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U. S. PLOTS SCORE IN EGYPT

Four More Nazi Planes Downed by Americans

Land Forces Beat Off Axis Thrust

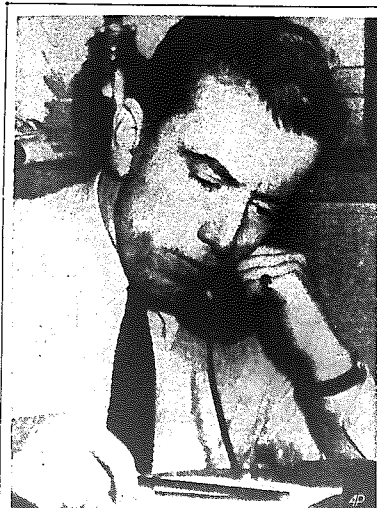
CAIRO. — (AP) — United States fighter pilots have added four more Messerschmitts to their steeply rising toll of downed enemy planes in continuation of the punishing air offensive which supports the British Eighth Army's thrust against Marshal Rommel's sard lines, official reports said today.

British and American planes were downed in three instances to wear down the Axis north already in North Africa, been the enemy from getting reinforcements across the Mediterranean and to force the British forces grinding into the Axis main line fortifications.

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FROM LIEUT. COMMANDER TO PRIVATE—Here's a man who is going to give up his commission as a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy and enlist in the Marine Corps as a private. He is Paul C. Smith who sits at his desk in the Office of War Information at Washington where he has been editor and general manager of the Marine Corps as a private. He is Paul C. Smith who sits at his desk in the Office of War Information at Washington where he has been editor and general manager of the Marine Corps as a private. He is Paul C. Smith who sits at his desk in the Office of War Information at Washington where he has been editor and general manager of the Marine Corps as a private.

Alaskan Highway Open To Traffic

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — The entire Alaskan Highway is now open to traffic, Secretary of War Stimson announced today, weeks ahead of schedule.

Motor trucks started their weekly supply and equipment to the garrisons in the North Pacific outposts, using the entire 1,423 miles of the road, the secretary told reporters at his press conference.

The formal opening has been advanced tentatively to Nov. 15 instead of Dec. 1. Ceremonies are planned for a point on the Alaskan-Canadian border.

Stimson said "Plans are under way to bring loads of strategic materials on their return."

Nazis Gain Ground in New Sector Of Caucasus

Shift Invasion Pressure

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW. — (AP) — Soviet military dispatches said today the Germans were gaining ground with a large-scale offensive in a new sector of the central Caucasus, attacking the deep Red Army defenses across the Nalchik plateau with troops, tanks, artillery and planes.

This shift in invasion pressure southwestward from the Mzozok area was noted as Stalingrad's capture left on in the 66th day of siege against German attempts to bring a sealer into our positions in bloody fighting yesterday.

Nazis freeze in caves. Mizzards have been racing in the Caucasus mountains and bitter fighting is going on. Russian dispatches said many German soldiers had been frozen to death in caves.

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Special ski and sled detachments were moved up by the Germans to engage the Russians in the fighting for mountain slopes and passes deep in caves.

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Clark Gable Gets Bars

CLARK GABLE GETS BARS—Clark Gable (left), the movie actor who turned soldier, was graduated Oct. 28 from the Army Air School at Miami Beach, and received his commission as second lieutenant of the Army Air Force.

On the platform for the graduation service, Gable receives congratulations from Lieut. Gen. H. H. Arnold (right), air force commander, on his trim figure acquired in eleven weeks of stiff training.

Japs Mass For Attacks Upon Other Bases

Mobilize at Approaches to Positions in New Hebrides and Fiji Isles

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — American and Japanese forces squared off today for another furious round in the spreading fight for the Solomons after a series of terrific land battles bled the enemy heavily of men and equipment.

While United States air and ground forces fought savagely to hold the Guadalcanal airbase, the Battle of the Southwest Pacific appeared to be surging outward 400 miles northeast of the turbulent islands.

Secretary of War Stimson told his press conference today that the decision to launch the American operations in the Solomons, which began in early August, "was made by the joint United States chiefs of staff in accordance with agreed upon plans and was not purely a naval decision."

Superior numbers of enemy ships, planes and men were reported mobilizing at the approaches to American bases in the New Hebrides and Fiji Islands, whence they could strike at Allied communication lines to Australia.

The Navy reported no new details of warship activities in the Pacific last night, but General Douglas MacArthur's Allied bombers from Australia raided the enemy again, damaging two Japanese ships in the Rabaul harbor of New Britain and slashing the Japanese base at Buka in the Northern Solomons with explosives.

WASHINGTON EXPLOSION. — One of the bomb hits at Rabaul, more than 600 miles northwest of the United States, started an explosion on a warship, MacArthur's command post asserted today (Australian time) and another set an unidentified vessel afire. The assault on Buka's airbase and buildings destroyed an enemy bomber on the ground and started fires visible 60 miles away.

Meantime, Australian ground troops in New Guinea continued to press the Japanese back toward their northeast invasion base, and further threatening the invaders' efforts to move on to the Allied Fort Moresby base.

Soldier Who 'Stabbed the Japs' Gets Nabbed

ANTONIA—World traveler, who has been recognized by American Fred R. Newton, was another guard of Sergeant Newton's unit, retaining claim to fame in a coming knock for prize-fighting.

Sergeant Newton, according to the Army, was only a "naive" in the Philippines when he was killed. And it was in Atlanta that newspapers first flocked to the "stabbing" soldier, and began publishing his dramatic exploits.

The sergeant's last for publication in view of his Army status, is the only mystery remaining.

Plane Flies on To Land After Pilot Bails Out

MELANESIO, Ill. — A Naval aviation student at Southern Illinois Normal University bailed out of his training plane at Akin, Ill., last night but the small craft flew another 25 miles before it landed in a field near Belle Prairie.

The plane was only slightly damaged, Fred Valentin, director of the flight school at Stanton, Ill., said the plane's pilot was uninjured. The plane was pulled out of the field for a few hours and had flown in before abandoning the plane.

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MacArthur Wants Unified Command

Southwest Pacific Leader Disavows Any Political Ambitions

By JOHN H. WIGGINS WASHINGTON. — (AP) — Mounting protests against a divided command in the South Pacific appeared headed today as an appeal from General Douglas MacArthur for unified direction over the entire embattled area.

Answering a newspaper report attributing the two separate commands to the Pacific chief to "political Washington," and "political MacArthur," for President Roosevelt's 62-year-old leader of United States forces in Australia disavowed any "political ambitions whatsoever."

From his headquarters last night, Washington time, MacArthur declared that any contrary suggestion must be regarded as "merely amiable gestures of goodwill dictated by friendship."

"I started as a soldier and I shall finish as one, the superior commander of Allied forces in the Southwest Pacific said in a statement. The only hope and ambition I have in the world is for victory for our cause in the war. If I survive the campaign I shall return to that retirement which this great struggle called me."

This, topping louder and louder demands from Capitol Hill for unified command in the Pacific war theater, was interpreted by some sources here as at least an indirect appeal to eliminate any political considerations that might be hampering his direction of the effort in that part of the world.

Oppose Pay-Hour Change

AFL Against Relaxing Labor Standards

WASHINGTON. — Relaxation of the Wage-Hour Law, even on a voluntary basis as proposed by the bill of Representative Ramspeck, Democrat, Georgia, is opposed by the American Federation of Labor.

President William Green, in a letter to Ramspeck, said his proposal to permit a longer work week without overtime pay would not expedite the war effort or increase production but would result only in confusion.

In the House today, Representative Knutson, Republican, Minnesota, asserted that the 40-hour work week in war time was "not only a dangerous travesty but it borders perilously close on sabotage."

Warmer Tonight

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WEATHER

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Today's Temp.: H. 66; L. 45. Sunset Today. Sunrise Tomorrow. Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 11.

Carry Goods To Russia: Arctic Convoy Battle Tough But Americans Go Back For More

By WILLIAM B. KING WITH U. S. NAVAL OFFICERS IN A UNITED KINGDOM PORT. — Americans who are fighting the battle of supplying Russia through the dread "icebergs" of the Arctic take their ordeal of fire and rigid waters in work-alike Britain.

U. S. Navy gunners and merchant seamen interviewed in this nerve center of convoy control here, said they have but one theme: To fight through to victory, whatever the odds.

Japs Continue Raids in India

NEW DELHI, India. — Japanese forces continued their assaults on Allied air bases in northeastern India yesterday, but were stopped by the British, who killed and damaged several others, it was announced today.

First reports indicated very few Allied casualties and slight damage, a communique said.

They called and roared for ten days before reaching sanctuary in Russia. They were there two months in a Soviet hospital under treatment for frozen feet. Then they were taken to the same submarine-torpedo zone. And of their ten days in Arctic waters so cold a man's flesh would turn dead while in minutes, Friday only said, "It wasn't so bad, except for."

Player's Story: Patient Russians Overcome the World's Worst Roads

By LELAND STOVE. — This is the sixth of a series of articles about the "Patient Russians Overcome the World's Worst Roads."

It was just edging up toward the front sector. And all the mud we waded through was merely for the moment mud. There had not been any rain for several days.

It was freezing cold and the mud and water didn't help matters any, but these Russian chauffeurs would plunge their arms into mud almost up to their chests.

Record 'Quakes Believed Centered in Asia Minor

BERLIN. (From German Broadcast) — A series of three violent earthquakes, believed centered in Asia Minor, were recorded in both Belgrade and Bucharest this morning.

Guide to Good Reading

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE VOTER. — This is the election news that the public has been in the nation's war effort that the election news that the public has been in the nation's war effort that the public has been in the nation's war effort.

FOOTBALL SUCCESSFUL? Major collegiate football activity has been underway since the start of the season. Considerable success has been achieved on the part of the Navy Red Sox, who have won three games in a row.