

# LIBYAN OFFENSIVE REINFORCED

### Maples and Turin Given Castings by Bomb Fleets

### Two-Way Assault Completed

LONDON (AP)— Allied bombing fleets, roaring over Alps and the Mediterranean in a two-way assault, blasted Italy yesterday, blasting the beachhead of the German forces in daylight and pounding Turin despite a five-mile layer of clouds over the continent.

British announced today that the second smash at the Italian port in eight days emphasized anew Prime Minister Churchill's warning that Italy would be placed under shattering aerial bombardment.

The Italian communiqué acknowledged heavy damage at Naples and said casualties were dead and 138 injured.

AMERICAN BLOW  
In Dec. 4, a great armada of eight United States bombers tossed tons of bombs on the city, sinking one Italian cruiser, sinking a battleship and scoring another cruiser.

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## What Resistance? 11,000 Volts Of Ben Franklin's Discovery Can't Stop Bill Kelly

By TIM FRIDGEN  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

When 11,000 volts of electricity thunder-bolt out of the side of a power wire and here you kermack in the forehead—then you hear about it five weeks later. You wake up in a white bed somewhere—that is, if you make up—and a white-cloth woman hands the taking your pulse, looking amazed, as though she couldn't understand it. Ask Bill—W. A. Kelly, linesman, of Meridian Avenue. He knows as much about it as anybody.

Mr. Kelly went home from the Presbyterian Hospital today. The volts are out of him last May. They knocked out a piece of his skull and blew off four toes. They knocked his knife out of his pocket and they haven't found his wire clippers yet.

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LOS ANGELES (AP)— John Robinson, 31-year-old machinist, went through the draft proceedings again yesterday.

Tiger Kills Keeper Then Is Killed By Bear  
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)— Walter, a 25-year-old animal keeper at Clyde Beach, Fla., was killed yesterday by a tiger, which in turn was killed by a bear.

Only Four Men Lost As American Ship Carrying 4,000 Troops Is Sunk  
WASHINGTON (AP)— The former given by President Coolidge, operating an Army transport fully loaded with approximately 4,000 troops, hit a mine and sank in the South Pacific, the Navy announced today.

## Jap Efforts To Escape Smashed

Desperate Attempts To Break Out Of New Guinea Trap Made  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRIA (AP)— Japanese troops are making desperate efforts to break out of their trap in the Buna area of New Guinea, an Allied communiqué declared today, but their remaining positions are being blotted out methodically by Allied artillery and their counterattacks "bloodily repulsed."

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## Third Battle For Elbow Of Don River Underway

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By HENRY CASSIDY  
MOSCOW (AP)— The third battle for the elbow of the Don River west of Stalingrad appeared to be under way today with Axis forces launching repeated attacks on the east bank of the river but Russian advances for the first time were repulsed all assaults.

The Russians declared their own advance continued on sections of both the Stalingrad and central fronts, including a point west of Rzhew where they forced a water crossing and captured enemy front-line trenches.

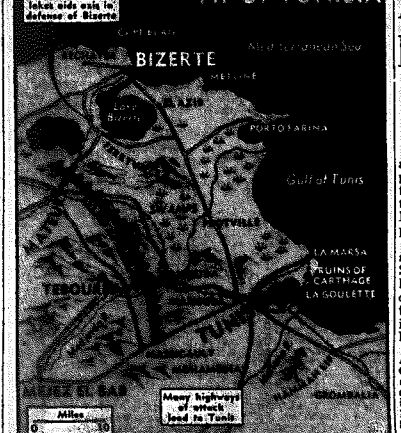
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## Here Is How Tunisian War Front Shapes Up



At Allied-held village from the west, but heavy enemy forces were driven back.

The Axis forces launched a sweeping push that got underway in force Nov. 19.

The main German effort now appears to be to strike the Allied line west of the village of Tebourba, twenty miles west of the coast, and force the Axis to retreat.

The withdrawal to Tebourba, from the Djedida sector, twelve miles south of Tunis, straightened out the heretofore shaped line (shown in map above), threatened with a flank movement by the Germans and Italians from the south at Medjez El Bab, which lies 25 miles southwest of Tunis. Allied detachments once were reported fighting east of Djedida.

## Stimson Outlines Africa Objectives

WASHINGTON (AP)— Emphasizing that the North African campaign is merely beginning, Secretary of War Stimson declared today that "the main and big work still remains to be done when steps can be completed to give us air supremacy."

When that air superiority is obtained, he said, three objectives lie ahead:

1. To expel or destroy Axis forces in Tunisia.
2. To attack Tripoli and destroy the Germans under command, by getting behind him.
3. To co-operate with the British in making the North African Coast and the Mediterranean a safer line reaching to the Egyptian area.

## San Francisco Goes Wild Over Vessel That Licked A Battleship

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Battle-scarred but proud, the cruiser San Francisco is being honored here today for the repair of damage she suffered while sinking a Japanese cruiser and destroyer and starting a Japanese battleship on its way to the bottom.

## Eighth Army Rolls Again Against Foe In Libya

Great Land & Air Power Used  
LONDON (AP)— Britain's Eighth Army was reported by the German radio today to have struck anew at Libya on a wide front in Libya with great land and air power.

The Berlin radio broadcast a DNB dispatch that General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery had thrust forward again east of El Agheila yesterday with two tank divisions and two infantry divisions supported by aircraft.

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## Guide to Good Reading

18TH CENTURY GENDARMES  
In the old days when the guardian of the law was a horse and a sword, the story of the past is the subject of the new book, "18th Century Gendarmes."