

FORCES DELAY FOR BATTLE OF EGYPT

Rommel May
Try To Flank
British Lines

Axis Forces Might Attempt To
Crash Border Far Below Coast

By EDWARD J. KENNEDY
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CAIRO. — (AP) — Axis armored forces moved southward on the Libyan side of the Egyptian frontier today, apparently intending to wheel eastward and crash into Egypt many miles below the coast in the hope of outflanking the British defenses.

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Axis forces engaged small Axis parties all day yesterday west of Salum, Egyptian port near the frontier, and "our mobile columns were active to the west of our positions," a Cairo communique said.

(Asserting that Axis sea lines to Tobruk would be difficult for surface ships to cut, an authoritative London source said the British Navy would be able to make a "really effective attack only with the aid of the air.")

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Toll of 309
Ships Taken
By Atlantic
Marauders

13 Sent Down In
12-Day Period

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Survivors of a small Yugoslavian merchant vessel, the torpedoing of which about 25 miles off shore in the Gulf of Mexico was announced by the Navy today, told one of the most laconic survival stories of the recent submarine warfare when they recounted that "we simply rowed to ward port."

It took them eight hours. All hands were saved. Some men saw the attacker's periscope from their two life-boats.

The sinking brought the unofficial Associated Press total of ships sunk in the Western Atlantic to 309 since Pearl Harbor. Reports from the Caribbean area indicated that two additional ships were torpedoed in the last 12 days, but were included in the total pending further details.

The announcement followed upon the Navy's report yesterday upon the sinking of a British freighter during the period since United Nations merchantmen to the bottom of the Caribbean.

CASUALTIES HIGH

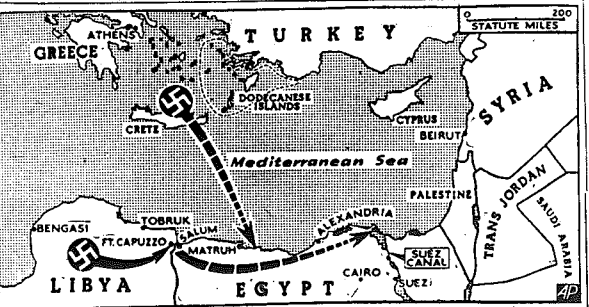
Casualties ran high, with 45 known dead and 87 missing in the Caribbean sinkings occurring between June 3 and 14; three dead and 65 missing in the June 15 sinking of a medium-sized U. S. merchant vessel off the New England coast and five dead in the torpedoing of a British freighter the same day in the same area.

The British victims were five U. S. ships, two medium-sized and three small; five British merchantmen, four medium and one small, and one Honduran, one Norwegian and one Dutch vessel.

Six hundred thirty-five survivors, including 128 passengers, relatives, and a host of suffering and herring on the landed at Caribbean ports today, including English-speaking Axis submarine commanders and German photographers by a German commandeer aboard one of the undersea craft.

Torpedoes, shell fire, or both, were responsible for the sinkings.

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PARACHUTISTS THREAT TO EGYPT—British military observers say they expect the next German move in the Libyan-Egyptian campaign will be co-ordinated with a Nazi parachute invasion from Crete. German forces in Libya (black arrow) now are poised at the Egyptian border, ready to attempt to drive eastward (broken arrow) with the Suez Canal as a main objective.

Big Kharkov
And Sevastopol
Smashes Made

Mighty German Mass Tank Charges
Drive Kharkov Wedge

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China Forces Give
Japs Hard Blows

Say Claw of Enemy Pincer Hurdled
Back, 3 Key Points Captured

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

China reported growing success in the bitter five-year-old war with Japan today as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's armies were officially declared to have hurled back the western claw of a Japanese pincer, captured three key points and killed or wounded 40,000 Japanese.

Kwangtung was part of a maneuver to cut off the Japanese advance which is attempting to complete its conquest of the important Chekiang-Kiangsi railway leading into central China. Only a 50-mile stretch remains in Chinese hands.

Other Chinese troops were reported to have seized two outposts of Japanese-held territory and were described as now "directly menacing" Kwangtung itself.

Kwangtung is an important base supplying Japanese columns driving westward into Kiangsi Province, in eastern China.

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Ickes Says First Six
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WASHINGTON.—(AP) — Interior Secretary Ickes, the Petroleum Co-ordinator, reported to President Roosevelt today that the scrap rubber collection drive for the first six days was very disappointing.

Although William R. Boyd Jr., chairman of the Petroleum Industries War Council, who accompanied Ickes to the White House, said the overall collection total was "encouraging," Ickes commented:

"This is putting it up to the people to determine whether they want to take care of their cars or not by turning in rubber."

"If it is not turned in enough to take care of military needs and to some extent civilian needs—we've have to get the rubber rationing."

NEVADA LEADS

Boyd said that Nevada was first in the list of states based on the number of pounds of rubber collected per capita. That Montana was second, Oregon third and Arizona fourth.

Pennsylvania was last, he added, with New York and other populous states near the bottom.

Boyd said apparently the Eastern area got off to a slower start than the West, predicted the drive would pick up in the East and said that indications already were pointing that way.

"I don't mean to say that the rubber isn't there," he told reporters. "I think it means the West got off to an earlier start."

Accord Reached
In New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand.—(AP)—Prime Minister Peter Fraser's Government and the opposition parties reached an agreement today for formation of a war administration composed of seven Government and six opposition members, thus ending a domestic political dispute.

Previously the Labor Party, which controls the Government, had refused to accept the opposition's demand for a coalition government.

Members in the Cabinet for Fraser's Government were believed to include Prime Minister Fraser, Minister of Defense, and other key figures.

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WEATHER

Continued rather cool tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 80; L. 67
Sunset today: 7:11
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:10

Twenty percent more fires fall in July than in January. Slow and careful driving may carry you through.

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 6

Domestically Japan troops "sneaking deep into the mountainous Japanese south of Wuji and braving torrential rains" were making slow progress.

Wuji is 28 miles southeast of Kiangsi, Japan-held capital of Chekiang Province, Lishui is 32 miles south of Wuji.

In the means, Chungking dispatches said China's need for more planes and big guns in anticipation of a full-scale attack by the Japanese was believed to have been stressed in recent talks of Chinese Foreign Minister Dr. Soong with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in the United States.

Overtones in the Chinese war capital said indications were increasing that China's rich Hunan Province, an important breadbasket for General Chiang's army, might become the scene of a major Chinese-Japanese test of power.

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Ceilings On Consumer Services
To Start—How They Work Shown

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The cost of shoes, automobiles, repairs, piano tuning, funerals and all other consumer services will be limited beginning July 1 to the highest prices charged in March.

The Office of Price Administration issued price ceiling regulations last night that will affect 1,000,000 establishments doing an annual business of \$50,000 or more throughout the country. It supplements the price control order of April 29 covering consumer goods.

Exempted from the new regulations are professional services, common services performed for

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U. S. Flier, Down In Australia, Ate Grasshoppers & Owl Meat

By VERN HAUGLAND

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA.—(AP)—A United States fighter pilot, downed in a battle with a Japanese bomber, came out of the crocodile-infested swamps to tell of a three-day ordeal which drove him to eat grasshoppers and raw owl meat.

The pilot said he climbed down from the wreckage of his plane and spent the afternoon on the beach, between the sea and a swamp, cutting a disc from his parachute to provide a raft and making a camp.

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