

"GOONEY GAZETTE -- JANUARY 8, 1942"

The Navy Department announced today, that Seven (7) Japanese Warships had been lost at Wake Island. This included 4 Destroyers, 1 Gunboat, 1 Cruiser, and 1 Submarine.

The American-Filipino troops are bracing themselves for a large scale attack expected to be made by the enemy. General MacArthur stated that the morale and determination of his men is high. They may be counted on to carry on their resistance with skill and courage. Fighting still continued on all sections of Luzon fronts. No enemy attacks have been made in the Manila Bay sector, and no other reports from other sections of the Philippines. The Americans warned the Filipino people that the Japs are passing out counterfeit money. Jap casualties in the Philippines have out numbered the American-Filipino losses.

Allied planes operating from Burma have shot down 53 Japanese aircraft since the start of War. 7 enemy planes and a possible 8 were destroyed on a raid made by 5 American fliers over Bangkok. They made two raids within 24 hours over this former capital city of Siam. One American craft was lost. Many fires were visible in Bangkok on various military objectives. This attack was made in retaliation for the Japanese attack on Rangoon, capital of Burma.

Russia is marching, marching on!!! Being Victorious on all fronts. At Evpatoriya (Crimea) Germans are trying to thrust back a Russian Navy attack from the Black Sea. New Russian forces are going into the Central Front to drive the enemy back fast as possible.

Anthony Eden remarked that the German Army is suffering larger losses than Napoleans Army suffered in 1812.

A spearhead of Japanese Tanks have advanced north of Kuala Lumpur, in the Selangor area in British Malaya.

The Japanese casualties near Changsha has risen to 65 Thousand men. It is further reported that 35 Thousand retreating Japs have been trapped in this sector. 80 Thousand Chinese troops were used over the 120 Thousand Japs in the Changsha victory.

35 Hundred Japs have been killed or wounded South of Shanghai in the past week.

The WPA in Seattle, Washington has been mobilized in preperation of any War Emergency.

Victoria, B. C., has blackouts daily from Sunset to Sunrise.

Last reports indicate that allied arms suffered setbacks in Singapore.

Rain and Sandstorms assisted the fleeing Axis Army in the Agidabia area. 20 Thousand Axis prisoners are now in hand in Libya.

British reports state that they have evacuated the airdromes in Malaya.

Secretary Hull announced that a forthcoming conference will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. One main reason of this conference is to clarify and bring upplans of American Nations. Under-Secretary Welles made no statement on the meeting. One thing that is believed will be brought up in this conference is to have all American Nations declare war on the Axis Powers. This makes the 3rd conference to be held since the outbreak of the European War.

While the Rev. Dr. Harris E. Kirk was studying a chapter of John Baskerville, English printer, in the Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, Md., the library assistant advised him: "If you want additional information about Baskerville, Dr. Harris E. Kirk is an authority on the subject."

A New Record Player Attachment for a radio, playing 10 and 12-inch records, has been donated to the Naval Air Station. Any Unit wishing to use the attachment should contact Chaplain Perkins at the BOQ. The gift included an assortment of not-so-new records, which are for distribution.