

One of the most important events in the United Nations fight against the German submarines occurred about the middle of October. A country called Portugal told the United Nations that United Nations ships and planes could use the islands called Azores as bases from which to fight the German submarines.

### Battle Preparations in the Pacific

There was no heavy fighting in the Pacific during the first part of October. Several small fights have occurred. The small fights make it appear that very soon heavy fighting will begin.

Early in the war the Japanese captured an island called Wake from United States Marines. The Japanese built a large airfield on Wake island. United States war ships and planes attacked Wake Early in October. The airfield and a number of planes were destroyed.

United States Marines captured an island named Nanumea without a fight. This places United States soldiers in a position to attack the Gilbert Islands. The Gilbert Islands are a very important part of Japan's defense line.

The Japanese have been trying to retreat from the islands called the Solomons. The boats they have been using have been attacked many times by American ships and American Planes. The Japanese say they have saved most of their soldiers. The Americans claim that many of the Japanese boats have been destroyed and soldiers killed.

General MacArthur's men have been trying for a long time to drive the Japanese from important points on the large island called New Guinea. In September the places called Salamaua and Lae were captured. Early in October a place called Finschhafen was captured.

Reports early in October said that British soldiers had landed in Burma.

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### DRAFTING OF FATHERS

The Army needs more men. There are not enough single men and married men without children for the army. Now more married men with children will be called to serve their country. There are already many married Navajo men in the army. This new call will take more men from the reservation to serve their country in its armed forces.

The wife and children will be paid an allotment of money each . . . Papers must be filled out by the Navajo drafted before the wife and children can get the allotment of money. Every Navajo who goes into the armed forces should find out what papers he must fill out to get the allotment. Before he leaves the reservation he should go to Window Rock or his District Supervisor to get help. He should check with the Census Office at Window Rock or have his District Supervisor check for him to see that the names, ages, and census numbers of each member of his family is correct. If he does not get the name, age, and census number of his wife and each child correct, he may not be able to get the allotment of money for them. If you are drafted, check carefully to get everything straight before you leave the reservation for the armed forces.