

campaign in the Mediterranean. The seaman, who entered the Naval Reserve at about a year before he was called for service in the United States, was trained at Great Lakes, Mich., at Butler, University, and then went on a tour of sea duty in the Pacific from June 1. The last day of his parents was

in May. The five-day leave here was reported to New York by telegram received. The department regrets that your son, Robert, a signalman, Naval Reserve, is engaged in action in the Pacific in his duty and in the Pacific—Page 6

## LINK GIVEN BY OWI Bars to Come on Airing Gov- Disputes

(AP)—The Office of War Information said today that the State Department's Ickes, assertions that the Government is to be blamed for any failure in the war effort, was without any policy and that the Government had been raised. "The White House OWI retains responsibility on such matters as setting up of War Mobilization, and other things to which the agency disputes, has been advised of its job. The statement was Secretary Stephen A. Ickes had been asked why, the response—Ickes asserted that the men drafted in the not New Dealers should be blamed for the down of the war

in the opening days of the battle.

The Russians gave only meager details on the fighting in the Donets and Mius River areas. The midnight communique minimized the significance of the battles and referred to them as "engagements of local character," adding, however, that "they have a tendency to grow into serious battles."

**Germans Make Claims**  
(Today's German communique acknowledged that Nazi forces were engaged in "fierce battles of defense," especially east and north of Orel. It said Russian attacks south of Orel were "bloodily repulsed" and that 133 Soviet tanks were destroyed during the day. Soviet attempts to break through Nazi lines on the Mius River and in the middle Donets were declared to have been repulsed.

(The Germans reported that from July 5 to 19 they captured 45,172 prisoners and destroyed 4,827 tanks and 2,344 planes on the eastern front.)

## Thomas Redmond Reported Killed In African Zone

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

Pittsville — Mr. and Mrs. John Redmond, who live on a farm 4 miles north of Pittsville, were informed this noon by telegram that their son, Sgt. Thomas A. Redmond, 26, with a unit of Army engineers in North Africa, had died in action.

On June 17 his parents were told by the War Department that he had been seriously wounded in action on May 14.

Sgt. Redmond, who enlisted in the Regular Army Feb. 19, 1941, went overseas from a station in Virginia in October, 1942. He was a graduate of St. Joachim's Parochial School in Pittsville.

## MEXICAN AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS BRING PROTEST

Washington—(AP)—The Spanish Ambassador has protested against a Government sponsored broadcast in which the Mexican Ambassador called Generalissimo Francisco Franco a "traitor" and "puppet."

A diplomatic source said today the protest has been filed with the State Department.

is air power. They pointed out that even the Axis press has acknowledged Allied air superiority in the Sicilian theater, while the Allies have reported only negligible resistance to their aerial assaults.

Military observers estimate that the Axis has 5,000 to 6,000 planes in combat on all European fronts. Of these approximately 1,800 to 2,100 are said to be fighter planes, backed up by a reserve of un-

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## 2 WARSHIPS SHELL JAPANESE ON KISKA

### Enemy Does Not Return Fire; Nip Bombers Raid Ellice Islands

Washington—(AP)—The Navy reported today that two small American warships bombarded the Japanese defenses on Kiska Island in the Aleutians Tuesday and the enemy failed to return the fire. In the South Pacific, meanwhile, the Japanese bombed the American base on Funafuti, Ellice Islands, in the latest of a series of light attacks against advanced outposts guarding the supply lines to Australia. The enemy caused no damage or injuries at Funafuti so far as reports here showed.

Navy communique No. 446 said: "South Pacific: (all dates are east longitude).

"1. On July 20, during the early morning, three Japanese bombers dropped several bombs on Funafuti, Ellice Islands. No damage was reported and no personnel injuries were sustained.

"North Pacific:

"2. On July 20th, two U. S. light surface units bombarded the Japanese main camp in the Gertrude Cove area on Kiska. The enemy did not return the fire."

The Navy had not reported any raid by the enemy on Funafuti since April 26, at which time American occupation of the advanced position in the south-central Pacific was disclosed. The Japanese bases closest to the Ellice Islands are in the Gilbert group to the north.

## GOV. GOODLAND NAMES JOYCE TO STATE BOARD

Marshfield's sixth annual Station Day will be combined with the regular Branch E Station Field Day here today, July 27. Kenneth local agriculture instructor announced today.

In other years the June Day has been held on the fore' the regular Field Day was cancelled because of unfavorable growing conditions. Junior Field Day was held July 7, 1943.

Agriculture instructor schools in the surrounding area have been invited to bring students for the event, which usually attracts about 200 people.

This year's Station Day program has been streamlined as much as possible and is being held in a corner until afternoon, but the students are invited during the morning to participate in their own judgment.

In the afternoon the company farmer visitors will have tours of station exhibits. Crop, swine, and judging contests will be held in the afternoon.

The boys may either buy or bring their own late milk will be served free but they are requested to bring their own cups.

A number of University of Wisconsin specialists, as well as staff members of the State staff will be present to conduct the various experiments.

## COUNTY WAR F QUOTA IS \$4

### Various Agencies Will to Raise \$3,000 in Wisconsin

Wood County's share of the 1944 Wisconsin War Effort for next fall has been \$3,000, according to word from Madison today through the Associated Press.