

BRITISH MEET GERMAN BATTLE RAGES Fluid Struggle Waged On Approaches To Tobruk RUSSIAN FLEETS HELLS GERMAN LINE

Ships Steam Up To Help Sevastopol Defenders

Deadly Barrage Laid Down

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MOSCOW.—(AP)—Steaming into the fight for Sevastopol with its guns thundering, the Soviet Black Sea Fleet was reported today to have brought aid to the hard-pressed land garrison by laying down a deadly barrage which took a heavy toll of the Axis assault forces.

The battles in the light-drawn siege lines around the Crimean port and on the shell-pocked front east of Kharkov in the Ukraine continued with undiminished fury.

NO MORE NAZI GAINS

However, there were no further reports of German gains on either front since dispatches of yesterday which said the Germans had pushed forward in some sectors at Kharkov and turned back a full-scale offensive against Sevastopol in an attempt to smash the Russian defenses by sheer weight of numbers.

Dispatches from the Crimean flank of the battlefield did not identify the warships which played an important part earlier in the Russian recapture of the port and naval base which has been cut off by land since last fall.

The principal units of the Black Sea Fleet are the cruisers Red Crimea and Red Caucasus which played an important part earlier in the Russian recapture of the port and naval base which has been cut off by land since last fall.

The warships previously had been engaged in maintaining a line of supply and communications for the port and naval base which has been cut off by land since last fall.

The German were reported to have bolstered their assault forces by sending reinforcements, including units shifted from other fronts.

The former timetable of attack from 5 A. M. to 9 P. M. was reported to have been changed.

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Believe America Has Opened New Air Front

LONDON.—(AP)—Official silence which closed the mission of four United States bombers reported forced down last Friday in Turkey tended to confirm the belief expressed in many quarters here today that the United States has opened a new air front in the eastern Mediterranean to blast the Axis from the rear.

At the extreme end of the Aegean, the United States bombers had been on a routine ferry flight to Russia, India or

Effort By Japs To Extend Their Landings On Aleutians Expected

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—An effort to extend Japanese landings in the Aleutian Islands was expected today by military authorities here, but whether they will try for knockout blows against the island group was not clear. The Japanese had landed on the island of Agassay, 100 miles west of Dutch Harbor and Attu is 770 miles west, locations which place them at the extreme end of the Aleutian chain, and relatively close to Japan.



SIERGE OF SEVASTOPOL—Since last October, German troops have cut Sevastopol, Soviet naval stronghold on the Black Sea, from land communication with the rest of Russia. Sevastopol underwent an even longer siege once before, holding out eleven months in the Crimean War of 1854-55, when Britain, France and Turkey were fighting Russia.

Nazis Threaten New Sub Drive Say Every Ship Entering Zone North of West Indies in Danger

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

With the Germans threatening a new widespread campaign against all shipping in the Atlantic north of the West Indies, the total of ships sunk by enemy submarines in the Western Atlantic now stands at 265.

Additional sinkings of thirteen merchant ships last week and one yesterday were officially announced. More than 304 crewmen and passengers of the fourteen ships

were reported rescued, while 65 persons lives were lost and 65 persons were missing.

Seven United States ships, two British, one Norwegian, one Brazilian, one Swedish and one unidentified Allied merchantman were included in last week's sinkings. The ship reported sunk yesterday was a small Dutch freighter.

China a quick announcement of their purpose probably would have been forthcoming. These sources said the reports that each of the big bombers had a full crew also seemed to preclude the ferry theory and supported speculation that the planes were operating from a United States base in the Pacific against Germany in the Balkans and perhaps on the southern Russian front.

Off the U. S. ... 9 128
Off Canada ... 3 71
In the Caribbean ... 3 71
In the Gulf of Mexico ... 16 16
Off South America ... 2 16

Totals ... 18 665

The German announcement of an intensified U-boat campaign south of the Red Sea—Attu—every ship which enters this zone after June 26, 1942, will expose itself to destruction.

Consequently, many were inclined to regard the Aleutian advance as the enemy's primary in the nature of a diversion designed either to draw defense strength from these other Pacific areas or in the hope of clearing the way for a new

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British Try To Adjust Their Battle Positions

Attack Nazis From Rear

CAIRO, Egypt.—(AP)—A fluid battle raged on the desert approaches to Tobruk today as the British sought to adjust their positions while from the rear they violently attacked the Axis columns of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel which were nudging a wedge toward the coast.

The British said the Germans were attacking in an effort to reach the coast and "isolate the troops remaining in the Ain El Gazala Salient," the coastal anchor of the former line of minefields 40 miles west of Tobruk.

ONE ANCHOR GONE

Already the southern anchor at Bir Hachem has been wiped out. The British indicated a threat to

ROME.—(From Italian Broadcasts)—The Italian High Command declared today that Axis forces in the Libyan desert had bypassed the British near Acroma and driven to the Mediterranean coast west of Tobruk.

British forces remaining to the east of the new Axis gap were said to be encircled. This would mean the British desert forces in turn attacking the extreme of the original defense line which the Axis already has outflanked and pierced.

Another of their fortified boxes at El Adem, south of Tobruk, had been seized by clearing the enemy of the area in the east of that point.

"Heavy fighting continues," the command said, indicating that the enemy's counter-attacks of the night of June 14, 1942, were still being strongly.

"The enemy are attacking our positions near Acroma in an attempt to isolate the troops remaining in the Ain El Gazala Salient."

The battle has become fluid with the Germans attacking northward from Tripoli and our forces in turn attacking their rear from the south.

"The enemy has been cleared from the east of El Adem."

The Eighth Army is counter-attacking vigorously and is in process of adjusting its dispositions to meet developments.

With Field Marshal Rommel's land forces still hammering at British lines defending Tobruk the German Air Force has opened an assault on British supply lines extending nearly 200 miles back into Egypt, an RAF commander reported.

The air attacks, centered on Matruh, the railroad 150 miles west of Tobruk, were reported to have been intensified by the use of Junkers Ju-88 heavy bombers and other aircraft.

Disturbances were reported also at Troadia.

Fight Quisling Men in Norway

LONDON.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Stockholm reported today that many persons were wounded in Norway in a battle between followers of Vidkun Quisling, pro-Nazi Premier, and other Norwegians in the towns of Rika and Trondheim.

Optimist International To Hold Meet in Chicago

ST. LOUIS.—(AP)—A three-day preliminary conference of Optimist International will be held in Chicago Aug. 2, 3 and 4, Russell



LETTER FROM HOME—Weighted down with full equipment, an American doughboy pauses to read mail from home somewhere in Australia. This striking picture shows what our letters mean to our men in far off places.

Pay Allotment Bill Approved

Would Authorize Draft Boards To Consider Family Relationships

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Senate approved and sent to the House today a military pay allotment bill authorizing draft boards to consider family relationships in calling men for duty with the armed forces.

Under the basic section of the measure, details of which were reported last week by a joint conference committee, the Government would help the four lowest ranks of soldiers, sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen support their dependents.

Dependents, taken from the men's pay would be supplemented by Federal allowances which in some cases would be considerably larger than the fighting men's contributions.

The second section of the bill revises the Selective Service Act by authorizing local draft boards to first exhaust supplies of single men, or those without bona fide family ties before calling up husbands and fathers.

Senator Lee, Democrat, Oklahoma, said the bill behind him would be left intact as long as it was to give expression to Congressional intent "that the family shall be left intact as long as possible and that financial dependency is not the controlling point as much as the status of a man as head of a family."

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Victory Cry Rings As U. S. Flag Day Becomes United Nations Day

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The colors of the United Nations were broken out on every rooftop of the globe yesterday in a martial demonstration of the common fight against tyranny and oppression.

In both hemispheres, above and below the equator, millions of freedom-loving people took American flags for their own in rededicating themselves to the task of smashing the Axis.

President Roosevelt, welcoming Mexico and the Philippines to the family of nations, which now number 23, declared the united front of the United Nations was taking the sword from the oppressors' hands and

Struggle at Doorstep Of Italy Reported

Major Move By Allies Seen

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A great running, sea-air battle, which on the face of Axis reports—the only information available thus far—seems to have stemmed from a major strategic move of the Allies, was being fought today at Italy's Mediterranean doorstep between Africa and Sardinia.

The location of the battle, the strength and composition given by Rome for the Allied naval force and the reckless expenditure of planes in the attack on it suggested either that Italian territory itself might be under attack or that the Allies were engaged in a great transfer of strength between Gibraltar and Sicily.

The Italian High Command, in a special communique, claimed that two cruisers, one destroyer and one battleship, an aircraft carrier, two cruisers, one destroyer and four steamers heavily damaged.

The Italians said the convoy attacked was protected by "numerous units of the line and by two aircraft carriers."

Spotting the convoys negotiating the straits, the Italians said their scout planes later lost sight of it and the first attack was not delivered until Sunday.

Italy's Navy Convoy

Handled Heavy Blows

ROME (from Italian broadcast)—A violent battle between Italian warplanes and one of two seriously protected east-bound British convoys negotiating the perilous passage between Africa and Sardinia resulted in the sinking of two cruisers and a destroyer and damage to five other warships, including an aircraft carrier.

The Italian High Command asserted today in a special communique.

"Of the crew of 36, including four gunners, one was killed and 35 have now been rescued."

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17 Survivors Previously
Called Missing Are Safe

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The Third Naval District Headquarters said today that seventeen survivors, previously listed as missing from a torpedoed U. S. freighter, had arrived safely in Eastern ports.

The ship was torpedoed and sunk June 1, it was announced.

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WEATHER

Little
change in
temperature
tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 80; L. 60
Sunset today: 8:08
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:00

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 4-B.

Note To Readers
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In Northern Ireland, where American expeditionary forces are moving, Maj.-Gen. Russell P. Lee ALLIES SOUND ON Page 2