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### AIR BASE ESTABLISHED IN GILBERTS

CENTRAL PACIFIC WAR::: American ground forces in four short but fierce days of hand to hand fighting have wound up their conquest of the Gilbert Islands, and today are in a position to consolidate their new gains for a strike at the heavier fortified Marshalls to the north on the Mid Pacific road to Tokyo. The American's capture of Betio Island on Tarawa Atoll, giving them a good airbase in the Gilberts, came before nightfall Tuesday, as Marines and soldiers hunted down remnants of Japanese on Makin and Apanama Atolls already firmly in American hands. In announcing the capture of Betio, Admiral Nimitz said Americans had turned back a desperate counter attack just before it fell to them and that few prisoners were taken. Some 4000 Japanese were believed to have been slain on Betio alone, which Admiral Nimitz yesterday estimated was the total number of Japs on the Island.

### 4 JAP DESTROYERS SUNK IN NORTHERN SOLOMONS

HEADQUARTERS, SOPAC::: In the Southwest Pacific four enemy destroyers were sunk and a fifth enemy destroyer damaged in a Thanksgiving Day (Solomons time) naval action fought between Rabaul and Bougainville in the Northern Solomons, General MacArthur's communique announced. Two destroyers were sunk by torpedoes and the other two in the subsequent pursuit. Not an American warship was hit and only one Jap ship escaped damage.

### BOUGAINVILLE AND NEW GUINEA COMMUNIQUE

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS::: At Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Marines and soldiers extended their present holdings while killing 75 Japanese on patrol actions, a communique said. Off Halmahera, Liberators sank an 8000 ton Japanese merchantman. Allied planes dropped 44 more tons of bombs on enemy plane bases at Buka. Another 52 tonner fell on enemy airfields on Bougainville's south coast.

On New Guinea, patrols killed fifty Japanese north of Song River in the Finschhafen area, the communique said. Allied planes continued bombing and strafing operations in that sector.

### BERLIN "BURNING WITH A THOUSAND FIRES"

STOCKHOLM::: New fires swept the bomb ravaged Berlin Wednesday night and a sheet of flame more than a half mile long blacked the airdromes with smoke and ashes after the second massive air attack in two nights reports reaching this neutral capital, said. The newspaper Allehanda said the U.S. Embassy on the Berlin Platz



WITH THE U.S. FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY:-- Known throughout the Army as a "hot outfit", the much tried 36th Division, completely made up of Texans, was singled out for the key mission of spearheading the American invasion of Italy at Salerno, it was disclosed Wednesday. With sheer courage the Division finally broke through the German shore defenses in the face of withering fire. Their attack rivals the greatest actions of American troops in any of our wars.

SENATE APPROVES FIVE BILLION THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS FOR NAVY

WASHINGTON:-- With a burst of speed the Senate Naval Affairs Committee approved a \$5,300,000,000 Naval construction program largely involving craft for amphibious operations in advance of its formal introduction in the Senate. The bill authorizes acquisition conversion or construction of 2,500,000 tons of auxiliary vessels and 1,000,000 tons of landing craft and district craft.

THE FIGHTING 286

AMBRIDGE PA:-- The Commander and surviving crewmen of a Navy tank landing ship sunk off Sicily last July have been given a new craft at an Ohio river shipyard to go back and fight again. The beaming sailors have dubbed their new home the "Fighting 286" she was christened Navy Day.

REEMPLOYMENT OF WAR DISABILITIES SEEN

DETROIT:-- General Motors Corporation disclosed Wednesday that it is already making plans for the rehabilitation and reemployment of former employees who have been or may be physically disabled in the war. Special treatment supervision and training are to be provided for those with severe handicaps.

THE DOG HOUSE FOR ABSENTEES

CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA:-- The dog house bulletin board at the Charleston Navy yard sheet metal shop was credited by authorities with reducing unauthorized absenteeism to 63.8% in little more than four months. Under the system offenders are given two personal warnings, if they offend again they are suspended and their names placed on "dog houses" of one of the shop's bulletin boards. So far once in the dog house has been enough to cure an absentee.

AEGEAN CAMPAIGN DISCUSSED IN NEW SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

LONDON:-- In a quiet austere ceremony heavy with a sense of history, King George VI opened a new session of parliament Wednesday and Prime Minister Churchill's Government came through the first day of debate without serious challenge.

However Deputy Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee acknowledged in Commons Wednesday that the Allies setbacks in the Aegean represented a "loss of brave men and strategic positions of value", but declared the campaign had been effective as a harassing operation and therefore not a total failure.

TURKEYS FOR OUR TROOPS OVER THERE

ALLIED HQT. ALGIERS:-- There will be turkeys aplenty Thursday for hundreds of thousands of American troops in

NORMAL DAILY WATER EXPENDITURE IS 35,000 GALLONS  
YESTERDAY WE USED 42,724 GALLONS

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PLAN OF THE DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1943

0335 - Condition II Section 1 relieve the watch.  
0444 - Reveille.  
0509 - Flight Quarters.  
0514 - Dawn General Quarters.  
0614 - Secure from General Quarters - Set Condition III Section 1  
0735 - Condition III Section 2 relieve the watch.  
0815 - Muster on Stations.  
1205 - Condition III Section 3 relieve the watch.  
1430-1535 - Instruction for Quartermasters in school room.  
1535 - Condition III Section 4 relieve the watch.  
1735 - Condition III Section 1 relieve the watch.  
1935 - Condition III Section 2 relieve the watch.  
SUNSET - Darken ship on main deck and above.  
One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour after sunset - darken ship - Set Condition II  
2335 - Condition II Section 3 relieve the watch.

J. T. WARREN  
Commander, U. S. Navy,  
Executive Officer

The following is quoted from our Task Force Commander's Despatch:

"GREAT DEVASTATION WAS CAUSED BY OUR AIR AND SHIP BOMB-  
ARDMENT AND MANY DUGOUTS AND GUNS WERE DESTROYED X THE AIR  
AND SHIP GUNFIRE SUPPORT WAS EXCELLENT THROUGHOUT."



## PUSHING THE PEN.....

The majority of men in the Navy, write home frequently. Some, however, put off writing for long intervals with the result that their parents worry over their silence. Worry of this sort can even be a contributing factor to illness.

Affection and regard should prompt all to send frequent and cheerful letters home. Picture the joy that a happy letter from you will bring to your father and your mother! Isn't this pleasant image preferable to the picture of gloom your long silence, or a whining missive will cause?

"The sweetest wine makes the sourest vinegar" is a statement that has its counterpart in relationships between loved ones. Because your parents' very happiness and peace of mind are bound up with you and your career, neglect on your part cuts them to the very heart. For their sakes as well as for your own, live and work so as to be able to report constant progress. "Try and be the man they would like you to be," and your letters will reflect contentment with the life you deliberately have chosen.

Winning approval as a reliable man in the Navy, means that you can be depended upon to carry out your assigned duties promptly and efficiently. Reliability implies, too you have not forgotten the duty of honor and obedience you owe your home.

Let your father and mother be able to speak with pride and with the authority of a recently received letter, when a relative or a neighbor inquires about you! Don't put them in the embarrassing position of apologizing for you. Although their love for you may prompt them sincerely to offer the lame excuse that you are "too busy" to drop a line, every impartial observer knows that usually the real reason for a man not writing regularly to his parents is that he is too lazy, thoughtless or even sinfully careless.