

Ocean Going Ships
Definitely Sunk
YANKS LOSE CHINA BASE

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At least 1,220 Japanese surface craft were destroyed or damaged last month, including 363 ocean going ships definitely sunk, a recapitulation of Allied communications disclosed today.

No other month has approached it for sheer numbers. August had an overall total of some 800 including about 175 ships unquestionably sunk, although some may have surpassed it in tonnage. Two-thirds of the September total consisted of barges, juggers, sampans, motorcraft and other small boats.

The losses that really hurt Japan were the 303 transports, freighters, tankers, coastal vessels and warships sent to the bottom. Of these 201 were sunk by planes and warships of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's commands, mostly in and around the Philippines. The remainder 102 were divided almost equally between American submarines, British subs, and Canadian planes.

LOSE ANOTHER BASE

American Air Forces in China lost their major advanced base when Japanese armies trying to split the country in two overran Tanchuk in southeast China. Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's 14th Air Force had already destroyed their own base at Tanchuk as they left their airbases at Kweilin, threatened by Nipponese armies only 20 miles away.

A Chinese spokesman blamed lack of adequate aid for the poor showing of Chinese Kai-shhek's forces. He said all of the American equipment delivered to East China bases since Pearl Harbor wouldn't sustain an American division in combat for a week.

"The only real help" in that sector, he said, came from Chennault's Air Force.

10,000 Japs Killed

East of the invasion-threatened Philippines, American marines and soldiers established firm control over nine southern islands and parts of Palau. Nimitz said only two pockets of Japanese remained in the deadly, honey-combed Vamohere hills of Pohnu now being blasted by 4,000 pound bombs and on nearby Anguar Islands. Two Japanese-built airfields fell to the conquerors who have killed at least 10,000 defending soldiers.

"It looks as if we are going into the Philippines very soon," commented Carson Taylor, veteran Manila publisher.

Japanese in southwest Burma put up stiff resistance as Indian troops reached the "Chocolate Staircase," a treacherous trail leading to the enemy's Tiddim base.



Cpl. James R. Manthei

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DIES IN CRASH

Night Flight From Walla
Walla Air Base Ends In
Disaster

Cpl. James R. Manthei, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Manthei of Minneapolis and formerly of Marshfield, was killed in a plane crash near Walla Walla, Wash., Saturday night, according to word received by his parents in Minneapolis yesterday.

The accident occurred in the mountains near Walla Walla, according to the information, in a routine night squadron flight from the air base where Cpl. Manthei was stationed. It was reported the bodies, burned beyond recognition, were recovered but it was not ascertained how many others died with Cpl. Manthei.

Enlisted 1942

He enlisted in the Air Corps Jan. 20, 1942, at Oshkosh, and then returned to Marshfield until March, 9, 1942, when he was inducted into the Air Corps at Oshkosh.

He was sent to Selfridge Field, Mich., and then to Waco, Texas, for his preliminary flight training. From there he went to a radio school at Scott Field, Ill., and then to an aerial gunnery school at Tucson, Ariz. From Arizona he was sent to a camp in California. About Sept. 1, 1944, he was transferred to the Walla Walla, Wash., Air Base.

Cpl. Manthei was married six weeks ago in California and his wife was with him at Walla Walla. It was she who first learned of the tragedy. When her husband did not return from the flight she made inquiries only to learn that one plane was reported missing. It later proved to be the plane in which her husband had made the ill-fated flight.

Cpl. Manthei was born in
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TREASON CHARGES

week with major presidential campaign speeches which may determine tactics for the five weeks remaining before election.

Their last times out—Mr. Roosevelt's slashing attack on the Republicans Sept. 23 and Gov. Dewey's vigorous and prompt reply—for a time at least set the campaign on a level of oldtime political battling.

Mr. Roosevelt's speech this week, from Washington Thursday to party workers over the country, is expected to be primarily a get-out-the-vote pep talk, but that would allow him an opportunity to take whatever life he chooses to emphasize the importance of the election.

Speech Date Changed

Dewey, whose Charleston, W. Va., speech this week was changed from Friday to Saturday in order to arrange for wider radio facilities, has not said whether he would continue the personalized sort of attack he used at Oklahoma City. However, those with him on his recent campaign tour said the "pour it on, Tom" type of cheering he got in the trip's later days pleased the New York Governor.

The political stage meanwhile included these activities:

Hard-traveling Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, the G. O. P. vice presidential nominee, moved into the South with speeches today in Bowling Green, Ky., and in Nashville, Tenn.

Quotes Truman

For his Kentucky appearance, Bricker's prepared address quoted speeches and writings of Sen. Harry S. Truman in which, he said, the Democratic vice presidential nominee termed the Roosevelt Administration responsible for "inadequate overall planning and delay in determining basic policies" of the war program.

Yet, Bricker continued, Truman "now would have the American people believe that the welfare of this Nation and its future, as well as the peace of the whole world" depend upon another four years of Roosevelt and the New Deal.

Gov. Earl Warren of California is down for a G.O.P. radio speech in Minneapolis at 8:45 p. m. Central War Time (MBS), while a five-minute talk is scheduled from Washington by Senator Truman, at 8:55 p. m. CWT (Blue). Warren is due to speak at Rockford, Ill., tomorrow.

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