

ALLIED TROOPS & BIZERTE INTO TUNIS & BIZERTE

Suburbs Of Both Centers Reached

Americans and British Push Through Collapsing Enemy Positions; Fierce Fighting in Both Sectors

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—Main Axis defense positions around Tunis have been overrun by British First Army troops, already in its suburbs, and the Second U. S. Army Corps has captured Ferryville and penetrated the outskirts of Bizerte, it was announced late today.

Heavy fighting raged about the capital as the Germans and Italians sought to check the offensive, but the city offers few facilities for a prolonged defense.

Americans captured Ferryville, supply and repair depot on Lake Bizerte eight miles south of the naval base, at 1 P. M. (9 A. M., E.W.T.) today, said a dispatch from the field.

Reconnaissance units of the Second U. S. Army Corps stabbed into the suburbs of Bizerte, Tunisia's main port and naval base. Many prisoners were taken, it was announced.

British First Army detachments made the plunge at Tunis, the capital.

Allied Air Forces unloaded ton after ton of explosives on roads choked by the retreating enemy. Among those in the rout were some of Hitler's proudest German troops.

Heavy fighting was reported in progress in both sectors as the U. S. Second Corps and the British First Army capitalized on deep penetrations through collapsing enemy positions all along the northern Tunisian front.

"Our troops have continued their victorious advance," a special communique said.

Armored units of the British First Army captured Le Barto, on the highway at the western edge of Tunis, the communique stated.

Allied planes, completely dominating the sky, maintained heavy attacks upon Axis transport columns which clogged the roads of retreat.

(A broadcast by Grant Parr, NBC reporter attached to Allied Headquarters, said 20 enemy ships had been "cut in the main channel" this suggesting another powerful sweep against surface transports which might attempt to withdraw the Axis survivors.

(The spirit of the German troops fighting the offensive here, Farr said.)

(Capt. Ludwig Serlorius, Nazi military commentator, said in a Berlin broadcast recorded by Reuters that a French native troop had penetrated the inner fortifications of Bizerte. This went even beyond the Allied account placing Allied detachments in the outskirts.)

In aerial action yesterday American fighters shot down a German Marauder, Lightnings and Warhawks sank a down vessel, including a French native troop had penetrated the inner fortifications of Bizerte. This went even beyond the Allied account placing Allied detachments in the outskirts.)

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Alexander Looks To Full Victory

'Last Phase of This Campaign' Reached, Declares General in Africa

LONDON—(P)—Gen. Sir Harold Alexander declared in an order of the day to his 15th Army Group that "we have reached the last phase of this campaign" and "are going to drive the enemy into the sea," the Africa radio, said today in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press.

The broadcast gave this quotation: "Soldiers of the Allies:—Two months ago when the Germans and Italians were attacking me I told you that if you held fast final victory was assured to you. You did your duty and now you are about to reap the full reward."

"We have reached the last phase of this campaign. We have regrouped our victorious armies and are going to drive the enemy into the sea.

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BEGINNING OF THE END—Allied forces, American, British and French, were reported today to be fighting in the environs of Bizerte and Tunis in climactic phases of the Tunisian campaign.

House-Backed Tax Bill Criticized

Says Measure Will Cause Resentment Among Those Having To Pay

By JACK BELL.
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Colin F. Stam, chief of the Congressional Tax Staff, testified today that the House-approved revenue bill failed to put all taxpayers on a pay-as-you-go basis and would cause resentment among those who would have to pay.

Stam appeared before the Senate Finance Committee in a brief public meeting preceding a closed session at which advocates hoped to force a showdown on the question of substituting a version of the Ruml-Carlson "skip a year" plan for current taxation for the House-approved bill.

The Congressional tax expert told the committee that the House bill which would excuse the first 6 per cent normal tax and the 13 per cent first bracket surtax in putting into effect a 20 per cent withholding levy on wages and salaries would "cost almost as much as complete forgiveness" of 1942 taxes as proposed in the Ruml-Carlson plan.

Stam said that abatement under the House bill would eliminate 142 tax liability for a single person with no dependents whose income did not exceed \$2,500 and a married person, with no dependents, whose income did not exceed \$2,500. Those with dependency allowances could make more and still have all of their 1942 tax excused.

Above these levels, however, he said, the House bill would require taxpayers who paid about 60 per cent of their 1942 taxes.

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New Crisis Faces WLB

Signs of Coal Fight Storm Multiply

WASHINGTON—The War Labor Board—a key bulwark of President Roosevelt's hold-the-line order against inflation—was being propelled rapidly today toward a new stabilization crisis.

Its three-man panel continued hearings in the coal wage dispute which threatened war production. "Inequalities" gloomily reported they got no encouragement from Stabilization Director James P. Byrnes in a several-hour session yesterday.

Without such power, some sources said regional and peacetime national labor members of the board soon might be forced to resign, due to present pressure. These sources pointed to brief walkouts reported in several sections of the country, forming their protests against details of wage increase requests or delays in WLB rulings.

There was no sign that the board would be reauthorized. See NEW CRISIS on page 11

Red Forces Tighten Net About Black Sea Port

Wedge Between Nazis, Rumanians

By EDDY GILMORE.
MOSCOW—(AP)—The Red Army, smashing forward in increasingly violent battles which have cost the Germans nearly 10,000 dead, has driven a wedge between the German and Rumanian forces operating north and south of the Kuban River in the Caucasus and is tightening its net about Novorossiysk, front line dispatches reported today.

Aided by strong air forces, the Soviets broke up one road after another in a 200-mile valley severing Axis supply lines and avenues of escape.

One dispatch said the Russians cut an important road and captured a height dominating the approach to a large city, the name of which was not given.

NAZI RESERVES POUR IN—Red Star, the Army newspaper, said the Germans were pouring in more reserves, along with more units of tanks and planes.

Immediately northwest of Novorossiysk the terrain is extremely difficult, full of terraces and steep hills. The Germans, and their Rumanian satellites are dug in deeply here, and are fighting heroically, it was said.

German prisoners told their captors that the German officers had orders to shoot every man who fell back.

A dispatch to Izvestia, the Government newspaper, said special groups had been organized to bury the Axis dead, and that one of these groups buried about 2,000 soldiers yesterday.

West of captured Krymskaya the Red Army managed to drive one part of a large Axis force to one side of the swampy area and pursued another force down the opposite side of the river.

The occupation of the villages of Sadoviy, Mikhovskiy and Blagodarniy, all north of Krymskaya, divided still another large group of Germans and Rumanians, it was said.

German troops pushed westward toward the Kerch Strait and the Sea of Azov after capturing basic points and preventing the Germans from regrouping.

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Sub's Skipper Gives Life By Final Order

Sea Drama

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A submarine skipper whose last gallant order, "take her down," sealed his own death sentence was credited by the Navy today with successful attacks on three Japanese ships, the last of which the sub rammed in a dramatic night fight for life.

It was in this final action somewhere in the distant Pacific that the officer rode the conning tower of his submerging submarine to his death rather than expose the craft or crew to enemy gunfire.

He had been wounded a few moments before and knew that the time required to get him safely into the submarine might mean the sub's destruction.

GETS MEDAL—For this sacrifice, Commander Howard W. Gilmore, 40, of New Orleans, La., has been awarded posthumously the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Roosevelt.

The story was told by the Navy today, partly in a communique and partly in an accompanying account of the final fight.

The communique, which also reported American air raids against Japanese positions in the central Solomon Islands, listed the three last ships attacked successfully by the submarine under Gilmore's command as a medium cargo ship, sunk; a gunboat, damaged and probably sunk; a medium cargo ship, damaged.

Commander Gilmore gave his life in the action against the gunboat listed above, the communique said. "As he lay on the bridge mortally wounded by enemy machine gunfire he ordered his submarine submerged to save it from destruction."

The gallant commander, first submarine officer to win the medal of honor in this war, was on his fourth war patrol against the Japanese.

Previously his submarine had been credited with sinking a total of 25,946 tons of enemy shipping and in addition with having struck boldly into an enemy harbor and attacked three enemy destroyers caught unaware there, sinking two and damaging one.

These exploits had been reported by the Navy but they never had been identified with Gilmore. In fact, he operated under the anonymity which shrouds many a submarine's operations.

"TAKE HER DOWN"—But the full story came out today about Gilmore's last action and the famous last order—"take her down." The incident occurred, the Navy said, "early this year."

Gilmore's submarine was underway on the surface, searching the sea lanes for enemy ships.

Suddenly a Japanese gunboat spotted the undersea raider and dashed in to ram it. Ramming is a favorite method used against U-boats and Gilmore was in a tight spot.

He skillfully evaded the on-rushing gunboat and his sub pulled aside just in time. Then it was Gilmore's turn—a turn which he could have used to crash-dive and get away as quickly as possible. But that was his choice.

He ordered a maneuver which placed the submarine in position to ram the gunboat and at a speed of seventeen knots drove his powerful craft into the Japanese ship, ripping its hull plates and apparently settling its fate.

The gunboat and sub pulled apart and the former began to sink. At that moment its crew opened fire with heavy machine guns and Gilmore was hit by the hail of bullets. Members of his crew sought to carry him below.

He realized, the Navy account said, that the delay inevitable in taking a wounded man below deck might cost

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Final Figures Show Bond Drive Netted Total Of \$18,300,000,000

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt praised the American people and the Treasury Department today for the success of the newly completed second war loan drive for \$18,300,000,000 and said final figures showed sales of \$18,300,000,000 in bonds.

He informed a press conference that to approximately two years over \$10,000,000,000 has been put into the "E" type war bonds and \$8,300,000,000 in war savings certificates.

Declaring that a grand job had been done by the Treasury and the public, the Chief Executive analyzed some of the figures from the latest campaign and said its success had deferred from July until late September or early October a third money drive and had lessened to some extent the

need for enforced savings. Treasury officials earlier in the day reported the third drive might be reported in August by the President. Asked whether the \$18,300,000,000 over-subscription made any difference in his program of \$18,000,000,000 in additional taxes and requested savings which he requested Congress in January, the President replied in the affirmative as to the savings. It decreases the need for them very definitely, he asserted.

Of course no one knows what Congress is going to do on tax bills, he added, but subject to the savings in Capitol Hill the enforced savings subject can be put off for the time being.

He emphasized, however, that we still need more taxes. There is a certain total that the Treasury must receive, he said, and that has not changed since the month of last year. The Government pays out by total the Government pays out is running about true to the form forecast in January.

Mr. Roosevelt reported that against a goal of \$8,000,000,000, more than \$12,000,000,000 has been subscribed. The average person, he said, put \$23,000,000 of his savings into direct purchases of bonds, another \$2,500,000,000 was taken by insurance companies and savings banks which the President described as repositories for the savings of millions of people.

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WEATHER

Little change in temperature.

Today's Temp. 85. L. 62
Sunset Today 8:13
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:25

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