

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

AMERICANS TIGHTEN SOLOMONS GRIP PRES HOLD IN CASUALS AND STAINLED

Successful Stands Made After Three Retreats

Germans Change Tank Tactics

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW.—(AP)—Reformed lines of the Red Army were reported holding in fierce fighting for the Nalchik plateau of the central Caucasus today while German attacks were repelled again by the defenders of Stalino in their 68th day of siege.

A battalion of submachine-guns, supported by 60 tanks and armored cars, was repulsed during attack after attack upon a community in the Nalchik area and 22 of the machines were destroyed, the Soviet Information Bureau announced at noon.

In another sector, it said, "a Soviet unit repulsed two German attacks, killing 240 of the enemy, twenty German trucks and ammunition were destroyed by Soviet artillery."

These defensive accomplishments were reported checked up after three successive retreats by outnumbered Red Army forces.

USE HEAVY TANKS The Germans were reported to have withdrawn their light tanks from the battle of Stalino, Red Star said heavy losses inflicted on the machines by Russian anti-tank guns had forced the enemy to substitute heavy tanks which rolled into the streets in groups of five to eight, firing their guns while in motion.

The Russians said three German tanks were destroyed and a company wiped out outright in the struggle near Stalino, while Red Army men consolidated their positions and carried out reconnaissance activities northwest of the city.

"One German detachment wiped out three Soviet and captured four machine-guns and 200 hand grenades," the communique reported. "Soviet artillery destroyed three enemy pill boxes and tanks and three German tanks dug into the ground."



NOTED SENATOR TAKES TO STUMP—Nebraska's venerable 81-year-old Senator George W. Norris leaves the train at Omaha on arrival from Washington to open a three-day campaign for his re-election to the Senate. He's been 40 years in Congress and is again running on the Independent ticket. — See today's Merry-Go-Round (page 2) for facts about Senator Norris and his race.

Aussies Welcome MacArthur Stand

Nettled by Adverse Criticism in U. S. Of Commonwealth's War Effort

MELBOURNE.—(AP)—Australian discussion of the Pacific war was highlighted today by a declaration of the Sydney Morning Herald that the conflict could be lost only by a rift among the Allies and could be won only by long and hard fighting.

The Herald drew this comment from the Melbourne Age: "Any attempt, whether well intentioned or launched with ulterior motives, to create friction between political groups by clouds of thought in service of British or American aims could be damaging and mischievous."

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Eighth Army Attack Said To Again Be In Motion

Reinforcements Reported Used

LONDON.—(AP)—The British Eighth Army, having consolidated all gains in its week-old offensive in the Egyptian desert, was reported today by DNB, official German news agency, to have resumed the attack early this morning.

"For the resumption of the attack General Montgomery has brought up reinforcements, especially of artillery and tanks," DNB was quoted. The agency said, however, that no news of the actual fighting was yet available.

Gained Maintained By Army of the Nile CAIRO.—The Eighth Army maintained its gains in the Egyptian desert yesterday and held off a number of Axis counter attacks with losses in the enemy, the communique announced today.

Alfred Stinson, meanwhile, continued to hold control of the skies and blasted repeatedly all enemy airbases, fortified positions and other targets, the bulletin said.

ATLANTIC CREEK One formation of Allied heavy bombers was reported to have bombed its way across the Mediterranean to attack Crete.

At least four enemy planes were shot down over the Egyptian battlefield yesterday and British fighters were damaged, the communique said. Four large enemy aircraft were reported shot down by unengaged fighters which attacked the airbase at El Adem.

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SHOOT JAPS WITH THEIR OWN GUNS—This 50-caliber machine gun, left behind with plenty of shells when U. S. Marines battled their way onto Guadalcanal Island, is among number of weapons now being used by the Marines against the Japs. It is mounted near the vital island airport, the scene of fierce fighting, and is used primarily against low-flying planes.

Nuns Escape Japs On Guadalcanal

Tell of Tragic Flight From Mission After Island Occupied

WITH THE U. S. FLEET, SOUTH PACIFIC.—(AP)—Two Catholic nuns have reached the safety of a South Pacific port after what seemed to them a miraculous escape from the Japanese on Guadalcanal Island.

The nuns, Sister Mary Teresa of Bellevue, Miss, and Sister Mary Elizabeth of Peace Edward Island, Canada, escaped from Japanese domination and lived a month in the jungle with the enemy at their heels.

With seven priests and five other nuns they were evacuated from Guadalcanal Oct. 4. Among those in the party was Father M. J. McMahon of Toronto.

Despite their sufferings and hardships, the sisters are eager to return to the nunnery as soon as the Japanese are all cleared out.

Other members of the record party have come to Australia and New Zealand, but Sister Mary Teresa and Sister Mary Elizabeth will remain at their present station until they are permitted to return to Guadalcanal. They think that won't be long.

Jap Armada Departs From Battle Area

New Hope for Allied Offensive In Pacific Arises

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor

Secretary Knox's disclosure that a huge Japanese naval armada has retired and that American forces are holding "every inch of ground we ever controlled" on Guadalcanal Island stirred new hope today for an eventual Allied counter-offensive against Japan.

Round one of the flaming South Seas battle is over, Knox said, and American land, sea and air forces "are waiting for the second round to start."

Knox did not say why the Japanese Fleet had withdrawn, but the implication seemed clear that the enemy had suffered an overdose of punishment from the U. S. Pacific Fleet which a Japanese spokesman only yesterday described as "an untrained Navy."

NO NAVAL ACTION While the full story remained obscure, it was apparently the same "un-trained Navy" that prompted the Japanese withdrawal after a half-century of the Solomon Islands last Monday. Since then, Knox said, there has been no naval action near the 900-mile-long Archipelago.

Knox said most of the Japanese warships had returned to their bases—perhaps in the Caroline Islands or in the Northern Solomons—while others steamed off to undisclosed destinations.

Last night, far-ranging bombers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command struck a part of the enemy fleet sheltering at Buna Harbor, 600 miles north of Guadalcanal, and three vessels were reported to have been sunk. The Japanese had lost 27 ships, Knox said, and 100,000 tons of supplies.

A United Nations communique said the raiders scored two hits on a Japanese battleship or heavy cruiser and sent bombs bursting in the air over a light cruiser and an airplane carrier, probably causing extensive damage.

In addition, an unidentified enemy vessel was left in flames and two possible hits were registered on a destroyer.

Hid Money For Haupt

Platerer Testifies in Treason Trial

CHICAGO.—(AP)—A witness at the trial of six Chicagoans on charges of treason testified today that Hans Haupt, one of the defendants, had hidden in his home a large sum of money for Haupt.

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Stowe's Story Tiny But Spirited Woman Leads Russians In Attack

EMMA usually starts in French or Spanish, slips over into the other Latin tongue whenever the going seems easier and then throws in a few 12-syllabled Jewbreakers in German when things begin to get complicated.

But Captain Emma is distinguished for much besides her linguistic accomplishments. This, she was the first woman in the world to be named a "colitric," which is the Soviet abbreviation for political leader.

She was wounded in action, and she wears the decoration of the Red Star. She, her husband and her son, who was then sixteen, all voluntarily enlisted in the Russian Army in the first week of the war. Captain Emma's husband was killed. Her son is now a soldier in the Red Army.

She was strictly confined to call Emma Wolf a captain, she's really a "colitric," which is the Soviet abbreviation for political leader.

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Yanks Blast French Train

LONDON.—American planes blasted a freight train near Herk-Sur-Mer, France, today, and the train came to a halt.

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Specialist Corps Out

Ordered Abolished By Secretary Stimson

WASHINGTON.—The Army Specialist Corps was ordered abolished today by Secretary of War Stimson as an agency for procuring officers from civil life.

The War Department announced that men already appointed in the corps, numbering more than 1,300, would, if found qualified, be transferred to regular commissions in the Army of the United States.

In the future, especially skilled men accepted from civil life will be given such specialist commissions.

The need for them will diminish, the department predicted, as more officers are trained out by training camps.

Guide to Good Reading

THE LIEUTENANTS OF THE NURSE WHO had the official announcement said, "repatri for sabotage of railroads, fifty more Poles were reported killed with execution in the Warsaw area."

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WEATHER

Shower this afternoon. Clear tonight. Cooler tomorrow.

Today's Temp.: H. 67; L. 60. Tomorrow's Temp.: H. 63; L. 59.

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 6.

Note to Readers Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other enemy countries are published by The News with the caution that they frequently contain false statements intended for propaganda purposes.

Night Life On Guadalcanal Only The Young And Brave Can Stand Heat Of Island Struggle

By OLEN W. CLEMENTS