

STORM LASHES FLEET

Aussies Advance In Steaming Rain On Borneo

MANILA, July 13—(AP)—Australian Seventh Division troops, paced by flamethrowers and tanks knived deep into Jap defenses and smashed the stone ridge north of captured Balikpapan in southeast Borneo after heavy fighting headquarters reported.

Dutch units joined the Australians' left flank in the march up Kariango peninsula to execute a brilliant encircling maneuver against the entrenched Japs who are pocketed some six miles north of Balikpapan.

The Borneo campaign is being fought in steaming, rain-drenched forests, deceptive bogs overgrown with mangrove under a blazing tropical sun. In the main assault northeast of Balikpapan in the Sepunggang Ketjil river sector the Australians are advancing over scrubby rolling terrain which permits the use of their famed medium "Matilda" tanks.

Japan Does Not Choose To Fight U. S. Planes

GUAM, July 13—(AP)—Virtually unopposed were the air blows of around seven hundred Superfortresses and heavy and medium bombers, fighters and long range search planes across a seven hundred seventy mile arc of Japan, extending north and south of Tokyo, announced U. S. General Hutchinson of the Far East Air Force on Okinawa.

He declared "The Japs, in my opinion don't intend to engage the United States air force." Rear Admiral D. C. Ramsey, new chief staff of the Fifth Fleet estimated that Japan might have nine thousand planes available and possibly could throw four thousand into battle over Japan.

Only weak fighter opposition was encountered over Tokyo Bay as Superfortresses dumped three thousand tons of fire and demolition bombs on five homeland centers before dawn today.

Pan American Opens Direct Route Ketchikan To Seattle



Adding Ketchikan to the list of northern cities served by Pan American, a Douglas D-C Clipper circled into the airfield at Annette Island on July 1. A group of Ketchikan and Metlakatla officials headed by Governor Ernest Gruening greeted incoming passengers on the inaugural landplane flight. Among the first passengers, left to right, were J. V. Roscoe, in charge of Pan American's Sector; Ross Cunningham, Associate Editor of the Seattle Times; Howard McGowan, northwest regional manager of Smaller War Plants Corporation; Harry E. Jones, regional loan agent; William H. Biesman, deputy regional director; both of SWPC; and extreme right Jesse Robinson, executive secretary of SWPC, Washington, D. C. On the welcoming committee, were Mayor and Mrs. R. C. Pedersen of Ketchikan; Governor Gruening and Mrs. John Smith and Mayor Smith of Metlakatla.

(Pan American World Airways Photo)

Two Planes Collide In Air

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 13—(AP)

—A two year old boy is one of the seventeen passengers on a Boston-Miami Eastern Airliner, and two flyers in an Army plane were killed in an air collision of the two planes.

The child's mother, Mrs. A. E. Williams of Miami, is in a serious condition. Three others were hurt. One army flyer escaped by parachute. The airliner pilot had to land his plane in a cornfield with both motors torn away and one wing damaged.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR CHARLES GOETZENBERGER

Funeral services were held for Charles Goetzenberger, aged Norgeite, yesterday afternoon at the Catholic Church. Members of

Army Discloses New "Kickless" Cannon

WASHINGTON, July 13—(AP)

The Army disclosed the performance of a new kickless cannon which fires artillery shells with no more recoil than a twenty-two.

Two guns, a fifty-seven and a seventy-five millimeter, were battle tested in Europe. They were fired from the shoulder. The fifty-seven weighs forty-five pounds and shoots a three pound shell two miles, the seventy-five weighs one hundred ten pounds and shoots a fourteen pound shell four miles.

the Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo No. 1, were in attendance.

The body was interred at the Belmont Point Cemetery after the funeral.

Mrs. Alice Nugent, mother of Mrs. Ken Rank, who has been visiting in Nome for several months returned to her home in Seattle via P.A.A. last Wednesday night.

TWO SEAMEN SAVE COMRADE IN ICY WATERS OF BERING SEA

By OLEN CLEMENTS

The skilled seamanship of a Navy Patrol craft skipper and the heroism of two comrades are credited with saving a fellow crewman in the frigid waters of Bering Sea a few minutes before he would have perished.

Fireman William E. Johnson of Pendleton, Oregon was swept into the icy water while the ship was battling rough weather. The propeller wake kicked him under but the lookout in the crow's nest spotted him.

Lt. F. L. Matheson, Miami,

Typhoon Does More Ship Damage Than Japs

GUAM, July 13, (AP)—A typhoon lashed Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet with a one hundred thirty-eight mile an hour wind on June fifth and tore the bow off the Cruiser Pittsburgh. It damaged at least twenty other warships, Admiral Nimitz said, after virtually every damaged ship was back in action.

At least four of the damaged ships were battleships: the Massachusetts, Indiana, Carrier San Jacinto and Destroyer John Rodgers, which participated in Tuesday's thousand plane carrier strike on Tokyo.

The typhoon damaged more ships than the Jap navy was able to do in action in any single battle but Admiral Nimitz made no mention of anyone being killed or seriously injured, and said no ships were sunk. He listed twenty damaged ships repaired and back in action, including three fast new battleships, two Essex class carriers, the cruiser Pittsburgh, which miraculously stayed afloat.

Presumably some additional ships not identified were damaged and not returned to the sea. Many ships were badly hurt in the towering hundred foot high seas. None were more heavily hit than the Pittsburgh which was caught near the center of the storm off the

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skipper of the boat brought it around sharply and eased the craft alongside of Johnson, Ensign R. W. Kohanki, Loveland, Ohio, tossed him a life preserver, but Johnson's arms were so numbed from freezing water he couldn't hold it. Crewmen tried to lower a small boat but the high seas defeated the effort.

Seaman John Connolly, Rochester N. Y., donning a life vest, leaped over the side into the cold water where he was numbed quickly but managed to reach the

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