of Thanks; 1c a word or 5c line.

Notices!

CARD OF THANKS

We especially want to thank all those who expressed themselves so sympathetically about our fire. We know we have plenty of friends, and appreciate them more than ever. Thanks, folks, we will not let you down. See us at our new store soon.
Leaird's Department Store.
1-20-1tc

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NO PRIORITY on Fire Insurance. Sherrill Kendrick, City Drug Bldg., Phone 190. 1-18-tfc

TIRE repairing and recapping. Expert work, reasonable prices. Nesbitt Grocery & Service Station, N. Lutterloh. 1-18-tfc

Lost and Found

LOST: Bill fold. Finder please return to John Washburn. Receive liberal reward. 2-20-2tc

LOST or strayed: 2 large mules, old. 1 brown and 1 red. Gone 3 wks. Notify News office. 2-19-2p

LOST: Bill fold containing \$44. & personal cards etc. Would give the money to receive the papers. W. T. Davis, Box. 126. 2-19-2tp

STRAYED or stolen from Crawford rodeo pen 2 year old heavy built brown horse colt. Reward. Notify C. H. Roberson, Box 281, McGregor. 2-19-2tp

For Rent

FOR RENT: Trailer house, large. See Lester Manning at Manning Machine Shop. 4-20-1tp

TRAILOR CAMP space \$2.50 per week. Lights, water, and toilets furnished. 1 block from good school house, 2 mi. from Army camp. First week free. Apply Joe Thompson, Trailor Camp, Mound, Texas. 3-18-tfc

GOOD BEDS \$3. per week. Board and bed \$10. per week. 2 mi. from entrance to army camp. Apply Joe Thompson, boarding house, Mound, Tex. 8 mi. Southeast of Gatesville on railroad. 3-18-tfc

For Sale

WAR MAPS 8 pages. with in-

formation regarding countries. At News office, Friday, 5c each. 4-19-tfc

BUY BONDS from the Coryell County News. Available in \$25., \$50., and \$100. 12-tfc

FOR SALE: Every kind of insurance except life. Sherrill Kendrick, City Drug Bldg., Ph. 190. 4-18-tfc

PLANT A VICTORY Orchard! An alarming fruit shortage. We have plenty of fruit trees, roses, hedge, shrubs, evergreens etc., at pre-war prices. Wilson's Nursery Salesyard on W. Main St., Gatesville. Ph. 3404. 1-5-tfc

FOR SALE: 2, 5-room brick houses 1203 and 1205 Pleasant St. Well planned and well built, nearly new. An attractive investment and fine place to live. Tom Chapman. 4-14-tfc

THAT NEW WALL paper. We've got plenty of it and it's pretty and cheap. Several hundred patterns to pick from. W. F. & J. F. Barnes Lumber Co. 4-15-tfc

Wanted

WANTED: Furnished or unfurnished apartment or house. Would consider buying small modern house. E. B. Weatherby, Phone 429. 5-20-1tp

WANTED: A Coryell County representative, lady or man, for the Fuller Brush Co. Be your own boss and make good money. See Mr. R. L. Oglesby this week, (Feb. 22-27) at the Mabel Gardner residence. Phone 229. 7-19-2p

WANTED: 2 passengers to ride from Gatesville to El Paso or Alamogorda, N. Mex. Leaving soon. Write or see Mrs. Homer Allen, Pidcoke. 5-19-2tp

WANTED: To buy a syrup mill. Geo. C. Williams. 8-19-tfc

WANTED Cook. Apply Regal Cafe. 5-18-tfc

WANTED: Beauty operator at once. Blue Bonnett Beauty Shop. 5-17-5tp

Used Cars

GOOD USED CARS
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'36 Ford Tudor Sedan.
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Business Opportunities

FOR SALE: Money making cafe. Reason for selling, bad health. If you've got money, apply at News Office for information. 7-18-tfc

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Buy and Sell

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WILL BE AT Flat Saturday to buy mules. \$1 to \$100 each. J. R. Riley, Gatesville. 12-19-2tp



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If you have an OUT OF STATE License Plate it will be necessary that you procure a Texas Number plate for 1943 and anyone requiring this service will assist this Office by calling at the County Tax Assessor-Collector Office and secure same during the present month or the early part of next Month thereby avoiding any unreasonable delay in obtaining this service.

Application for Texas Certificates of Title must be signed by the Owners of Automobiles and it will be of furtehr assistance if all Owners will appear in person and present their Title papers themslves.

The 1943 Plates are now on sale and are required to be attached to the 1942 Plates you now have so do not remove the 1942 Plate from your Car.

Sub-stations will be provided as usual over the County during the Month of March.

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NEWS

By
Tomilene Lillibridge
News Society Editor

**William-Richard Rites
Read In Oklahoma**

Miss Joyce Williams of Lawton, Okla. became the bride of Cpl. Pierce R. Richards of Ft. Sill, Okla. Feb. 20. The rites were read at 7:00 p. m. in Lawton, Okla.

Mrs. Richards graduated from Tishamingo High school in Okla., attended Okla. A. & M. College.

Cpl. Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Richards of Coryell City graduated from Gatesville High School.

The couple will make their home at 1101 D. Street, Lawton, Okla.

**Miss Pauline Russell Weds
Frank Pellegrini in St. Louis, Mo.**

Miss Pauline Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Russell of Levita became the bride of Frank Pellegrini, USN, gunners-mate, third class, Monday evening at the Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the church performed the single ring ceremony.

The bride wore an aquamarine suit with tan accessories, and a corsage of gardenias.

Mrs. Bill Belew of Crystal City,

Mo., sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She also wore an aquamarine suit with tan accessories and corsage of gardenias.

Miss Waldine Russell, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. She chose a light green with brown accessories. Corsage of gardenias.

Bill Belew, brother-in-law of the bride was best man.

Other attendants were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burke and Betty.

Mrs. Pellegrini has resided in Granite City, Ill. for the past year. She is a graduate of the Ireland High School and also attended Waco Commercial College.

Mr. Pellegrini, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Pellegrini of Glen Carbon, Ill. recently returned from foreign service. He is now an instructor in Norfolk, Va. Before entering the navy he was employed by the National Enameling and Stamping Co.

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coryell County, Greeting:

A. H. Snoddy, Administrator of the Estate of Robert M. Snoddy, Deceased having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Administration numbered 2510 on the Probate Docket of Coryell County, together with an application to be discharged from said Administration.

You Are Hereby Commanded. That by publication of this Writ for ten days before the return day hereof, one time in a Newspaper printed in the County of Coryell you give due notice to all per-

sons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday the 15th day of March A. D. 1943, at the Court House of said County, in Gatesville, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given Under My Hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Gatesville this 24th day of February A. D. 1943.

(SEAL) A. W. ELLIS, Clerk,
County Court, Coryell County
I Hereby Certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands,
JOE WHITE, Sheriff
Coryell County. 26-1tc

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burchett of Baytown are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl McCurry and children of Brownwood visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Haney of Kamay visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Parsons in Purlmea Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Day and child ren spent the week end in Waco with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jacks of McGregor were in Gatesville Sunday. Mr. Jacks was formerly with the local Gas Company.

Mrs. Clem Murdzak has returned home from McCloskey Hospital in Temple.

Dr. Jim Whigham of the Indian Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. and Dr. W. E. Whigham of McAllen are here planning to make arrangements for an operation to be performed to regain the sight of their mother's eyes.

W. C. Bradley has returned from from a business trip to San Antonio.

Mrs. J. W. Watson submitted to an appendic operation Wednesday in the local hospital.

Mrs. A. Michaels of Youngstown O., is visiting her son, Lt. J. M. Michaels and wife in Gatesville.

Cpl. and Mrs. Frank Knott will return this week end from Red Lake Falls, Minn. They are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hord while in Gatesville.

Willa Jean Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Lee underwent an appendicitis operation Tuesday afternoon in the local hospital.

Mrs. W. B. Cummings returned home Monday night from Fort Knox, Ky. Her father, H. E. Clemons, recently went to Ky. to return with her.

Visitors in the Alfred Stoll home Sunday was his sister and family Mr. and Mrs. James H. Forbes of Temple.

Mrs. V. T. McAnnaley and daughter Mary Francis and Mrs. Fuller visited with Mrs. A. Stoll and Esther.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Clawson of Houston were recent visitors here in Gatesville and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rankin visited in Cameron during the week end.

**Cookie Club Of County
Progressing Rapidly**

Ladies of Turnersville, Purlmea, Pidcoke, The Grove, Osage, Levita and Bee House continue to send in cookies to the USO, but that is not adequate to keep the cookie jars filled. This week the ladies of the Baptist Church, Circle will make cookies. The USO will furnish the sugar to anyone who will help in this part of the program. If you can be of service, call the USO, please. The need is great.

Church Services

METHODIST CHURCH E. L. Craig, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 each Sunday. Morning worship at 10:50 each Sunday. Evening worship at 8:00 each Sunday evening. Woman's Society of Christian Service at 3:30 each Tuesday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:30 each Wednesday evening. Choir Practice at 8:00 each Wednesday evening.

Subject Sunday morning, "The Paradox of Life". For the evening hour, "The Cure of Sin in the Church." The public is cordially invited to attend the services at the Methodist Church.

BAPTIST PASTOR HOME FROM CORPUS CHRISTI IN WACO CONFERENCE

Rev. Lawrence Hayes, pastor of the local Baptist church returned from Corpus Christi Monday where he has been with the Baptist Temple Church for two weeks revival. He reports a good meeting with the church there, having 56 additions during the campaign. Ensign Usher Able had charge of the music for the revival. Ensign Able, located at the Naval Base, is director of one of the naval bands. He was teacher of music in Wachita College, in Arkansas before entering the service.

The pastor will be in the local pulpit both services Sunday. He is in Waco Wednesday and Thursday, where he is on the program at the mid-winter Bible conference at the Columbus Ave. Baptist church.

Mrs. Hayes journeyed to Corpus Friday, being with her husband over the week-end and returning home with him Monday.

Our fighting men are doing their share. Here at home the least we can do is put 10% of our income in War Bonds for our share in America.

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This giant finger of steel pointing into the sky assures greatly increased strength to the hundreds of thousands of radio sets thruout approximately 100 counties which KTSA serves.

Its twin 200 foot towers were leveled by the hurricane of last August 30. Another tower was found after a long search, already fabricated for radio use in Buffalo N. Y. KTSA bought it, and turned back into scrap an even greater tonnage of steel from its hurricane destroyed towers.

This is the only station in Texas which has won national awards based on the station's contribution to the life of a community. In showmen's language, this is called Community Exploitation.

The station is an affiliate of CBS, is owned and operated by Texans. It maintains a staff of 33 people, many of whom are outstanding in their fields. The station has the reputation for keeping its payroll at a higher level than nearly any other station in the state, which reflects the quality of its program and the kind of service it renders to South Texas.

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Mrs. Dennis Warden, Cors.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Russell and boys and Miss Ollie Wigington visited in the Vernon Lipsey and Loyd Russell home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ware Harde visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dickie one day last week.

Mrs. Lloyd Russell and Billie spent the day in Arch Tumlinson home recently.

Dennis Jr. and L. B. Warden visited Dale Lipsey Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Herrington and Jewel of Hico visited in the Lewis Herrington home Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Bond and Mrs. Otto Culp were visitors of Mrs. Ida Warden Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lewis Herrington spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. John Dyson.

Miss Kitty Herrington spent Saturday night with Miss Syble Tumlinson.

OBITUARY

NATHAN H. McDONALD

Nathan H. McDonald, 54, passed away at his home in Levita February 18, 1943.

Mr. McDonald was a resident of Levita for only 10 months. Having lived in the Antelope community for several years.

Mr. McDonald was married to Miss Hattie Isabel Leveritt April 22, 1912.

Funeral services were held at Purmela Baptist church Feb. 20, at 11:00 a. m. conducted by Rev. Fred Grubb and Rev. Mathew Sanderford. Interment at Copperas Cove cemetery with Scotts in charge.

Pallbearers were his sons and son-in-law.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Nathan H. McDonald Jr., Waco; Henry Clay, McDonald, Dallas; Ben F. McDonald, Dallas; Samuel Gaddy McDonald, and James Wayne McDonald of Levita.

Mrs. Clyde C. Tatum, Lubbock; Mrs. Cecil Carter, Killeen; Dora Jean McDonald, Levita, and 7 grandchildren.

Brothers, G. H. McDonald, Seymour; Emmitt McDonald, Corpus Christi; B. F. McDonald, Austin; Sisters, Mrs. J. M. Roach, Seymour; Miss Della McDonald, Seymour; Mrs. R. B. Gragg, Mrs. Mattie Buries of Austin.

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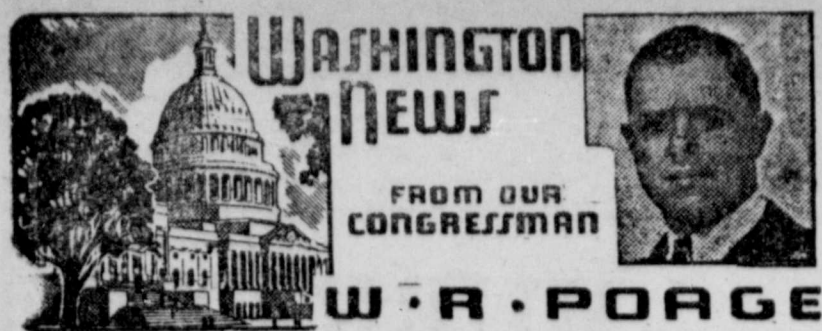
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February 19, 1943

Dear Friends:

The highlights of the past week in Washington was the visit and speech of Madam Chiang Kai-shek on Thursday. This is the first occasion as far as I know where a private citizen of any nation has been officially received by the House and the Senate. The Madam holds no official position in China and is visiting the United States simply as a private citizen. She is, however, recognized both in China and over the world at large not only as the wife and helper of the Generalissimo of that great land, but also as an outstanding leader in her own right. Her speech before the House left no doubt as to her ability. It was stated by the Washington radio and newspaper reporters that never had there been such a demand for tickets to the galleries. It was utterly impossible for the Members to secure admission for more than a small percentage of those who sought to see and hear this great lady. Certainly, since I have been a Member of Congress, no one, with the possible exception of the President himself, has ever received an ovation that even approached that accorded Madam Chaing Kai-shek. Her speech was an eloquent appeal for help for China. She pointed out the growing danger of allowing Japan to develop the resources that nation has stolen. She offered no criticism of our present policies and paid high tribute to the bravery of American troops and the great value of the aid America has already given to China. Her speech has set off a great deal of discussion about our ability to get a larger volume of supplies to China. As a layman, it seems to me that it is imperative that we do everything possible to open the Burma Road before the rainy season sets in. I recognize, however, that only the military and naval authorities can know when and where we can safely strike and just what preparations we are now making to stripe.

It becomes more apparent each day that the present policy of the Executive Branch of the govern-

ment is to try to prevent inflation by holding farm prices at a low level, (about 1/2 of what they were in 1918), while industrial wages and therefore industrial prices are allowed to continue to go up, (industrial wages are now about 2 or 3 times as high as they were in 1918), and are still going up. Mr. Byrnes and the President himself have not only allowed, but have actually demanded that industrial wages in many localities and industries be increased by as much as 30%. Mr. Byrnes says that the increased income resulting from the payment of time and one-half overtime where the hours of work are being increased from 40 to 48 will not tend to hasten inflation. That is like saying that if you pour oil on a fire, it will not add to the heat. I have long favored a 48 hour work week. I think that it should be a minimum for the duration of the war. But regardless of the desirability of the additional work hours, the extra pay increases spending power and to the extent that the extra money comes in the form of extra rates of hourly pay, there is no proportionate increase in production for no more goods will be produced during the last 8 hours than during the first eight. Therefore, it is clear that the recent wage and hour orders of the President must increase the cost of living, and so increase the already burdensome costs of agriculture production.

Our Committee and the Senate Committee recognizes the importance of giving immediate assurance of fair treatment of farmers both as to price and labor supplies, but so far the administration leadership has been able to prevent the bill to include farm labor costs in parity and to exclude soil conservation payments from parity from coming up in either House. So far, we have not been able to get any of the bills relative to the deferment or release of necessary farm workers from the Army favorably reported, but I still feel that there is a good chance to get some such relief.

Today it became evident that there was a very strong sentiment in the House to remove all restrictions on crop production and to ask farmers to produce all he can of any crop. At the present time there are acreage restrictions only on cotton, wheat, and tobacco. I believe if these restrictions are removed, we should be very careful to protect our soil conservation payments, etc.

Yours for Victory.
W. R. Poage.

A lie is a poor substitute for the truth, but up to now it is apparently the only substitute that has been discovered.

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This OPA action was taken to conserve tires.

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"People who fail to get recaps, after recaps are advised by official OPA tire inspectors, will be negligent. If they let their tires wear through the tread, they may find it difficult, perhaps impossible to get new tires and gasoline ration."

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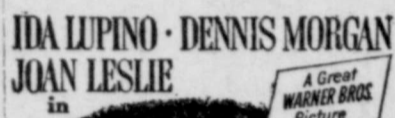
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RATION CALENDAR

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Mar. 21 Coffee Stamp 25 Expires
June 15... Shoe Stamp 17 Expires
Mar. 21... Gasoline Coupons, No. 4
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Morning Worship—11:00 a. m.
Sermon Subject: "The Mansfigured Life."
At 3:00 p. m. the pastor is to be formally installed, Rev. C. T. Caldwell, D. D. of Waco presiding and profounding the Constitutional questions. Rev. Thos. B. Gallaher, pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church, Waco, preaching the sermon.
The out-of-town members of Turnersville and Prairie View have been invited to attend, bringing their dinners to be spread together in the Sunday school rooms and remaining for afternoon service, helping make it a Red Letter day for Presbyterians in Coryell. Public invited to all services.



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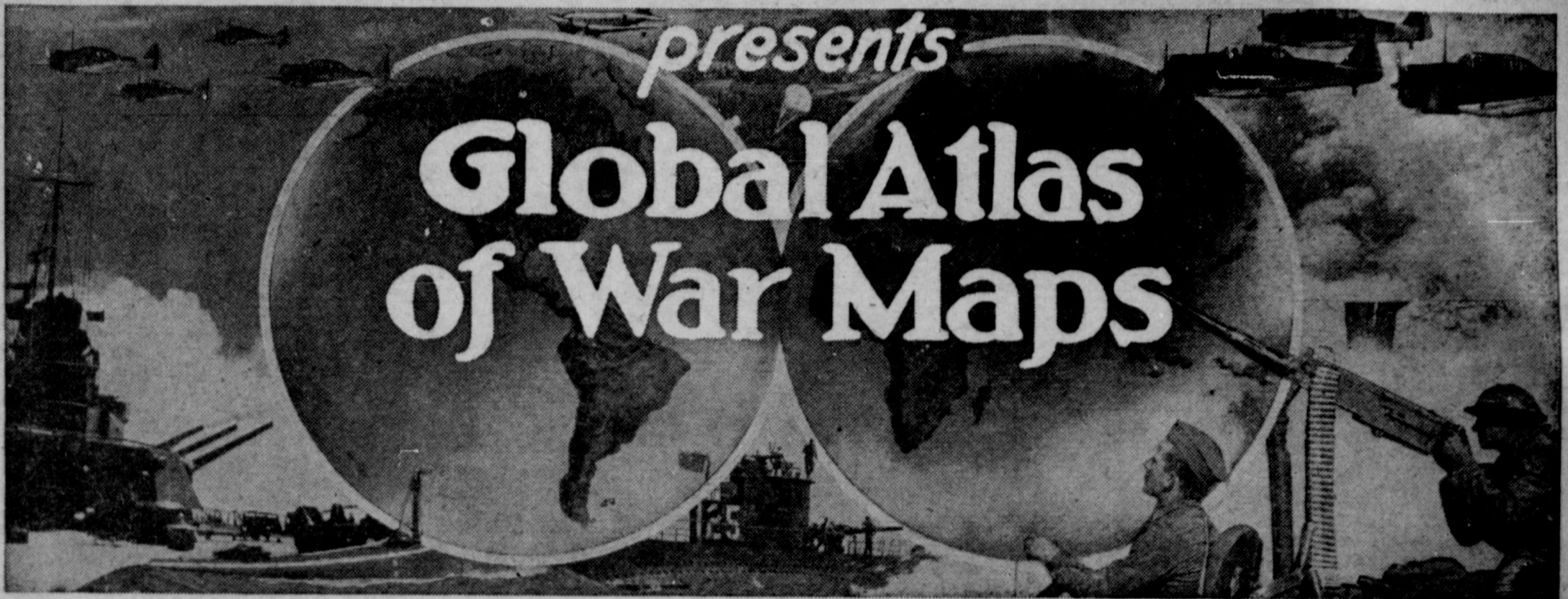
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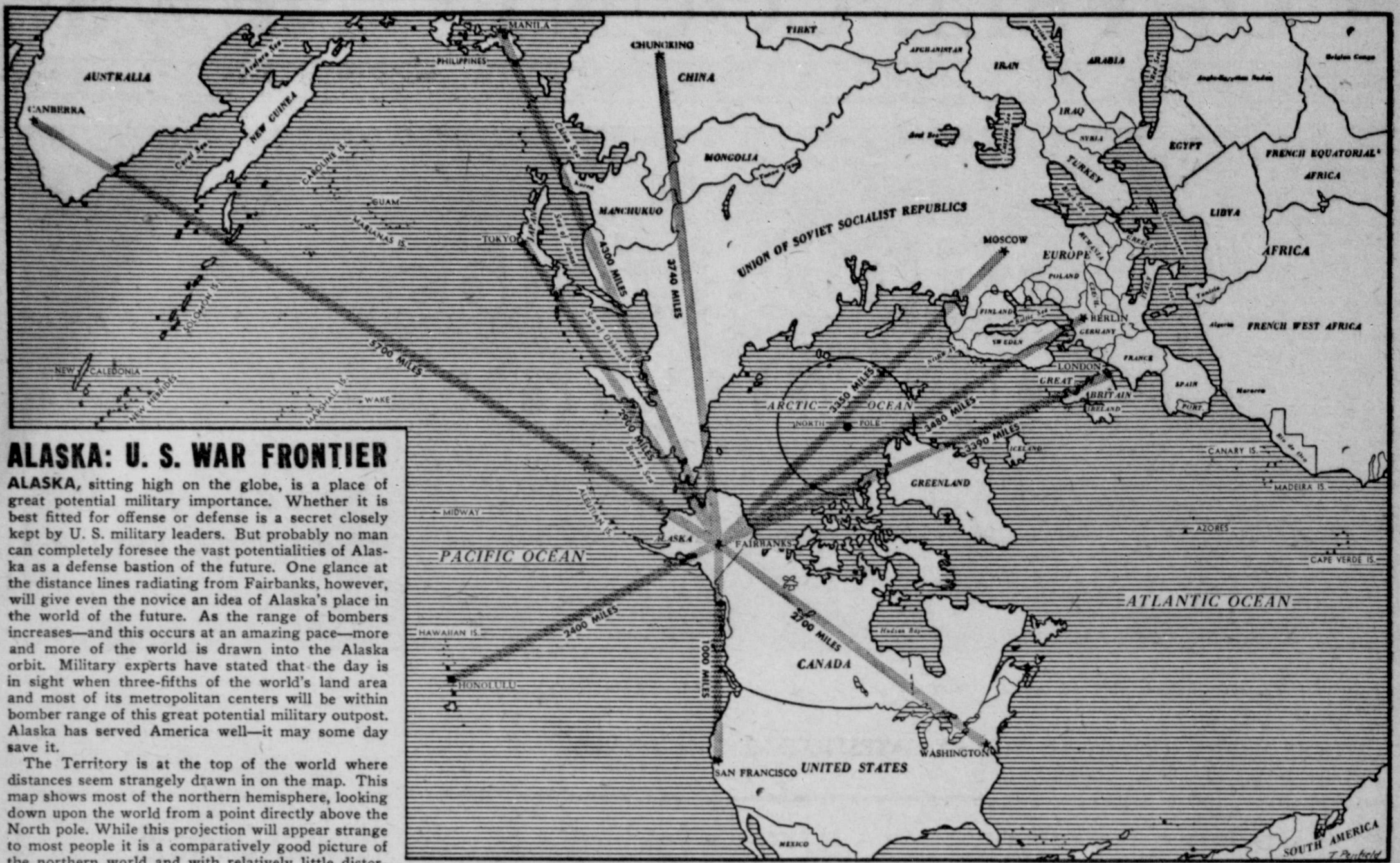
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ALASKA: U. S. WAR FRONTIER

ALASKA, sitting high on the globe, is a place of great potential military importance. Whether it is best fitted for offense or defense is a secret closely kept by U. S. military leaders. But probably no man can completely foresee the vast potentialities of Alaska as a defense bastion of the future. One glance at the distance lines radiating from Fairbanks, however, will give even the novice an idea of Alaska's place in the world of the future. As the range of bombers increases—and this occurs at an amazing pace—more and more of the world is drawn into the Alaska orbit. Military experts have stated that the day is in sight when three-fifths of the world's land area and most of its metropolitan centers will be within bomber range of this great potential military outpost. Alaska has served America well—it may some day save it.

The Territory is at the top of the world where distances seem strangely drawn in on the map. This map shows most of the northern hemisphere, looking down upon the world from a point directly above the North pole. While this projection will appear strange to most people it is a comparatively good picture of the northern world and with relatively little distortion above the equator. Compare the size of Greenland and the United States with the same areas on the world map in this atlas. Alaska's true position in relation to the land area of the world is best seen on this, a polar projection.

The Aleutians point like a dagger at Japan. Attu, the westernmost island, is but 2,000 miles from Tokyo. By seizing the islands Japan could point the dagger at the heart of America. Congress has belatedly appropriated millions to arm Alaska, but how this money is being spent, where the men, the guns and the planes are being dispersed and the bases are being located is a secret which the Japs would like to know. The record-breaking time in

which army engineers rushed to completion the new Alcan highway—a military road of inestimable importance—attests the value placed upon Alaska by military authorities. It is possible that you may one day drive your car over this road to the shores of Bering strait and cross by ferry to the vast Siberian wilderness of Russia. Only 56 miles of water separates Alaska and Siberia at this point, and only 16 miles separate the Russian-owned Big Diomed island from the United States' Little Diomed island. Aside from the military importance of strategic Alaska it is hard to conceive what giant industrial empires the Soviets and the United States may some day carve out of their neighboring northlands.



NORTH AFRICA.—The North African expedition will be written in history as one of the greatest single military overseas expeditions of all times. Carefully timed and planned it may change the whole course of the war. Fighting was negligible; it was Blitzkrieg personified. Hitler will not be defeated by the Allied conquest of North Africa, but the act will have given the Allies two tremendous advantages which have been sorely lacking: (1) Protection for Mediterranean shipping, and (2), new bases completing the semicircle of bases around Europe.

Allied air power based on North Africa will in time raise a protective "umbrella" above the Mediterranean shipping lanes and permit safe passage of that stretch of water. When this is a realization the effect upon Japan will be stunning, for then a sizeable force in India can be maintained to give the Chinese real help in driving the Japs from China. This new route will save 8,000 miles and many thousands of tons of shipping. The Middle East can be supplied and its oil brought back to Britain.

Eventually North Africa will be fringed with Allied airfields, and planes based upon them will rain death from the skies upon Southern Europe until it is softened up enough for a blow at the vulnerable part of Europe. The bases in North Africa will unquestionably be used as jumping off points for Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica, Italy, Southern France, Greece, Crete, and perhaps the Balkans, accompanied by invasions from British points.

A great deal has been said about the importance of Dakar. Only 1,830 air miles from Natal, Brazil, it has been a constant threat to the security of our Atlantic position. As an Allied base it will immeasurably strengthen our North Atlantic sea lanes and relieve the submarine menace in this area. There is no evidence that German submarines have used Dakar as an operating base, but in Hitler's control Dakar would be the equivalent of adding many new vessels to his submarine fleet. In Allied hands Dakar will cut thousands of miles from the route used for air-borne plane deliveries to the fighting fronts. It will serve as a great dispersal point for all kinds of military equipment—an advanced supply base such as established by the Allies at a secret Red sea point. The facilities of Dakar are superior to those of any West African port. The harbor is deep, well protected, and with a drydock, seaplane bases, vast petroleum storage tanks and all the other installations of a first-class naval base.

The Trans-Saharan railway has been a French dream since 1879. The section between Colomb-Bechar and Beni Abbes was completed in 1942. By 1946 it is scheduled for completion to the major river ports of Segou and Gao, tapping the vast Niger valley. The gap between Bamako and Beni Abbes is 1,500 miles. The route is largely over desert lands of shifting sands where few bridges and tunnels are required. Hitler may have dreamed of using this road in his plan to conquer South America from Dakar, and thence move northward to the United States. Now the Allies may reverse the plan.



RUSSIA.—From the icy shore of Barents sea to the snow-covered crags and peaks of the Caucasus Russia fights on a 2,500-mile long front—the longest continuous land front of World War II, and one which offers little except weather in the way of a natural defense barrier. The rich Ukraine and the iron, coal and manganese districts of the Crimea and Donetz Basin have been lost to the Germans, but the Russians fight on with the resources developed in the equally rich Magnitogorsk region. It is true that Russia has lost all of the rich wheat land of the Ukraine, but the Russians have demonstrated before that hunger does not rapidly weaken their will to resist. The loss of the Ukraine was serious, but not fatal.

Unless the Red army can be annihilated it is difficult to see how Russia can be defeated by a Germany which must guard stolen countries from the North Cape to the Mediterranean. Russia's great wall is the Ural mountains, and Russia's back is far from that wall. Russia can retire hundreds of miles. Can Hitler extend his already thin lines that distance? But Russia is determined not to retire. The Russians are peculiar in this way—a peculiarity Hitler fails to understand. "They are licked," he said a year ago, "why don't they quit?"

Roughly Germany has conquered and holds but 10% of Russian soil. Contrary to public opinion the 90% still held by the Russians is rich in natural resources and probably adequately machined. From all reports morale was never higher. The invasion of North Africa has given her relief to some measure—perhaps not as much as the Russians desire, but at least the definite assurance that greater things are on the way.



SICILY.—For many months both Germans and Italians have been battering Britain's lifeline through the Mediterranean with planes based upon strategically located Sicily. From these Sicilian fields bombers have shuttled across the 60 miles of water to blast the British base at Malta. An air-borne army has undoubtedly long been held here in anticipation of dropping in on Malta at the opportune moment. But the solid defenders of Malta have never weakened. Instead they have exacted a terrible toll of Nazi planes and pilots.

The Germans, realizing that any Allied hope of invading the soft underside of the Axis through Italy must include capture of Sicily first, have probably heavily fortified the island and garrisoned it well. Trapani, Syracuse, Catania, Messina and Palermo are all bases with good airfields. Out of them operate Axis submarines and small surface craft. Scattered over the island, which is only 125 miles long, are innumerable concealed air bases Italian in name only.

The geography of Italy forces her to be ready to defend herself from many directions, but also gives her many geographical advantages. To Sicily, Mussolini has given the task of preventing an invasion of Italy from the south. Sicily fitted well into the offensive scheme of empire which Mussolini had outlined for his country previous to the collapse of Italian armies in Egypt and the subsequent infiltration of German troops.

In World War I Italy waited until 1915 to see how events would fall. Convinced then of Allied victory, and under promises of territorial gains, Italy entered the war and received a terrific pounding from Austrians and Germans, culminating in a disastrous defeat on the Piave river. In World War II Italy was equally cautious and did not enter the war as Germany's ally against England and France until it was apparent to her military leaders that France was already shaking on her heels from German assaults. There are good reasons for this Italian caution. Italy is a poor nation with many people and little wealth. She has millions of soldiers, but little coal and iron to make weapons for them, and little will to fight to the finish. Her coast line is long and her food supply is dependent upon other countries. Italy's chief ambitions were to build a new Roman empire around the Mediterranean sea, to open the English-held door to the Atlantic at Gibraltar and by conquering Egypt and the Sudan to link up Ethiopia with Italy.



THE WORLD AT WAR

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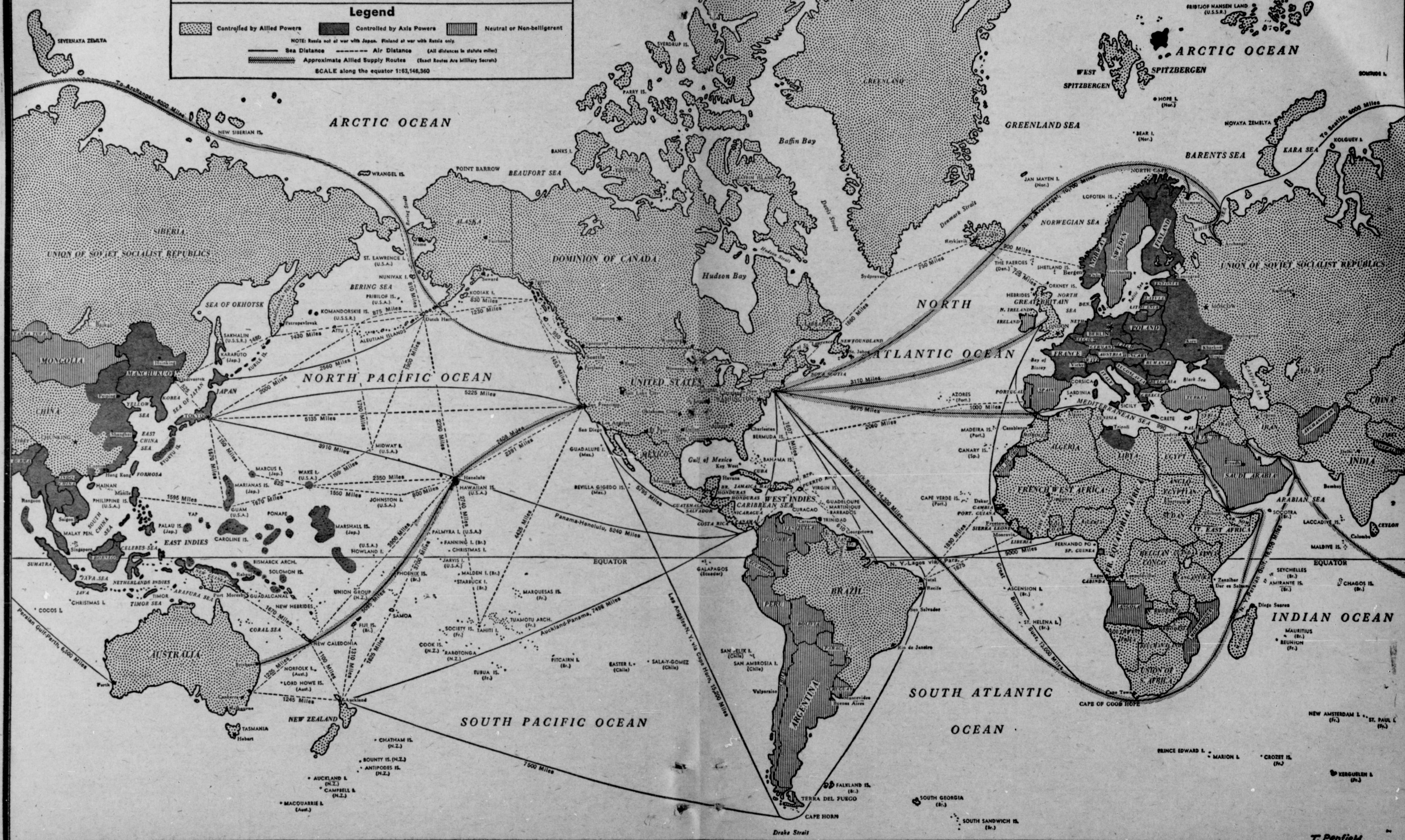
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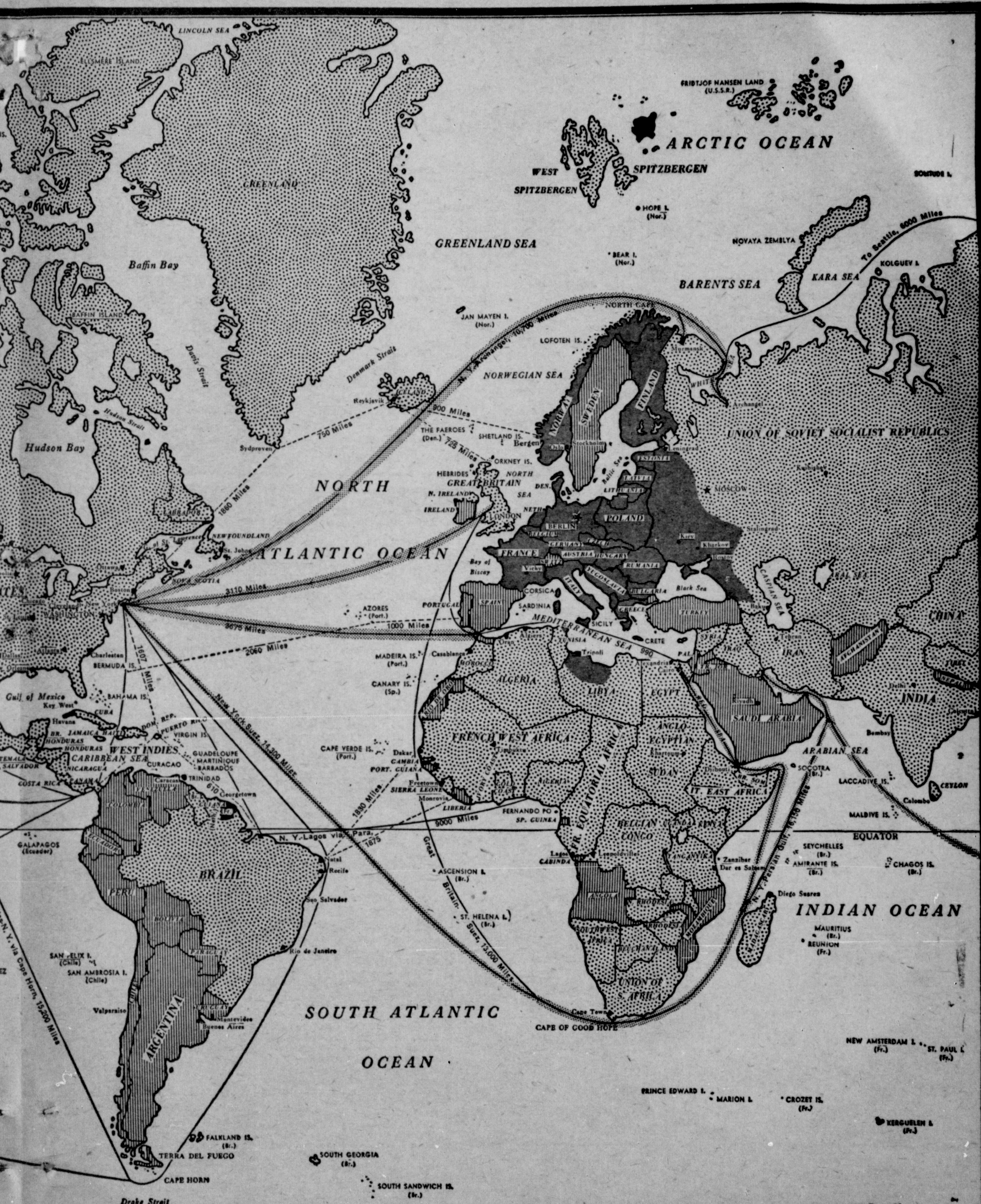
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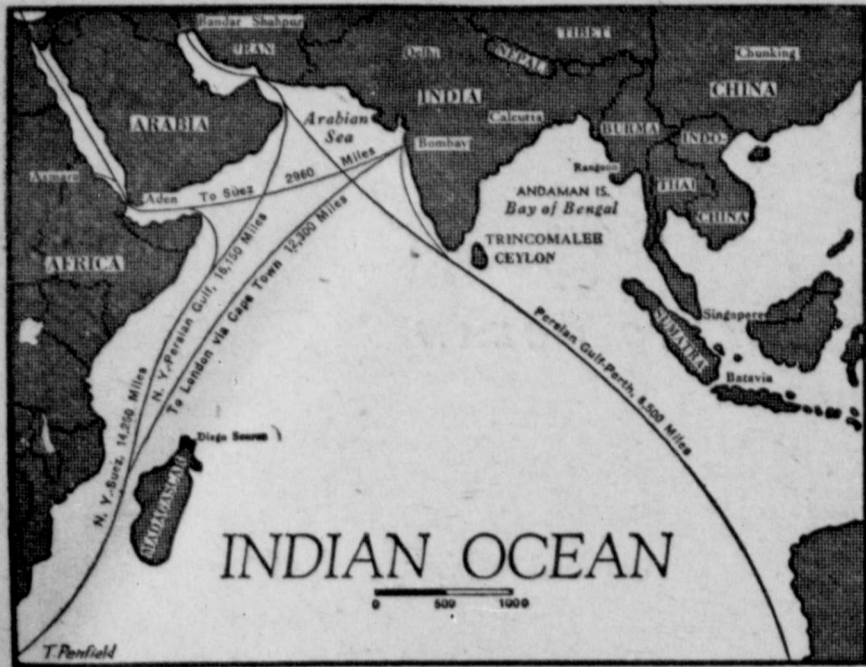
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INDIAN OCEAN.—Two long Allied supply routes skirt the fringes of the Indian ocean. The western, and most used, route serves to supply Allied forces in the Near East and North Africa from the United States and Great Britain. Along this route, too, moves much of the Lend Lease equipment into the Persian gulf and thence on by rail and truck to Russia's southern armies. This route was secured by the British seizure of Madagascar, a step or two ahead of the Japs. With complete Allied control of the Mediterranean this route will be abandoned in favor of the shorter route through the Suez canal. The second and lesser used route is that from Australia to Bombay and the Persian gulf, handling U. S. transshipments from Australia. When and if India is invaded by Japan this route will increase in importance.

Unless the Japs can secure and establish further bases on the edge of the Indian ocean this great waterway should remain securely in control of Allied naval power. The great British Indian ocean base is at Trincomalee in Ceylon. During the low of British fortune in the Far East the Japs made one attempt to take this base or knock it out, but the British drove them off. The main Japanese bases for action in this area are Port Blair in the Andaman islands, Akyab and the huge Singapore base captured from the British at the outbreak of war in the Pacific. It is unlikely, however, that the Japanese have sufficient naval strength above that required to hold and press their South Pacific gains to attempt an Indian ocean venture in the near future. In the event that Germany is defeated before Japan—and Prime Minister Churchill has publicly hinted of this possibility—the Indian ocean will serve as Britain's path to pour troops and equipment into India and China in a huge pincers movement designed to throttle Japan.

India is naturally the key to the whole Indian ocean situation. Should the Japanese conquer India and establish bases near the entrances to the Persian gulf and Red sea they will constitute a real threat to the Russian supply lines. Such a move by Japan might force Russia, in defense of her vital supply routes, to attack Japan's puppet state of Manchukuo to relieve the danger. This in turn would open Russian bases for United States bombers to carry the war to Japan proper. The situation is full of possibilities. Japan lodged in West India would be near Moslem Arabia and only a step from Africa. By jumping across the Red sea she could attack the Allied African forces from the rear, forming with Hitler's armies a gigantic pincers movement designed to strangle the Allies.

INDIA: AXIS MEETING POINT?



INDIA.—That India should be endangered by a power with its headquarters some 4,000 miles away is one of the wonders and dangers of modern war. But this is the prospect which India faces. The threat is deadly serious if and when Japan can release sufficient naval power from the Pacific. The imminence of Japanese invasion has tended to unify the Indian peoples, but at the same time the Indians have seized this opportune hour to demand independence from the British.

From the Japanese advance bases in Thailand (Siam), Burma and the Andaman islands, India's southeast coast is in range of Jap medium range bombers. The rest of India can be reached by long range bombers, and India's flat east coast is ideal terrain for a determined landing force. An overall Axis plan undoubtedly calls for a meeting of Jap and Nazi troops some place in teeming India. When—and if—this occurs it will indeed be a low point in the Allied fortunes of war.

Only by a conquest of India can a junction of the two Axis partners be effected, whether it be attained as a result of Japanese subjugation of the whole of Hindustan and possibly penetration even farther westward, or by a joint offensive with a German breakthrough in the Near East. In any case the resulting Axis self-sufficiency in raw materials and manufactured goods that would be the outcome of such a junction would, to say the least, prolong the war for several years. It is primarily to prevent such a catastrophe that the United Nations must hold India at all costs; but there are other scarcely less pressing considerations that serve to emphasize the strategic importance of India. The United Nations forces in the Near East, as a result of the shortage of shipping, will depend more and more on India's food production and on the many kinds of munitions and equipment that India is able to manufacture. The Allied hope of gathering a strong land force to eventually drive the Jap from China may depend upon the position of strategic India.

UNCONQUERABLE CHINA



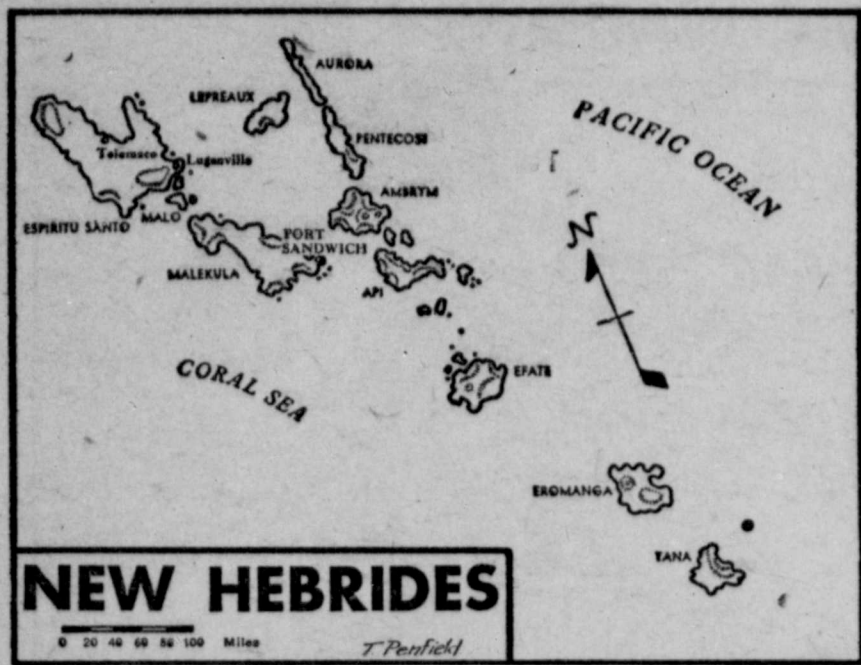
CHINA.—For five years the Chinese have been fighting back at the Japanese. Recently they have had to fight on a half-dozen different fronts. China is without any railroad to the outside world since the Jap seizure of Indo-China. There is no highway outlet from the north. The 2,500-mile road to Russia is all but useless since Russia needs every gun and shell she can get against the Germans. Material aid from the Allies has been slow—but it is coming. Yet China fights on with unflinching faith in the defensive strength of her depth.

China is the nearest and strongest base available to the United States for direct attack against Japan. If ways can be found to arm and equip her 2,000,000 soldiers and 1,000,000 reserves—send them the planes, the guns and the tanks—China may drive the Jap into the sea. The Chinese soldier is tough—and he has refused to quit. Against overwhelming odds the Chinese have materially aided the cause of the United Nations. Their resistance to the Japanese has been all the more amazing because of their lack of the modern tools of war.

JAPAN.—This is Japan—the enemy's lair. Placed in line against the United States it would stretch roughly from Seattle to San Diego. Its greatest maximum width is 270 miles, and with an area smaller than Indiana, Oregon, New Jersey and Vermont combined, it supports almost 73,000,000 people. Four islands comprise the main group: Honshu, Hokkaido, Shikoku and Kyushu. A country of mountain ranges, frequent earthquakes, forests and small valleys, Japan depends heavily upon the sea for food and largely upon Korea to keep the rice bowls filled. There are five cities of more than 1,000,000 inhabitants: Tokyo, the capital, Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya and Kobe.

Japan is the poorest of the world's powers (or was until she stole the riches of the Netherland Indies, Thailand, Burma and Malaya). In her own possessions she has little coal, no iron, an inhospitable climate, few strategic minerals; and a rapidly growing population on 85% non-arable land. From conquered lands she secured oil and rubber—but what Japan needs worse is iron. China has an estimated 240 billion tons of reserve iron. In the simplest terms this is why Japan and China are at war. Japanese railroads are narrow gauge, and most are single track, far behind American and European standards in carrying capacity. There are many tunnels and bridges—strategic air targets. The rivers of Japan are short and rapid, not navigable for ocean-going vessels, but they supply irrigation water and hydro-electric power. Deep snow falls on the Japan sea side of Kyushu, Honshu and Hokkaido, often reaching a depth of 25 feet, while the Pacific side of the same islands are fair with little snow. All Japan is hot in the summer, and Taiwan is unbearably so for most white men.





THE NEW HEBRIDES, a French and British condominium, are directly in the path of the U. S. supply line to Australia. When stopped at Guadalcanal the Japs were moving towards the New Hebrides and in their possession they would have at one and the same time severed that vital supply route and flanked Australia. With the fall of France the New Hebrides joined the Free French and eventually permitted the entry of U. S. forces and the establishment of a base at an undisclosed point on the island of Espiritu Santo. From this forward base U. S. airmen strike deep at the heart of the Japs lurking in their rapidly prepared bases in the Solomons.

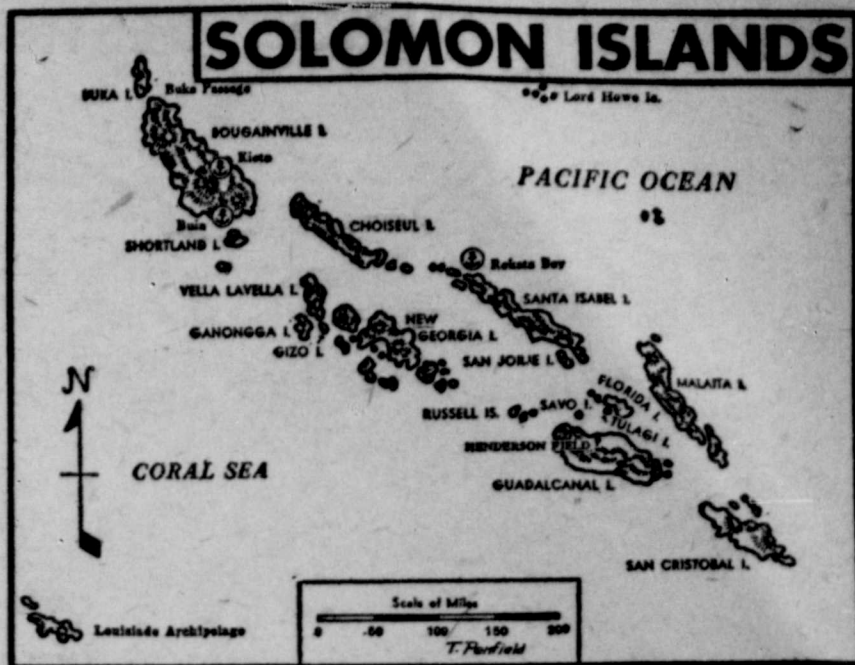


GUADALCANAL is the focal point in a major struggle for control of the southwest Pacific. Its only airfield, Henderson Field, has been the vortex of this struggle since its capture by U. S. Marines August 7, 1942. The island, tropically luxurious and topped by 8,000-foot peaks, is about 90 miles long and lies at the southern extremity of Japan's 3,324-mile reach into the southern hemisphere. It can act as a springboard for either the Allies or the Japs. Its possession by Japan makes it a constant threat to the security of Australia and its vital supply lines from the United States.

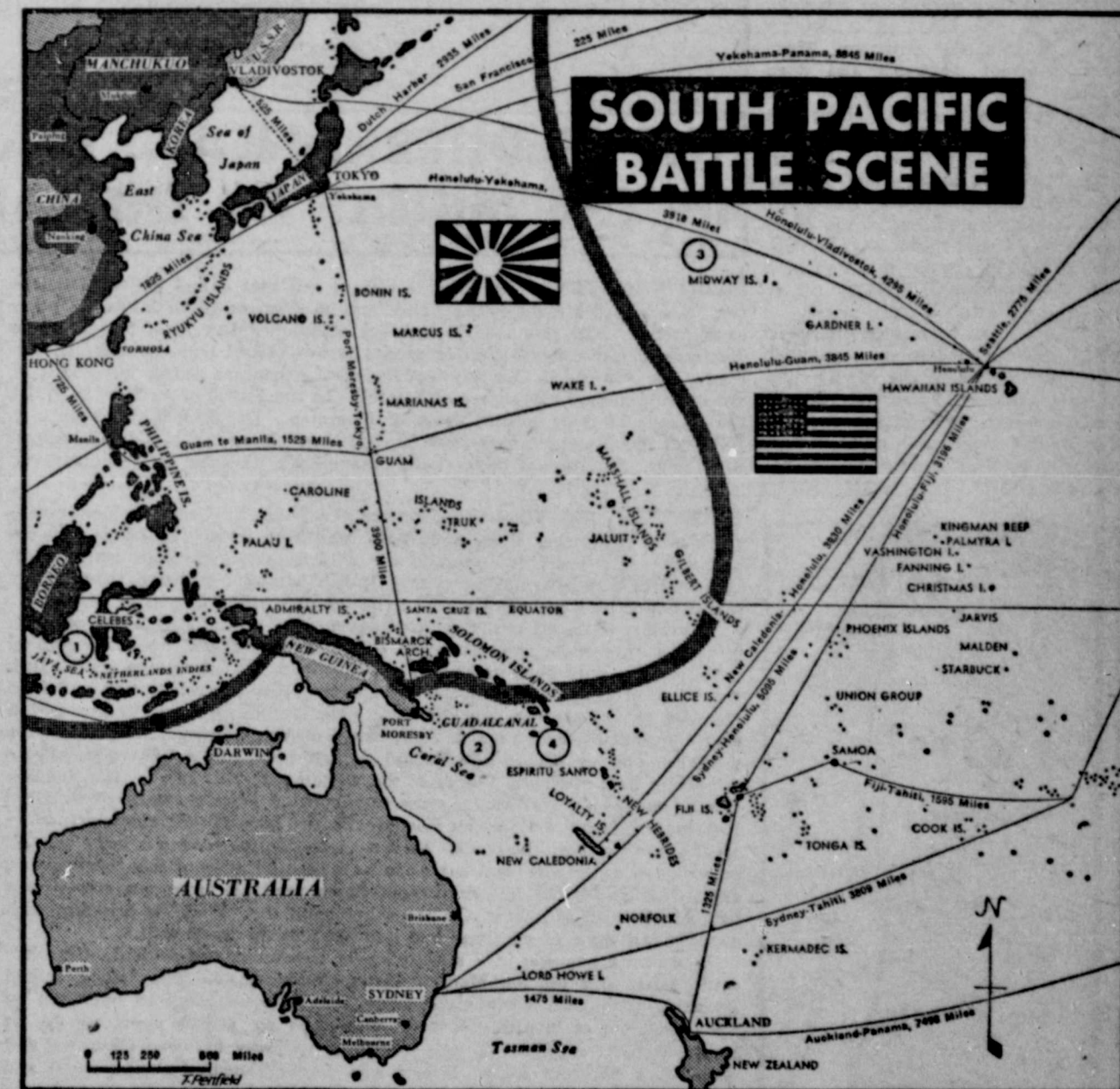


NEW GUINEA.—In all military history water and mountains have proven to be man's greatest natural barriers against invasion. The Japs have found no exception to this rule in New Guinea where the difficulties of surmounting the jungle-tangled trails of the Owen Stanley Range were more than even their suicidal determination to win could overcome. From Gona and Buna the Jap tried to drive across Papua to the Australian-held base at Port Moresby. It looked as if he might succeed again, but finally disease, hunger, the terrible jungle dampness and heroic Australians beat him back.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The Solomons were discovered by a Spaniard, completely forgotten, and not seen by a white man until 1568. In 1885 they were divided between Germany and Great Britain, and in 1914 they were taken over by Australia as a mandate until they were all but swallowed up in the Japanese advance. The main Jap bases are at Kieta, Buin and Rekata bay, with Buin probably the strongest and best equipped of the three. Another base was under construction at Tulagi until knocked out by Allied airmen. If the Japs are driven out of Guadalcanal their strategy will probably be to fall back on their nearest base and carry on the war from that point. Step by step, island by island, they will force the Allies to regain their stolen outposts at the greatest possible cost. That the Jap considers the Solomons of great importance is evidenced in his fanatical fight to hold them.



NEW CALEDONIA serves as an Allied outpost and protective base along the U. S.-Australian lifeline. It was occupied first by the British and later by American forces. With Espiritu Santo, the Fijis and American Samoa it forms a huge defensive triangle through which all troops and materials for the Pacific struggle passes. Any one of these points in Japanese control would immeasurably increase our Pacific problem and prolong the war indefinitely. New Caledonia's elongated shores are reef-studded and the land is hilled and thickly wooded. Noumea is the chief port and a good port available to the Allies dangerously threatening Japan's southern flank.



PACIFIC BATTLE SCENE.—In this vast corner of the world's greatest ocean four great naval battles have already been fought. These have been: (1) Battle of Java sea February 27-March 1, an Allied defeat that gave Japan control of the East Indies; (2) Battle of the Coral Sea, May 4-9, an Allied victory that halted the Jap thrust at Australia and our supply line to the South Pacific; (3) Battle of Midway, June 4-6, which prevented a possible Jap invasion of the Hawaiian islands; (4) Battle of the Solomons, August 7-November 18, a series of engagements which prevented the cutting of the U. S. supply line and so upset the balance of Pacific naval power as to materially weaken Japan's position in the South Pacific area.

TURKEY BESTRIDES A HISTORIC WATERWAY



TURKEY.—In the foreground of history are the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles—two narrow necks of water which separate Asia from Europe and form the two entrances to Turkey's own private Sea of Marmara. The famous straits, key to the Black sea, have been a source of trouble since the dawn of time. And as Turkey holds this key so does she hold the key to the vast oil fields of the Near East—the Caucasus and Iran (Persia).

Hitler, unable to reach the Caucasus oil fields through Russia, may be forced to go through Turkey. Will the Turks fight? Only the Turks know the answer to this. They have been completely enigmatic, but in view of recent Russian successes at Stalingrad they may resist invasion. Turkey is the kind of a country which is ideal for tank and plane warfare—vast distances and open plains. The Turkish defense line would probably extend along the Taurus mountain range—the country's only natural defense barrier. The Turks, as history has proven, are stubborn fighters, and unless the Axis could gain control of the Mediterranean they could not be isolated. This is exactly the kind of a military situation the Nazis try to avoid.

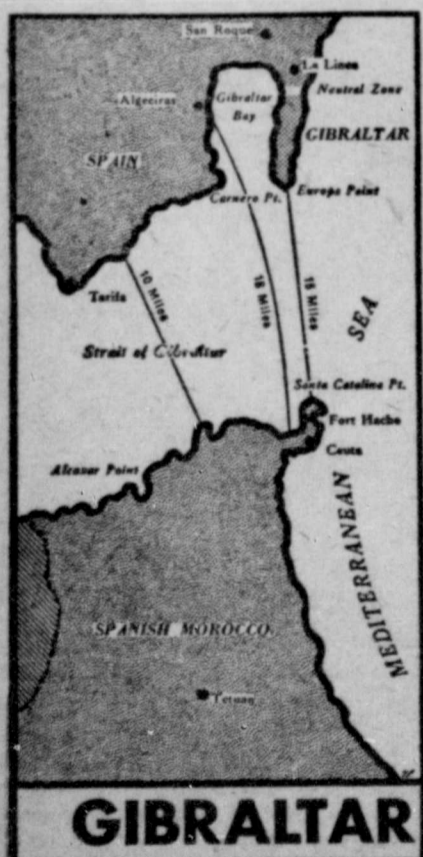
If Turkey can be won to the Allied side, and the Allies can establish complete control of the Mediterranean, the problem of supplying Russia will be greatly reduced by access of the Black sea route, thus eliminating the long haul to Murmansk and the Persian gulf.



MEDITERRANEAN.—The Mediterranean sea was called by the Romans the "Sea in the Middle of the Land," and to them no other lands, no other seas existed. On this land-locked sea of history has been fought all of Europe's decisive naval battles except two—Jutland and the Spanish Armada. In 480 B. C. Xerxes watched the Athenians crush his hopes of world conquest off the shores of Salamis. In the Battle of Actium, 31 B. C., the galleys of Antony met those of Octavian. The Battle of Lepanto in 1571, off the Peloponnesos, saw Christendom throw off the dominance of the Turks. At Aboukir bay, off the coast of Egypt, Lord Nelson destroyed

Napoleon's fleet and his oriental dreams.

Italy has long cherished control of the Mediterranean, and she has some ancient claims on this great waterway. As early as 1000 A. D. the ships of Venice were Europe's chief contact with the East. But English men-of-war did not neglect the Mediterranean, which increased tremendously with the opening of the Suez canal in 1869. Soon the British had both ends bottled up and control of the tiny island of Malta at the bottleneck between Sicily and French Tunisia, which stood out like a stop signal before Italy's aspirations in North Africa.



GIBRALTAR, MALTA.—Gibraltar and the Suez canal are the Mediterranean's only entrances. They have both long been in British hands, but because the Axis has free access to the Mediterranean through Italy, Great Britain has attempted to neutralize Italy's strategic position through the maintenance of a powerful base on the bomb-battered island of Malta.

Gibraltar is small: two and three-quarters of a mile long by three-quarters of a mile wide, and 1,437 feet to its highest point. Space to conceal batteries has only been gained by digging deep into the steep walls. Into the miles of caverns the British have stored tons of ammunition and food supplies as against the day Gibraltar must go on its own. It lies within easy range of modern guns, if Spain and the Axis powers choose to attack. Algeiras, on the Spanish mainland, is but four and a half miles across Algeiras bay. Carnero Point, at the entrance to the bay on the Spanish side, is supposedly fortified. Across the Strait of Gibraltar to Santa Catalina Point is but 18 miles. Here, at Fort Hacho, are long-range guns which could shell Gibraltar from the south. No flat surface in the colony is large enough to serve as an airport, and none can be built. Because of this there are no defending land-based fighters except those available from our newly won bases in French Morocco. On the other hand the "Rock" is bristling with anti-aircraft guns of all types and will account for itself well.

Gibraltar's position in a strictly naval conflict is self-evident. Gibraltar could stand and yet the Mediterranean could be lost. The "Rock" could probably withstand a prolonged siege, but because it can be bypassed by the methods of modern war it may not be called upon to do so in the present conflict. Malta's location—half way between Gibraltar and Suez—is a different story. It is a mid-Mediterranean fortress, naval and air base of first magnitude without the control of which any power in the Mediterranean would find itself constantly threatened on its flanks. It neutralizes Italy's bases in Sicily and the Italian base on Pantelleria island. Although its proximity to Sicilian air bases has made it untenable as a shelter for the British Mediterranean fleet it sits athwart of and threatens the Axis Europe-Africa supply route, and it completely dominates the central Mediterranean. But Malta is more than a base. It is a symbol of Allied determination and courage.

