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# COMMANDOS RAID BASE IN FRANCE

## Grim Australian Veterans Prepare To Battle Japs

# PHILIPPINE DEFENDERS MAKE ATTACKS

Report Two  
Successful  
Raids Upon  
Japanese

Heavy Enemy  
Bomber Downed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Department reported today that the Philippine defenders made two successful raids on the Japanese and that anti-aircraft gunners on the fortified island of Corregidor shot down one heavy enemy bomber.

A communiqué and the raiders were on the Batan Peninsula and at Zamboanga some 500 miles to the south of the Island of Mindanao.

In the latter raid, American anti-aircraft patrols penetrated enemy lines to within less than a mile of the city to attack an oilfield, and succeeded in capturing and securing two bombers.

NEIGHBORING ISLAND

Two British American artillery blasting at enemy troop and truck concentrations, silenced one Japanese battery, the communiqué said.

The bomber was shot down during the fourth successive day of aerial bombardments against Corregidor, the communiqué said. The War Department said that the anti-aircraft guns forced the raiders to such heights that bombing was rendered virtually no damage.

Meanwhile, batteries on Corregidor, the Philippines, and on the neighboring island of Mindanao, enemy gun emplacements on the south shore of Manila Bay.

The communiqué, number 185, based on reports received until 11 A. M. Eastern War Time, said:

"In Philippine theater:

"Corregidor Island was under almost continuous aerial bombardment during the afternoon of March 22, the anti-aircraft batteries forced enemy bombers to fly at such heights that they were inaccurate, causing practically no damage to military installations.

"The bombers attempted night raids, but the anti-aircraft batteries picked up by our searchlights and hastily fled after dropping their bombs. One plane, however, was shot down by our anti-aircraft fire.

"Batteries on our island forts shielded enemy gun emplacements on the Pacific shore.

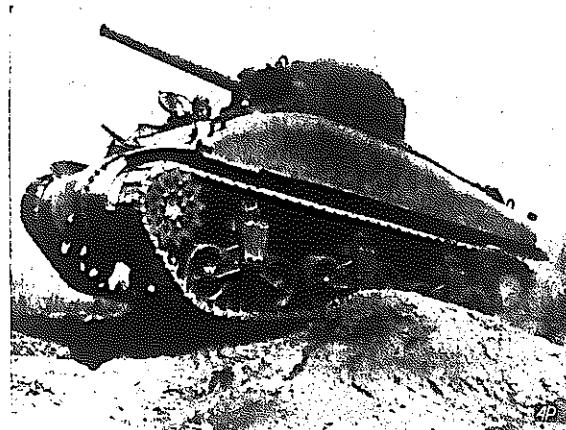
"In Batan enemy patrols were particularly active. After the destruction of Buldewi, it was necessary to the establishment of a new order. It was reported in a dispatch from Batan:

"The wireless speech which the French News agency said was made at Batan was regarded as the first official indication that Bulgaria may have decided finally to join in the war against Russia.

Bulgarian sources have said that King Boris had agreed to join the Allies in the war, but the insistence of Adolf Hitler, who has been reported camping in the Balkans for clandestine manpower to fight against the Russians, this morning.

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NEW HITTING POWER FOR THE ARMY — The Army's new M-4 medium tank tops a hill in a test run at Fort Knox, KY. This picture, by the Army Signal Corps is the first made public of the new monster with full armament. The M-4 is faster in mobility than older types of tanks and is equipped with a 75mm gun and numerous machine guns.

## Chinese Recapture Burma Airdrome

Toungoo Front Situation Appears To Have Been Improved

NEW DELHI, India.—(AP)—British headquarters declared today the situation on the Toungoo front in Burma appeared improved following the recapture of Toungoo airport by reinforced Chinese troops fighting to hold the eastern end of the Allied line.

A little change was reported in the situation at the opposite end of the front, where British and Chinese troops were pushing the Japanese back to advance toward Prome and the rich oil fields of Northern Burma.

"Our lines had to be straightened on the Toungoo front in consequence of recent developments in the Toungoo area," a communiqué said. "There still been no contact on the front through large numbers of Chinese and Japanese local freebooters are active south of Prome."

An authoritative source in London said there apparently had been some fighting between the Chinese and the Japanese on the Toungoo front because of the threat to Toungoo but that operations of the Chinese forces there had made the situation look better on the eastern end of the front.

The communiqué said Japanese air raiders struck heavily yesterday at a town on the Irrawaddy River, some 40 miles down the river. The Japanese destroyed three-quarters of the settlement — which was not identified by name.

Informants pointed out that while Prome may have been left unoccupied by the Japanese, the situation was very slight and could not be very few, too, the communiqué added.

DARWIN RAIDED

DARWIN, capital of Australia's northern territory, underwent a surprise raid last night. It was announced in a special communiqué from Sydney.

Four bombers dropped by seven Japanese planes. One was shot, but no material damage was inflicted.

Returning members of the Australian Imperial force, arriving in Darwin from the communiqué said.

Local persons greeted the wives and children and parents, they left behind in the early days of the war.

They talked sternly of their

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Heavy Blasts at Remington Plant

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—The Remington Arms Co. plant, one of the vital arsenals now being prepared for war, was shaken by a series of heavy explosions this afternoon.

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Reports U. S. Subs Blasted Jap Warships

LONDON—(AP)—The London Star, Sydney correspondent, reported that British anti-submarine patrols in the Pacific had sunk five Japanese destroyers, an aircraft carrier, and two transports and supply ships

used in American warplanes. Independent lines were not shown in the communiqué.

"We have reports," Truman told reporters, "that the big companies have been given the inside track and that they probably will be able to profit from the war." The government is holding for them out of the profits they make on the sale of gasoline to the Government.

Truman said he expected companies to hold their gasoline production to a minimum, but received no information that while several major companies, including the Standard Oil group, had received Government contracts to produce the 100 octane

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the testimony of Standard Oil of New Jersey that helped establish gasoline refining plants in pre-war Germany. In addition, Truman said, the company had received information that while several major companies, including the Standard Oil group, had received Government contracts to produce the 100 octane

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