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## TUNISIAN ENEMY BATTLES STAGES RALLY

### ENEMY AREA BATTLE MOUNTS IN EGYPT

#### Red Forces Continue To Advance On Key Point

#### Heavy Resistance Made By Nazis

By EDDY GILMORE  
MOSCOW—(AP)—Before mounting German resistance, the Red Army steadily pressed on in one sector of the western front today.

On the northern Donets River battleground, the Russians fought bitterly against large units of German, the battle shifting this way and that in the beleaguered sector where, the midday communiqué said, the Soviets recaptured two settlements they had lost previously to the Nazis.

**SMASH CROSSING**  
(The Russian midday communiqué as recorded by the London Soviet Radio Monitor declared Russian artillery had smashed German tank and infantry columns making new attempts to cross to the eastern shore of the Donets River east of Kharkov.)

It reported that Soviet troops north of Chuguev, successfully defended a bridge against a tank and mortar army supporting a German infantry regiment in one sector and that Russian field guns in another sector killed more than 200 attacking Germans. Russian fire-pieces also dealt heavy punishment to German forces northeast of Kharkov, it was said.

It was obvious from the character of the violent battles north of Chuguev that fresh German forces were at the battlefield. The Russians are stubbornly defending the river against heavy pressure from tank and motorized infantry outfits and bloody battles have been resumed. Yesterday it was indicated that the intensity of the German thrust had slackened.

#### UBAN VALLEY DRIVE

In the Kuban Valley, the Red Army maintained the tempo of its renewed offensive. The midday war bulletin told how the Russians crossed an unidentified waterway and surprised Nazis, killing 200 and putting the remainder to flight. In still another Cuban sector, the Soviets recaptured a supply point settlement, seizing much equipment.

The Russians thus continued their advance toward Novorossiysk and Rostov. A dispatch to Red Star, the Red Army's official newspaper, here said that in one sector the Russian Smolensk area the advancing Russian troops liberated 12,000 Soviet prisoners whom the Germans had herded together for shipment to Germany as laborers.

The dispatch said too, that having crossed the upper Dnieper River and reached several of the bridge west of the river, the Germans were attempting to create "death areas" driving the inhabitants from their houses and burning all the buildings that could be retreated.

#### Jap Bases 1,700 Miles Apart In Arc Above Australia Attacked

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA—(AP)—Japanese bases 1,700 miles apart in the island arc above Australia were blasted by General Douglas MacArthur's bombers yesterday, with Ambolia, 600 miles northwest of Darwin, hit hard in one raid and Rabaul, 600 miles east, was smashed heavily for the second time this week.



BLIND MARINE HERO RECEIVES AWARD AT NEW ORLEANS—Corporal Albert A. Schmid, a Marine hero of Guadalcanal who killed 200 Japs in furious fighting before a hand grenade blinded him, receives a certificate of merit from the City of New Orleans, with Acting Mayor Jess S. Cave doing the honors. Looking on are Mayor Meigs O. Frost, New Orleans former newspaper writer now on duty in Atlanta, and Schmidt's fiancée, Miss Ruth Hartley Philadelphia. She accompanied him to New Orleans for the award.

#### Crisis for Laval Seen

#### Believed Imminent in Vichy Circles

MADRID—(AP)—The Spanish press said today that a crisis in the Government of Pierre Laval was considered imminent in Vichy political circles and dispatches indicated that the resignation of fourteen members of the Vichy diplomatic and consular services in Spain had contributed to the growing tension.

The councilor of the French Embassy, Albert Lamarie, First Secretary Renaud Sivan, Mgr. Boyrasson, religious attaché, and seven others handed their resignations to Ambassador François Pietri Thursday. Most of the outgoing diplomats have cast their lot with General Henri Giraud, French High Commissioner in North Africa.

Dispatches from Vichy said news of the Madrid resignations arrived shortly after the falling in France of Colonel François de la Rocque, former chief of the French Social Party. The French Social Party, which the German rulers in Vichy an opportunity to emphasize again their stand that a French foreign service is unnecessary under present conditions. General has contended that a foreign service is necessary to maintain law for his regime.

The resignations in Madrid leaving Ambassador Pietri, his press attache, and two others to handle what until Wednesday was one of Laval's largest foreign diplomatic missions, was said to have been a definite check to his policy.

#### Fears Starvation Will Stalk in America

PHILADELPHIA—Dr. F. L. Nixon, former president of the Pennsylvania Food and Potato Council, says "I can see people starving in America before the year is out."

#### Republicans See Victory For Ruml's Tax Plan

#### But Doughton Says It Is Beaten

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#### Gunfire in Night Club

#### Two Men Wounded In Outburst

BOSTON—(AP)—An outburst of gunfire early today in the Latin Quarter, one of Boston's most ornate nightclubs, wounded two men and frightened patrons into fleeing pell-mell to the street.

Men giving the names of Joseph Palladino, 44, of Medford, and Joseph Guerino, 42, of Boston, North End, arrived at City Hospital a short time later in a taxicab. Doctors said Palladino was shot in the right hand; Guerino in the right elbow.

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#### Say Civilians Being Removed From French Port

#### By Associated Press

The Berlin radio broadcast today saying that the civilian population of the Atlantic port of La Rochelle is being removed to the French town of Rochefort, a change, French press said, was a precautionary measure.

As at Lorient and St. Nazaire, the evacuation applies only to civilians whose presence at the port is not needed, the Associated Press said.

#### Troops Seize New Ground In Mareth Sector

#### Americans Repel Attack Southeast Of Gafsa, Hold Firmly to Mountain

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—Battering down fierce enemy resistance, General Sir Bernard Montgomery's infantrymen have won new ground in the Mareth sector of the southern Tunisian front, it was announced today.

The six-day-old struggle of the British Eighth Army to shatter the Mareth Line defenses apparently has not yet reached anything like a decision, but the counter blows mounted in midweek by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel have fallen off.

Americans from the command of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. repulsed a minor German infantry attack at Djebel Berda, some twenty miles southeast of Gafsa, and held firmly to this mountain on the south side of El Guestrina Pass. Another enemy attack was made on the hills slopes about two miles south of Bou Hamran, itself sixteen miles east of Gafsa.

There has been no official information for two days concerning the Eighth Army's desert column which passed around the southern extremity of the Mareth Line in a sweeping flanking maneuver and was last reported to be eleven miles from El Hamma, the Axis Air Base, twenty miles west of Gafsa.

**AMERICAN THREAT**  
General Patton's armored and infantry detachments maintained their threat from El Guestrina Pass and through Matmata, the Axis Rommel's coastal escape corridor, but have been unable for 48 hours to drive forward.

In the Maknassy area the Americans were in contact with Axis troops in two rugged passes of the Oubla range, five miles southeast of Maknassy and ten miles southeast of Seneb Stalen.

United the entrenched enemy is driven completely from the Oubla range, which flanks the Gafsa-Maknassy road, the miles and Axis pressure against El Guestrina Pass, near the southwest edge of these hills is broken, the Americans said. It is feared for a series of small, stubborn engagements.

Numerically superior Allied air forces pressed their attacks yesterday despite a hint that storms were brewing.

Allied military observers record number of sorties in northern Tunisia. Fourteen enemy planes were officially announced destroyed, while the Allies reported six of their own were missing.

"British military observers estimated that approximately 30,000 Axis troops were within the quadrilateral area between Gafsa, Mareth, Matmata and El Hamma, including the 15th and 21st German Armies Divisions. The Germans are believed to number more than 40,000 and the Italian 30,000. The British have comparative figures for the Allied Divisions deployed in that zone, but they brought out, but Axis communiques have said their troops were outnumbered."

**ALLIED GAINS REPORTED**  
The British have said by the communiqué or other official releases at Allied Headquarters, the Algerian radio broadcast reported that Allied gains in both the El Hamma sector and on the central front.

"One such broadcast, recorded in London, said the Eighth Army made some advance in the El Hamma area, rendering the position of the Africa Corps difficult. The British radio station in the Algerian station as saying further gains brought out in this region and the British forces had completed operations."

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