

OVER 1,000 JAPANESE HIT BREMEN

May Production: Nearly 4,000 Planes, 1,500 Tanks

FORCES PRESS FORWARD IN EGYPT

Challenge To Decisive Battle in Desert Given

Rommel Faces British Army

By EDWARD KENNEDY
CAIRO. (AP) — The main armored force of Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel had driven at least 100 miles into Egypt to confront the British 8th Army to fight with a challenge to decisive battle.

That was the desert was that the Germans and Italians, advancing despite bitter resistance of British covering units, had not yet attacked into the principal British force, which is expected to make its stand somewhere before Matruh, 130 miles within Egypt.

U. S. AIRMEN HIT TORUK
The United States Army Air Force, now an integral part in the aerial counter-offensive with which the British hope to curb Rommel's thrust, struck last night at the harbor of Toruk, Libya, which is only a few days ago was the anchor of British positions in Libya.

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British and South African bombers and fighter-bombers, operating from desert dusk and darkness yesterday, repeatedly assaulted Axis forces advancing toward Matruh.

From the Bir Abu Mijitra area, 80 miles to Matruh's southwest, and along the coastal route to the west of Matruh, Mediterranean anchor of Britain's present positions.

AT SIDI BARRANI
The RAF's communiqué, covering the American and South African actions, contained the first official British acknowledgment that the four-motorized Consolidated Liberators, such as crashed at Benghazi on Monday and Wednesday nights, turned out with a strong command force of British Wellingtons to blast at Toruk harbor, where the Wellingtons concentrated on land targets.

Our fighters made numerous sweeps over forward battle areas, dropping strafing enemy troops, columns and landing grounds and airfields.

Arrived here on the morning of June 25, the communiqué said.

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

Today's Temp.: H. 86; L. 70
Sunset today — 8:41
Sunrise tomorrow — 6:11

Drive slow and drive slowly.
Don't drink your life to death.

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America's Mighty War Effort Turns Out Huge Volume

Nearly 2,000 Artillery and Anti-Tank Guns Made in Month

WASHINGTON. (AP) — President Roosevelt disclosed today that America's mighty war effort, in the single month of May, had turned out nearly 4,000 planes and more than 1,500 tanks.

Releasing official war production figures for the first time since Pearl Harbor, the Chief Executive asserted in a statement that the country also turned out nearly 2,000 artillery and anti-tank guns, and these were exclusive of anti-aircraft guns and those to be mounted in tanks.

The May output of machine guns exceeded 50,000 weapons of all types, including infantry, aircraft and anti-aircraft. If submarine guns are added on, the total passes 100,000.

Mr. Roosevelt released these figures because, he said, they are going to give the Axis just the opposite of "aid and comfort."

"We are well on our way," he declared, "towards achieving the rate of production which will bring us to our goals."

The last announced objectives of the war production program, told of in the President's annual message to Congress last January, were 185,000 tanks, 55,000 anti-aircraft guns, 100,000 tanks, 55,000 anti-aircraft guns.

The Chief Executive, in citing the May figures, warned against complacency.

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Nazis Making Big Drive In Russia

Outnumbered Russians Being Pushed Back In Ukraine

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW. (AP) — Against powerful Red Army resistance, the German offensive in the Ukraine developed today into a reinforced, major drive in the east with the Russians being forced back slowly by sheer weight of troops and tanks past Kopyansk and the Oskol River.

Dispatches from the battlefield said that after abandoning Kopyansk, 60 miles southeast of Kharkov, the Russians repulsed a series of fierce assaults in which the Germans tried with tanks and planes to force a wedge into the defense line.

The Russians said that by failing back slowly they had been able to maintain a straight, unbroken front against the fury of the new onslaught.

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4 Gallons Weekly To Be Basic Gas Ration

Require Proof of Needs for More

WASHINGTON. (AP) — Instructions for the new gasoline rationing program in Eastern states, disclosing officially that the basic unit would be four gallons, were issued by the Office of Price Administration today.

The unit is subject to change "in accordance with any change in the East's petroleum supply situation," OPA said in releasing a thirteen-page booklet on the coupon plan which starts July 22 in seven states and the District of Columbia.

INSTRUCTIONS
The estimated delays and congestion at planned registration for the emergency ration plan in some cities, OPA said today in detailed instructions for expedite registration at public schoolhouses July 9-11 inclusive. Teachers were advised: "Do not argue or carry on long conversations with the applicant."

Only the basic, minimum-allowance cards will be issued at first. Each will contain 40 coupons, designed to provide 2,400 miles of driving for a year, on the basis of fifteen miles to the gallon.

To get B or C cards providing supplemental rationing motorists will have to apply to local ration boards, and there show that the A book will not meet their occupational driving needs.

Applications for B and C cards will be available at the registration places. There may be mailed or presented in person to local boards.

The A book is intended to allow 1,800 miles for "family purposes" for four persons, car-owners or non-owners. Failing to join such a club, the applicant must prove that he cannot carry three other persons but is hauling as many as possible and that other means of transportation are inadequate.

Registrars will issue B cards, which are valid at the time of registration for A cards.

The sixteen-coupon B book will be good for 250 miles of additional driving a month.

Motorists applying for a C book must prove that they are "essential in the war effort and to the public health."

FOR THREE MONTHS
The C book will be issued for three-month periods. Although a book is valid for 90 coupons, local boards will "tailor" by tearing out coupons to fit the applicant's needs.

The B book can be "tailored" also. It contains sixteen coupons calling for 250 miles of additional driving for at least three months' use. The time covered by the book, over that above the three months' minimum, will be governed by the initial mileage need of the holder and the expiration date on the book.

Application for another supplemental B book can be made within 30 days prior to the expiration date.

The 40 coupons in the basic A and B books are in sets of eight coupons each. Motorists can use each sheet only in the two-month period for which it is issued. Thus they may obtain 32 gallons at one time.

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NOTE TO READERS
Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other enemy countries are published by The News with the caution that they frequently contain false statements and are to be read with extreme skepticism. This should be taken into consideration when reading the overseas material for Axis sources.

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Russia Charges Japs With Sinking Vessel

MOSCOW. (AP) — Soviet Russia placed responsibility today for the sinking of the Soviet merchantman Angarskiy on a Japanese submarine, puncturing Tokyo's insistence that the act was a provocation by the United States.

Since the 4,761-ton merchantman was torpedoed May 1 only 32 miles off the Japanese coast, Japan has blamed a United States submarine, contending that the United States evidently hoped to fan the ancient enmity between Russia and Japan.

"This version does not coincide with the facts," declared the Soviet radio, "who have reached Harbin on the way home, reported that two Japanese submarines surfaced immediately after the vessel went down and stayed with its crewmen until another Soviet ship landed them at Dalien, in Japan."

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Allies Getting Set For Second Front

Unified Command Being Set Up To Direct European Operations

By NOLAND NORGAARD
Associated Press War Correspondent
LONDON. — Quick creation of a unified command to weld American, British and Canadian forces into a coordinated fighting team for a blow against the European continent was predicted today by qualified quarters.

To these observers, the arrival of Maj.-Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as commander in the European theater of operations for American forces, meant one thing: GETTING READY TO HIT.

The stage of preliminary planning has passed to a phase of active preparation for using the powerful armies assembled in Britain.

Some said the new commander's name was a significant symbol, for "Eisenhower" in German means "iron beater."

He is a believer in the theory that actual operations of a battle should begin weeks and months before armies meet on the field, and that the army which wins the preparation stage is most likely to win the fight.

Speculation on the possible makeup of a unified command for the armies in Britain was notably absent, partly because Eisenhower has just arrived and partly because the reverse in North Africa has brought a clamor for careful re-examination of the qualifications of the British general.

Writing in The Daily Herald, Gen. Sir Hubert Gough, commander of the Fifth British Army in France in 1918, said, "a large proportion of the generals serving in the War Office and at home have hardly seen a shot fired in this war, with the possible exception of some ten days before Dunkerque."

He accused senior officers of flinching junior generals who showed promise because of military errors or because of "standing up boldly for their considered opinions."

Two generals of great promise, Sir Alan Gordon Cunningham and Robert H. Haining, are now walking the streets of London for use as the other members of the War Cabinet, who declared in an interview.

"If Egypt goes out of control of the Middle East and our chances of aiding Russia through Persia go with it, a defeat in Egypt would open the way for Axis control of Africa, Europe and Asia through possession of the Eastern Hemisphere's main crossroads."

"LAST DITCH" STAND
An informed source in Cairo was quoted in London as saying that the British position at Matruh represented a "last ditch" stand.

"There is practically nothing else between this position and the sea."

RAF Attack Probably History's Greatest

Great Fires Set In German Port

LONDON. (AP) — Great fires were set by the RAF last night in the big German port city of Bremen, principal target of a devastating assault which probably was the largest in the history of aerial warfare.

Indications were that the number of planes participating exceeded the flights of 1,130 and 1,038 bombers which laid clog and Essen in ruins on May 30 and June 1.

American-made Lockheed Hudson bombers belonging to the RAF participated in the Bremen attack, while Douglas Havoc fighter-bombers were used on other targets.

Canadian airmen, returning from Bremen, said that the glare of many fires had been seen. Bremen's low clouds hindered aerial assault of damage to Bremen.

"We got tired of trying to see through the clouds as we went down below and saw the town blazing merrily in a deep blue glow," said a sergeant from Newcastle.

An air ministry communiqué told of one bomber force of "more than 1,000" whose main target was Bremen and reported intensive action on air fields in the low country by "a second force of bombers and fighters."

BIG FORCE
This force was believed to have been numbered in the hundreds. Fifty-two planes were missing; the highest one-night loss ever experienced by the RAF, but in former losses said this was less than five per cent of those involved.

(This would indicate that more than 1,000 planes were involved. The Germans, agreeing on the figure, contended it represented 25 per cent of the aircraft.)

In addition to the Bremen raid, hundreds of fighter planes and fighter-bombers were reported to have performed operations in other parts of Germany.

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Guide to Good Reading

WORLD SERIES AND THE WHISTLE STOPS
Radical change in the World Series, baseball's great Fall classic, is reviewed by National League owners who've outlined a best eight-out-of-nine plan for the series in today's sports section.

★ ★ ★
DUMM JAPS THAT
UNRAVELLED A NAZI
France and Britain snuffed the play in 1939 and Stalin turned the treaty with Hitler. The boys & wags are occupied in today's headlines of "Helen in Moscow" in today's sports section.

★ ★ ★
CHIEF FOR US FROM
THEY SAY...
James J. U. S. Army, retired, officer, commander of the 1st Cavalry Division, is named in today's editorial page as a "Helen in Moscow" in today's sports section.

★ ★ ★
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS EVERY DAY
The "Helen in Moscow" in today's sports section, a "Helen in Moscow" in today's sports section.

★ ★ ★
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Nippon's Defense Feeble

Eyewitness Reports Japs Thrown Into Panic By U. S. Raid On Tokyo

ANKARA. (AP) — An eye-witness to the United States air attack on Tokyo last April 18, who was in a Tokyo street when the raid occurred, said today the Japanese were thrown into panic and defeated by the lone defense.

The story was told by a national of a neutral country who has just arrived here.

CONFIDENCE SHAKEN
"The daylight raid," he said, "was a complete surprise and threw the Japanese into confusion. The Government had boasted that American planes would never be seen over the capital."

"Tokyo's close-packed, highly inflammable buildings were spared as the planes went for bomb targets between the capital and Yokohama and other important industrial centers."

He said foreigners were not permitted outside of Tokyo to inspect the damage which, he said, apparently was heavy.

"I was on the street when the bombers came over," he related. "Directly overhead and red warning flags and balloons were sent up."

"Many persons showed panic, running for cover."

"I heard no anti-aircraft guns. Japanese pursuit planes were outdistanced."

"Some Japanese commented on the superiority of the American aircraft," the eye-witness said. "The planes came from the east and intercepted them, replied and they flew too fast and too high."

"The people insisted that Japan was going to win the war, but I got the impression that they were nervous."

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Shipwreck Not So Tough

Survivors Of U. S. Ship Finish "Pleasure Trip" On New Rafts

A CARIBBEAN PORT. — Twenty-three survivors of a United States merchantman, torpedoed in the Gulf of Mexico May 4, have arrived here full of praise for the life raft that saved their lives when their ship settled beneath the waves only twelve minutes after being struck.

Five men are missing, and believed dead, as a result of the accident with a large German submarine two days out of a Gulf port, but those who arrived here are not only safe but uninjured.

The missing men were never seen after a torpedo ripped into the steamer's starboard side at 12:40 A. M. The sinking was announced today by the Navy at Washington.

RAPID GOES DOWN
For those who managed to dive from the foundering merchantman, including eight who listed Mobile as their home, the new-type rafts, built by the Bureau of Navigation, were a godsend.

The ship's heavy list to starboard and fast-sitting movement prevented any use of lifeboats, but the rafts were easily cut loose from the sinking ship and sent plunging into the water where the swimming men could clamber aboard them.

Leaded together, the four rafts were provided a refuge for the beleaguered men, but also provided a stable target for spotting by lookouts aboard the German submarine.

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