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BTH ARMY REPORTED OPENING ATTA ED SMOLENSK DRIVE GAINS MOMENT

Smash New Wedge Into Defenses of Nazi Forces

> Railroad Station Captured

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW—(AP)—The Red
Army has smashed another
vedge westward toward the wedge westward toward the German key base at Smolensk, it was announced in the So-viet communique today, with the capture of the railroad station of Igorievskaya, and the district center of

he district center of Jakhody. To the south, however, the Ger-nans massed a great number of anks and motorised infantry, sup-ported by a strong force of dive sombers, in a major offer to cross he northern Donets south of fallen Charkov.

east of Kharkov.

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(The German High Command, in a communique broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Berlin radio and recorded by the German radio and recorded by the sense of the se

er River.
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LAST RETREAT AT RANDOLPH FIELD—Solitary bugler sounds the melancholy notes of "Retreat" for last class of aviation cadets at Randolph Field, Tex., as the West Point of the Air changes over from a stutterining center to the nation's Central Instructors' School. 'Genduate filers will now train here to become the world's best aviation instructors.

Ruml Supporters Voice Confidence

House Prepares for Stormy Battle; Withholding Tax Voted

WASHINGTON — (AP)— New confidence was voiced by supporters of the Ruml income tax plan today as the House made ready for one of its stormiest tax battles in

Absentee Bill Backed

Approved By House Naval Committee

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Nippon-Held Kiska Island Under Heavy Air Attacks

Warships Fire in Solomons Again

WASHINGTON —(AP)— he heaviest series of air at

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Japan Expects U.S. Raids Appeal to People

To Be Prepared

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Tokys newspaper Asald said today that Jagan expecies and the preparent of the prepare

Naval Forces in Norway Raid



No Trace Found Of Jap Convoy

Search West Coast of Arocs and ' South Coast of New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA-(AP) —Allied planes struck widely at enemy sea transport and bases yesterday in the developing battle of the island fringes around Australia where the Japanese are reported

fringes around and account of the concentrating troops.
General MacArthur's airmen becking to finish off a three-ship lapanese troop convoy which was

-Tunisian Retreat:

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Berlin Thinks **Major Mareth** Assault Is On

Beaverbrook Says in London That

Tunis & Bizerte May Be Taken Sogn

By Associated Press

A Berlin broadcast reported today that General Sir
Bernard L. Montgomery's British Eighth Army had
launched an assault against the 60-mile-long Mareth Line
in southern Tunisia, and Lord Beaverbrook declared in
London that "I think the conquest of Tunisia and Bizerte is
not far off."

DNB, the German news agency, said the British struck
against the old French-built Mareth ("Little Maginot")
defense works last night.

"The scale of fighting cannot be judged by reports as
far available, but Berlin quarters believe this is a major
attack," DNB said.

An Algters broadcast reported
in London said preparations for
on "imminent Ailled offensive" to
drive approximately 250,000 German and Italian troops out of
Tunisia were belig intendified.

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Firm Military Action Planned Against Aircraft Strike Leaders