

ALLIED BOMBERS ATTACK AXIS AIR BATTERIES TO STOP REINFORCEMENTS

A News Editorial S. O. S.

A Mecklenburg County habit has been always to meet its war bond quota. It was so, as Mr. H. M. Walker tells you, in the Liberty Loan Drives of World War I. It has been so in the War Bond campaigns of this war; month by month, quotas have been met or exceeded. But it will not be so for November's quota.

Red Drive Moving Closer To Latvia Russian Offensive on Broad Front Pictured in German Reports

LONDON. — (AP) — The German High Command said that the Russian offensive had spread on a broad front west and northwest of Moscow, as well as on two sides of Leningrad in the south, and admitted for the first time that the Russians were fighting less than 135 miles from the Latvian border.

Guadalcanal Casualties

SOME AMERICANS HIT IN PLANE RAID

WASHINGTON.—(AP) — The Navy announced today that "some personnel casualties" were suffered when American forces on Guadalcanal earlier this week made a pre-dawn bombing attack on our positions there.

The plane dropped bombs to the south of the Guadalcanal peninsula at 3 A. M. Nov. 25, Guadalcanal time.

Later that day, Army Aviators harassed enemy ground positions. The casualties were reported, but there was no ground report of importance on the island.

The text of Navy communication No. 202 follows: "On November 25th, at 3 A. M., one enemy plane dropped bombs to the south of the airfield on Guadalcanal. Some personnel casualties were suffered.

There was no ground activity of importance on Guadalcanal.

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FR and Congressional Democrats Gather

WASHINGTON.—(AP) — President Roosevelt today called a meeting of the Senate and House Democratic leaders to talk over important world and domestic affairs.

The conference, a weekly fixture, was held today because the President did not have an opportunity to meet with them at their regular meeting day Monday.

F. R. Leads Nation In Offering Thanks For "Greatest Harvest"

Double Set Of Claws Being Closed By Soviets

German Casualties Near 250,000

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW.—(AP) — The German command threw all its available air forces into battle and buried its tanks in groups of 30 to 50 along an outer ring of defenses today in a desperate effort to halt the advance of the Red Army which was slowly drawing the strings on a giant bag about Stalingrad.

As the Russian offensives on each side of Stalingrad entered its eighth day it was becoming clear that the Germans had decided not to withdraw from Stalingrad although the tanks of their forces have been laid bare.

WIDE-OPEN FIGHTING Instead they were engaging the charging Red Army in a wide-open war of maneuver.

Although the Russians were encountering stiffer resistance the latest advice from the front said that the Red Army advance continued, and that the German corridor to Stalingrad, reduced to 20 miles from the one place inside the Don Bend, was being narrowed.

Attempting to make a stand along the line of the Don, German dispatches said, the Germans broke the coat of ice to prevent a Russian crossing, but the Soviet forces outflanked the position.

Meanwhile German casualties were mounting toward the quarter-million mark in this battle. The Russian communiqué said nearly 1,000 Germans had been killed, bringing the official figure of dead to 45,000 and prisoners captured to 51,000.

British military observers said they believed the gap between the Southern Russian Army and the Northern Army which drove southward across the Don, was only about twenty miles.

300,000 CAUGHT It seemed entirely probable that 20 German and satellite divisions, or some 300,000 men, were caught in the narrow corridor and retreat likely to be slammed shut behind them, observers said.

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Colgate Spills Brown, 13 to 0

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Colgate's Red Raiders kept a fighting Brown team under a close check in all but the early stages of the final period while gaining a 13-0 victory today before a 1,500 crowd.

In the second period Brown checked Colgate's second three at the five-yard line and Margazita punted to Clifford. A clipping penalty was called against the Red Raiders.

Clifford then broke through for a 25-yard gain. To Brown's 28, Phinney later went the last five of his right tackle for a touchdown. Orlando's try for the extra point failed.



AMERICAN TANK ROLLS THROUGH ALGERIA—An American tank, manned by tough U. S. soldiers, rolls across the Algerian countryside after Allied landings on that section of the North African coast. (Associated Press photo from U. S. Signal Corps film.)

Burma Japs Attacked

RAF Bombers Hit Rail Station and Airfields

NEW DELHI, India.—(AP) — Following the almost daily air blows against Japanese-held Burma, RAF bombers effectively attacked the railway station in Myingyan and three enemy airfields yesterday and last night, a British communiqué reported today.

The official list of Japanese war-craft sacrificed since last Thursday night in efforts to relieve the battered Buna-Gona lines against American and Australian attacks, it was announced today.

One cruiser, four destroyers and one landing boat, sunk. One destroyer blasted heavily and probably sunk.

Beaten back mile by mile, Japanese ground forces nevertheless put up a bitter fight from a jungle front approximately twelve miles long and from one-half to three miles deep.

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Class of Military Policemen Graduated

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—(AP) — A new class of military policemen trained to protect America's fighting military airports, was graduated at the Army Air Force Guard School here yesterday.

The new group of aviation guards, especially chosen for tactical assignments, has been trained not only in military police but also in combat flight.

Headed by Capt. George S. Kovach, the guard school emphasizes proficiency with nearly every type of weapon, in addition to diplomatic work, first aid, traffic and crowd control and how to repel gas attacks.

"You have a tough job waiting for you in all parts of the world," Capt. Kovach told the graduates in class.

Troop-Laden Jap Destroyers Sunk

Another Warcraft Probably Mortally Wounded by Allied Bombers

By C. YATES McDANIEL GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia.—(AP) — Allied bombers sank two troop-laden Japanese destroyers and damaged a third probably fatally last night to wreck the third enemy attempt within a week to reinforce the battered Buna-Gona lines against American and Australian attacks, it was announced today.

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Spaniards Called Up

Will Give Country Army of 750,000

MADRID.—(AP) — All members of the 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941 classes in all military regions were called up today in Generalissimo Francisco Franco's recently ordered partial mobilization.

The order, broadcast by the Spanish National Radio, will give Spain an active Army of about 750,000 men, according to informed estimates.

Conscripts of these four classes from during the civil war had been in service ever since the war ended in 1939, so the order affects only those from the Nationalist zone who are discharged.

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Grand Allied Drive Against Axis Nearing

Americans Smash Enemy Planes—British Reinforcements Brought Up

LONDON.—(AP) — Allied aerial assaults of mounting violence attended a Morocco radio report that the grand offensive against Tunisian strongholds of the Axis was imminent today.

United States Army P-38 fighters were officially credited with destruction of fourteen German and Italian planes and a tank in forays Tuesday and, although four were damaged by enemy guns and one pilot was wounded, all returned safely.

Royal Air Force bombers concentrated both Monday and Tuesday night against Bizerte, starting explosions and flames upon an air field, docks and shipping of that Axis-held French naval base, an Allied communiqué announced.

The Algiers radio reported that for the first time British reinforcements had been brought up to the Tunisian front by air.

It said they were technical troops flown from Algiers to a beach which was considered a key point.

AXIS REINFORCEMENTS Amid the preliminaries of the battle for control of Tunisia and the Mediterranean narrows, a "Pittsburgh Courier" editorial reported that the Germans were "making up their minds" and bombers in great numbers in the Bizerte-Tunis zone. Tanks and motorized units also are being poured in, the report said.

The Vichy radio said Axis reinforcements included armored divisions which are being used to hold up the various strongholds established all over Tunisia.

The same station in a later broadcast added that "Anglo-American advance units on the Algerian-Tunisia border again have been thrown back." No details were given of this unconfirmed report.

The German intention to sacrifice Tripoli if necessary and concentrate available strength on holding the Tunisian peninsula is "becoming daily more evident," the editorial said.

FATTON LEADS YANKS The Morocco radio said the grand assault upon Tunis and Bizerte was about to be launched by the legion of Lieut.-Gen. K. S. Patton Jr. and supporting French regiments. A German column was reported to have been back in Tripoli 28 miles south of Tunis, the capital.

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Man Blown 40 Feet Into Rafters Dies

OKLAHOMA CITY.—(AP) — H. E. Spaulding, blown 40 feet into the rafters of an aircraft repair building, died today after being struck by a giant tire of a four-motored bomber, died today.

Spaulding, a civilian employee, had placed a new casing on the dismounted rim yesterday and was struck by the tire justifying it when it burst.

Other bombs made a perfect straddle, two striking close to the waterline and undoubtedly blowing in the bottom planks. In a few seconds there was a violent explosion and a huge plume of black smoke burst from the vessel. About 1,000-tons of Japanese war-craft ship was observed clear over the side, the sail awash, smoke pouring out. When the ship was helpless across the current in mid-strait.

Bombs aimed at a second ship listed their target. Lieut. Martin Lubner of New York City, whose wife is the former Mrs. Bell of Montgomery, Ala., shot down one Japanese fighter when the mission attacked a military target near Canton.

Maj. Bruce Holloway of Knoxville, Tenn., probably accounted for another. One American dive bomber was seen when the plane exploded, probably from a shell hit, and the pilot is listed as missing in action. "It was about 1,000 feet up making a lazy turn when I turned my head and saw Lubner's plane. I saw he bagged his enemy plane. Pieces flew from the plane and it came down immediately, destroyed,"

Rommel To Make Stand

Appears Getting Ready To Put Up Fight

CAIRO.—(AP) — Marshal Rommel evidently is preparing for a stand at El Agheila and General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery is planning "his strategy for smashing assault on the German position in the narrow coastal strip" there, British military sources said today.

This, they said, is the making of the comparative full in Libya, where the Cairo communiqué reported for the second successive day, merely that the British were in contact with the enemy between El Agheila and Agfalbia, 80 miles to the northeast while Allied air forces blasted anew at Tripoli, Bizerte and Sicily. Twice before Rommel has turned the British back from El Agheila gateway to Tripoli.

TRIPOLI ATTACKED "Tripoli was again attacked by our heavy bombers on the night of Nov. 24-25 and hits were scored on targets near the Spanish Hotel. See EXERCISE STAND on page 4

Guide to Good Reading

THE HISTORY WE ARE LIVING

Strong-headed men and the nation's mountain passes have guarded Switzerland's liberty since the 16th century. The government has contributed in part, too, in protecting the heritages of the people. See the article in the A.P.s, says Historical Emil Ludwig in today's article of the series he's written on "The New History We Are Living." You'll find the article on page 7.

THANKSGIVING AT THE WHITE HOUSE Today's Thanksgiving dinner at the White House was one of the most frugal in history, because of the plane shortage. See the article in the A.P.s, says Historical Emil Ludwig in today's article of the series he's written on "The New History We Are Living." You'll find the article on page 7.

WE'VE MOUNTED TO BE THANKFUL FOR A LITTLE bit is thankful for today, you'd do well to consider with today's many of the best positions in a world at war. This is all day, the bags of the war. See the article in the A.P.s, says Historical Emil Ludwig in today's article of the series he's written on "The New History We Are Living." You'll find the article on page 7.

WEATHER

Today's Temp: H. 67; L. 48. Sunrise Today: 6:58. Sunset Tomorrow: 4:58.

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 4.