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## Americans Seem Well Based In The Solomons

### Success Of The Navy On Sea And The Marines of Guadalcanal Hold Initiative

Headquarters, United States Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 24—(Delayed) (UP)—United States land and naval forces definitely hold the initiative in the Solomon Islands as the result of the recent naval battle and the land successes of marines and army men, it was understood today. Adm. Chester P. Nimitz, commander in Chief of the Pacific fleet, said the land forces were now continually widening their sphere of operations on Guadalcanal island, pushing Japanese back from Henderson Field so that they could not attack it with artillery or make surprise raids on it.

At Washington Secretary of Navy Frank Knox said the Navy was keeping such a vigilant patrol that the Japanese were unable to land reinforcements or supplies. Nimitz took occasion to say that he knew nothing of Tokyo reports that a new large-scale naval battle was in progress in the Solomons. If any such battle were occurring I think I certainly would know about it," he commented. Nimitz suggested that the Japanese were preparing the way for an admission of their losses in recent battles.

Explaining the present situation in the Solomons, Nimitz said: "There is a constant effort on the part of our forces ashore to extend their lines and push the Japs farther away from Henderson Field so that operations can not be interfered with. That is proceeding day and night. "We also face the constant problem of supply. This problem of supply for our forces on Guadalcanal is a never-ending one. Officers and men engaged in that task deserve the highest praise. "Whenever things appear quiet you can rest assured that the supply battle is going on, and it is as important as the real battle itself."

There was every indication that the Guadalcanal forces were now looking forward to the day when they would start northward, and it was recalled that Nimitz said last week, after the Solomons victory: "The time and place of the next engagement may be our choosing."

## Visit With Relatives

Mrs. Kate Morgan returned home last evening from a few days outing spent with relatives. She was at Omaha Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. A. W. Hallam, who has just returned from some time spent at the Clarkson hospital and found the sister much improved. On her return she stopped Tuesday to visit with her relatives in Sapp county, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Miller and family near Fort Crook, and had a very pleasant outing on the farm.

## No Paper Thursday

As Thursday is Thanksgiving day there will be no issue of the Evening Journal printed. The semi-weekly is printed this evening and will reach the readers as usual on Friday.

## THE WEATHER

Courtesy Weyrich & Hadraba  
High 57  
Low 31

### United Press Weather Forecast

Nebraska weather prospects of a cold Thanksgiving were in store today as the Weather Bureau forecast much colder weather for today and continuing tonight. A white Thanksgiving was called for in the west portion with scattered showers predicted for the east.

Temperature ranges included Lincoln 64-42, Omaha 59-39, North Platte 67-36, a state high and low of 69-30 at Valentine and a low of 36 at Burwell. Chadron reported .27 of an inch of rain, while Valentine recorded .13.

## Dies in Council Bluffs

Frank Babbitt, 66, died Tuesday at his home in Council Bluffs, where he has been quite ill for some time. Mr. Babbitt has had a diabetic condition for some time that brought on a stroke and heart attack that proved fatal.

He is survived by the widow, six sons and two daughters, as well as a large number of grandchildren. One of the sons is D. M. Babbitt of this city, who was at the bedside of the father at the time of his passing.

The funeral will be Friday at Council Bluffs.

## Judge Charles L. Graves Passes Eightieth Year

### Veteran Newspaper Man and Judge Quietly Observed The Anniversary Of Birth

Judge C. L. Graves, police court magistrate, quietly observed his 80th birthday anniversary on Monday and enjoyed his usual cigar and reading his daily papers that he finds one of his relaxations. The judge has lost little of his energy in years that he has been on the bench and can clearly and forcefully say "thirty days or ten dollars" as in his more youthful years.

Charles L. Graves, the youngest of the twelve children of William W. and Mahal A. Graves was born in Mills Co Iowa, November 23, 1861, his parents having been early day settlers in that section of the county, south of Glenwood. The family later came to Plattsmouth for a short time in 1864 and with the children later located in Missouri until 1869 when they returned to Nebraska to locate in Rock Bluffs, then a live and thriving Missouri river shipping point. It was in the surroundings of the pioneer hamlet that Young Charles grew up and received his education. In later years he taught school in the community where he resided and in spare time he studied law at Plattsmouth under the late Allen Beeson and Judge A. N. Sullivan and was admitted to the bar.

In 1889 Mr. Graves located at Union and there a greater part of his years were spent in that community where he was a leading figure. Mr. Graves purchased the Union Ledger and for a great many years operated this very interesting and newsy chronicle of the community life. Mr. Graves was also the father of the Old Settlers' reunion that for many years was one of the entertaining features of eastern Nebraska, that has in recent years passed quietly out of activity. The visitor to Union found "Charley" Graves always in action whether as newspaper editor, member of the MWA band or in promoting a good baseball game. The judge is a survivor of the barehanded days of baseball or at least of the first years of the protective gloves.

Judge Graves came here in 1928 to enter the law business and in a few months was drafted as police magistrate and has since filled that post in most successful manner.

Judge Graves has prepared a list from his records of old friends who were also born in 1867 and including the following: Charles Vorndarn, Plattsmouth, Feb. 16; Jeff D. Lewis, Murray, October 2; George Smith, Rock Bluffs, October 5; William H. Mark, Union, Nov. 20; Martin Buttery, Plattsmouth, Nov. 30; Lafe W. Nelson, Plattsmouth, Oct. 27.

## Notice To The Public

All of the county officials of Cass county, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in order to conform with the federal program in regard to the conservation of fuel and electricity have signed an agreement to observe the following office hours at the Cass county court house: Monday through Friday—9 A. M. to 12 noon, and 1 P. M. to 5 P. M. Saturday—9 A. M. to 12 noon, and 1 P. M. to 4 P. M. Said opening and closing hours of the county offices to be in effect as of Monday, November 30th, 1942.

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## Allied And Axis Forces Clashing In North Africa

### Germans Seek To Regain Air Supremacy As Allied Forces Move On Eastward

London, Nov. 25—(UP)—Adolf Hitler is rushing airplanes from the Russian front to Sardinia and Sicily in a desperate attempt to get supremacy of the air and sea in the Tunisian zone, it was said authoritatively today.

It was admitted that the reinforcements were heavy and that the Axis air forces were making big raids on allied ports and shipping.

The informant suggested that the Italian battle fleet might take the sea to join in the attack, but said a strong allied naval covering force would be waiting for it.

Dispatches from Africa reported that allied and axis armies had clashed in widely separated zones of Tunisia and that battles on land and in the air, increasing steadily in ferocity and size, pretended an early decisive test of strength.

Allied headquarters reported that all was going well as the main forces moved steadily eastward toward the Germans massing along the East Tunisian coast.

A communique had reported the throwing back of German advanced units only 24 miles southwest of Tunis by American troops supported by French detachments.

The British first army, advancing along the North coast, had forced back German advanced elements only a little west of Bizerte and in the south parachute troops, still active many days after they had been landed in enemy infested zones, had broken up German armored columns and captured prisoners.

In Libya the British eighth army was driving hard, still pressing the retreating German Afrika Korps, in the 70-mile stretch between Agedabia and El Aghella, trying to keep the Germans from organizing a line for a stand.

Planes of the middle eastern command, including those of heroic Malta, continued a big scale bombing offensive all the way from Crete to Sardinia and Libya to the Tunisian coast.

But it was said authoritatively here that the German and Italian air forces in Sardinia and Sicily, 135 and 100 miles respectively from Tunisia, had been heavily reinforced and were making big raids on allied ports and shipping in North Africa.

Informants said the planes had been withdrawn from Russia, indicating that Adolf Hitler was willing to take risks there to hold a defense zone in Africa.

German broadcasts asserted that Axis reinforcements including tanks, assault guns, motorized units, anti-tank units, infantry and engineers were being moved rapidly toward the Algerian frontier and deployed along the coast to defend the communications between the Bizerte-Tunis zone and Libya.

A German official news agency dispatch broadcast by Berlin asserted that along the Algerian frontier the Germans had ambushed a British spearhead and destroyed tanks, scout cars and transport vehicles, and had taken prisoners. It was said that engineers blew up roads behind advanced elements.

## To Spend Thanksgiving Here

Miss Jeanette Guthman, who is attending the University of Nebraska, is to be here Thursday to spend the Thanksgiving day and week end with her grandmother and aunt, Mrs. F. R. Guthman and Miss Minnie Guthman. She will also have the pleasure of being with her brother, Joe Guthman, here on a leave from officer's training school.

## Mynard Community Club

The Mynard Community Club will hold its annual Election of Officers Friday evening, Nov. 27. All members and their families are urged to be present. Bring your basket supper and join the "Fun Feed" at seven o'clock. 1-sw 1-4

## DO YOU KNOW?

You can get War Bonds at Post Offices, Banks, Savings & Loan, Mutual Savings Bank, Investment Houses, Security Dealers, some Retail Stores, some Credit Unions, or direct from the Treasurer of the United States.



## Russians In Hard Drive Closing Pinchers On Nazi

### Sweep Across The Don River To Deliver Telling Blows—160,000 Germans Reported Killed

Moscow, Nov. 25, —(UP)—Germany's grip on south Russia and the Nazi foothold in the Caucasus was threatened today by a Soviet offensive that was splintering the whole web of German defense posts and communications from Stalingrad to the great bend of the Don River, one hundred miles to the west.

Three separate red army columns were knifing through the areas, disrupting both rail and highway connections between the Don and the Nazi seizure forces before Stalingrad. German casualties were estimated at more than one hundred sixty thousand men and the army of three hundred fifty thousand on the Stalingrad siege line was threatened with encirclement.

The Russian press said the red army was driving for the extermination of the whole German forces in south Russia and declared that Stalingrad, besieged for ninety-three days, would soon be free.

Both Russian and British sources credited the allied offensive in North Africa with opening the way for the sudden Soviet blow. London reported that heavy transfers of Nazi planes from Russia to the threatened Mediterranean were under way, heading the Russian air force in protecting the advancing ground troops.

Unconfirmed dispatches from Stockholm said a general retreat of the Germans before Stalingrad had been ordered.

## Delta Deck At Omaha

Instead of having their bridge meeting this week on the regular day, Thursday, which is Thanksgiving, members of the Delta Deck club chose to forget cards for a while and motored to Omaha in Miss Margaret Scotten's car early this week. Part of the evening's entertainment consisted of a dinner at the Dixon Cafe. Those who made the trip were: Miss Margaret Scotten, Mathilde Soennischen, Laura Meisinger, Mrs. Tom Walling, Mrs. Lillian Livingston, and Mrs. Don Seiver. Mrs. L. W. Egenberger and Amelia Martens were unable to be present.

## Change Class Name

The class formerly known as the "Young Married Class," met last night in the Christian church parlors for a fine pre-Thanksgiving dinner.

After the dinner a business meeting was held during which a new name for the class was selected. The class will now be known as "The Home Builders."

## Sleds for Christmas, Gamble Store.

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## Americans And Australians In Steady Advance

### Battling Hand To Hand With The Japanese As Force Enemy On Backward To The Sea

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, somewhere in Australia, Nov. 25—(UP)—American and Australian troops today were battling hand to hand with Japanese desperately trying to hold the inner defense ring of their dwindling Buna-Gona beachhead in northeast New Guinea.

Enemy casualties were heavy. The allied troops were assaulting an apparently strong defense line. Their progress naturally was slowed temporarily as they systematically silenced one cleverly concealed machine gun nest after another, overpowered other prepared positions and cleared numerous Japanese snipers from camouflaged nests in coconut palm trees.

A communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters summed up the situation in one sentence—"heavy fighting by land and air rages throughout the position"—but there was every indication that the Japanese were waging a losing battle.

In the vicinity of Gona, a mission village, anchoring the northern end of a 15-mile-enemy held coastal strip, fighting again flared up after Australian jungle-veterans entered it on Monday. The Aussies still were mopping up enemy nests of resistance and fighting apparently was fluid.

Front dispatches said 100 dead Japanese soldiers had been found in positions captured by the Australians in the area and many more not yet counted littered the beaches, surrounding coconut plantations and forest and swamp lands.

(The Chinese Central News agency reported from Chungking that two Japanese Red Cross ships carried more than 1,000 corpses of Japanese soldiers killed in New Guinea and other southwest Pacific areas from Hong Kong to Chang-Chwen Island No. 20 for cremation.)

Both American forces, battering primarily at Buna, and the Australians concentrated on Gona and Sananander, about five miles northwest of Buna, now were making full use of artillery. The heavier guns arrived within the past few days and newly-won allied positions enabled them to counter the enemy's steady mortar and artillery fire.

The allies' big advantage was air power. North American Mitchell, Douglas Boston and Martin B-26 bombers, all medium twin-engine machines, supported ground operations continuously by blasting Japanese huts, anti-aircraft positions, artillery emplacements and machine gun nests. Two-motored British Bristol Beaufighters and single-engine American Bell Aircobras joined in the attacks to strafe the enemy with machine guns and automatic cannon.

## First Aid Meet Friday

Dr. R. P. Westover, director of the first aid section of the civilian defense in this city, announces that he will hold another of the initial first aid meetings on the coming Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the district court room. This will be for those enrolled who were unable to attend the meeting last night and will enable them to get their first lessons and two hours.

The regular meetings will start on Monday and parties who have signed up are urged to remember their training hours the next week when the course will be on in full force.

## Seek Missing Men

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of George Johnson Buck or Orval Edward Strong, please report to the Cass County local board in Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Both men have been called for induction into the Army and their orders to report have been returned to the Local Board unclaimed.

Christmas Cards for Boys in Service. Don't forget them. Bates' Book Store.

## Writes From England

Searle S. Davis, well known real estate and insurance man, was very happy Tuesday to receive a letter from his son, First Lieutenant Stephen M. Davis, USA, a member of the second AEF in England. The Lieutenant was in fine spirits and has enjoyed the many interesting phases of the service overseas. He has visited London and found much of interest in the ancient city and the attitude of the people of the war swept city.

## Dairy Products Coming Under Wing Of Regulation

### The W. P. B. Issues Orders That Ban Distributing Whipping Cream Or Other Heavy Cream

Washington, Nov. 25, (UP)—The War Production Board today issued an order to prohibit dairy producers from distributing whipping cream or other heavy cream to household consumers, retailers, restaurants, hotels and other institutions.

Coffee cream or ordinary table cream is not effected. The order was recommended by the Foods Requirements Committee to conserve fluid milk for consumer use and the manufacture of dried whole milk, cheese, butter and other dairy products. W. P. B. said the order would help relieve "the most critical butter shortage in ten years."

An exception to the order is made in the case of a farmer, rancher or herd owner who may deliver up to four quarts of heavy cream per day, if his deliveries averaged less than one gallon daily in the three months ending November 25th.

## T-Y Club Meets

The T Y club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Mrasek and in honor of the birthday of the hostess she was tendered a handkerchief shower by the friends. The afternoon was spent in the enjoyment of cards by the ladies. In the entertaining Mrs. Mrasek was assisted by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Earl Kline. The afternoon was closed with the serving of refreshments. Those attending were: Mesdames Bessie Bourne, Val Burkle, Charles M. Manners, John Schutz, Fred H. Mumm, Henrietta Gie, John Meisinger, Jr., Mrs. P. A. Hill.

## Hears From Son

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Allen, residing in the south part of the city, have received a letter from their son, Leonard Glenn Allen, recently inducted into the army. Glenn as he is better known, after leaving here was only at Fort Leavenworth four days, not even stopping for the usual "shots" and is now at one of the army camps near San Francisco. He has been assigned to a railroad carpenter unit and where he goes in the future is uncertain. So far he has liked the service very much and extends greetings to the old friends.

## Pvt. Joe Hausladen Home

Pvt. Joe Hausladen, son of Michael Hausladen of south of the city, is home to enjoy a visit of fifteen days with the home folks and old friends. Joe is now located at Camp Young, California, engaged in truck work at this camp located in the sandy areas of the West.

## Elmore Brink Home

Elmore Brink, who was operated on for appendicitis at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha, was able to return home last evening. He will recuperate at the family home here until able to resume his work at the Glenn Martin plant at Fort Crook.

Coffee, regular or drip, by the pound. Pumpkin, mince and fresh apple, cherry and Boysenberry pies. Carr Bakery Luncheonette and Delicatessen. 1f.

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## Zimmerman-Mogensen

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Zimmerman, on Tuesday evening, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Arlene Jane, to Pvt. Jens Lawrence Mogensen, USA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mogensen, of Weeping Water.

The wedding was a single ring ceremony, the marriage lines being read by the Reverend T. Porter Bennett, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city.

The bride wore a very charming gown of sky blue with accessories of gold, while the groom wore his army uniform.

The young people were attended by Miss Sylvia Mogensen, sister of the groom as bridesmaid, and Chris Zimmerman, Jr., brother of the bride as best man.

Following the ceremony members of the bridal party enjoyed the luncheon arranged for the occasion, the bride and groom cutting the wedding cake.

The bride has grown to womanhood in this community, where the family are old residents and she is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1940.

Mr. Mogensen was engaged in farming in the vicinity of Weeping Water prior to entering the armed service. He is now stationed at San Luis Obispo, California.

## Notice P. E. O.

P. E. O. Chapter F, will meet Friday at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Mabel Cummins.

## Notice

There will be no Methodist choir this week.

## SEND HIM CHRISTMAS SNAPSHOTS



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