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BRITISH SASHES IN THIS REAR GUARD Army Ground Troops Replace Marines In Solomons NAZIS IN THE TOWARD POSITION

Soviet Troops Pour Across Manych River

Drive Made To Isolate Axis Army of Caucasus and Imperil Rostov... MOSCOW. (AP)—Russian shock troops were reported pouring westward across the Manych River today fifteen miles from the rail junction of Salsk in the drive to isolate the Axis army of the Caucasus and clamp an arc of steel about Rostov.

Coal Strike Apparently Over; Many Men Return

Act Just Before FR's Deadline... WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP)—A three-week-old wildcat strike in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields—the nation's coalfield in man hours—apparently ended today a few hours before a back-to-work deadline set by President Roosevelt.

General Patch Takes Command Of U. S. Forces

Relieved General Vandegrift, Who Has Been Leading Marines... WASHINGTON. (AP)—Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson disclosed today that Army ground troops have replaced the Marines in the Solomons and are commanded by Maj.-Gen. Alexander Patch, who has moved his headquarters from New Caledonia to Guadalcanal.



SOLOMONS COMMANDER General Patch, whose Army troops have relieved the Marines at Guadalcanal, is pictured here as he appeared in Hainesville, Camp Croft, S. C.

Hard-Pressed Rommel Army Pushed Back

New Advance Made By Axis Forces Against French in Tunisia... LONDON. (AP)—The British Eighth Army, with a fighting French desert column on its left flank, pushed Marshal Rommel's hard-pressed rear guard down the coastal slope from Nefusa ridge to probably within 35 miles of Tripoli today in a continuing advance past the hill village of Tarhuna and the coastal road town of Homs.

35 Killed When U. S. Plane Falls

Announcement Made of American Ship's Tragic Fate in Dutch Guinea... WASHINGTON. (AP)—The crash of a transport plane under contract to the Army, with 26 passengers and nine crew members killed Jan. 15 near the coast of Dutch Guiana in South America was announced today by Maj. Gen. Harold L. George, commanding general of the Air Transport Command.

AFL To Ask Legislation

Five-Point Program For Congress... MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Congress will be asked by the American Federation of Labor to pass two bills with one-stop legislation which would extend social security protection to all workers and at the same time help finance the war effort.

Absentee Ballot Revision Sought

Hudgins Introduces Bill in Senate; New Sales Tax Exemption Asked... RALEIGH. (AP)—Companion measures to completely revise the State's absentee ballot laws, target of much criticism from the North Carolina Elections Board itself, were introduced in the Legislature today by Senator Hudgins of Guilford.

Chile Hits Axis Agents

Move To Liquidate Fifth Column Work... SANTIAGO, Chile.—(AP)—Chilean authorities undertook today the suppression of Axis espionage and liquidation of fifth column activity following Chile's rupture of relations with Germany last month.

Report Made On Hospital

Only Morganton Works Under New System... RALEIGH. (AP)—Joint reports from fourteen education committees and agricultural committees today while the House committee on mental institutions is reviewing testimony that food services at State hospitals are being handled by paid kitchen help.

Axis Nations Sign Treaty

New Economic Pact Announced... Signing of a new economic treaty between Germany, Japan and Italy was announced last night by the Berlin radio, which quoted the German Foreign Office as saying the pact would enable the Axis to exploit to 100 percent the war potential of the tripartite powers with a view to winning ultimate victory.

Manpower Proposal: Wants U. S. To Center On Food & Arms, Other Nations On Men

WASHINGTON. (AP)—Senator Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, proposed today that the United States concentrate on the production of food and weapons and call on the other United Nations to furnish any additional fighting men needed to win the war.

Posse Shouts to Death Super-Chicken Thief... By HAMILTON W. FARON WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Marines who knocked the Japanese away from Guadalcanal, in a series of elimination attacks, are headed for a rest after spending more time in the jungle than any other unit of American troops in recent history.

Situation "In Hand" Fighting Marines Headed For Rest After Harsh Days On Guadalcanal... France during the last war had the longest period in history—23 days in the front line, including a short training period.

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