

# GIANT BLOWS FALL

## U. S., British Warships Heavily Bombard City 125 Miles From Tokyo

### THEN CARRIERS STRIKE

#### Battleship Haruna Is Sighted Beached, Ise on Bottom in Naval Graveyard at Kure

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By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

GUAM, Monday, July 30—Admiral William F. Halsey's Third Fleet and British warships struck again today at Honshu Island with 1,000 tons of shellfire and bombs. A bombardment force of battleships, cruisers and destroyers shelled the industrial town of Hamamatsu, 125 miles southwest of Tokyo, shortly after midnight, while carrier-based aircraft launched an attack against the capital area at dawn.

[American-British naval shelling of Hamamatsu lasted seventy-two minutes and set large fires in the enemy industrial city, an American Broadcasting Company correspondent, reported in a broadcast from the Fleet, according to The Associated Press.

[He said the Japanese offered no opposition until after the ships had turned away, and then they inaccurately fired at spotter aircraft. The bombardment was carried out at a distance of six miles, in brilliant moonlight, he said.]

Meantime reports from day-long attacks in the Inland Sea region to the south on Saturday showed that our aerial assaults had destroyed or damaged 283 Japanese aircraft and left seven major warships badly damaged, perhaps out of action for the duration of the war.

#### Big Battleships in Action

Three of Japan's four remaining battleships are now heavily damaged or resting on the bottom, according to information revealed in today's communiqué issued by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.

The bombardment of Hamamatsu on the south coast of Honshu was carried out by an Allied force that included the American battleship Massachusetts, the heavy cruiser Quincy and the destroyers Abbot and Hale. Among the British warships participating were the battleship King George V and the light cruiser Newfoundland.

Hamamatsu had been struck previously by Superfortresses of the Twentieth Air Force. The city itself lies three and one half miles inland from the coast and is the site of a propeller manufacturing plant and a naval arsenal. It is on Japan's most important railroad line and is an important cog in the Tokyo-Nagoya industrial area. It has a normal population of 166,000 persons.

Reporting on the results of Admiral Halsey's 400-mile sweep along an arc extending from northeastern Kyushu Island through the Inland Sea and southern Honshu, the communiqué disclosed that in the Saturday attack on the Kure area of the Inland Sea carrier-based aircraft had greatly progressed in their task of reducing the remnants of the Imperial Fleet to nullity at the once great naval base of Kure.

#### Havoc in Inland Sea

The sturdy battleship Haruna was beached. The battleship Ise was resting on the bottom at anchor, the heavy cruiser Aoba was helpless, her guns silenced, and her stern was on the bottom. The light cruiser Oyoda was lying on her side. Another old heavy cruiser was also lying on her side.

One bomb explosion ripped huge chunks from a Japanese aircraft carrier at the naval base, sending debris 1,000 feet into the air. Another carrier near by was reported by pilots to be gutted by flames as a result of an attack on Tuesday.

Yesterday's communiqué had revealed that the battleship Hyuga,

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sister ship of the Ise, had been damaged badly in the early stages of the Saturday attack and was lying on the bottom, her main decks awash. These ships carried a flight deck aft with which to launch airplanes.

The widespread attacks against shipping and land installations by both British and American planes resulted in nineteen planes being shot down in aerial combat, 119 more destroyed on the ground and 145 damaged on the ground.

American planes sank three submarines and one medium size freighter transport, while British carrier aircraft destroyed one destroyer, two oilers, nine small freighters and seventeen junks.

The listing of damaged ships follows:

By American aircraft—one escort carrier, seven destroyers and destroyer escorts; nine medium freighters and transports; fourteen small craft.

By British planes—three destroyers, two destroyer escorts, two submarines, seven medium freighters and transports, two small freighters, one oiler, and about 100 small craft.

These totals are the latest in reports from the fleet, which have been coming in regularly but which are subject to re-examination from time to time to eliminate duplication as the attacks against the same targets continue.

Our aircraft losses have not yet been announced for the Saturday strike, but the communiqué said that no Allied warships were damaged by the enemy.

## British Wreck Shipyard

ABOARD A BRITISH BATTLESHIP, off Japan, July 29 (Reuter)  
—While the American carrier fliers of the Third Fleet were having high success with their targets in the western end of the Inland Sea on Saturday, British carrier pilots had one of their best days of the whole operation, bombing ships and dockyards at the eastern end of the sea.

One of the main British targets was the Harima shipyard which was left a mass of debris and smoke. The dock was squarely hit and its engineering shops blown up.

Shipyards at Habo and Shanosho were also heavily hit and Corsairs blew up at least one destroyer in Sato harbor. More than one submarine was hit while a number of small ships were sunk or damaged.

## Photos Show Fleet Wreckage

ABOARD ADMIRAL McCAIN'S FLAGSHIP, Off Japan, July 29 (AP)  
—Photographs taken over Kure clearly show the sprawling ruins of the Japanese Fleet.

In a bay near neatly terraced

hills beside a winding road lies the cruiser Oyodo, on its side, its bottom rearing high.

Not far off is the battleship Hyuga, squatting ridiculously in shallow water, its decks awash and its superstructure blackened by fire.

The battleship Haruna lies beached near a tiny jetty, burned out fore and aft.

"This is the Japanese Pearl Harbor," said a returned American pilot as he spooned ice cream aboard this flagship.

## Tokyo Admits Attacks

Admitting the resumption of Allied carrier-aircraft attacks today on the Tokyo area, the Japanese Domei agency said that a total of 370 planes raided "scattered points" in the region between 5:30 and 8:20 A. M., Japanese time.

The English-language wireless dispatch, intended for American consumption and recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, also admitted the bombardment by Allied surface ships of the city of Hamamatsu.

"The first wave of some 270 enemy carrier-borne aircraft raided scattered points in the Kanto and Kinki districts for about an hour and a half, beginning at 5:30 A. M.," Domei said. The Kanto district includes ten prefectures surrounding Tokyo, while the Kinki district comprises seven prefectures south of the Kanto district on Honshu.

"About twenty minutes later," Domei added, "the Kanto district was again attacked by some 100 carrier planes. This attack lasted nearly an hour, followed by another raid shortly afterward."