

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE FIRING LAST NIGHT IS ISSUED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE NAVAL AIR STATION: "The warning device picked up a target, supposedly an enemy submarine to the South. Guns from two batteries fired on the location of the target and that area was illuminated by a star shell. During the illumination, nothing was observed."

Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, was born 133 years ago today. Those famous words by Lincoln are as follows: "...THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH."

Singapore was still holding out Thursday. Rome, Berlin and Tokyo Radios said that Japanese were in the city of Singapore. The Japanese again dropped leaflets advising surrender. Japanese convoys and supply lines were shelled on the Malayan mainland. Four times the British Counter-attacked against the enemy, and disclosed one attack as being successful to cover the evacuation of Women, Children and possible military supplies that would get into enemy hands. At 6:30 a.m. Pacific War Time, the Singapore station stated, "We are not only going to fight on, but we are going to win", this appeared to be more courageous than likely. At 10 p.m. Singapore Time, some essential communication was in the hands of the British. British sources indicated that the position held by the enemy is 5 miles from the center of the city. The Japanese radio announced the battle was still to be won in Singapore.

The War Department received a morning communique stating that the enemy occupied Masbate Island, center of the Philippine archipelago. This island being the 7th largest island in the Philippines. On the island of Luzon little activity has occurred. The outnumbered Filipino-American forces are preparing for a new Japanese attack.

EXTRA!! The United States Navy Department just released the following information on the Marshall Islands attack: 38 Enemy Planes were destroyed, 21 of these being bombers. One aircraft carrier weighing 17 Thousand Tons, One Light Cruiser, One Destroyer, Three Tankers, Two Submarines, Five Cruisers, and Three other small ships were sunk. Our losses were as follows: Two Seaplanes, Fifteen Fighter Planes, and Eleven Scout Planes. One of our cruisers was damaged slightly.

The Dutch are preparing for the defense of Java. The Dutch Communique announced nothing new from Borneo and Celebes Islands.

Vice Admiral C.E.L. Halfrick, supreme commander of the naval forces in the south west Pacific, announced that he is assembling every vessel on hand to meet the enemy in the Java Sea.

--In North Africa General Rommels forces were receiving offensive action directed by the British. In Mekile, which lies 100 miles south of Derna the British flung artillery fire on a contingent of Axis forces.

--In the early hours Thursday, the South West Coast of England was bombed by the enemy causing some damage and killing some people. One enemy bomber was destroyed.

--Russian offensive rolls on. The Germans are hitting back hard to hold the areas in which they stand. In the far south in Crimea, German air activities were heavy, also on the Central front near Smolensk.

--Winston Churchill was preparing a speech to be given Sunday, on the situation of the war.

--R.A.F. will attack Germany with heavy bombers when winter abates.

--The Chinese Army became victorious on several fronts in China, recapturing 3 or more towns that were held by the Japanese since 1939.

--Naval Communique from Batavia announced that the following enemy ships were sunk off Amboina Island during the past 10 days: 3 Cruisers, 1 Destroyer, and 1 Submarine.

--A contingent of American Forces landed on Curacao and Aruba Islands, which are Dutch Possessions off the coast of Venezuela. The forces will operate under the Governor of Curacao Island, and will defend the rich oil fields. The forces will be withdrawn after the war.

--The American Volunteer Group control the air in Burma. To date this force has destroyed 101 enemy planes.

--British Imperial lines were holding the lines leading to the Burma Road.