

ALLIES PURSUE ENEMY ELEMENTS... BEING FROM TUNIS AND BIZERTE

Nazis Make Desperate Effort To Halt Reds

Soviets Drive On Novorossisk

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW — (AP) — An extremely violent battle was reported in progress today south of Novorodjivka, which is only nine miles from Novorossisk, as the Germans rushed up reserves, tanks, and motorized artillery in an attempt to halt the Soviet advance toward the Black Sea port.

At this point the Russian "storm" and "light" divisions are in to camp tens of explosives on the Axis battery a 4 inch gun, throwing them into flight.

A front dispatch said that prisoners captured in the Russian drive told that a whole platoon of the 7th German Infantry Division had been shot for abandoning their positions against the Axis.

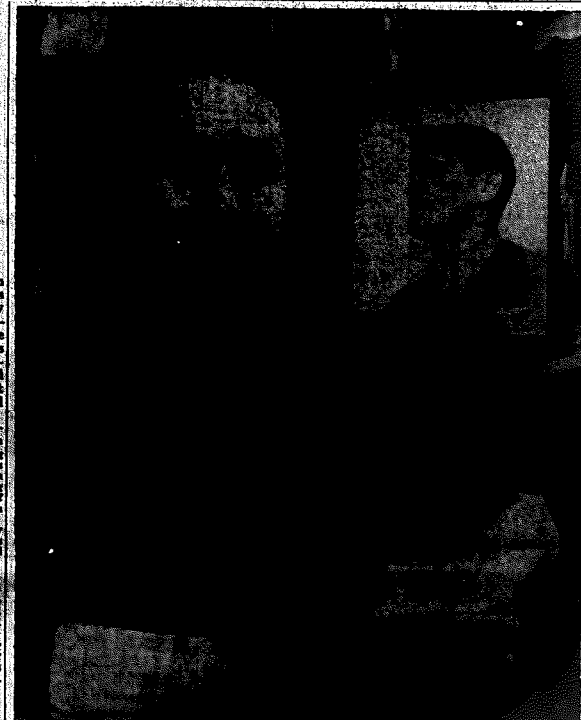
The Soviet armies also captured several strategic hills as they pushed toward the Black Sea northeast of Novorossisk.

Pravda, the Communist Party newspaper, reported that German light wing regiments defended range of high mountains and that it will be difficult to dislodge them.

The struggle in the Kuban Delta currently is three-phased: First is the drive toward Novorossisk with the Russians southeast and northeast of the city although it is not clear whether they are uncertain whether they have driven forward to the road which connects Novorossisk with Anapa, a port to the northwest.

Second is the operation from northeast of Novorossisk to the south bank of the Kuban River, where the Soviet troops are driving toward the Black Sea and a major breakthrough would cut off an evacuation attempt.

The third operation is north of the Kuban River between the river and the Sea of Azov, an area containing the highway leading to the Koch Sirats. The Red Army is taking more villages and roads in this zone, picking off one group at a time and pushing westward.



HERO'S MOTHER—One of America's proudest mothers on this Mother's Day, 1943, is Mrs. Frank Foss, a farmer's widow of Sioux Falls, S. D. Her son, whose picture is beside her, is Marine Ace Captain Joseph Foss. At 64, Mother Foss still does a man's work on her prairie farm while her Joe has won hero's recognition by shooting down 26 Jap planes in the South Pacific. (U. S. Marine Corps photo.)

Tax Plan Approved

Modified Ruml-Carlson Version Voted

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee voted 12 to 7 approval today for a modified version of the Ruml-Carlson pay-as-you-go tax collection measure which would abate either the 1942 or 1943 liabilities of taxpayers, whichever is lower.

In record breaking time, the committee completed its general work on the six-year legislation, which was rejected by only four votes in the House, which adopted instead a current collection plan providing for abatement of the two lowest brackets of taxes on 1942 income.

Chairman George W. Democrat, Georgia, announced the vote and said Senators Gerry, Democrat, Rhode Island, and Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, who were absent have the privilege of recording their votes later.

The measure was approved with the votes of the eight committee Republicans, and four Democrats.

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Subsidizing Of Foods Considered

Meat, Butter, Coffee Program Would Cost 400 Million Yearly

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A two-billion-dollar-a-year Federal program for subsidizing the American cost of living was reported authoritatively today to be under consideration in high Administration quarters.

The report followed yesterday's official announcement that meat, coffee and butter subsidies will be swung in to support price ceilings in the nation's stabilization fight on June 1.

These subsidies will cost approximately \$400,000,000 a year, according to unofficial estimates. The \$2,000,000,000 program reported under study was held to include plans for subsidizing canned fruits and vegetables, and a long list of other goods—but nothing except foods.

FIRST PROGRAM The first program, announced by the first Administrator Prentiss M. Brown, is aimed to force a 10 per cent cut June 1 in the retail cost of beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton, coffee and butter. It will be financed by a sugar-cot the bitter pill of defeat in North Africa.

The German communique, broadcast by the German High Command, said that the German High Command had decided to "sugar-cot the bitter pill of defeat in North Africa."

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Washington Surprised, Delighted By Triumph

Army Didn't Know Strength

By WILLIAM FRYE WASHINGTON — (AP) — The speed with which Allied troops shattered the Axis bastion of northern Tunisia brought surprise as well as obvious delight in Washington today.

Since the North African invasion last November, officials—particularly in military circles—have carefully avoided any predictions on the length of the campaign, but observers got the definite impression that the defeat of the Axis armies was not expected before June 1.

As described here, the final phase of the fight which resulted in the fall of Tunis and Bizerte followed a brief lull. A week before the doughboys of the II U. S. Army Corps under Lt. Gen. George S. Patton drove up the mountainous slopes of Djebel Tebnet called Hill 609—just thirteen miles southeast of Mateur.

On this steep, 2,000-foot embankment the Germans had pegged their defenses of the apennines to Bizerte, and when it fell the Axis line collapsed. The advancing Americans seized it May 7, and one day later had swept into Mateur, vital rail and highway junction of northern Tunisia.

From Mateur, American artillery, including the huge self-propelled 155 millimeter gun mounted on a tank chassis, could shell Ferryville. That city was taken, and there the guns had Bizerte itself in easy range.

A similar key to Tunis was seized Wednesday in a savage assault by troops of the British First Army who took Djebel Mokrani. That hill also was a main peg in the Axis defense.

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Pont Du Fahs Is Taken By French

Abrupt Conquest Of Tunis and Bizerte Leaves Only Mopping Up Work To Be Done By Allies

By WILLIAM B. KING ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — (AP) — Allied troops hammered scattered pockets of resistance and pursued enemy detachments fleeing from conquered Tunis and Bizerte today in a battle which General Dwight D. Eisenhower said would continue "as long as a single armed German is on African soil."

Six months to the day after Allied landing barges grounded on French North African beaches, the Allied communique said significantly: "The advance continues. Many thousands of prisoners have been captured. It was officially announced, and observers at Allied Headquarters said the total was—that is 10,000 or more."

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Tens Of Thousands Of Inhabitants Of Tunis Welcome British Armies

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