

RIVERSIDE CALIF:-

THE FOURTH INTERCEPTOR COMMAND ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT TWO ARMY AIRPLANES CRASHED INTO SAN DIEGO BAY, APPARENTLY KILLING BOTH PILOTS.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ACCIDENT WAS NOT REVEALED AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE IDENTITY OF THE PILOTS HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.

BERLIN:-

THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND CLAIMED TODAY THAT GERMAN SUBMARINES HAD SUNK A 23,000 TON BRITISH AIRCRAFT CARRIER. THE VESSEL WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN OF THE FORMIDABLE CLASS.

THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND ALSO ADMITTED THAT SOVIET ARMY FORCES ATTACKED VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE EASTERN FRONT BUT THAT ALL ATTACKS FAILED WITH HEAVY LOSSES WHEN THE RED TROOPS WERE OPPOSED BY GERMAN INFANTRY. IT WAS ALSO SAID THAT GERMAN TROOPS HAD COUNTER-ATTACKED AND HAD THROWN THE RUSSIANS BACK IN SEVERAL PLACES.

WASHINGTON:-

ON THE BASIS OF REPORTED ATTACKS BY JAPANESE ON WAKE ISLAND AND ON GUAM, THE UNITED STATES OFFICIALLY CHARGED THE JAPANESE WITH BRUTALITY.

IT WAS SAID THAT THE JAPANESE MACHINE-GUNNED, FROM A LOW ALTITUDE, THE DEFENCE-LESS NATIVE POPULATIONS OF THE TWO ISLANDS, BOMBED THE HOSPITAL AND ALSO PARTIALLY DESTROYED A COMPOUND HOUSING A NUMBER OF JAPANESE WHO HAD BEEN INTERNED.

WASHINGTON:-

OPM-ITE KNUDSEN TOLD A COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING DEFENSE WORKERS THAT CIVILIAN AUTO PRODUCTION MIGHT BE ELIMINATED.

SAID HE: "WE HAVE CUT PASSENGER CAR PRODUCTION FOR JANUARY TO ONE FOURTH WHAT WE PRODUCED LAST YEAR AND WILL HAVE TO PLAN WITH THE INDUSTRY AGAIN WHAT TO DO AFTER JANUARY. NOBODY KNOWS HOW MUCH OUR AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY CAN BE CONVERTED TO WAR PRODUCTION."

LONDON:-

OFFICIALS OF THE BRITISH ARMY ANNOUNCED TONIGHT THAT IN PURSUANCE OF THE "SCORCHED EARTH" POLICY" ~~XXXX~~, PRAI POWER STATION IN SMAELING, PENANG, HAD BEEN DESTROYED BEFORE THE BRITISH EVACUATION OF PENANG (SMALL AREA IN NORTHERN BRITISH MALAYA).

LONDON:-

THE NETHERLANDS REFUGEE GOVERNMENT DECLARED WAR ON ITALY YESTERDAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TONIGHT.

LONDON:-

THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT SIX MORE AXIS TRANSPORTS AND SUPPLY SHIPS HAD BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR BY BRITISH SUBMARINES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

NEW DELHI, INDIA:-

HEADQUARTERS OF THE EASTERN COMMAND ANNOUNCED TONIGHT THAT JAPANESE FLYERS AND PLANES HAD BOMBED RANGOON, CAPITAL OF BURMA, EARLY THIS MORNING. FIRES WERE STARTED AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK.

DUTCH SUBMARINES HAD ATTACKED A JAP TANKER AND THREE LARGE TRANSPORTS OFF NORTHWEST BORNEO. THE ATTACK WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE LOSS IN MEN AND WAR SUPPLIES.

MOSCOW:-

RUSSIAN TROOPS CONTINUED THEIR ADVANCE TODAY IN THE SECTORS BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF MOSCOW, THE HIGH COMMAND ANNOUNCED TONIGHT. THE MIDNIGHT COMMUNIQUE SAID FIGHTING HAD CONTINUED THROUGHOUT WEDNESDAY ON THE FRONT.

ADVANCE AND OCCUPATION OF A NUMBER OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES WERE REPORTED FROM THE KALININ SECTOR NORTH OF THE CAPITAL AND FROM THE SECTOR SOUTH OF MOSCOW.

WASHINGTON:-

IT WAS REPORTED BY THE NAVY DEPARTMENT TONIGHT THAT IN THE LAST BATTLE, THE DEFENDERS OF WAKE ISLAND SANK TWO MORE JAPANESE DESTROYERS.

CAIRO:-

R. A. F. HEADQUARTERS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST REPORTED TONIGHT THAT BRITISH PLANES HAD OVERTAKEN FLEEING AXIS FORCES IN TRIPOLITANIA AND HAD INFLICTED TERRIFIC PUNISHMENT ON THE GERMANS AND ITALIANS.

SAID THE COMMUNIQUE: "MOTORIZED CONVOYS LAND WITH TROOPS AND STORES WERE SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED ON THE SIRTE-MISURALA ROAD AND TO THE WEST OF EL AGHELA. OIL TANKERS AND LORRIES WERE DESTROYED AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS WERE DAMAGED. CONSIDERABLE CASUALTIES WERE INFLICTED ON ENEMY TROOPS."

WASHINGTON:-

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TOLD A YULETIDE GATHERING TONIGHT THAT THERE IS A DEMAND THIS CHRISTMAS FOR AN ARMING OF THE HEARTH OF ALL AMERICANS FOR THE LABOR AND SUFFERING TO WIN THE ULTIMATE VICTORY WHICH LIES AHEAD IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

THE PRESIDENT SPOKE FROM THE SOUTH PORTICO OF THE WHITE HOUSE AS HE AND BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL INAUGURATED CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONIES FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THE DEMOCRACIES OF THE WORLD. THE CEREMONIES OCCURRED JUST AS DUSK FELL OVER THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

THE PRESIDENT SAID MANY AMERICANS WERE JOYOUS THAT PEOPLE COULD LIGHT CHRISTMAS TREES, GIVE GIFTS AND BE ALIVE IN A WORLD AT WAR.

WASHINGTON:- (CONTINUING ABOVE ITEM):

THE PRESIDENT THEN REFERRED THEM TO HIS PROCLAMATION OF SEVERAL DAYS AGO, SETTING FORTH NEW YEAR'S DAY AS A DAY OF PRAYER. DECLARED THE PRESIDENT: "AGAINST ENEMIES WHO PREACH THE PRINCIPLES OF SATE AND PRACTICE THE, WE SET OUR FAITH IN HUMAN LOVE AND IN GOD'S CARE FOR US AND ALL MEN WHEREVER THEY ARE."

A U. S. PORT:-

THE UNITED STATES NAVY GAINED ANOTHER POTENT WEAPON FOR USE ~~XXX~~ AGAINST THE AXIS TODAY WITH THE COMMISSIONING OF A LIGHT CRUISER.

THE CRUISER IS ONE OF THE FASTEST AND HARDEST-CLINGING WARSHIPS OF HER TYPE IN THE WORLD.

DUTCH SUBMARINES HAD ATTACKED A JAP TANKER AND THREE LARGE TRANSPORTS OFF NORTHWEST BORNEO. THE ATTACK WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE LOSS IN MEN AND WAR SUPPLIES.

MOSCOW:-

RUSSIAN TROOPS CONTINUED THEIR ADVANCE TODAY IN THE SECTORS BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF MOSCOW, THE HIGH COMMAND ANNOUNCED TONIGHT. THE MIDNIGHT COMMUNIQUE SAID FIGHTING HAD CONTINUED THROUGHOUT WEDNESDAY ON THE FRONT.

ADVANCE AND OCCUPATION OF A NUMBER OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES WERE REPORTED FROM THE KALININ SECTOR NORTH OF THE CAPITAL AND FROM THE SECTOR SOUTH OF MOSCOW.

WASHINGTON:-

IT WAS REPORTED BY THE NAVY DEPARTMENT TONIGHT THAT IN THE LAST BATTLE, THE DEFENDERS OF WAKE ISLAND SANK TWO MORE JAPANESE DESTROYERS.

CAIRO:-

R. A. F. HEADQUARTERS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST REPORTED TONIGHT THAT BRITISH PLANES HAD OVERTAKEN FLEEING AXIS FORCES IN TRIPOLITANIA AND HAD INFLICTED TERRIFIC PUNISHMENT ON THE GERMANS AND ITALIANS.

SAID THE COMMUNIQUE: "MOTORIZED CONVOYS LAND WITH TROOPS AND STORES WERE SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED ON THE SIRTE-MISURALA ROAD AND TO THE WEST OF EL AGHELA. OIL TANKERS AND LORRIES WERE DESTROYED AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS WERE DAMAGED. CONSIDERABLE CASUALTIES WERE INFLICTED ON ENEMY TROOPS."

WASHINGTON:-

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TOLD A YULETIDE GATHERING TONIGHT THAT THERE IS A DEMAND THIS CHRISTMAS FOR AN ARMING OF THE HEARTH OF ALL AMERICANS FOR THE LABOR AND SUFFERING TO WIN THE ULTIMATE VICTORY WHICH LIES AHEAD IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

THE PRESIDENT SPOKE FROM THE SOUTH PORTICO OF THE WHITE HOUSE AS HE AND BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL INAUGURATED CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONIES FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THE DEMOCRACIES OF THE WORLD. THE CEREMONIES OCCURRED JUST AS DUSK FELL OVER THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

THE PRESIDENT SAID MANY AMERICANS WERE JOYOUS THAT PEOPLE COULD LIGHT CHRISTMAS TREES, GIVE GIFTS AND BE ALIVE IN A WORLD AT WAR.

WASHINGTON:- (CONTINUING ABOVE ITEM):

THE PRESIDENT THEN REFERRED THEM TO HIS PROCLAMATION OF SEVERAL DAYS AGO, SETTING FORTH NEW YEAR'S DAY AS A DAY OF PRAYER. DECLARED THE PRESIDENT: "AGAINST ENEMIES WHO PREACH THE PRINCIPLES OF SATE AND PRACTICE THE, WE SET OUR FAITH IN HUMAN LOVE AND IN GOD'S CARE FOR US AND ALL MEN WHEREVER THEY ARE."

A U. S. PORT:-

THE UNITED STATES NAVY GAINED ANOTHER POTENT WEAPON FOR USE ~~XXX~~ AGAINST THE AXIS TODAY WITH THE COMMISSIONING OF A LIGHT CRUISER.

THE CRUISER IS ONE OF THE FASTEST AND HARDEST-CLINGING WARSHIPS OF HER TYPE IN THE WORLD.

WASHINGTON:-

THE HEAD OF THE BRITISH FOOD MISSION IN THE UNITED STATES R. H. BRAND, ADVISED THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE THAT FOOD SHIPPED TO BRITAIN UNDER THE LEND LEASE PROGRAM HAS NOW PASSED THE MILLION MARK.

LONDON:-

CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS WERE SINGING TONIGHT ALONG THE DOVER COAST TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF THE BOOM OF GUNS AND THE SCREAM OF SHELLS.

THE GERMANS OPENED FIRE WITH THEIR LONG RANGE BATTERIES NEAR CAPE GRIES NEZ AND SHELLED THE BRITISH COAST ACROSS THE STRAIT OF DOVER FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES.

IN ONE TOWN CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS IGNORED THE HEED TO TAKE COVER AND CONTINUED TO SING WHILE SHELLS EXPLODED NEAR THE TOWN.

MANILA:-

THE AMERICAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, WAS AT THE FRONT TONIGHT PERSONALLY DIRECTING THE OPERATIONS OF UNITED STATES AND FILIPINO TROOPS RESISTING HEAVY FORCES OF THE JAPANESE INVADERS.

GENERAL MACARTHUR ANNOUNCED HIS DEPARTURE WITH MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF IN A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE WHICH SAID: "THE FORWARD ECHELON OF THIS COMMAND HAS TAKEN TO THE FIELD."

IT WAS NOT DISCLOSED TO WHAT POINT THE GENERAL HAD GONE BUT THE MOST CRITICAL SITUATION WAS IN THE VICINITY OF LINGUAYEN BAY WHERE THE AMERICAN AND FILIPINO FORCES WERE OUT-NUMBERED. GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS TAKEN TO MEAN THAT A MAJOR ENGAGEMENT WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

ANOTHER THREAT WAS DEVELOPING NEAR ANTIMONAN, SEVENTY FIVE MILES SOUTHEAST OF MANILA WHERE THE JAPANESE LANDED STRONG FORCES FROM A FLEET OF FORTY TRANSPORTS.

WASHINGTON:-

THE NAVY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE LAST OF A NUMBER OF UNACCOUNTED FOR MERCHANT VESSELS, THE TANKER, "FITZSIMMONS," HAD ARRIVED SAFELY AT A WEST COAST PORT.

THE TANKER WAS IN THE SEA OF OKSOTOK (SP?) BOUND FOR RUSSIA WITH A CARGO OF GASOLINE AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR WITH JAPAN. THE FITZSIMMONS ARRIVED MONDAY IN AMERICAN WATERS AFTER WHAT THE NAVY CALLED "A HAZARDOUS TRIP," TRAVELLING WATERS WHERE WEATHER CONDITIONS MADE INTERCEPTION UNLIKELY.

LONDON:-

MARSHAL PETAIN BROADCAST A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE TONIGHT.

THE SPEECH WAS ADDRESSED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO THE FRENCH PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY.

PETAINE MADE NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO VICHY'S RELATIONS WITH BERLIN OR TO ANY OTHER PHASE OF FRENCH-FOREIGN POLICY.

BULLETIN, WASHINGTON:-

THE WAR DEPARTMENT'S NIGHT COMMUNIQUE REPORTED THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE MASSED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TROOP SHIPS IN THEIR ALL-OUT ATTACK ON THE PHILIPPINES. THE ENEMY TRANSPORTS

WERE ACCOMPANIED BY STRONG NAVAL AND AIR ESCORTS.

THE NIGHT WAR BULLETIN SAID THE JAPS HAD SUCCEEDED IN LANDING A FORCE OF INVADING TROOPS AT NASUGBU, ONLY FIFTY MILES FROM MANILA IN A SOUTHWEST DIRECTION.

THE COMMUNIQUE ADDED THAT AMERICAN AND PHILIPPINE TROOPS ARE OUTNUMBERED BUT ARE OFFERING STIFF RESISTANCE IN A SERIES OF "DELAYING ACTIONS."
