

The Thunderbolt

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S'PACIFIC HIGHLIGHTS

Guam- The latest count on Okinawa reveals that the Japs have lost 110,000 men of which 8000 are prisoners of war.

Honolulu- General Henry Arnold announced that B-29s will soon be bombing the Japanese home islands from Okinawa bases. The general is on his way back to Washington after visiting the Marianas, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.

TIGERCAT ON THE WAY

ANS-- Something new and better has been added to the Navy's expanding fleet of high-powered fighter planes. It's called the "Tigercat", and described as the most powerful fighter and fighter-bomber in action today. What's more the new aircraft is ready for service against the Japs, it was announced recently. Made to order for the Pacific war, the Tigercat probably will be flown by Marines from land bases. Tigercats are twin-engined in two designs, one for daytime action and another for night flying. At critical altitudes, it is in the 425-mile-an-hour class.

THE JAPANESE AIR FORCE

ANS-- According to a recent OWI report, the Japanese have about 4000 planes in combat and are producing around 1250 a month, but are losing about a 1000 planes a month in the air and on the ground.

On the other hand, the report said the U.S. Navy has 37,000 combat planes and the Army "a considerably larger amount" in the Orient than the total of the total of Jap planes in combat.

Hollywood--ANS--Lauren Bacall has been informed of her selection as "Tender Queen" of the USS Kenneth Whiting, a seaplane tender.

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SPORT SHOTS

Baseball: Weekend games.

American League

Saturday-
St. Louis 8 Tigers 4
Yankees 7 Phila. 6
Senators 6 Boston 5
Sunday-
Tigers 4 St. Louis 3
Boston 6 Senators 5
Indians 7 White Sox 3
White Sox 7 Indians 4
Yankees 13 Athletics 5
Yankees 6 Athletics 3
Tigers 5 St. Louis 1

National League

Saturday-
St. Louis 6 Chicago 4
Phillies ,9 Giants 8
Sunday-
St. Louis 8 Chicago 2
Chicago 6 Cards 3
Brooklyn 9 Boston 6
Boston 3 Dodgers 1
Pittsburg 7 Cincy. 5
Cincinnati 4 Pirates 3
New York 7 Phillies 6
New York 5 Phillies 1

Racing: Belmont Stakes-

Saturday, Favot won the 77th Belmont Stakes by 6 lengths.

Santa Anita Derby-

Saturday, Buymeabond won the 8th Santa Anita Derby by a neck over the favorite, Busher. He paid \$17.60 for a \$2. ticket.

WHAT A MARINE!

ANS-- Recently on Okinawa, a Marine, PFC Delbert Skade, was on a patrol and armed with an automatic rifle. He spotted a movement in the underbrush ahead and took up a position behind a rock to see what was happening. Fifteen Japs....in single file... slipped out into the open. Skade swept the file with his rifle.... and killed all fifteen in two minutes.

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