

THE WAR FRONTS

CENTRAL PACIFIC

Operations against the Japanese moved south, and two lines were strung across the Marshall Islands only 100 miles from Japan. The second Air Force bombed Japan in the Christmas Eve. Postage is 612 miles west of Kwajalein and only 414 east of Truk. It is the fourth largest among the Central Pacific installations. Shortly after this mission was reported the Navy announced that on Feb. 4 two Liberators carrying 22 Marines on reconnaissance missions had been over the route. They were en route to Truk, a small atoll in the Marshall Islands. The next day the announcement that hundreds of our carrier planes, the greatest carrier force ever to make a single objective, had set a two-day strike against Truk. Our planes sank 19 ships, destroyed 20 enemy planes and bombed and strafed installations and towers. Seven more Japanese ships were probably sunk. Our losses were 12 planes and one ship damaged.

The attack was successful. It was our only plan to take the second air and Admiral Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, announced that U.S. forces had "returned to Truk the very night by the Japanese fleet as Paul Harte on Dec. 7, 1941, and effected a period of rest of the date." The ship was loaded with two light carriers, three destroyers, an ammunition ship, and a transport tender.

The operation was a screening action for a landing on Eniwetok Atoll, west of the Marshalls and only 700 miles southeast of Truk. On Feb. 17, the 100th Infantry and 24th Marine established beachheads on Eniwetok, following a conventional naval bombardment that included the fire of 16-inch battleship guns. The enemy offered no serious defense and American troops lost work but did not die. English Island in the northern end of the atoll, where the enemy fortified a beach, fell to our hands on Feb. 22.

Pushing still deeper into the Japanese home territory, on Feb. 23, hundreds of American carrier-borne planes attacked Saipan and Tinian, which are Japanese bases in the northern end of the Marianas Islands. Truk sent every aerial installation on the island, more than 100 miles from the American line of bases reported by the enemy early in the Pacific war. The Marianas are the largest islands in the Pacific, and the Japanese have a land 200 miles distant, and our task force took advantage of the shipping lines which Truk is still a port of call.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

The first action of the line against the two large Japanese air bases in the Southwest Pacific, U.S. carrier forces bombarded Rabaul, New Hanover, and Kavieng, New Ireland. Our ships inflicted no damage. An attack against both places continues daily and in strength.

The descent of our blockade on the Bismarck Archipelago was illustrated in our air attacks on the enemy's main base, Kavieng, on New Ireland, the important base. Our carrier force, including the USS Yorktown, sank 10 enemy ships and probably more than 100 tons of supplies. The carrier force was also in a three-day attack on New Hanover, New Ireland, and the air base at Kavieng, New Ireland.

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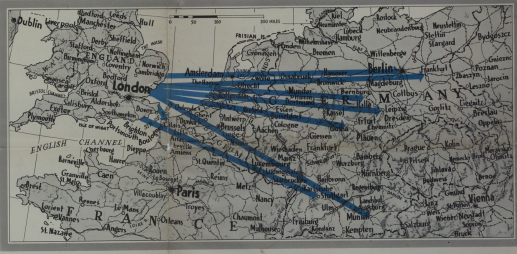
AIR WAR

House of Commons that the "Anglo-American attack on Germany was the most important since the outbreak of the present war." It stated that the spring and summer would see a great increase in the

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The attacks directed against military targets in Germany and occupied countries and that the offensive operations in which Allied planes for the first time are based. The scale and scope of attack would reach far beyond the dimensions of anything yet employed.

Following the first German attack on the ground forces of the RAF on Feb. 10, 1944, the RAF sent 100 bombers to attack the German air base at Kassel, Germany. The RAF sent 100 bombers to attack the German air base at Kassel, Germany.

Following the RAF attack, the USAAF sent more than 2000 planes to Germany in an attack to destroy Nazi air power in being and in the process of production. Targets included Leipzig, Germany, Berlin, Germany, and other cities.

Two days later very strong formations of American heavy bombers and Allied long-range fighters carried out a coordinated attack from bases in England and Italy. The attack was directed against the German air base at Kassel, Germany.

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ITALY

The Germans in Catania were able only to keep a small air force from leaving from that island. An American troops steadily drove a circle around the area and landing there was across the Sicilian coast. Much of the center was for mountain peaks with ground sloping back more than one to the fore. There was, however, little change in the landscape.

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CHINA: During the week ending Feb. 17, the Fourteenth Army, which had 27,000 men of Japanese troops, probably sank another 4700 tons and damaged 1600 tons in trade on enemy shipping in the China Sea. It was the most successful series since the Japanese did not include any of the small craft, such as junks and barges.

Since July 4, 1942 when the USAAF began operations from China base the Fourteenth has sunk 20,000 tons of enemy shipping. The war was revealed to have sunk 12 enemy vessels, probably as many and damaged eight others.

Thirteen of the vessels were Japanese, and were sunk by two American submarines in Japanese Empire waters. The tonnage of the 13 Japanese ships which were sunk stood 68,000 tons, indicating that they averaged more than 5000 tons each.

At the same time the British Admiralty announced that British submarines operating in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Indian Oceans destroyed 17 enemy vessels ranging up to the larger type of supply vessels, and the figures did not include any of the small craft, such as junks and barges.

USSR: The Red Army gained major victories on both the Northern and Southern fronts and the Nazis appeared powerless even to make local advances. On the Northern front the Soviet tank forces near the Bzura River drove the Germans from Nizhny Novgorod and from Luga toward Pskov. Soviet tanks drove out of Lake Dvina, Novaya Rossa has long been a Soviet objective and in the position of the highest and most vital line.

In the South the final stage of the elimination of the ten enemy divisions packed in the Dnieper River Bend was completed and the center German Eighth Army wiped out. Some 25,000 Germans were killed, 15,000 captured and another 20,000 died trying to break the encirclement from the outside. Every shot 500, mostly officers and technicians, were formed out by planes before Soviet occupation of the enemy railhead.

Soviet troops captured Krasnaya Polyana, junction of five railroads and numerous highways. The important railway from center was one of the few major communication centers still in German hands in the lower Ukraine.



These Leifheercks lost no time when they landed on the beach at Namer Island. The machine gunner set up his weapon before taking time to remove his suitcase belt.



This panoramic view of the islands in the Truk Lagoon was made in the pre-war period when the Japs were fortifying the group. It shows the communication character of the islands.



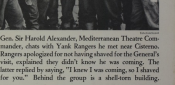
The 12 Naga Navy's Highest Squadsrons whose pilots destroyed 12 Naga planes Jan. 27 and 28, in the vicinity of the New Britain Island in July, were commended by Gen. Arnold, Commanding General of the AAF. Some members of the squadrons were photographed at Oahu, before Rome.



The Nags are paying a high price for their desperate attacks on the Philippines before Rome. A kind of German prisoner camp from the open house of an IST as the men march out the way to a prison camp back of the lines.



Among the wounded Japanese guerrillas to arrive in the Mediterranean port of Malta recently were those men among the guerrillas suffering from gunshot wounds.



Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, Mediterranean Theater Commander, chats with York Rangers he met near Cremona, Italy, explained they didn't know he was coming. The same reply by saying, "I have been coming all I found for you." Behind the group is a dilapidated building.

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Description

An American map titled "Newsmap for the Armed Forces: Monday, February 28, 1944." The map of the European theater shows railroads, rivers, boundaries, and the path of a series of Allied air attacks. The map of New Ireland, New Britain, and adjacent areas shows relief, rivers, and highlights key locations such as Rabaul and Kavieng. The map of the Truk Islands identifies islands and passes in the chain. The larger map of the Pacific theater identifies distances from Tokyo to the Truk Islands, Truk to Rabaul, New Britain, and Truk to Kwajalein, Marshall Islands. Printed text and photographs reveal news on multiple fronts. On the back is a printed image resembling the Parteidler, though in this version the eagle is grasping a swastika enveloped Earth. Printed text that accompanies the image reads: "In Mein Kampf, Hitler stated that his plan was to destroy France first, then England; after which he would have the United States cornered without a fight!.."

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