



# THE HIGHLANDER



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AT SEA

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## CRIPPLING AIR BLOWS ON JAPANESE FLEET

THE chief Pacific event has been the American air attacks on the Japanese Fleet in its home bases.

In a crippling blow they damaged one, if not two battleships, two or three aircraft carriers, and 12 warships besides smashing ground installations.

With earlier attacks, the Americans destroyed 475 Jap planes on the southernmost island of Japan and damaged well over 100 more.

American losses were extremely light.

### CAPITAL CAPTURED

IN the battle for the Philippines, Gen. MacArthur has captured the capital of Panay island.

ON Luzon, a line east of Manila has been broken.

### RUSSIANS CLEAR WAY TO STETTIN

The Russians have cleared the way to Stettin by pushing the Germans out of their bridgehead across the river.

*In East Prussia, Bransberg has been stormed and Russian guns now control the whole of the German pocket in this area.*

### SUNDAY SERVICES

*in men's recreation room*

10.30 Morning Service

11.00 Communion.

17.30 Song Service

In Starboard lounge:—

07.00 R.C. Service.

### Tearing Enemy to Pieces

Massive air attacks against the bottlenecks of German transport in the Saar region are playing a major part in the Western offensive.

The American 3rd and 7th Armies have linked up and are tearing the enemy forces to pieces. The Germans have now only a 35 mile stretch of the Rhine across which they can escape.

Worms has fallen and Kaiserslautern and Mainz have been reached. Other forces have drawn level with Bonn.

The American bulge is now 40 miles deep and German resistance in places is crumbling rapidly.

American tanks passed through Ludwigshaven to reach the Rhine.

### Every Second Day

As stated in our first issue, this is YOUR paper and we sincerely hope that all readers will take full advantage of the service it offers. Our only regret is that we cannot publish daily, but this is not practicable.

So far as the actual production is concerned, a considerable amount of work is entailed in handling the type—every single letter, full stop, comma, etc, is a separate unit. We feel, however, that the presentation of general news items every second day will be sufficient to keep all readers up-to-date with the world and the war and what's what aboard ship.

It is not possible on account of the limited supply of paper aboard to print sufficient papers so that every passenger as well as members of the ship's crew may receive a separate copy, but we have done the next best thing—one copy for every two men. Distribution is handled by group orderly rooms.

### TONGARIRO RACES

MONDAY MARCH 26

Nominations are wanted for a shipboard race meeting to be held on Monday afternoon at 13.30 hrs. They are to be presented to the Armd Group Orderly Room (WO's lounge, starboard side) by 18.30 hrs. Friday.

Entrance for five races will be balloted for and the acceptance fee will be One Shilling.

Attractive stakes are available for winning horses, while betting facilities will be operated.

Fields will be published in Sunday's paper.