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Churchill Spends Day With Troops at Fort Jackson

Crack Army Units Put On Colorful Show for Distinguished Visitor

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
FORT JACKSON, S. C.—(AP)—Winston Churchill, a spectacular display of America's expanding might yesterday at the Army's largest infantry training post, cracked paratroopers plummeted from the sky by the dozens and live ammunition from big field guns whistled over his head and burst near enough for him to feel the jar and concussion.

Championing his fat, black cigars, Britain's Prime Minister inspected Fort Jackson's activities yesterday, looking on as soldiers' packs, working in breach blocks of a millimeter gun, and getting covered with choking, yellow kicked up by thousands of feet and hundreds of armed

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Allied Air Power Hits As Enemy Is Massing

Axix Forces 15 Miles of Matruh

CAIRO.—(AP)—Axis forces have moved up to within fifteen miles of Matruh, about 115 miles inside Egypt, and are being pounded day and night by Allied air power as they mass for the battle for Egypt.

The Italian High Command announced that Italian and German motorized and armored forces "have made contact with the defenses of Matruh."

In announcing that Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel had pushed his forces another fifteen miles beyond the positions reached yesterday, the British Command said there had been no major clash as yet, indicating that the German-Italian tanks were restricted only by light fighting action.

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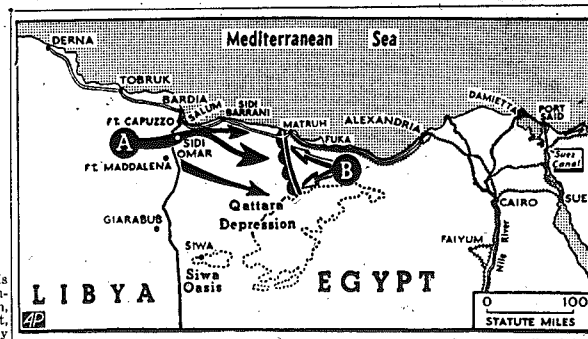
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DRIVE INTO EGYPT—Axis forces (A) have driven at least 100 miles into Egypt (black arrows), advancing in three columns—one near the coast, one further inland and one in the direction of the Qattara Depression, a vast stretch of soft sand below sea level. The British (B) were expected to make their stand (outlined arrows) along a line between Matruh, British patrols dealt with Axis units daring toward the Qattara Depression and the Nazis were not expected to try to cross that area. Meanwhile, U. S. Army and RAF bombers pounded Tobruk the night of June 25.

Reds Check Nazi Swede Ships

Drive In Ukraine

German Reserves Being Moved Up As Violent Fighting Continues

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
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MOSCOW.—(AP)—The Red Army has checked the new German offensive in the Ukraine, repulsing enemy attacks east of Kupyansk and at one point counterattacking, while the German gains on the Sevastopol front is measured in yards after the bloodiest kind of fighting, Soviet military dispatches said today.

Severe losses were inflicted on the Germans who were forced to retreat by the Russian counter drive at Kupyansk on the Oskol River 60 miles southeast of Kharkov, the reports said.

At Sevastopol, the Red Fleet Navy base in the Crimea, the Germans have been hurling 50 tonloads of bombs, shells and mines into an effort to breach the defenses, but their gains were said to have netted them only a few dozen yards in two sectors.

A Sevastopol report to Pravda, the Communist Party organ, said the Germans continued to move up reserves and "the presence of a new formation of reinforcements evidently transferred from another front has been noted in the last few days."

At the same time it was declared that assault groups that had dwindled from regiments of thousands to companies and battalions, an evidence of the strain of the campaign upon Axis manpower.

The organ estimated the German losses in the assaults at 200 tanks, 200 guns and 182 mortars and more than 50,000 men killed and wounded.

As the rule engagements about the beleaguered fortress began with long-range artillery fire and end up in hand-to-hand combat, which sometimes rages for hours in the trenches, said Pravda's correspondent.

In ten days, one unit beat off 50 such attacks, he added.

The heroism of the Sevastopol garrison, its unwavering staunchness and devotion to duty stand out with clear clarity," he declared.

On the Kharkov front the battle was said to be of "exceptionally character."

U. S. Air Forces In British Isles
Getting Ready To Attack Germany

LONDON.—(AP)—United States Army Air Forces already are established in Britain and laying the groundwork for participation in the mass attacks on Germany under separate command, it was reliably disclosed today.

It was reported that the Americans now made up a sizable establishment of their own, although nothing yet has been said to indicate whether sufficient aircraft have arrived for the actual offensive for weeks that air crews were taking shape at a base somewhere in the British Isles, but

Say Operations Will Divert Nazi Strength

Roosevelt-Churchill Program Ominous—For the Axis

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill pledged today to "divert German strength from the attack on Russia," telling of "coming operations" in a joint statement heavy with the portent of a second front in Europe.

The two chief leaders of the United Nations spoke ominously for the Axis—"operations which were discussed in detail" at the Roosevelt-Churchill conversations just concluded. Their statement was released upon the return of Churchill to London today.

Coming as it did a fortnight after the White House announced that President Roosevelt and Russia's Foreign Commissar, Vyacheslav Molotov, had reached an understanding on "the urgent tasks of creating a second front in Europe," the statement lent emphasis to the possibility of an imminent drive into the Nazi-held continent of Europe.

Jap Subs On Prowl

Work in Pacific as Nazis Use Atlantic

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Hitler-ordered all-out submarine offensive against the Allies in the Atlantic, which has been going on since the second day of the war, is being supplemented by a new offensive in the Pacific, it was disclosed today.

Indications that Japanese submarines were on the move in the Pacific while the Nazi U-boats were on the Atlantic, which have been on the move since the second day of the war, were disclosed today.

The Navy in Washington, meanwhile, disclosed the sinking of two more ships—a small U.S. cargo ship and a medium-sized British vessel—while the Nazi U-boats were on the Atlantic, which have been on the move since the second day of the war, were disclosed today.

All crewns of one of the two recent Pacific victims were saved with the exception of its gunnery officer, who was killed. The bodies of the second ship were not announced.

Guide to Good Reading

COLUMBIAN LIBRARY AND THE LOANERS

Want Beach Thriller, or favorite cracker-barrel philosopher, contribution to the "good reading" list? Here are some titles to read today.

Threats kept his foot on the ground (let's say "no" to the "good reading" list) are not only a good idea, but a good one.

15 U. S. Planes In Rumania Raid

ON—(AP)—Fifteen Consolidated B-24 bombers from Egyptian airfields participated in the United States Air Force raid which struck at the Rumanian oil center of Ploesti two weeks ago. It was disclosed in London today.

The nature and extent of the preparations for operation of American fliers and aircraft in the Balkans were reported today.

The first official hint of the U. S. air force's presence in Britain was given in Thursday in a statement by Maj.-Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, American commander for the European War theater, that pilots were arriving "in rapidly increasing numbers."