

SOVIETS PUSH FORWARD AT STALINGRAD BRITISH PUSH FORWARD IN MADAGASCAR CAPITAL

Move Into Interior Of Large French Isle

Head for Other Key Points

LONDON.—(AP)—British and African troops, making considerable progress in the interior of Madagascar against negligible opposition, are swiftly pushing toward Tananarive and other key points which the Axis might covet, a communique from the expeditionary force announced today.

Communicating from the commando chief, General Sir William Slim, head of the British and African Command, said West Indian landings were supplemented by the unopposed occupation of the northern coast.

Destroyed bridges slowed up a task force moving down the west coast from the latter naval base, which the British took over last night.

"By evening we were within twenty miles of Amboina," the major in the communique said.

"Our patrol encountered machine guns in the interior," it reported, "but there were no casualties."

The Vichy radio expressed belief in full recuperation was just a matter of time, with the French defense program totaling only 100 troops.

Dallas L. Morris Killed In Crash

Well-Known Charlotte Young Man Was Star Athlete at Wake Forest

Captain Dallas Morris, former Central High School and Wake Forest star athlete, was killed instantly some time yesterday in a plane crash near Nashville, Ga., according to a message received here today by his mother, Mrs. J. L. Morris of 223 N. Myers Street.

Captain Morris was a flight instructor in the Army Air Force and was stationed at Hoope Field, Valdosta, Ga. The message sent his mother by the Army gave no details of the crash, but it was an old Flier, however, and Associated Press dispatch said that the crash was First Lieutenant Lawrence A. Dougherty, Chaplain Corps.

His mother instructed the Army to send her sons body here to the McEwen Funeral Home, and it was presumed that it will arrive sometime tomorrow.

BORN IN CHARLOTTE Captain Morris was born in Charlotte Aug. 26, 1914. He graduated in the Air Force Dec. 27, 1939, and received his wings as a second lieutenant at Kelly Field, Texas, on Aug. 30, 1940. He later was promoted to first lieutenant and was promoted to the rank of captain in 1941.

Besides his mother, Captain Morris is survived by three brothers and three sisters. The sisters are Mrs. D. C. Moore of Charlotte and Mrs. I. J. Towler of Charlotte. His brothers are W. J. Morris of Route 1, Fort Mill, S. C.; J. C. Morris of Charlotte; and Private Billy Albert Morris of Camp Grant, Ill. His father and his mother were both in the service during the first world war.

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Both Sides Get Set for Showdown Guinea Fight

Allies Slash at Jap Supply Lines

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia (AP)—Allied bombers, including a number of Flying Fortresses, slashed at Japanese supply lines on land and sea in the New Guinea war theater yesterday, setting one enemy destroyer afire and leaving her to sink, as both sides reorganized their forces for a showdown battle on the road to Port Moresby.

The destroyer was observed sinking to the stern with life rafts and Japanese sailors in the water about her after the Allied bombers finished their attack off Normandy Island, a communique said. The bombers also scored a "very near miss" on a second destroyer, which was believed to have been damaged.

Normandy Island is north of Milne Bay on the southeastern tip of New Guinea, where a Japanese invasion force was ambushed and destroyed recently. All of the Allied planes returned safely from the mission.

JAPS HELD UP For the second successive day, General MacArthur reported that the enemy has made no further advances in the Owen Stanley Mountains 44 miles from Port Moresby, the vital Allied base on the southern coast of New Guinea.

The positions of the opposing forces apparently remained the same as on the previous day when bitter fighting was reported south of Egele, on the south slope of the mountains.

There was no disposition here, however, to assume that the Japanese definitely had been stopped in their drive on Port Moresby. The late announcement that no further advances had been made was taken rather to indicate that both sides were reorganizing their forces for a continuation of the important battle.



"NAZIS" NABBED—The two "Nazis" in the picture above, J. E. McLeary, left, and J. H. Hood, didn't get very far in their stroll through the streets of Charlotte today.

Playing Nazi Here Proves Dangerous

Soldiers and Marines Detect Uniforms on Parade Promoters

By PETE MCKNIGHT Charlotte News Staff Writer

The two young fellows who dressed up in Nazi uniforms and paraded along uptown streets today did it as a bold promotion stunt—but the U. S. Army and the U. S. Marines also spotted their fun.

Don't let anyone tell you that a Nazi in full uniform could walk around Charlotte unmolested like they've done in Philadelphia and in London and in other cities.

Wage Clause In Measure

Living Cost Hearings To Start Tuesday

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The cost-of-living control bill which contains specific mention of wages as well as farm prices, Senate Majority Leader Barkley, Kentucky, predicted today after a conference with other Senators.

Chairman Wagner, Democrat, New York, of the Senate Banking Committee announced that hearings on the bill, which is not yet drafted, will begin Tuesday.

The first witnesses, he said, will be William H. Davis, chairman of the War Labor Board; Leon Henderson, Price Administrator, and Secretary of Agriculture Wickard.

Positions of Rommel Hit

Artillery Batteries of Allies Roar

CAIRO.—(AP)—Allied artillery batteries in the southern sector of the El Alamein front shelled the positions of Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces yesterday, but there was little other ground activity to report, a British communique said today.

Axis air activity was on a slightly larger scale over the battle area during the day and at least two Axis fighters were shot down by Allied fighters, the communique said.

Another Axis plane, a Messerschmitt 109, was shot down when it attempted to machine-gun an Allied airfield.

ROMM—(From Italian Broadcaster)—The Italian High Command reported stepped-up air fighting in the El Alamein front in its communique today and said that in the first ten days of September the Allies fired 150 tons of bombs and shelled Axis positions on the desert front.

"There have been no Allied reports to suggest the Italian High Command's Axis losses in equipment were not given."

WILLIE RECHES BAGHDAD BAGHDAD.—(AP)—Wendell Willie Reches arrived today in this capital of Iraq after visits to Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon and Palestine on a flight which will take him also to Russia and China, on a special mission, said President Roosevelt.

Seek Bragg Deserter

Suspect in Slaying of Wisconsin Women

ST. PAUL.—(AP)—Positive identification of a photograph today as that of a young man who cashed a check at a small Minnesota hotel led Chicago Stern, Federal Bureau of Investigation chief here to name Robert Taylor Bailey, Army deserter, as a suspect in the rape-slavery of two Wisconsin women near Tomah, Wis., last Monday.

St. Paul said Bailey, 21, deserted from Fort Bragg, N. C., Sept. 1, last. He is a native of Hattiesburg, Miss.

J. T. Peterson, Lesueur, Minn., banker positively identified a photograph of Bailey as the man in soiled Army clothes who cashed a check Tuesday after leaving the name of one of the two victims, Miss Nell Joan Dietzinger, 30.

Fatally shot with her was Miss Dorothy Hanson, 32. Their nude bodies were found in a woods near Tomah.

Both were Wisconsin social welfare workers. Another check was cashed at Tomah the night of the slaying.

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Victory Through Air Power

Naval Power Loses Punch Under Threat From Skies

The following article is the eighth in a series of 12 taken from the book "Victory Through Air Power," by the aviation author, Maj. Alexander P. de Seversky, U. S. Army, who was a witness to the "Twilight of Sea Power."

By MAJ. ALEXANDER P. DE SEVERSKY

There is something of the "Dunkirk" effect and, even more, of their refusal—nay, of their psychological inability—to admit any serious threats on the navy's ancient domain by the new power.

A high-ranking Army Air Corps general, writing on the role of aviation, held an array of eloquent and naval battles through the ages, from Marathon and Salamis to the Marie and Dullout. Thus he added:

"It is not human that the older military services should regard the pretensions of air power with a measure of distrust and should prefer a flight which will take him also to Russia and China, on a special mission, said President Roosevelt."

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WEATHER

Mild temperature today and tonight.

Solomon Grip Retained

Large Jap Seaborne Force Turned Back In Struggle

AT SEA WITH THE U. S. FLEET OFF SOLOMON ISLANDS, Aug. 25.—(Delayed)—(AP)—American airplanes partially smashed and turned back a large seaborne Japanese force attempting to recapture the Solomon Islands in a two-day battle yesterday and today.

Many Japanese ships were damaged, including an aircraft carrier, two destroyers and one submarine, and nearly 100 enemy planes were shot down.

The Japanese aircraft carrier, which was attacked by American Navy dive bombers and torpedo planes, was first identified as the 7,600-ton Ryugo, smallest and one of the oldest of the enemy's regular carriers. This identification, however, was indefinite and

Reds Refuse To Give Up Any Ground To Invaders

But Stalingrad Gravely Menaced

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Stalingrad's defenders for whom retreat was declared impossible held the besieging Germans at bay today in perhaps the most bitter battle of the war, a battle which overshadowed five others flaring on a Russian front of more than 1,300 miles.

Despite the heroic stand of the Red Army for eighteen days against the lumbering Nazi steel, apparently without a backward step for the past 24 hours, fresh German activity on the north of the Volga River city menaced it as never before.

Even in the midst of that struggle in which Joseph Stalin has ordered that there be no retreat, however, the Russians found strength to launch an offensive of their own on the Leningrad front far to the north.

STORM RAIL STATION There, some 60 miles east of beleaguered Leningrad, the Russians were storming the railroad station at Strykovo in an action mentioned for the first time in a communique issued at midnight.

Stalin's radio does not appear on maps but the Russian reports indicate that it is on the narrow neck of land extending about 50 miles west of Leningrad, which had been the point of greatest Nazi penetration on the front north of Moscow.

The Volga River is crossed by the railway at about that point, and this may be the German bridgehead against which German reports have mentioned many attacks recently.

At the southern tip of the long front, new German efforts to expand their bridgehead from the Leningrad front on the road to the valuable oil fields of Grozny were said to have intensified, as the first snow in the high Caucasus ranges heralded another Russian winter.

But Stalingrad, where probably more men and more armor were locked in fiercer combat than on any other front, was the scene of the fiercest fighting.

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Guide to Good Reading

CLARK LEE'S DIARY

The AP's Clark Lee, often under fire since Bataan, is still reporting from the thick of the fighting. His story of a day with the Marines in the Solomons is on page 3. Don't miss it.

WHAT ABOUT A RIDE FOR NIGHT WORKERS? Reporter Dick Young, pondering the problem of night workers in wartime, suggests today new aid for those who are working on night shifts, and have less transportation.

Because the last bus run at 11:30 P. M., he says, the workers are forced to walk. He suggests all-night limited service, at least for the duration, in the industrial area, in City Hall Today.

FALSE FRONT FOR THE DEAF At Wake Forest, this year Coach Pemberton will start an imposing first-string football team, but behind this pretension, he has a real plan.

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