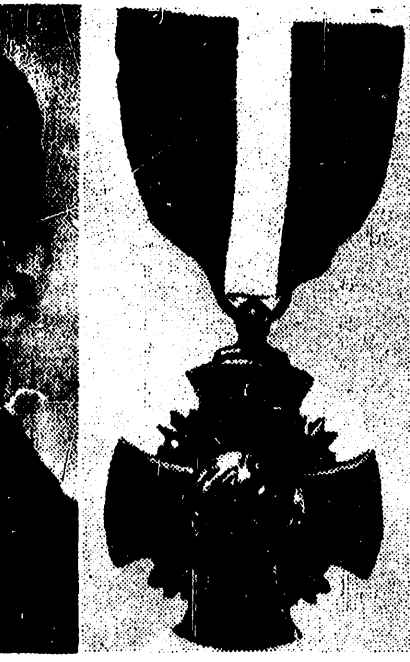


'For Especially Meritorious Conduct' . . . Seven U. S. Sub Commanders in South Pacific Awarded Navy Cross

Lt. Com. Kenneth C. Hurd, 39,
Coronado, Cal.Lt. Com. William L. Wright, 39,
Corpus Christie, Tex.Lt. Com. Chester C. Smith, 37,
Boise, Idaho.Lt. Com. Eugene B. McKinney,
38, Eugene, Ore.Navy Cross, awarded for
extraordinary heroism.Lt. James C. Dempsey, German
town, Pa.Lt. Wreford G. Chapple, Billings,
Mont.Lt. Com. Morton C. Mumma,
Jr., 37, Barryville, Va.Short, Kimmel
Ordered to Face
Court MartialRetirements
Accepted by
Army, NavyKnox, Stimson Report
Trials Will Not Be
Held Until Later

Washington, Feb. 28 (AP)—Trials by court martial were ordered today for Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short and Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, commanders in charge of Hawaii at the time of the successful surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor.

Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of Navy Knox made the announcement.

Stimson said in a brief announcement that on the basis of the findings of the Roberts inquiry commission he had directed the preparation of charges alleging dereliction of duty.

This was the charge made against Admiral Kimmel.

Short and Kimmel have been without assignment since ordered relieved from their posts by President Roosevelt 10 days after the surprise air raid on the Pacific outpost.

Effective Today

Short's application for voluntary retirement was accepted, effective today, "without condonation of any offense or prejudice to any future disciplinary action."

Kimmel's retirement likewise has been accepted, effective March 1.

The trials, it was said, will not be held until "the public interest and safety" permits.

The war department's announcement said:

"The secretary of war announced today the acceptance, effective February 28, 1942, of the application for retirement of Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short 'without condonation of any offense or prejudice to any future disciplinary action.'"

"The secretary of war announced at the same time that, based upon the findings of the report of the Roberts commission, he had directed the preparation of charges for the trial by court-martial of Gen. Short, alleging dereliction of duty. The secretary of war made it clear, however, that the trial upon these charges would not be held until such time as the public interest and safety would permit."

"Without Condonation"

The Kimmel action was announced in navy communicate No. 47, which follows:

"The secretary of the navy announced today the acceptance, effective March 1, 1942, of the application for retirement of Rear Admiral H. E. Kimmel, United States navy, 'without condonation of any offense or prejudice to any future disciplinary action.'"

"The secretary of the navy announced at the same time that, based upon the findings of the report of the Roberts commission, he had directed the preparation of charges for the trial by court-martial of Rear Admiral Kimmel, alleging dereliction of duty. The secretary of the navy made it clear, however, that the trial upon these charges would not be held until such time as the public interest and safety would permit."



Admiral Kimmel. Gen. Short.

Price Limits
Placed on 25
Canned FoodsFruits, Vegetables Hit
by Emergency Order;
Hint Retail Freeze

Washington, Feb. 28 (AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson placed 10 canned fruits and 15 canned vegetables under emergency price ceilings today to halt price increases which he said would lead to profiteering and probably "accentuate hysteria."

The temporary 60-day ceiling, effective Monday, will freeze prices of the products at highest levels prevailing between February 23 and 27.

Only canners and wholesalers are affected, but Henderson declared that retail prices also will be frozen if necessary.

Canned fruits covered by the order are apples, apple sauce, apricots, cherries, fruit cocktail, fruit salad, peaches, pears, pineapples and plums.

Canned vegetables involved are asparagus, all dry beans, lima beans, snap beans, beets, carrots, corn, peas, pumpkins, sauerkraut, spinach, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, catsup and tomato juice.

Henderson reported average prices of canned fruits and vegetables at the canners' level had increased about 20 per cent since last August, while retail prices had advanced about 10 per cent in the same period.

'Victory Party' Tonight
to Give 'Money's Worth'

Omaha's all-city Victory party—where those attending will go away with the same amount of money they brought, but with



Two persons will receive free phone calls anywhere in the United States at tonight's Victory party, and Betty Lou Griffiths, shown here offering the phone, hopes mothers with sons in service get them.

Griswold Will
Be Candidate
for 2d TermGOP Senate Race Is
Confused; Wherry,
Burke Are Silent

Governor Dwight Griswold announced at the republican Founders' day celebration in Lincoln today he would be a candidate for re-election, but otherwise the outlook for the republican primary became no less confused.

In Lincoln was former Senator Edward R. Burke, who switched from the democratic to the republican party after last election and is considering running for the republican senatorial nomination. But Burke said he is undecided. He has been offered the post of president of the Southern Bituminous Coal Producers association, at a salary said to be around 25 thousand dollars a year, and must give an answer in 10 days.

Republican State Chairman Kenneth S. Wherry, who was expected

The Weather
(U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Nebraska: Somewhat warmer today and early tonight; occasional light snow in southwest today and in southwestern and south central portions tonight.

Temperatures	
Friday	Saturday
12:30 p. m. . . . 19	12:30 p. m. . . . 10
1:30 p. m. . . . 20	1:30 p. m. . . . 9
2:30 p. m. . . . 24	2:30 p. m. . . . 5
3:30 p. m. . . . 25	3:30 p. m. . . . 1
4:30 p. m. . . . 26	4:30 p. m. . . . 0
5:30 p. m. . . . 25	5:30 p. m. . . . -1
6:30 p. m. . . . 24	6:30 p. m. . . . -2
7:30 p. m. . . . 20	7:30 p. m. . . . -4
8:30 p. m. . . . 16	8:30 p. m. . . . -2
9:30 p. m. . . . 13	9:30 p. m. . . . -2
10:30 p. m. . . . 9	10:30 p. m. . . . -5
11:30 p. m. . . . 10	11:30 p. m. . . . -14
12:30 p. m. . . . 20	12:30 p. m. . . . 20

For the 24 hours ending 12 noon: Yesterday's high temperature, 26; low, -4; mean, 18; normal, 29. Total excess since January, 93. High, low year ago, 33; low, year ago, 15.

Record temperature this date: High, 66 in 1905; low, -12 in 1890. Relative humidity at 6:30 a. m., 100 per cent; at noon, 92 per cent.

Wind velocity at noon, three miles an hour.

Precipitation, 24 hours ending 6:30 a. m. today, 0. Total this month, 1.93. Total this year, 2.02; excess, .46. Total to date last year, 1.62.

Missouri river level today, 3.7; normal, 7.7.

Allied Ships Tear Jap Armada
in Gigantic Java Sea Battle;
'Chute Troops Raid FranceBritish Infantry
and Paratroops
Raze Radio BaseGerman Garrison Is Overpowered;
Air Battle Indicated as Naval
Units Return Raiders to England

Daring British parachutists and sea-borne infantry combined today in a destructive attack on a German radio detector post in the first sizable incursion of the northern French coast since the fall of France.

Under cover of a protecting umbrella of royal air force fighters and with navy assistance, the raiders then withdrew.

Timed to the minute, the parachutists dropped out of the clouds to form hastily as an assault group against the German garrison at the same time that infantry, ferried across the English channel, landed on the beach.

Not 'Small'

Joining forces, the two detachments which a military spokesman said could not be assumed to be

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The German battleship Gneisenau in a floating dock at Kiel . . . British fliers took this photograph during a raid.

British Blast
Again at Nazi
Battleships

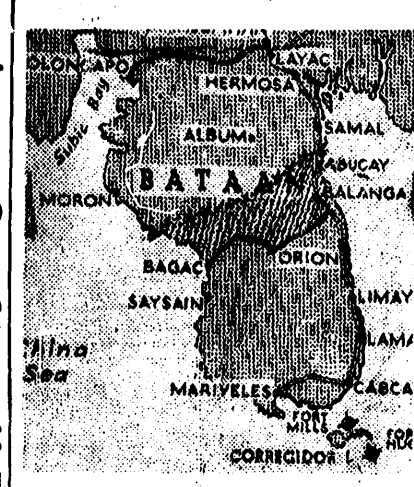
British bombers seeking out the berths of the already damaged 26 thousand-ton German battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst struck by moonlight last night at the great naval bases of Kiel and Wilhelmshaven in a developing campaign to hold the Nazi fleet at home and hit it there.

The raid, described as effective because of an improvement in weather over the continent, was the third in succession on Kiel where the Gneisenau is reported in a floating dock. The Scharnhorst is reported at Wilhelmshaven.

The bombing was regarded in informed quarters as the initial punch of a large scale spring campaign to immobilize the German surface fleet, keeping it out of the North sea, and to ease the battle of the Atlantic further by a repeated pounding of bases that would hamper the servicing of submarines.

"Weather which has held the RAF down for weeks has let up," one informed source said. "North-west Germany now replaces Brest as the major objective."

It was from Brest that the Nazi battleships and the cruiser Prinz Eugene made their dash through the English channel February 12.



MacArthur's advance . . . between the black line and the dotted line to the north is the area regained by Gen. MacArthur's men this week.

New Line
Holds Firm
in BataanFighting Is Lighter,
Only Minor Patrol
Actions Reported

Washington, Feb. 28 (AP)—Fighting on the Bataan peninsula has dwindled to patrol skirmishes, the war department said today, reporting Gen. Douglas MacArthur's little army has retained the positions wrested from the Japanese in this week's surprise advance.

A communique said the invaders still hold their main battle positions, the American-Filipino advance having pushed back only the forward lines of the enemy.

The communique:

"1. Philippine theater:

"Fighting has lessened in Bataan, with operations limited to relatively minor patrol skirmishes. Gen. MacArthur's troops are holding advance positions taken during the last few days of combat. The forward elements of our troops are holding a line which extends from slightly north of Abucay on Manila bay across the Bataan peninsula to a point on the China sea midway between Bagac and Moron."

"The Japanese are still holding their main battle positions."

"2. There is nothing to report from other areas."

At Abucay, MacArthur's forces were approximately 22 miles from the peninsula's tip, opposite the fortress island of Corregidor safeguarding Manila bay. At Abucay the defenders had pushed northward five miles along a road to score the maximum advance of the unexpected midweek counter-attack.

Fateful Irony—Nazi Aryan
Blood Supply Running Short

Moscow, Feb. 28 (AP)—A captured German army physician was quoted by Russian sources today as saying that "senseless" insistence of "Aryan" blood in transfusions for wounded soldiers had complicated German surgical care on the Russian front.

"Senseless race theories," he was quoted, cause both officers and soldiers to insist on getting "pure" blood and as a result the

Invasion Forces
Repulsed; Losses
on Each Side BigJap Fleet Believed Reforming for
Another Stab; Thousands of U. S.,
Dutch, Australian Troops Ready

American and allied warships were officially declared today to have won a third great victory over the Japanese fleet today, hurling back an invasion armada of "several tens" of ships in a thunderous battle off the united nations' citadel at Java.

A bulletin from Dutch East Indies headquarters said the big Japanese convoy, powerfully guarded by warships, "retreated to the north."

Late this afternoon, Indies time, the battle was reported still raging, with the enemy in full retreat northward under the fire of allied ships.

Then, as night fell over the embattled tropics, dispatches from Bandoeng, headquarters of the united nations command, said it was believed the short-torn Jap armada was reforming somewhere in the Java sea for a second onslaught.

Imperial Tokio headquarters, issuing its own claim of victory, asserted in an English-language propaganda broadcast that the Japanese fleet had sunk four allied craft "and is pursuing the enemy fleet."

But while the Dutch withheld word on the final outcome of the flaming day and night battle—on which may hinge the fate of Java and a whole new phase of the far Pacific struggle—the Indies command announced proudly:

"At 1 p. m. today (1:30 a. m., Omaha time), no Japanese landings on Java had taken place."

"Biggest Battle Thus Far"

Java is the last allied stronghold in the Indies and the final barrier guarding the approach to Australia. Twice before Japan's sea-borne invasion hordes had been defeated in Indies waters—in the battle of Macassar strait and Lombok strait off Bali.

Reuters (British News agency) dispatch said the Java sea battle was the biggest naval engagement of the war in the Pacific.

United States, Dutch and British warships and submarines, supported by American, Australian and Dutch planes, rushed out to meet the huge Japanese invasion armada yesterday afternoon as it approached Java's northeast coast.

Thousands of Troops Ready

After nightfall dazzling flashes of gunfire lit the waters and a bright tropical moon enabled planes to remain in the battle.

A great cheer was lifted on the beleaguered island when official word came that the troop-laden enemy convoy had turned back in flight. Thousands of American, British and Australian reinforcements were alerted.

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"For talking in round numbers the Dutch language has no distinct equivalent of the English 'score' so their usage goes by 'tens' instead of 'twenties.' The phrase 'several tens' in today's communique is literally translated from 'verscheidene tientallen.'"

Eat Your Cake and Have It Too---Attend Victory Party at Auditorium Tonight!