

NAVY LOSEST TOTAL 435 SHIPS

Washington, 15 August - The Navy Department announced today that United States naval losses in the war totaled 435 warships. Of the total 265 were sunk. These included three light cruisers, 62 destroyers, nine destroyer escorts, four submarines and one hundred sixty nine miscellaneous vessels.

Overdue and presumed lost are one heavy cruiser (HOUSTON), four destroyers, 42 submarines and 6 miscellaneous ships. Destroyed to prevent capture were one destroyer, 2 submarines and 7 miscellaneous vessels. 107 other warships were stricken from the Navy Register due to loss or damage. These included three destroyers one destroyer escort, three submarines and one hundred miscellaneous vessels.

During the past week the navy announced the sinking of 13 Japanese vessels by United States submarines. This brings to 1187 the total enemy vessels sunk by U. S. submarines in the Pacific war. Other Japanese ships losses, exclusive of barges, junks, sampans and other minor craft, reported in MacArthur's communique, Navy, southwest Asia and U. S. air forces communique from December, 1941 through August, 1945 are:

Combatant ships, 1,155 sunk; 803 probably sunk and 2,390 damaged. Non-combatant ships, 2,848 sunk; 830 probably sunk and 2,384 damaged.

Japanese plane losses reported from 1 January 1944, through 14 August 1945 are 12,606 destroyed and 1,363 probably destroyed.

GASOLINE RATIONING ENDS IN STATES

Washington, 15 August - The Office of Price Administration today announced that gasoline and canned fruits and vegetables have been freed from rationing, effective immediately. Price Administrator Chester Bowles also said that fuel oil rationing and rationing of oil stoves have been suspended.

Bowles said that meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes, rubber footwear and tires will stay on the ration list for the time being. OPA said that gasoline rationing will be continued in Puerto Rico and Hawaii until their incoming supply permits elimination of restrictions.

OUTGOING NEWS CENSORSHIP TO END SOON

Washington, 15 August - Censorship of news from the United States to Europe, Asia and Latin America will end one hour after President Truman announces victory over Japan the Office of Censorship said Monday.

"We will go out of business after that," Director of Censorship Byron Price said.

Since the beginning of the war all news going to foreign countries from the United States has been subject to censorship by the Government. The United States press and radio has submitted to voluntary censorship.

JAPS BALLOONS DIDN'T WORK WHEN THEY GOT NIGRE

Seattle, 15 August - Details of one unsuccessful Japanese bomb-carrying paper balloons landed in northwestern America were disclosed today with the relaxation of censorship.

More than 200 balloons have been recovered, and more are still being found. Except for killing six persons who tampered with the bomb, perhaps causing two small fires and diverting manpower for their investigation and control balloons failed completely as war weapons. Not one dropped on a city or war plant. One of the chief factors which made the balloons unsuccessful was faulty workmanship and equipment which failed to function properly. Although many were sighted off the Aleutians, none ever reached shore.