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3 U. S. HEAVY CRUISERS LOST

Warships Were Protecting Night Landing of Marines in Solomons

AUSTRALIAN SHIP SUNK

Washington —(AP)— Three heavy cruisers were added today to the announced American naval losses in the savage but successful battle two months ago to break Japanese control of the vital south-eastern Solomons.

While protecting the night landing of American reinforcements in the Tulagi-Guadalcanal area, Aug. 8-9, the Navy disclosed late yesterday, the cruisers Quincy, Vincennes and Astoria were sent to the bottom by enemy gunfire and torpedoes.

The toll raised the Japanese score in the grim Solomon Islands conflict to nine United States vessels—three cruisers, four transports and two destroyers. Two more destroyers were damaged.

CARRIED ENVOY'S ASHES

Washington —(AP)— The U. S. S. Astoria, one of three heavy United States cruisers announced by the Navy to have been lost in the Solomon Islands August offensive, was the warship which carried the ashes of former Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Saito home to Japan in 1939. The cruiser sailed from Annapolis, Md., March 18, 1939 following elaborate and solemn funeral services here.

The enemy's known losses total 38 ships sunk or damaged.

Australian Warship Lost

The spectacular battle, fought in the glare of star shells and searchlights, also brought destruction of the Australian cruiser Canberra. The Navy, while acknowledging many Allied casualties, reported that most of the crew men were saved.

Capt. Samuel N. Moore of Alexandria, Va., commander of the Quincy, was among those lost. The skipper of the Vincennes and the Astoria, Captains F. L. Riefkohl of Maunabo, Puerto Rico, and William G. Greenman of Watertown, N. Y., were saved.

The Navy said it was impossible to determine what losses were suffered by the Japanese force of



Pvt. George W. Mead

LOCAL SOLDIER DIES IN GEORGIA

Pvt. George W. Mead Drowns at Recreational Center on Sunday

Pvt. George W. Mead, 22, Marshfield soldier stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., drowned Sunday evening while swimming at Camp Stephens' National Park recreational center at Crawfordville, Ga., according to information received last night by his father, Angus L. Mead, route 3, Marshfield.

The wire from Maj.-Gen. R. O. Barton, commanding the Fourth Motorized Division in Georgia, stated that death occurred at 8:15 p. m. Sunday, and that "this command joins me in extending our deepest sympathy."

Enlisted in 1940

Pvt. Mead, who had been at Camp Gordon, Ga., near Augusta, since last fall, had left Marshfield June, 1940, to enlist in the regular U. S. Army on June 12.

After being stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala., for about a year, he was promoted to corporal and transferred to Fort Benning, Ga. In line for another promotion when transferred to Camp Gordon, Ga., last fall, Pvt. Mead was

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ASK NAZIS TO FREE

15 JAP PLANES ARE DESTROYED

Oct 13 1942

2 Enemy Light Cruisers Damaged in Latest Defensive Fighting

U. S. LOSES 2 PLANES

Washington —(AP)— The Navy announced today that United States Marines had succeeded in enlarging their positions on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomon Islands during two days of offensive fighting in which the Japanese had "many casualties."

Announcement also was made of destruction of 15 Japanese planes, damage to two enemy light cruisers and loss of two United States planes in operations on Oct. 9 and 11.

The report of the Marines' offensive tied in directly with a statement today by Rear Admiral John S. McCain, lately a naval air commander in the Southwest Pacific, that "we can hold the Solomons and expand them."

New Offensive Action

It was the first offensive action reported for the Marines in the Solomons since the early days of their invasion which began Aug. 7.

Announcement of the damaging of two enemy cruisers raised to 40 the number of Japanese ships which have been reported sunk or damaged during the Solomons campaign and the destruction of 15 Japanese planes raised to 260 the number of enemy aircraft wrecked in the Solomons.

Considerable Resistance

The offensive operations of the Marines were carried out in the face of considerable enemy resistance it was clear, since the communique noted that the Japanese had suffered heavy casualties and also because it has been reported on several recent occasions that the enemy was reinforcing his units in the Solomons jungles.

These reinforcements apparently have moved into the very area against which the Marine offensive was directed.

Navy communique No. 148 said: "South Pacific: (all dates are east longitude)

1. On Oct. 9:
(A) During the morning Marine Corps aircraft attacked a Japanese force of two light cruisers and four destroyers in the area north of New Georgia Island. A direct hit damaged one of the

George Roehrborn, enlisted in the U. S. on Feb. 26, 1942, where in England" ere he is serving as mechanic. He graduated airplane mechanic in Detroit late in and at Jefferson and Macon, Ga., overseas.

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* * * Bloczynski, Marsh- ber inductee of the County Selective Ic attached to a unit at Camp Ky. He is a son of John Bloczynski, 401

* * * W. Brinkman, attached to a tech- adron, at Keesler and Pvt. Harold W. hfield, is with the Regiment at Camp as, according to by the local draft Both men are Sep- es.

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TROOP 84—The regular meet- ing of Sacred Heart Troop 84, scheduled to be held tonight, has been postponed to Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Scoutmaster Charles B. Hahn announced today.

MEETS TONIGHT — St. Joseph's Society will meet after services tonight at the St. John's School, it was announced today. Lunch and refreshments will be served.

FIRST AID — The Red Cross first aid class, for Civilian Defense enrollees, will be conducted at the Armory and Community Building tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

ROUND TABLE — A Scouters Round Table, for scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters will be held at 7:15 tonight at the City Hall prior to the "fundamentals" meeting at the Eagles Hall. Scoutmasters and assistants are urged to attend.

FORUM LECTURE—The first of a series of forum lectures, sponsored by the Board of Vocational and Adult Education, will be opened by Prof. Leonard Haas at the Willard D. Purdy School auditorium tonight at 7:30 o'clock. He will discuss "The World at War in 1942."

Granton

Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Thiede had as their guests Sunday their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thiede, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wegner, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wegner and daughter, Doris, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gluck and family, Oct. 12 was Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Thiede's 25th wedding anniversary, and they motored to Eau Claire to bring their son, William, home for a few days' vacation.

Mrs. L. J. Bluet left Friday to visit relatives and friends in Milwaukee and Madison.

John Hazimond spent the week end with friends at Sparta and Hillsboro.

Miss Lorraine Boettcher, Sheboygan, is spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boettcher.

Miss Betty Osgood, who is attending school at Wisconsin Rapids, spent the week end here

From New York the casing of the first shell fired into Germany by the United States in the last war is going back for a second lick. Max Weinstein, president of a Fifth Avenue store, who received the casing when he bought a \$50,000 War Bond, said it would go into Manhattan's scrap collection Thursday.

The shiny automobiles of Yonkers, N. Y., are being stripped for war—their bumpers are going on a fast growing scrap pile. Wooden bumpers are attached in their place.

* * * The City of Madison, by removing abandoned street-car tracks, has recovered about 833 tons of steel for use in the Nation's war effort, City Engineer T. F. Harrington said today. The work is continuing.

MEAD

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) demoted to private because of an ear ailment.

A member of Company D, 22nd Infantry, Fourth Division, Pvt. George Wayne Mead was born in Marshfield Jan. 17, 1921, and attended schools here.

Interment Here

Surviving besides his father are two brothers, Clarence A. Mead, Marshfield, and Harrison Mead, Berlin, Wis., and a sister, Mrs. Ferdinand (Helen) Thums, San Angelo, Texas, formerly of Marshfield.

His mother, the former Anna Maria Miller, died eight years ago.

The body will be brought to Marshfield for funeral and burial rites, the time for which will be set after further word is received from military headquarters.

LAUNCH 2 DESTROYERS AT NEW JERSEY YARDS

Kearney, N. J. — (P) — Two U. S. destroyers, the Philip and the Renshaw, were launched today at the shipyard of the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

STIMSON EXPLAINS

Washington — (P) — Secretary of War Stimson said today he had ordered Col. Hugh J. Knerr to refrain public comment on conduct of the war because the Government "does not pay the officers

REASSEMBLED.

"As I have said before, major decisions of strategy have been made. One of them which we have all agreed—to the necessity of diverting forces from Russia and C other theatres of war by offensives against German Japan. An announcement these offensives are to be ed, and when, and where, be broadcast over the ra this time."

The President had said the nation's combat units were manned, well equipped and trained, and that their effectiveness would depend upon the quality of their leadership and wisdom of "the strategic plan which all military operations based."

Military Leaders to De

"I can say one thing about plans: They are not being expounded by the typewriter strategists; they are being expounded by the men in the field, or on the radio," Mr. R said, and added:

"One of the greatest of American soldiers, Robert E. Lee, remarked on the tragic fact in the war of his day all the generals were apparently on newspapers instead of in the Army. That seems to be true in our wars."

"The trouble with the better strategists is that, while they may be full of bright ideas, they are not in possession of the information about the facts of military operations." "We, therefore, will continue to leave the plans for this war to military leaders."

NEW SITES FOR SPRING VALLEY ARE SURVEYED

Spring Valley — (P) — Representatives of the State Emergency Board were here yesterday to study two tracts proposed for new sites of this flood-ravaged village of 973 persons.

One tract, of nearly 200 acres west of the present village, is to the east.

Plans to rebuild have been on a stage where, if federal funds be obtained, community development have high hopes of having a new village laid out before the snow flies.

Don Lowater, editor of the Spring Valley Sun, said that the villagers would petition Congress for an immediate grant of \$250,000 to permit work to proceed, and \$500,000 for a long-term d