

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

THE AXIS DESERT OFFENSIVE

Russians Hold Fast In Stalingrad In Face Of New Assault COFFEE RATION: ONE LB. EVERY 5 WEEKS

Repel German Units From Factory Area

Entire Regiment of Infantry Put To Flight By Red Artillery Fire

MOSCOW. — (AP) — Red Army troops held fast in blackened Stalingrad today as the Germans launched another assault after furious artillery preparation and in a fierce engagement which at times developed into hand-to-hand fighting expelled the Nazi forces from a factory property into which they penetrated yesterday, the mid-day communique said.

Japs Land Fresh Troops In Solomons

Drive at American Positions on Guadalcanal but Are Hurlled Back

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — Despite incessant pounding of their naval supports, the Japanese have been hammering determinedly at American defenses.

Hits Divided Command

'Complacent' Australian Labor Also Scored

NEW YORK. — (AP) — Hanson W. Baldwin, military editor of The New York Times, said today that divided military command, "complacent" Australian labor and other internal factors were hampering the military effort in the Southwest Pacific.

Willkie Will Talk Tonight

NEW YORK. — (AP) — Wendell Willkie will report in the nation tonight on his recent address to the United States Congress.

'Hell's Elbow On Volga' Showed Reds At Their Best

This is the third of a series of 22 articles by Leonard Stowe on the fighting Russians. On an unprecedented nine-day visit to the battle front... a privilege which has not been granted before to a foreign correspondent... he has entered much new information about the war.

Restriction To Be Put Into Effect On Nov. 28

Little Over Cup a Day Per Person

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — Coffee will be rationed starting at midnight, Nov. 28, at a rate of one pound every five weeks for each person over fifteen years old, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

U. S. HOWITZERS BATTER JAPS ON GUADALCANAL

A battery of U. S. 75 millimeter cast howitzers blast away at Japanese troops dug in the Matanikou River on Guadalcanal Island.

Italian Supply Centers Blasted

British Strike Across Alps Four Times in Three Days

LONDON. — (AP) — At a cost of only eight bombers, the RAF reported today to have done untold damage to war industries and supply centers in Northern Italy in a smashing new offensive in which home-based aircraft struck across the towering Alps four times in three days.

Draft Bill Held Up

Can't Get Final Vote For Several Days

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — Congressional leaders virtually abandoned hope today for a final vote on legislation lowering the draft age from twenty to eighteen years until the middle of next week, when Vichy members return from their election campaign.

Weather

Much milder tonight; with showers this afternoon and frost tonight.

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