

RUSSIAN GAINS TIGHTEN ALLIED RING

Battling Grad Siegegers Menaced by Red Thrusts

operate on West Bank of Don

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Sweeping Russian gains tightening German lines menacing the German besieging Stalingrad were reported in dispatches from the front today. Red Army forces which had been said to have crossed the Don and to be operating on the west bank of the river to units which had come through the Don elbow and Kalach from points to the northwest.

use forces, if they meet, from a bridge with the river Don as the base and advance which run southwest and west from Stalingrad as the main axis of the German offensive. It was claimed that the troops were cutting in between the Don and the Volga, severing a road which the Germans had been bringing in supplies to the city from Stalingrad.

was mopped up. The Germans were mopped up in the northern corner of the city. The German columns moved northeast toward Voronezh, the dispatches asserted, and the Russian columns moved toward Stalingrad and Voronezh.

U. S. PARATROOPERS MATCH JAPS ON THE MARCH.—Here's a column of the 506th U. S. Parachute Infantry which marched 116 miles in three days, an average of 40 miles a day—just for toughening practice. The route was from Toccoa, Ga., to Atlanta via fields, paths and highways. The final mile was done in double time. Colonel Robert F. Sink, commanding officer, said the march was "unparalleled in continental American history in many years." The men carried full war equipment and every man finished. Observers said the march matched anything the Japs can do.



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Pleasure Driving Suspension Urged

New Englanders Concerned About Fuel Oil Situation

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A 90-day suspension of all automobile pleasure driving in the seventeen Eastern seaboard states was proposed today by Joseph White of Boston, New England member of the Oil Advisory Committee.

White, appearing before a group of New England Congressmen disturbed by the fuel oil situation in their area, first called for the 90-day driving ban for New England alone. Later, he told reporters he believed it should apply to all the Eastern states.

Further Sea Battles in Solomons Expected

Jap Desperation Presages Action

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Expected Japanese desperation drives to bolster waning forces on Guadalcanal presaged today further American naval battles which already have turned the waters of the Solomons into a growing graveyard of Japanese ships, troops and arms.

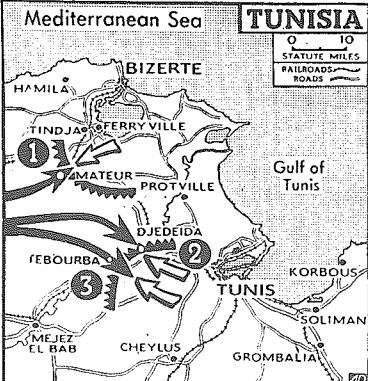
By official count at least 51 enemy ships lay at the bottom of waters around the Solomons. American forces which the Navy estimates have been damaged and some probably sunk in the sea since they captured the island planes to Australia. Twenty-five American vessels have been destroyed and several damaged.

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ALLIES MASS FOR TUNISIA SHOWDOWN—Allied forces (represented by black arrows) massed for a new showdown with Axis troops (white arrows) in Tunisia after a bitter 48-hour battle in which they repulsed a series of desperate German attempts to recapture the three key cities of Mateur (1), Djedida (2), and Tebourba (3). The black arrows indicate how the Allies have forced their way into Axis defensive positions (jagged lines) around Bizerte and Tunis by occupying Mateur and Tebourba, and part of Djedida.

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Tank Battles Rage On In Tunisian Hills

Allies Still Hold Vital Roads—American Airmen Attack Italy

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Allied Headquarters announced today that tank-led German infantry had failed to crack the Allied ring around Bizerte in a third furious assault against American-British lines from Tebourba to Mateur and said the Allies still held vital roads and communications in the northern coastal zone of Tunisia.

Countering a German assertion that Axis troops had recaptured Tebourba, twenty miles west of Tunis, an Allied Headquarters spokesman declared:

"We command the heights around Tebourba and neither the Germans nor our troops are in that town."

Nazis Claim Triumph

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts).—(AP)—The High Command declared today that powerful British-American advance detachments had been "almost completely annihilated" in the battle of Tunisia, and an important railway-road junction had been regained by the Axis.

Authoritative quarters said that both Tebourba, 20 miles west of Tunis, and Djedida, 12 miles northwest of the capital, were in Axis hands.

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Guide to Good Reading

THE KIDS TAKE THEIR THERAPY

Concluding season-long campaigns through the football wars, 25 young high school players in North and South Carolina today put on a semi-all-star game. On the sports page, pictures and stories telling who the kings are, how they were picked and why. It's an annual tradition of the sports page.

SALARY CEILING WORRIES MILLION

Columnist Paul Mallon of the editorial page, concerned over the increasing hardships of Allied soldiers in North Africa, is even more concerned over the prospects of a "classless revolution" at home as the result of the "Proletarian" arbitrary ceiling on incomes. He's asked the rich to do all right for themselves, and sees in the future a breakdown of capital, a swarming of investment that may shake the foundations.

Shopping Days till Christmas