

Tables of Weights and Measures—Continued.

METRIC SYSTEM.

LINEAL.

1 inch	= 25.4 millimetres or 2.54 centimetres
1 foot	= 0.305 metres or 30.48 centimetres
1 yard	= 0.914 metres
1 metre	= 3.28 feet or 39.37 in.
1 kilometre	= 1,100 yards

SQUARE.

1 inch	= 6.45 sq. centimetres
1 foot	= 9.29 sq. decametres
1 yard	= 0.84 sq. metres

CUBIC.

1 inch	= 16.39 cubic centimetres
1 foot	= 0.028 cubic metres
1 yard	= 0.76 cubic metres
1 cubic metre	= 35.3 cubic feet

CAPACITY.

1 litre	= 1.76 pints
1 decalitre	= 2.2 gallons
1 hectolitre	= 22 gallons
1 hectolitre	= 2.75 bushels
1 gallon	= 4.55 litres

WEIGHT.

1 kilogramme	= 2.2 lbs.
1 oz. Troy	= 31.1 grammes
1 oz. Avoir.	= 28.4 grammes
1 gramme	= 15.43 grains

LEFT U.S.A. (McDILL FIELD TAMPA, FLA.) - DEC. 28, 1941

ARRIVED IN JAVA (SOORABAYA) - JAN. 12, 1942

FIRST COMBAT MISSION - JAN. 17, 1942

SHOT DOWN FIRST "ZERO" - FEB. 4, 1942
(OVER SOORABAYA, JAVA)SHOT DOWN SECOND "ZERO" - FEB. 28, 1942
(OVER BALI, N.E. I.)

EVACUATED JAVA (JOSJAKARTHA) - MAR. 7, 1942

ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA (BROOME) - MAR. 3, 1942

LEFT AUSTRALIA (MAREEBA) - OCT. 24, 1942

ARRIVED IN U.S.A. (HAMILTON FIELD CALIF.) - DEC. 2, 1942

(DEC. 28) TOOK-OFF FROM McDILL FIELD
LANDED AT PORTO SPAIN, TRINIDAD ISLAND

(DEC 29) TOOK-OFF, GOT LOST OVER THE
AMAZON RIVER ARRIVED LATE AT
BELEM BRAZIL

(DEC. 30) TOOK-OFF LANDED AT
NATAL, BRAZIL

(DEC 31) TOOK-OFF ACROSS THE
ATLANTIC OCEAN LANDED AT
WATERLOO AIRDROME, FREETOWN
SIERRA LEONE (AFRICA)

1 January WEDNESDAY 1-364
New Year's Day, Pub. Hol. all States

CELEBRATED THE NEW YEAR
IN FREETOWN,

— AFRICA —

TOOK-OFF

2 THURSDAY 2-363

Add. Pub. Hol., Vic., Tas. and W.A. (GOLD COAST)

ARRIVED IN ACCRA, SHOT
CRAPS WITH SOME NEGRO
NATIVES: THEY SURE CAN ROLL
THOSE IVORIES.

TOOK-OFF

3 FRIDAY 3-362

ARRIVED IN KANO, NIGERIA
BOUGHT SOME ARTICLES
FROM NATIVE CARAVAN
MERCHANTS.

TOOK OFF

4 SATURDAY 4-361

ARRIVED IN KHARTOUM, ANGLO-EGYPTIAN-SUDAN
MET PERSON FROM WESTMONT WHO KNEW MARGE

TOOK-OFF

5 SUNDAY 5-360

ARRIVED IN CAIRO, EGYPT.
SHIP AT HELIOPOLIS AIRDROME
REGISTERED AT THE MENA HOUSE
NEAR THE PYRAMIDS -

6 MONDAY 6-359

WENT TO CAIRO TO SEE THE
LIGHTS - RAN INTO SOME RUSSIES
FROM BENGHASI, TOBANK & SIDI BARNI
WE GOT DRUNK AND TOOK A GYP TAXI
APART - BROKE-UP AND TOOK TAXI HOME
TAXI DRIVER TRIED TO GYP ME - AN ENGLISH
COL. & MAJ. HELPED ME THROW THE DRIVER
AND HOTEL BOUNCER OUT - WENT TO BED.

TUESDAY 7-358

WORKED ON SHIP

WENT TO TOWN AGAIN - HAD
A COMPETITOR - A CAPT. & I WERE
CHASING THE SAME EGYPTIAN BABE
WE BOTH LOST - SHE WENT WITH A LOCAL
APPLE KNOCKER

8 WEDNESDAY 8-357

VISITED THE PYRAMIDS & SUYUX (OR SOMETHING)
GOT PACKED - READY TO LEAVE
MET CAPT. REYNOLDS (FORMERLY 93RD)
IN CAIRO. - BROKE MY WRIST WATCH

TOOK OFF

9 THURSDAY 9-356

ARRIVED IN HABOANIYA, IRAQ

WENT TO A NATIVE SILVER
SMITH AND ^{BROUGHT} A RING & BRACELET
AND ALSO TRADED OFF MY BROKEN
WRIST WATCH AS DOWN-PAYMENT ON A
NEW ONE. TOOK-OFF.

10 FRIDAY 10-355

ARRIVED IN KARACHI, INDIA

GAMBLER WITH THE LOUSY ENGLISH
STERLING POUND NOTES THEY GAVE US
FOR PERDIUM - WON £2 (OVER 8.00)
TOOK-OFF

11 SATURDAY 11-354

ARRIVED IN BANGALORE, INDIA
MET SOME INDIAN BABE - DARK BUT NOT BAD
SOME OF THE FELLOWS BEAT UP SOME
WELSHMEN - TOOK-OFF XX

12 SUNDAY 12-353

ARRIVED IN SUMATRA
FUELED-UP - TOOK OFF
ARRIVED IN SOUABAYA, JAVA

13 MONDAY 13-352

WHILE TAXIING TO TAKE-OFF
R. WHEEL SANK THRU RUN-WAY

HAD SOME DUTCH SOLDIERS AND NATIVE
COOLIES HELP TO EXTRICATE - THEY
COULDN'T TALK ENGLISH - SO I TALKED
GERMAN - WE GOT ALONG ALRIGHT

14 TUESDAY 14-351

WENT TO TOWN AND REGISTERED
AT THE ORANG HOTEL
WENT TO TOWN AND RAN INTO A
LUSTY DARK JAVANESE BEAUTY

BOY WAS I TIRED - WENT TO
BED -

15 WEDNESDAY 15-350

TOOK-OFF AND ARRIVED IN
MALANG AIRDROME O.K.

COL. EUBANKS WAS ANXIOUSLY
WAITING FOR ME AS I WAS THE
ONLY TURRET SPECIALIST WEST
OF HAWAII - HE PUT ME TO WORK
RIGHT AWAY - 16 SHIPS

16 THURSDAY 16-349

INSTRUCTED & CHECKED OFF
5 MEN IN THE OPERATION OF
TURRETS - LECTURED TO 20 MEN
AFTERWARDS -

WORKED IN RAIN UNTIL 3 IN
THE MORNING
SINGAPORE SURRENDERED

17 FRIDAY 17-348

WANTED TO GO ON A MISSION VERY
BADLY, TOOK A SICK MAN'S PLACE WITHOUT
PERMISSION - AS TAIL GUNNER, BOMBED
SHIPPING IN MACASSAR STRAITS -
COL. EUBANKS BAWLED ME OUT, SAID I
WAS NOT EXPENDABLE BEING THE ONLY TURRET

18 SATURDAY 18-347

INSTRUCTED AND CHECKED OFF 5 MORE
MEN ON OPERATION OF TURRETS.

19 SUNDAY 19-346

WENT TO MALANG MET A PRETTY HALF-
CAST - SHACKED-UP
BABY IS NAME I GAVE HER / xxx
DARWIN WAS RAIDED BY PLANES

H.M.S. PRINCE OF WALES
" REPULSE

DEC. BOTH SHIPS SECRETLY SLIPPED OUT
OF SINGAPORE. 85 JAP. BOMBERS
SANK THEM DEC. 8

JAN. '42 JAPS ENTERED MANILA
ALSO CAPTURED THE U.S. NAVAL
BASE AT CAVITE

20 MONDAY 20-345

INSTRUCTED SOME MORE MEN
IN TURRET OPERATION — WORKED
ON TURRETS WHEN SHIPS CAME BACK
UNTIL 10 AT NIGHT — CLEANED - UP
WENT TO BABY'S HOUSE

XX

21 TUESDAY 21-344

GOT BACK TO FIELD IN THE MORNING
JUST IN TIME TO SEE SHIPS GOING
ON MISSION.

ABOUT NOON COULD HEAR JAPS
BOMBING SOERABAYA 60 MILES AWAY
GROUND SORE SHOOK — WENT TO BABY X

22 WEDNESDAY 22-343

JAP INVASION FLEET BOTTLED-UP IN
MACASSAR STRAITS — OUR OUTFIT IS
REALLY WORKING 'EM OVER — SUNK 15 SHIPS
OUR NAVY 19

SHIPS A LITTLE SHOT UP
WORKED 'TIL LATE, WENT TO BABY'S
HOUSE XXX TOOK HER TO SHOW
SHE SEEMS VERY POSSESSIVE RIGHT NOW.

23 THURSDAY 23-342

WAS VERY TIRED AND SLEPT 'TIL NOON
AN ALERT WAS ON SO I SELECTED AN
ABANDONED ARMY TRUCK AND WENT TO
FIELD — HELPED LT. MONTGOMERY STASH
SOME SHIPS AWAY IN REVENEMENTS —
100 SHIPS WITH 150,000 MEN ESCORTED BY 6
CRUISERS, 14 DESTROYERS MOVING DOWN MACASSAR
(WENT TO BABY'S HOUSE) STRAITS

WAY 24 FRIDAY 24-341

ON THE WAY TO FIELD ALERT SOUNDING WHILE
RIDING IN G.I. BUS. IN 5 SECONDS TIME
I WAS ONLY ONE LEFT SO I DROVE
THE BUS ALONE TO THE FIELD, LET THE
'YELLOW' * & * A WALK. WORKED 'TIL LATE
WENT TO BABY'S HOUSE XXX

25 SATURDAY 25-340

TOOK A DAY OFF. TOOK BABY AROUND
MAUNGS, STOPPED AT SEVERAL INNS DRANK
ATE, FINISHED DAY OFF IN A SHOW.
WENT HOME XX

26 SUNDAY 26-339

Anniversary Found. of Australia, 1788

SAME OLD ROUTINE — WORKED 'TIL 9.
TOOK BABY STEPPING, X
BATTLE OF MACASSAR STRAITS

27 MONDAY 27-338

Obs. as Australia (Anniversary) Day

Pub. Hol. all States

SHIPS CAME IN FROM A TOUGH MISSION
IN ONE SHIP 2 SIDE-GUNNERS WERE
KILLED - IT SMELLED LIKE BUTCHER SHOP
COULDN'T STAND TO WORK ON TURRET
THERE - QUIT WORK EARLY WENT
TOWN SOLD - GOT STINKO

28 TUESDAY 28-337

SOMEBODY LIED TO BABY - SHE TRIED TO
SCRATCH MY EYES OUT - WISH SHE WOULD
SWEAR AT ME ENGLISH INSTEAD OF THAT
* P A JAVANESE LINGO. SEEMS TO THINK I
2-TIMED - MADE UP SHE'S HANGING ALL OVER
ME - GOSH, MARRIAGE MUST BE AWFUL XX

29 WEDNESDAY 29-336

WORKED AS USUAL - AT NITE WENT
TO TOWN. RICH DUTCHMAN WANTED TO
FORCE MY FAVORITE TAXI TO TAKE HIM
SOMEPLACE. WOULDN'T LET HIM - DRIVER
DIDN'T WANT TO - DUTCHIE WAS CUSSING
IN DUTCH - ME IN GERMAN - SOME FUN
WAS SORE SO I TOOK MY SOOLIE
DRIVER INTO A HIGH CLASS JOINT.

30 THURSDAY 30-335

STILL IN THE PLACE. THE 'ELITES'
ARE SWIFFING AND RAISING HELL.
MY COOLIE NEEDS A BATH AND
HAS ONLY A RAG AROUND HIS. (WAIT?)
A BUNCH OF SUBMARINE SAILORS
SHOWED-UP, WE STAYED.
WENT TO FIELD TO WORK - SLEEPY

31 FRIDAY 31-334

ALERT - FIELD DESERTED - WORKING
ON MY MACHINEGUN NEST - NO RAID
WENT TO TOWN - BABY RAISED
CAIN' WHERE WAS I LAST TWO NITES?
WHO IS SHE AND SO ON. MADE UP
AFTER EXPLAINING AGAIN XX

1 February SATURDAY 32-333

WORKED - SAT IN MY NEST
IN THE MIDDLE OF FIELD WAITING
FOR STRAFFERS - NO LUCK.
BABY MET ME ON WAY HOME X

2 SUNDAY 33-332

WORKED - IN NEST WAITING
NO LUCK -
WENT TO BABY'S HOUSE
XX

FEBRUARY

2nd Month—1941

B-17 SHOT DOWN 3 MONDAY 34-331 DURING TEST FLIGHT.
SGT. A.E. KARLINGER - S/SGT. JOHNNY SOWA -
SGT. PENNEY KILLED AT SOURABAYA,
JAVA. (THEY HAD NO AMMUNITION)

{ COL. STRAUBLE
{ S/SGT. PICKETT (B-18A) SHOT DOWN
NEAR SOURABAYA, JAVA

4 TUESDAY 35-330

WENT UP FOR FIRST TIME AS A REAL
TAIL GUNNER - INTERCEPTED OVER SOURABAYA
HAD DOOR RIDDLED IN BACK OF ME, MY
OXYGEN SHOT AWAY, BOY, WAS I SCARED
ALL SIDE ATTACKS. ONE FINALLY CAME
TOWARDS THE TAIL - NAILED HIM (1-ZERO)

5 WEDNESDAY 36-329

(GOSH) SLEPT RIGHT THRU AN AIR
RAID - STRAFFERS SOOED RIGHT
OVER MY BARRACKS SHOOTING. WHEN
A "FORT" WITH 8-500 LB BOMBS BLEW UP
I WOKE UP - PLASTER AND WOOD
ALL OVER MY BED - RUN FOR A
FOX HOLE NATIVES IN IT CRYING
CALMED 'EM DOWN. PHEW!!!!
WENT TO BABY'S HOUSE GLADLY

1941-28 Days

FEBRUARY

(BATTLE OF THE JAVA SEA)

6 THURSDAY 37-328

DIDN'T FLY - ALERT ON - A FORT
CAME IN WITH ONLY PILOT-BOMBARDIER
& ONE DEAD GUNNER ALL SHOT-UP
3 FORTS SHOT DOWN.

WENT TO BABY'S HOUSE GOT
DRUNK-GOSH, SEEMS SWEET TO GET HER
COMFORT AFTER BEING CLOSE TO DEATH

7 FRIDAY 38-327

A LOT OF 'EM TURNED YELLOW, SO
I MANAGED TO GO ALONG AS TAIL GUNNER
BOMBED - BALIKPAPAN, BORNEO

WENT TO BABY'S HOUSE AGAIN
I'M WORRIED - SHE ACTS LIKE SHE'S IN LOVE

8 SATURDAY 39-326

ALERT - GROUND SHAKING FROM JAPS
BOMBING SOURABAYA - SITTING IN MY NEST
WAITING - DOG-FIGHT GOING ON ABOVE ME AT
12000' ONE PLANE (JAP BOMBER) SHOT DOWN

9 SUNDAY 40-325

3 ALERTS TODAY - PHOTO JOE CAME OVER
GOT AN ABANDON TRUCK DROVE AROUND
LOOKING THE COUNTRY OVER

■ February 4, 1942

In Bataan, Allied forces repel another Japanese tank-infantry attack. In the Netherlands East Indies, a small Australian garrison at Amboina surrenders. Japanese bombers damage two American cruisers in the Madoera Strait, Borneo.

10 MONDAY 41-324

SHIP I BROUGHT OVER FINALLY WENT ON A MISSION - HAD ENGINE TROUBLE - LANDED AT PALEMBANG, SUMATRA - ZERO'S STRAFED IT JAPS LANDED IN SUMATRA - WE BOMBED TRANSPORTS ETC. IN HARBOR LEFT 3 LISTING AND BURNING - ONE 'FORT' SHOT DOWN

11 TUESDAY 42-323

BOMBED SHIPPING IN MACASSAR STRAITS 2 SUNK, 1 BURNING ZEROS CAME TOO LATE.

WENT TO TOWN, TOOK BABY TO SHOW, NIGHT CLUB AND THEN HOME X X

12 WEDNESDAY 43-322

BOMBED SHIPPING OFF BORNEO COAST COULDN'T SEE RESULTS - LOT OF ACHACK CAME HOME TO FIND OUR BARRACKS HAD BEEN BOMBED - THEY HIT THE MOST IMPORTANT BUILDING - THE COMMISSARY

WENT TO TOWN - GOT 'STINKO' BABY PUT ME TO BED

13 THURSDAY 44-321

NO FLYING TODAY - 3 ALERTS SOURABAYA CATCHING HELL AGAIN LONG ZERO CAME OVER FIELD TO LOOK THINGS OVER - CHASED HIM OFF FROM NEST - THAT MEANS TROUBLE'S COMING

14 FRIDAY 45-320

3 ALERTS, POOR SOURABAYA.

BOMBED SHIPPING OFF SUMATRA COAST - RESULTS DOUBTFUL.

15 SATURDAY 46-319

SINGAPORE SURRENDERS. - CIVILIAN EVACUATEES COMING IN FROM THERE WENT TO BABY'S HOUSE - SHE'S STARTING TO SPEAK AMERICAN MUCH BETTER

16 SUNDAY 47-318

BOMBED PALEMBANG AIRDRONE, SUMATRA WENT TO TOWN HAD SOME DUTCH CHOW WITH BABY - SHE CAN USE TABLE UTENSILS PRETTY GOOD NOW. X X

17 MONDAY 48-317

3 ALERTS - SHIPS JUST RETURNED FROM MISSION IN CELEBES AND 8 ZEROS CAME-IN STRAFING - 5 FORTS BURNING RAN LIKE MAD, BULLETS WHISTLING AROUND - TOO FAR FROM NEST DROVE INTO A CRATER - CAME TO MY SENSES. GOT A FIRE HOSE TO PUT OUT FIRES, PHEW!!!

18 TUESDAY 49-316

3 ALERTS, PHOTO JOE CAME OVER AGAIN NOT ENOUGH PLANES - NO FLYING - WORKED - DESTROYED REMNANTS OF BOMB & TURRET SIGHTS, MAPS ETC...

WENT TO BABY'S HOUSE - SHE ACTING NERVOUS CAUSE THE JAPS ARE GETTING NEARX

19 WEDNESDAY 50-315

BRITISH ACK ACK OUTFIT FROM SINGAPORE MOVED-IN AROUND OUR FIELD. THEY SURE ACT INDIFFERENT TOWARDS WAR NONE OF US, EVEN THE DUTCH DON'T LIKE 'EM.

3 ALERTS - P-40'S HUNTING FOR JAPS JUST ABOVE US. DODGING IN CLOUDS. BABY CAME AND PICKED ME UP. SHE ALMOST ACTS LIKE I'M GOING AWAY (DARWIN, AUSTRALIA HARBOR AREA DESTROYED)

20 THURSDAY 51-314

WITH SOME BORROWED SHIPS FROM JACJACKARTA, JAVA. WE BOMBED SHIPPING IN HARBOR AT (DEN PASIER, BALI) 1 CRUISER BADLY DAMAGED.

BABY CRIED A LITTLE, WOULDN'T TELL ME WHY.

21 FRIDAY 52-313

DARWIN WAS BOMBED BY 72 JAP BOMBERS. ACTUAL RESULTS:

(12 JAPS DOWNED)
CLAIMED

7 ALLIED SHIPS SUNK

2 PIERS DEMOLISHED

10 ALLIED PLANES SHOT DOWN

2400 CIVILIANS, SOLDIERS ETC KILLED

22 SATURDAY 53-312

NO FLYING. WENT TO TOWN - TOOK BABY TO PARK - LAID AROUND IN THE SHADE AND TALKED THINGS OVER - SHE HINTED ABOUT MARRIAGE - I CHANGED THE SUBJECT.

23 SUNDAY 54-311

NO FLYING. SHE'S STILL HARPING ON THE SAME SUBJECT - PROMISED HER WHEN THE WAR'S OVER. SHE'S HAPPY. RECKON I LIKE HER, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S HALF CRATE

In 1942, during World War II,
about 150 Japanese warplanes
attacked the Australian city of
Darwin.

24 MONDAY 55-310

RECEIVED ORDERS TO EVACUATE
MALANG AIRDROME. WENT TO SAY
GOODBYE TO BABY. SHE CRIED SOME
THING AWFUL. MADE ALL SORTS OF PROMISES
TO MAKE ^{ME} STAY. GAVE A JAVANESE COIN TO
KEEP AS A REMINDER TO OUR PROMISES.
GOSH, SORE HATED TO LEAVE HER.

25 TUESDAY 56-309

EVACUATED FROM MALANG TO
DJOKJAKARTA (JAVA) OUR CREW TO
DO A DELAYING ACTION AGAINST JAPS
TO EVACUATE OUR MEN TO AUSTRALIA

D. - LT. MATHEWSON	E. - ^{1st} SGT. GECKLER	S.C. - SGT. LIDDLE
EP. - LT. SCARBOROUGH	R. - SGT. RUTHER	
N. - LT. WOODS	TS. - SGT. KERSCH	
B. - LT. BURLESON		

26 WEDNESDAY 57-308

ONLY 12 B-17'S LEFT IN JAVA
FERRIED GEN. BENNETT FROM
BANDOENG, JAVA TO DJOKJAKARTA, JAVA
Jogjakarta, Central Java.

OTHER PASSENGERS:

GEN. BRERETEN - A.F. C.O.

COL. LUBANKS - 19TH SP. C.O.

GEN. BENNETT WAS COMMANDER OF SINGAPORE

27 THURSDAY 58-307

ATTACKED ENEMY SHIPPING OFF
JAVA COAST.

ON WAY HOME SAW U.S.S. LANGLEY
BURNING APPROX. 100 MILES OUT
OFF COAST OF JAVA, NEAR TILLIJAP -

28 FRIDAY 59-306

ATTACKED (SOLO) JAP INVASION FLEET OFF
SHORE OF BALI - 2 ZERO'S CHASED US
DURING RUN FOR 20 MINUTES - I SHOT ONE
DOWN IN FLAMES. LEFT LARGE TRANSPORT
LISTING - LANDED AT JOGJAKARTA, JAVA.
SOE

MARCH 1 + 2 JAPS LANDED ON JAVA
ON SERANG, INDRAMAJOE AND
REMBANG BEACHES.

LANDED AT BROOME - BOARDED
QUANTAS FLYING. LANDED AT WINDHAM,
AUST.

29 SUNDAY 61-304

TOOK OFF FOR GROOTE IS. JAP
PLANES HUNTING FOR US - GOSH, I
WISH THIS THING'D GO FASTER
LANDED AT GROOTE IS. OK

CLASS **A** PASS

Dec. 25, 1941

REPORT LOSS
NON-TRANSFERABLE



AIR CORPS

Organization

MACDILL FIELD

Sgt. Conrad J. Kersch

Grade

Name

6558428

Serial Number

Has permission to be absent from his organization and station for periods not to exceed 24 hours when such absence does not interfere with his duties.

Commanding

Signature of Soldier

WWII WATCH

February 28, 1942

The Japanese land on the north coast of Java. British forces in Burma retreat to Pegu from Payagyi and Waw.

The Soviets say they have shot down German transport planes containing troops moving to assist Nazi forces trapped near Staraya Russa.

3 MONDAY 62-303

FOUND THAT BROOME, WINDHAM AND
GROOTE IS WERE RAIDED (SUNDAY) THEY
MUST HAVE JUST MISSED US. -

TOOK-OFF AND LANDED AT
TOWNSVILLE. -

WENT AND GOT STINKO, ENDING
UP IN A THEATER WITH A BABE. X

4 TUESDAY 63-302

TOOK-OFF - LANDED AT
BRISBANE

- RESTED UP. -

5 WEDNESDAY 64-301

TOOK-OFF - LANDED AT
SPONEY. MET A BABE - GOT
STINKO

6 THURSDAY 65-300

BOARDED TRAIN FOR MELBOURNE

HAD TO BREAK UP A FIGHT
BETWEEN AN HUSSIE AND A
YANK FROM P.I.

7 FRIDAY 66-299

MARCH 7, 1942 ALLIED TROOPS
SURRENDERED ON JAVA.

ARRIVED IN MELBOURNE AND
CHECKED IN AT ROYAL PARK
CAMP.

8 SATURDAY 67-298

DUTCH EAST INDIES
CAPITULATED TO JAPAN

9 SUNDAY 68-297

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MARCH

NEW IRELAND

RABAU

BUKA

NEW BRITAIN

BOUGAINVILLE

LAE

GASIMATA

GONA
BUNA

KOKODA
PORT MORESBY

MILNE BAY

12 WEDNESDAY 71-294

JAPS INVADED NEW GUINEA

13 THURSDAY 72-293

JAPS INVADED SOLOMON ISLANDS

SOLOMON

CHOISEUL

ISLANDS

SANTA ISABEL

NEW GEORGIA

MALAITA

GUADALCANAL

SAN CRISTOBAL

15 SATURDAY 74-291

16 SUNDAY 75-290

WWII WATCH

■ March 16, 1942

Japanese bombers attack Port Darwin in Australia.

The Red Army nears the major industrial city of Kharkov in the Ukraine, which had been captured by the Germans the previous October. It is reported that German casualties in the Soviet campaign have reached 250,000 since the start of the war.

MARCH

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17 MONDAY 76-289

18 TUESDAY 77-288

19 WEDNESDAY 78-287



7 MONDAY 97-268

PRISONERS

Gold Stars

Weakened by disease and defeat, U.S. prisoners of war in Japanese camps are dying at the rate of 50 per 1,000 per year. Last week the War Department gave out the names of an additional 291, bringing the total since Bataan and Corregidor to 929 dead of such diseases as malaria, diphtheria, dysentery, pneumonia and beriberi.* Knowing the poor condition of the men who fought on Bataan, the War Department has made no charge of maltreatment. But the Surgeon General's Office thinks the death rate high.

BATAAN



January-April 1942, Bataan. MacArthur's Philippine holding action briefly retarded Japanese timetable

10 THURSDAY 100-265

BATTLE OF CORAL SEA

Sgt. ROSE + SGT. HARGROVE, LOST
SHIP SHOT DOWN OVER JAP CONVOY

11 FRIDAY 101-264
Good Friday

12 SATURDAY 102-263
Easter Saturday (Easter Eve)

13 SUNDAY 103-262
Easter Sunday (Easter Day)

14 MONDAY 104-261
Easter Monday

Jap Claptrap

The first anniversary of Jimmy Doolittle's astonishing raid on Tokyo was four days away when Major General Kenryo Sato broadcast a speech over the Tokyo radio last week.

This broadcast was for Jap ears only. Speaking for the War Ministry, General Sato said that in order to destroy Americans, "who are stubborn and like to fight," Japan must prepare to bomb the U.S. mainland. Said cruel-eyed General Sato: "To destroy the fighting spirit of the American people is most important for the conclusion of the war." Furthermore, said he, the American fighting spirit is based on American productive power ("the greatest in the world"), and bombing is the way to destroy that power. General Sato then added a qualification which was scarcely noticed by the U.S. press: such raids must be on a big scale, they will require big preparations, and the preparations will take time. In brief, the Japanese should not expect their bombers to attack the U.S. right away.

17 THURSDAY 107-258

18 FRIDAY 108-257

TOKYO BOMBED BY FLIGHT OF
B-25'S OFF OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER
HORNET — LED BY BRG. GEN. DOOLITTLE

Hint

On the first anniversary of the U.S. bombing raid on Tokyo, the U.S. got its first public information on how it was done. Through censorship from Africa the United Press was allowed to say that Jimmie Doolittle's Mitchell bombers had been carrier-based. But the War Department, which had promised to celebrate the anniversary by telling all, changed its mind, kept mum about Shangri-la.

20 SUNDAY 110-255

21 MONDAY 111-254
Labour Day, Melb., Hol. obs. according
to Government Proclamation

22 TUESDAY 112-253

23 WEDNESDAY 113-252

Consteration Piece

Last week the public witnessed, and U.S. strategists suffered, an extraordinary outbreak of what Washington calls localitis. Symptoms of this disease appeared in Alaska and the Aleutians (*see p. 26*), but the most virulent manifestations occurred in the Southwest Pacific area commanded by General Douglas MacArthur. In conjunction with subordinate commanders and Australian politicians, he waged a public campaign, through the press, to compel a major and immediate change in U.S. strategy.

► General MacArthur said from Australia: "The range of our air force over surrounding waters marks the stretch of no man's sea which is the measure of our safety. If we lose the air, naval forces cannot save us. . . . The Allied naval forces can be counted upon to play their own magnificent part, but the battle of the Western Pacific will be won or lost by the proper application of the ground-air team."

► General Sir Thomas Blamey, Australian commander of Allied ground forces in the

28 MONDAY 118 For some time a pool of perhaps 250-300 aircraft had been gradually building up at Rabaul, a reserve pool and a Zero assembly plant at Kavieng. Wewak on New Guinea had been developed into an advance base, now that the Lae-Salamaua area of eastern New Guinea was so clearly dominated by Allied power.

29 TUESDAY 119-246

30 WEDNESDAY 120-245

1 May THURSDAY 121-244

2 FRIDAY 122-243

3 SATURDAY 123-242

4 SUNDAY 124-241

BATTLE OF CORAL SEA BEGAN

MAY

5th Month—1941

5 MONDAY 125-240

Labour Day, Pub. Hol., Bris. and Perth

6 TUESDAY 126-239

7 WEDNESDAY 127-238

CORAL SEA BATTLE - ATTACKED
SMALL TASK FORCE WHICH IGNORED
OUR SIGNALS + OPENED FIRE
NONE SUNK BUT WE SCATTERED EM

1941—31 Days

MAY

8 THURSDAY 128-237

BATTLE OF CORAL SEA ENDED

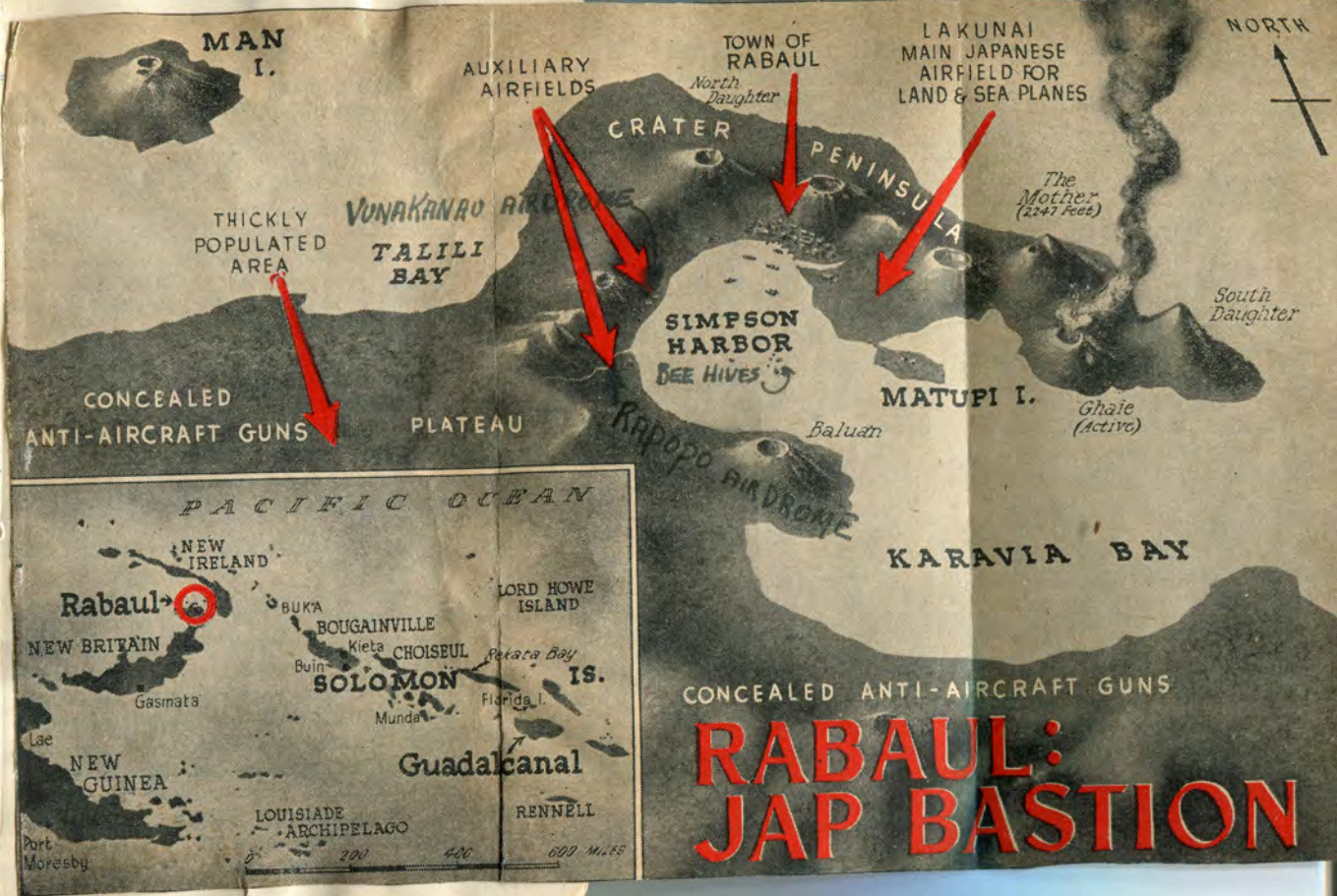
9 FRIDAY 129-236

10 SATURDAY 130-235

11 SUNDAY 131-234

Assembled around Blanche Bay and especially around Simpson Harbor on whose lip the city sits is much the greatest concentration of anti-aircraft artillery in the Southwest Pacific. These scattered and camouflaged batteries—some tucked away on wooded hillsides, others hidden in the craters of volcanoes such as the Mother, South Daughter, and North Daughter—are the teeth in a vast pattern of searchlights that face Allied airmen as they draw near the port in which a large fleet of merchantmen with some escort destroyers and cruisers usually are gathered. The great beams, located at distances as far away as 30 miles from town, blink out as the planes fly toward them, then come on again as the Liberators and Fortresses pass over to dump their eggs on such objectives as the wharf area at the north end of the harbor, the military barracks, and the three giant airdromes, which are of great military importance.

It's the airdromes that the Allies are concentrating on. Most important of the three is Lakunai, where recently 244 planes were counted and where Liberators unleashed most of a 31-ton bombload destined for Rabaul's airports. Only a mile south from the center of town, Lakunai in peaceful days was a race track and golf course considered by Rabaulites as one of the most attractive resorts on the island





Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor. Japan's crippling sneak blow brought the United States formally into the war

PRAYER FOR AIRMEN

By EMMA NORWOOD LAWRENCE

*Lord God, Whose whisper creates worlds—
Earth and seas and sunlit sky—
Stretch forth Thy hand, make safe the way,
Be with the gallant souls who fly.*

*Lord God, Whose glory fills all space
Beyond the utmost rim of light,
Protect them when they climb aloft
And stay the perils of their flight,*

*On unknown roads above the world,
Roads never trailed by man before,
Speak to their hearts, be heard above
The thunder of their motors' roar.*

*From ways of peace, they speed toward war,
The cataclysmic tide to stem.
Through the dark crimson of the night,
Wing tip to wing tip, fly with them.*

*When from their powerful throbbing wings
They hurl destruction from the air
To drive the tyrants from the earth,
On guard, O Lord! Be with them there.*

*Lord of winds and thunderbolt,
Eternal God, we cry to Thee,
Be with the valiant hearts who fly
To make Thy peoples free!*

DECORATION BY I. E. HAZELTON



REX E. MATSON

CAPT. HARL PEASE JR.

AIRCRAFT CARRIER U.S.S. LANGLEY (OLD ONE)

SUNK (DATE) — February 1942

LOCATION — Macassar Strait on Celebes side of Molucca

CRUISER U.S.S. MARBLEHEAD

SUNK (DATE) — Jan. 23 1942

LOCATION — Balikpapan, Borneo

JUNE

1- RABOAL

JULY- AUG

30; 31; 12;

RECONNAISSANCE

JULY 23

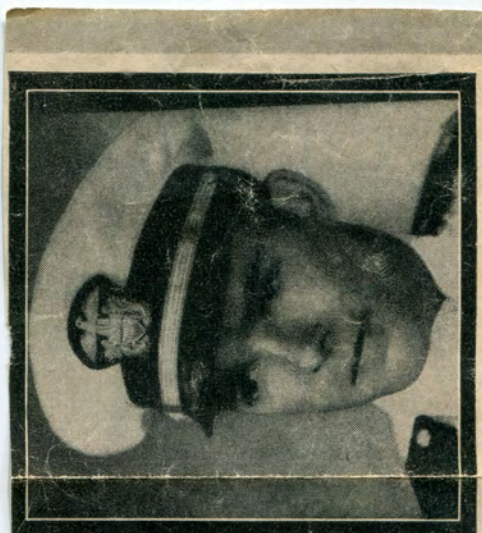
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RABOAL

JULY

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VUNAKANAU
RABOAL



HERBERT C. JONES ↑

ign Jones was stationed on a warship in the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor, 7, 1941. At the height of the enemy bombing, he organized a relief party to supply ammunition for an anti-aircraft battery or the regular mechanical hoists had a put out of action. Fatally wounded a bomb explosion, he refused to allow men to take him from the area which then on fire, saying, "Leave me alone. done for. Get out of here before the azines go off." A destroyer escort was edin his honor. Home: Coronado, Calif.

Roosevelt Confers Medal Of Honor Upon Pilot

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt Wednesday conferred the congressional medal of honor upon Captain Harl Pease Jr., bomber pilot believed killed in a raid on the Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain, August 6-7.

The president personally presented the medal to Captain Pease's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harl Pease Sr. of Plymouth, N. H. Young Pease displayed "high devotion to duty, valor and contempt for personal danger."

The citation read by the commander-in-chief said Captain Pease on August 6 was forced back from a bombing mission over New Guinea because of the failure of an engine. At a base in Australia, however, "knowing that all available airplanes of his group would participate the next day in an attack on an enemy-held airdrome near Rabaul, New Britain, and although he was not scheduled to take part in that mission, Captain Pease selected the most serviceable airplane in this base and prepared it for combat, knowing that it had been found and declared unserviceable for combat missions."

On August 7, Captain Pease and a volunteer crew joined their squadron at Port Moresby, New Guinea, and, with only three hours' rest, took off again for Rabaul. A flight of 30 Jap planes intercepted the American bombers, and Captain Pease held his unserviceable plane on the wing, bearing the brunt of the attack, dropping bombs on the Japanese base, and fighting more enemy attacks for 25 minutes.

JUNE

6th Month—1941

1941—30 Days

JUNE

2 MONDAY 153-212

Obs. as Foundation Day, Pub. Hol., W.A.

3 TUESDAY 154-211

ATTU & Kiska occupied by
JAPANESE TASK FORCE

4 WEDNESDAY 155-210

BATTLE OF MIDWAY IS.

STARTED - 19TH B.G.'S OFFER
TO COMPETE REFUSED - TOLD
IT WAS ONLY A NAVY DEAL.

5 THURSDAY 156-209

BATTLE OF MIDWAY IS.

6 FRIDAY 157-208

BATTLE OF MIDWAY ISLAND

7 SATURDAY 158-207

BATTLE OF MIDWAY IS.
ENDED - JAP FLEET DEFEATED

8 SUNDAY 159-206



June 1942, Midway. Army and Navy aircraft turned back Japanese invasion fleet heading for American waters

14 MONDAY 195-170

17 THURSDAY 198-167

15 TUESDAY 196-169

18 FRIDAY 199-166

16 WEDNESDAY 197-168

On July 21-22, 1942, the first units of a Japanese army under General Horii succeeded in landing at Gona Mission. Allied air action against the Jap naval unit of three transports, two light cruisers and three destroyers was intense but insufficient to prevent the beaching of some 4,400 troops and supplies. One transport was set afire and became known as the "Gona Wreck," to be used later by the Japanese in an interesting manner.

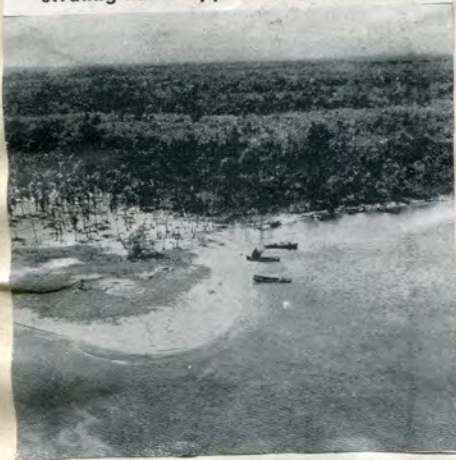
This Jap army was subsequently reinforced by several thousand additional men and by September 27 had crossed the Owen Stanley Range, driving to within 32 miles of Port Moresby.

Here Allied resistance stiffened and a strong defensive position was established at Iorabaiwa Ridge.

JULY

7th Month—1941

Strewn along a New Guinea beach are Jap barges wrecked in an Allied raid. Heavy strafing has stripped the palm trees.

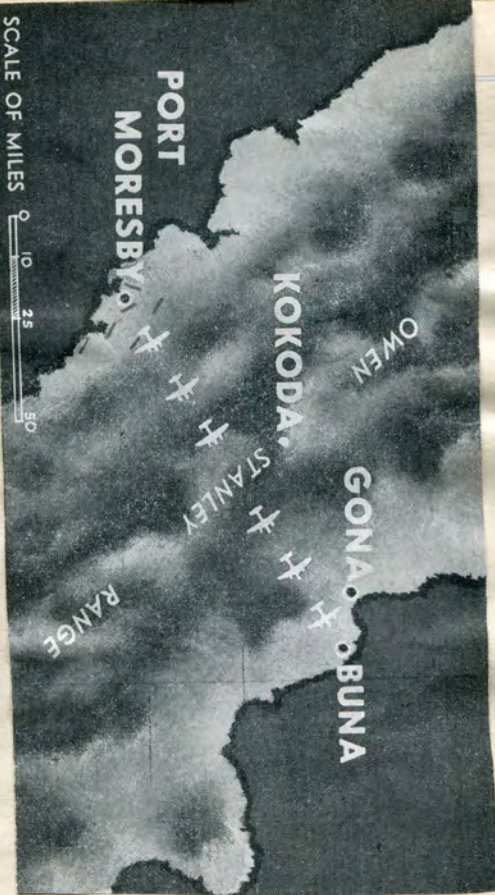


23 WEDNESDAY 204-161

SANK LARGE SHIP (GONA WRECK)
* BOMBED BUNA LANDING
PARTIES (MORNING)

* NITE BOMBED VUNAKANAU
AIR DROME
SHOT OUT SEARCHLITE ON
BATTLEWAGON - LOT OF ACK ACK

SCALE OF MILES



28 MONDAY 209-156

U.S. readers who had thought of the New Guinea campaign as an exclusively American show were pulled up sharply last week by announcement of the campaign's casualty totals. The U.S. suffered 4,319 casualties (2,175 killed, 2,144 wounded); Australia 6,212 (2,379 killed, 3,833 wounded). The principal U.S. contribution was in the air, and the American casualties included perhaps 1,000 airmen. On the ground, the Australian loss was almost twice as great as that of the two U.S. divisions in the campaign.

30 WEDNESDAY 211-154

31 THURSDAY 212-153

Personal Income Tax Returns Due.

1 August FRIDAY 213-152

2 SATURDAY 214-151

3 SUNDAY 215-150

AUGUST

8th Month—1941

1941—31 Days

AUGUST

4 MONDAY 216-149

Bank Holiday, N.S.W.

Birth Queen Elizabeth, 1900

5 TUESDAY 217-148

6 WEDNESDAY 218-147

7 THURSDAY 219-146

U.S. FORCES LANDED ON GUADACANAL

8 FRIDAY 220-145

9 SATURDAY 221-144

1ST BATTLE OF SAVO ISLAND

10 SUNDAY 222-143

AUGUST

8th Month—1941

1941—31 Days

AUGUST

26 MONDAY 237-128

28 THURSDAY 240-125

26 TUESDAY 238-127

* FLEW WITH 1ST LT. JACQUET, E.M.
NIGHT BOMBED VANAKANAU AIR-
DROME AT RABAU - 3 BIG EXPLOSIONS
LOT OF A/A.

8:35

27 WEDNESDAY 239-126

CAME BACK TO OUR FIELD

3:25

29 FRIDAY 241-124

30 SATURDAY 242-123

Companies Income Tax Returns Due
Land Tax Returns Due

31 SUNDAY 243-122

SEPTEMBER

9th Month—1941

1941—30 Da

MBER

1 September MONDAY 244-121

2 TUESDAY 245-120

3 WEDNESDAY 246-119



39
GOT CREW
1ST LT. J. H. [unclear] P.
S/P. DIVINE, H.V. SET. BRAZELTON, L.
2ND LT. MERSEREAU, L.R. PFC RICHARDSON, G.L.
2ND LT. BOREN, J.L.
1ST SGT. KERSCH, C.J.

6 SATURDAY 249-116

LEFT FOR PORT MORESBY

3:10

7 SUNDAY 250-115

* WENT ON RECON. MISSION CLOSE
TO MILNE BAY
SHOT AT SOME P-39's 11:25

8 MONDAY 251-114

SOME MORE RECON. WORK - GOT
LOST - LOW ON GAS
(12:00 MIDNITE)

12:00

*

9 TUESDAY 252-113

STILL UP IN THE AIR - 2 ENGINES
FEATHERED AND 20 MINS. OF GAS
LEFT. EVERYBODY GETTING READY TO
BAIL-OUT. FOUND TOWNSVILLE. PILOT,
1ST LT. JACQUET, E.M. MADE LANDING ON
ONE GOOD ENGINE. HE SURE CAN FLY.

10 WEDNESDAY 253-112

WORKED MOST OF THE NITE ON THE
AIRPLANE - FIXED & CHECKED O.K.
TOOK-OFF AT 2:00

1:35

11 THURSDAY 254-111

WENT TO TOWN AND GOT
DRUNK TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY
2ND BATTLE OF SAVO ISLAND.

12 FRIDAY 255-110

GOT INTO A POKER GAME, DEALERS
CHOICE. WON 5 POUNDS AFTER
PLAYING TO 2:15 IN THE MORNING.
BATTLE STILL GOING ON - OUR
NAVY KNOCKING T'HELL OUTA EM-

13 SATURDAY 256-109

TAKING LIFE EASY

14 SUNDAY 257-108

WENT SWIMMING
INSTRUCTED GUNNERS ON TURRETS

15 MONDAY 258-107

FLEW TO CAIRNS & BACK

0:45

16 TUESDAY 259-106

TOOK-OFF FOR PORT MORESBY
AS SIDEGUNNER

3:20

17 WEDNESDAY 260-105

WENT ON BOMBING MISSION
BUT HAD TO TURN BACK BECAUSE
OF ENGINE TROUBLE.

2:00

P.M. WAS RAIDED. BOMBS
LANDED 100 yds. FROM ME -
FLAT GROUND - CRACKED RIB DIVING

18 THURSDAY 261-104

RETURNED TO BASE

3:20

WON 2½ pds. GAMBLING WITH
OTHER GUNNERS.

19 FRIDAY 262-103

WENT TO TOWN AND GOT
'STINKO'.RECEIVED LETTER FROM KATHRYN
DATED DEC. 9, 1941

20 SATURDAY 263-102

FLEW TO CHARTERSTOWER AND
BACK - LITTLE LOST.

5:00

21 SUNDAY 264-101

WENT SWIMMING

TOOK LIFE EASY

22 MONDAY 265-100

FLEW TO TOWNSVILLE TO DEMONSTRATE
FLARE OPERATIONS TO THE BIG
SHOTS - HAD SOME FUN WITH
OUR SEARCHLIGHTS

4:30

23 TUESDAY 266-99

FLEW TO LONGREACH AND BACK
GAVE THE TOWN A GOOD
BUZZING

5:35

24 WEDNESDAY 267-98

ON ALERT -

HAD A FEW BREWS AND
WENT TO BED.

(24) 25 THURSDAY 268-97
Agric. Show Day, Pub. Hol., Melb.

FLEW TO PORT MORESBY 3:15
TOOK-OFF FOR RABUAL HARBOR
BOMBED SHIPS - HAD GUN DUELS WITH
ACK-ACK POSITION - FLEW ALLOVER THE
HARBOR HUNTING DOWN SEARCH LIGHTS AND
THEN SHOOTING THEM OUT.

* (25) 26 FRIDAY 269-96
STILL FLYING - SHOT OUT TWO LIGHTS
& STRAFFED THE "BEEHIVES"
ON THE WAY HOME #1 ENGINE
CONKED OUT. LANDED O.K.
8,000 TONNER SUNK.

9:10

(25) 27 SATURDAY 270-95

WORKED ON SHIP - TOOK OFF FOR
BOMBING MISSION - #1 ENGINE CONKED
OUT AGAIN #2 DYING - SALVOED LOAD
LIMPED IN O.K.

1:35

(26) 28 SUNDAY 271-94

TOOK OFF FOR HOME - #1 ENGINE
FEATHERED

3:50

27/29 MONDAY 272-93

WENT TO CAIRNS FOR A REST
HAD A TOOTH YANKED.

28 30 TUESDAY 273-92

JAW SWOLLEN BUT I CAN
MANAGED TO EAT A LITTLE

HAVE TROUGH OF DYSENTRY
BUT WON'T TURN IN —

1. ~~1~~ October WEDNESDAY 274-91
Order Your Diary for 1942

GOT PAID TODAY £ 7/13

GAMBLER - WON £ 8.

2 THURSDAY 275-90

WENT TO TOWN AND SENT
£150⁰⁰ HOME.

3 FRIDAY 276-89

WENT SWIMMING AND READ

4 SATURDAY 277-88

CHECKED SHIP FOR COMBAT.

5 SUNDAY 278-87

* TOOK OFF FOR PORT MORESBY
LOADED WITH BOMBS - 3:15
BOMBED BUNA AIR DRONE - 4:30

OCTOBER

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6 MONDAY 279-86

Labour Day, Public Holiday, Sydney

WENT BACK TO HOME BASE

(2:45)

TO DATE 7 TUESDAY 280-85

TO DATE

MISSION -
BOMBING COMPLETE - 11

" INCOMPLETE - 9

RECONNAISSANCE COMPLETE - 8

" INCOMPLETE - 0

OTHER FLIGHTS IN COMBAT ZONE - 38

(TOTAL
FIGHTS
66)

TOTAL COMBAT FLYING - 450 HRS. TO DATE

TOTAL FLYING - 2450 HRS. TO DATE

8 WEDNESDAY 281-84

Labour Day, Pub. Hol., Adelaide

Agric. Show Day, Pub. Hol., Perth

TOOK-OFF FOR PORT Moresby

(2:55)

Rabaul Moan

OCTOBER

19

Stung by the success of Flying Fortress raids on Rabaul on October 9 and 10, Tokio has issued a furious threat of reprisals against American pilots, says N. L. Ottaway, a "Sun" war correspondent.

The Japanese describe these attacks on their principal supply depot in New Britain as "butchery which will not go unpunished."

It has been the Allied pilots, however, not the Japanese, who have meted out the punishment.

Jap supply lines in the South-West Pacific are being pounded over a wider area than ever, and the latest raids have hit supply bases more than 500 miles apart, including the Admiralty Islands, New Britain and the Solomons.

MO. BOMBS

COULD BE
LEAVING.

ops - 10 EAT.

GET
BEFORE
(6:50)

RETURNED TO HOME BASE

(3:05)

11 SATURDAY 284-81

WENT TO CHAIRS FOR
3-day pass -

(0:20)

12 SUNDAY 285-80

STINKO
GOT INVOLVED IN FIGHT
- SORE JAW. -

13 MONDAY 286-79

RETURNED TO HOME BASE

6:20

14 TUESDAY 287-78

TOOK-OFF FOR SYDNEY
 FURLOUGH - BAD WEATHER
 THERE LANDED AT MELBOURNE

10:05

15 WEDNESDAY 288-77

REGISTERED AT FEDERAL
 HOTEL

WENT TO SHOW.

16 THURSDAY 289-76

STILL CLOSED-IN.

WENT TO SHOW - RED CROSS
 SERVICE CLUB TO EAT.

17 FRIDAY 290-75

STILL CLOSED IN

MADE ARRANGEMENT TO
 GO BY TRAIN

WENT TO SHOW AND
 SAW (SGT. YORK)

18 SATURDAY 291-74

BOUGHT REEL & ROD - \$2.20 (ROUGHLY \$65.00)
 BOARDED TRAIN FOR
 SYDNEY -

19 SUNDAY 292-73

ARRIVED O.K. REGISTERED AT
 WATSON'S BAY HOTEL - BIG-GAME
 FISHING HEADQUARTERS OF THE PACIFIC
 ZANE GREY'S BASE

20 MONDAY 293-72

WENT TROWLING NO LUCK —

RAN INTO SCHOOL OF SALMON
WATER WAS WHITE WITH THEM
CAUGHT 4 @ 8 lbs. SALMONS

21 TUESDAY 294-71

WENT TROWLING AGAIN
NO LUCK.

GOT SICK

WENT HOME

AND PACKED-UP.

22 WEDNESDAY 295-70

BOARDED PLANE TO RETURN
TO HOME BASE

WEATHER BAD FORCED TO
LAND AT AMBERLY FIELD

5:25

CAUGHT BUS AND WENT
TO IPSWICH TO A SHOW.

23 THURSDAY 296-69

TOOK-OFF FOR HOME BASE
BAD WEATHER BUT GOT THROUGH
ALRIGHT —

WON \$8.22 IN BLACKJACK (\$20.00) 5:35
GOT ORDERS TO GO HOME — OH, BOY!

WENT FOR LOCAL HOP TO SWING
COMPASS — CHECKED SHIP 6:50

24 FRIDAY 297-68

41-2642

TOOK-OFF AT 7:10 A.M.

LANDED AT NEW CALEDONIA 3:15 PM.

RAINY NIGHT — SLEPT ON GROUND
UNDER WING — HARDLY ANY SLEEP.

SHIP #41-2642 — B-ME

ASSIGNED AS AERIAL ENGINEER 8:05
To Trip.

25 SATURDAY 298-67

TOOK-OFF AT 8:20 A.M.

LANDED AT NANDI AIRDROME 1:35 PM

- FIJI ISLAND - (AIR-RAID WARNING - 3:00 AM)

WENT TO OUT-DOOR THEATER

5:30

26 SUNDAY 299-66

ORDERS HOLDING US DOWN
LAID AROUND IN THE SUN
WENT TO SAME THEATER
(BATTLE OF SANTA CRUZ STARTED)

OCTOBER

10th Month—1941

27 MONDAY 300-65

HEARD THAT THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER
YORKTOWN WAS SUNK IN SOLOMON IS.
BATTLE.

RAN-UP SHIP & SERVICED —

NOTHING DOING AROUND HERE —

28 TUESDAY 301-64

WENT TO TOWN OF LAUTOKA.
BOUGHT SOME ISLAND-MADE ARTICLES
HAD A FEW BREWS — WENT TO
THEATER THEN HOME LOST \$8.50 IN
A BLACKJACK GAME

29 WEDNESDAY 302-63

WON \$21.00 IN A BLACKJACK GAME
WENT TO SNOW IN CAMP.

1941—31 & 30 Days

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

30 THURSDAY 303-62

WENT TO TOWN OF LAUTOKA
BOUGHT SOME CARDS, ETC.
CHASED AFTER SOME LOCAL
BABES — NO LUCK.

(31.)

GOT SHIP READY FOR TAKE-OFF
IN THE MORNING — WENT TO SNOW

1 FRIDAY 304-61

TOOK-OFF FOR SAMOA
CROSSED INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE

NOW IT'S THE 31ST AGAIN —
LANDED AT TUTUILA, SAMOA

- 06:05 -

1 November SATURDAY 305-60

TOOK-OFF FROM SAMOA
LANDED AT CHRISTMAS ISLAND
CLIMBED SOME COCONUT TREES
FOR SOME FRUIT — NEEDED A TAIL, BADLY.

2 SUNDAY 306-59

TOOK-OFF FROM CHRISTMAS IS. 11:50 AM
HAD FLAT TAIL WHEEL TIRE —
LANDED AT HAWAII — HICKAM FIELD
RAINING

- 8:05 -

- 6:50 -

3 MONDAY 307-58
Bank Holiday, Tasmania

SLEPT ON A GOOD G.I. BUNK
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEAR. BOY, DID
I SLEEP.

TRIED TO PHONE FRANK—LINE OUT.

4 TUESDAY 308-57
Cup Day, Pub. Hol., Melbourne

ANOTHER GOOD-NITE'S SLEEP—

FINALLY MANAGED TO CONTACT
FRANK—GOOD TO HEAR HIS VOICE.
BOUGHT A PAIR OF SHOES AT P.X.

5 WEDNESDAY 309-56

FRANK ARRIVED—SPENT A NICE
DAY TOGETHER IN HONOLULU.
TALKED ABOUT BOATS, FARMS
AND FINANCIAL STATUS.

HE HAS TO DATE SAVED
\$1800.00 TO MY \$1200.00
DOESN'T I CATCH UP.

6 THURSDAY 310-55

FRANK LEFT THIS MORNING
FOR HIS HOME BASE WITH
THE PROMISE THAT I'LL VISIT
HIM.

7 FRIDAY 311-54

WENT TO SHOW AND ATE
MOST OF MY MEALS AT THE P.X.

JOINED THE N.C.O.'S CLUB
WENT TO ITS STAG SHOW
"SOME FUN"

8 SATURDAY 312-53

WROTE HOME TO EVERYBODY
WASHED ALL MY KHAKI UNIFORMS
& ETC'S HOPING TO BE ABLE TO
GO TO TOWN TOMORROW TO BUY RADIO.

9 SUNDAY 313-52

BOUGHT A RADIO—A PORTABLE SET
\$29.50

10 MONDAY 314-51

FLEW A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION
 NOTHING UNUSUAL —
 SIGHTED A RETURNING BATTERED U.S.
 FLEET CONSISTING OF AN 11:00
 AIRCRAFT CARRIER, 2 OR 3 DESTROYERS COUPLE OF
 CRUISERS SOME BATTLEWAGON AND SOME
 CAROO & TENDERS. (SAVO, CEBU, GUADACANAL BATTLE)

11 TUESDAY 315-50
 Armistice Day, 1918

LISTENED OVER RADIO - THE
 PRESIDENT PLACING WREATH
 ON THE TOMB OF THE
 UNKNOWN SOLDIER

12 WEDNESDAY 316-49

FLEW LOCALLY TO SWING
 COMPASS - 1:55

TAXIED SHIP (ALONE) TO
 BUNKER AREA

FRIDAY THE 13TH ???!!
 13 THURSDAY 317-48

GOT PAID - \$109.00 - FRANK
 SHOWED UP HE WENT WITH US
 TO BELLOWS FIELD - HE & I
 FLEW THE SHIP IN TURN.

CREW: 1. LT. JACQUET, EM - P
 1/2 LT. KERSCH, C.J. - CP, E
 1/2 LT. MIHALSKO, F.T. - E - CP

14 FRIDAY 318-47

SAME CREW FLEW TO BELLOWS

FRANK & I TALKED THINGS OVER &
 THEN HE WENT HOME.
 STAYED OVER-NITE AT BELLOWS

15 SATURDAY 319-46

FLEW BACK TO HICKAM
 BUZZED WAIKIKI BEACH.
 CLEANED UP AND
 LISTENED TO FOOTBALL GAMES

16 SUNDAY 320-45

WENT TO THE NON-COM'S CLUB -
 WON \$13.00 PLAYING SLOT MACHINES
 PUT BACK \$7.00 DOGGON IT ???!!

17 MONDAY 321-44

Obs. as King's Birthday, Pub. Hol., Perth

WENT TO THE CLUB AGAIN - WON,
50 NICKELS ON HORSE RACING MACHINE
PUT IT BACK PLUS \$6.00 MORE - BROKE
WENT TO BED -

18 TUESDAY 322-43

BROKE MY SUPPOSEDLY LUCKY \$2.00
BILL TO GET SOME BREAKFAST.
GOT MIXED-UP WITH A SLOT MACHINE
BORROWED \$20.00 PUT \$17.00 IN IT.
NO LUCK.

19 WEDNESDAY 323-42

PLAYED SLOT-MACHINE FOR 2.00
NO - LUCK - QUIT.

JOINED A BINGO GAME CAME
CLOSE - NO LUCK.

GOSH, WISH WE WOULD LEAVE
THIS PLACE.

FRIDAY
20 THURSDAY 324-41

RECEIVED ORDERS TO STAND BY
TO TAKE-OFF FOR THE MAIN-
LAND - HERE'S HOPKINS
WENT TO P.X. WITH SHAFER TO
EAT SOME LATE SUPPER -
HILL PACKED-UP - (---)

21 FRIDAY 325-40

WENT TO N.C.O CLUB - ATE A
COUPLE MEALS THERE
PLAYED POOL - WON AT THAT
BUT LOST \$10.00 IN SLOT MACHINE

22 SATURDAY 326-39

STAYED AT BARRACKS AND
LISTENED TO THE FOOTBALL GAMES

23 SUNDAY 327-38

WENT TO THE N.C.O. CLUB -
DOGGON IT. - LOST \$35.00 IN 25¢ MACHINE
NO MORE OF THAT PLAYING

24 MONDAY 328-37

LAYING AROUND - TAKING LIFE
EASY - HOPE TO LEAVE SOON..

25 TUESDAY 329-36

TRIED TO PHONE FRANK - NO LUCK
ALL PACKED & READY TO LEAVE
STILL HERE - MAYBE TOMORROW, HOPE

THANKSGIVING DAY
26 WEDNESDAY 330-35

EAT TURKEY DINNER AT HICKAM
FIELD - HAWAII

TOOK-OFF FOR MAINLAND AT 5:40
LANDED OK IN SAN FRANCISCO - 14 HRS
LB-30 - SHIP #111656
BAD WEATHER ON MAINLAND, HAD
FLY AROUND QUITE A BIT. - (14:00)

27 THURSDAY 331-34

CHECKED-IN AT CASUAL BARRACKS
AT HAMILTON FIELD, CALIF.
ATE A BIG AMERICAN MEAL
WENT TO BED EARLY.

28 FRIDAY 332-33

SLEPT LATE - RECEIVED RATION
ALLOWANCE FOR TRAIN TRIP TO
POCATELLA, IDAHO
BOARDED TRAIN AT OAKLAND AT
9:45 PM. WENT TO BED RIGHT
AWAY

29 SATURDAY 333-32

SLEPT LATE IN "LOWER" BERTH
ATE BREAKFAST AT 9:30
ARRIVED IN SALT LAKE LATE AT NITE

30 SUNDAY 334-31

ARRIVED IN POCATELLA, IDAHO AT
1:40 PM.
CHECKED IN BARRACKS AT AIR BASE

1 December MONDAY 335-30

DREW SOME CLOTHES (WINTER) AND A B-4
BAG.

SNOWING LIGHTLY, WIND BLOWING
PRETTY HARD — WISH I WAS BACK
IN THE TROPICS — BARRR!!!!

2 TUESDAY 336-29

STAYED LATE IN BED —
RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS
ALL PACKED-UP, READY TO GO
HOME ON FURLOUGH.
FURLOUGH PAPERS SIGNED

(TO DATE) 3 WEDNESDAY 337-28 (TO DATE)

BOMBING MISSIONS COMPLETE — 13

" " INCOMPLETE — 9

RECONNAISSANCE COMPLETE — 9

OTHER FLIGHTS IN COMBAT ZONE — 52

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS — 502:25 Hrs

TOTAL FLYING TIME — 2578:05 Hrs.

DREW SOME MORE CLOTHES

481:50 COMBAT
2556:25 FLYING

4 THURSDAY 338-27

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DECEMBER

12th Month—1941

JANUARY—Cash Memoranda

29 MONDAY 363-2

Obs. as Proclamation Day, Pub. Hol., S.A.
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30 TUESDAY 364-1

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MONEY SAVED - up.

			\$ 150	(CAR)
MELB. AUST.	(4-15-42)	- "	275	
LONGREACH, AUST.	(6-9-42)	- "	275	
"	(7-2-42)	- "	100	
ATHERTON, "	(9-11-42)	- "	150	900
"	(10-3-42)	- "	150	

To DATE	850 00
DEC. 13, 1943	360 00
DEC. 31, 1943	160 00
FEB. 4, 1944	282 00
To DATE	1652 00
	- 100 00
MARCH 3, 1944	1752 00

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GIPSY NINTY-THIRD.

(TURKEY IN THE STRAW) (MUSIC)

1. There's a pilot in the cabin
And a bomber in the nose
A tail full of gunners
And off she goes
To some far off place
Of which we've never heard
But we don't give a damn
In the gipsy Ninty-third.
2. With a belly full of bombs
Cruising 20,000 feet
The chatter guns are loaded
Engines sounding mighty sweet
We don't know where we're going
In this big tin bird
And we don't give a damn
In the gypsy ninty-third
3. Oh the navigator's lost
And the pilot's sleeping sound
This god damn ship is heading
Toward the ground
For the copilots flying
Like a dodo bird
But we don't give a damn
In the gypsy ninty-third
4. Oh the fans are turning backwards
And the tanks are out of gas
The wings are kind of sagging
Where they shot away our ass,
And the mills are making noises
Like we never heard before
But we don't give a damn
In the gypsy ninty-third.
5. There 's the nip ships below
They think that we are dead
So we'll bounce a couple more
Off their little yellow heads
Then we'll head for a cloud
Before the zero's get the word
For we don't give a damn
In the gypsy ninty-third.
6. So it's home boy's home
from a job well done
There isn't any glory
But a hell of a lot of fun
And the flag still flies
Just as free as a bird
Cuz they don't give a damn
In the gypsy ninty-third.

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SPACES

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES

DUTCH EAST INDIES

CAPITULATED TO JAPS 8 MAR, 1942

SINGAPORE FELL 16 FEB, 1942

DARWIN RAIDED 19 FEB, 1942