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SEVEN MONTHS OF BATTLE—ENEMY HAS GAINED NO GROUND—FRONT LINE STILL IN PLACE—GERMANS HAVE MADE NO HEADWAY

Soviet Army Holds Under ceaseless Nazi Attack

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW (AP)—Defenders of Stalingrad were sorted finely regrouped to fight against reinforced German shock troops seeking to enlarge a new and dangerous breach in the western defenses by nonstop attacks. In southwestern lines also overnight on battlefields lined with blood.

A Red Army detachment took the initiative in a night raid, destroying the headquarters of a Rumanian battalion below the city, slew 80 Rumanian officers and men, blew up seven Axis ammunition trucks, and destroyed the main communication line.

German wedged into Russian tanks in the Novosvobodnaya area in the Western Caucasus and driven back or held fast in the Mzokh region of the Central Caucasus and they lost additional tanks to the Russians on the trail and northwestern fronts, it announced.

Defenses of Nazi planes were reported by Red Star to have failed in the Caucasus. Lines approached by Stalingrad, but the Soviet command acknowledged penetration by aerial forces from the Caucasus. The Germans brought up fresh tanks and tanks support to prevent our defenses for several hours, but all the attacks were repulsed. The enemy left six tanks disabled on the battlefield and more than 200 prisoners.

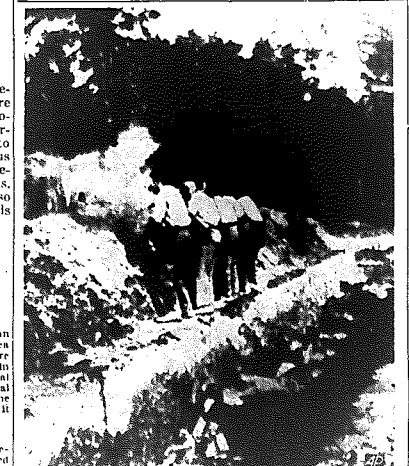
While Field Marshal Fedor von Paulus is reported to have ordered the city had been captured.

German and Rumanian troops on the assault front were ordered to annihilate the Soviet forces at some points as much as five to six miles from the city.

Divisions lost 70 per cent of its strength and was replaced by the 11th Army. In its last battle, it lost 10,000 men.

Willkie Says Rommel In A Hole With 40 Per Cent Of Punch Gone

ANKARA, Turkey—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, personal representative of President Roosevelt, disclosed on his arrival by plane from Cairo that 100 of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's 200 first-line tanks were knocked out by Allied forces in the first battle of the recent Axis offensive in the Egyptian desert.



MASS EXECUTION—Russian sources said the five men standing on the embankment are Soviet citizens about to be executed by Germans. The photo was reported found on the body of a German soldier, Kurt Seidler, who was killed on the northwestern front.

Willkie, who visited the desert battlefield in Egypt, said the truth of a great Allied victory in the Egyptian desert had not yet been made entirely public.

Rommel claims that his maneuvers were only for reconnaissance, he said, "but a few more of these and he won't have any troops left to fight."

He said the Axis setback in Egypt was the beginning of a changing of the tide in the battle for the Middle East and would be followed by a changing of the tide of battle on other fronts throughout the world in favor of the Allies.

Willkie made the trip to Ankara in a twin-motored transport, a Douglas DC-3 airplane.

Ambassador Sternard, British Ambassador Sir Hugh M. Knatchbull-Hugessen, other Allied diplomats, and several hundred Turks were among those who met him. Willkie waved and smiled to the crowd.

Rommel Rounds Up Stragglers

CAIRO (AP)—Axis anti-tank batteries were deployed today in an apparent attempt to hold a passage through the British minefield in the western desert while Field Marshal Erwin Rommel halted and regrouped his battered main forces near the starting point of his ill-fated second bid for the Nile Valley.

Axis detachments were reported established in the El Heimel area, permitting the German and Italian desert forces to use the 70-foot high peak as an observation post.

Whereas the British hoped to catch a sufficient momentum to begin a real counter-offensive was a question.

Defensive power was illustrated by the wreckage of Axis tanks and trucks strewn across the battlefield, Rommel was reported to have told his troops just eight days ago that "we'll be in Cairo next week."

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The plane spilled flush into the home of Mrs. A. L. Weston at Hudson Avenue and Wyoming Street, demolished it, and then plunged into two other houses before exploding.

Huge Cotton Crop Seen

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Agriculture Department today forecast this year's cotton crop at 11,028,000 bales, of 60 pounds gross weight, based on the condition of the crop Sept. 1 compared with 63 per cent of normal.

Indications a month ago were for a crop of 13,085,000 bales. Production totaled 10,744,000 bales last year and the ten-year 1931-40 production averaged 13,109,000 bales.

The condition of the crop on Sept. 1 compared with 63 per cent of a normal a year ago, and a ten-year Sept. 1 average condition of 68.

The indicated yield of lint cotton is 29.3 pounds to the acre, compared with 29.7 pounds indicated a month ago, 23.9 pounds produced last year, and ten-year average yield of 25.5 pounds.

The department placed the acreage for harvest this year after determining 1.16 million and since July 1 was 3.0 per cent, at 23,270,000 acres. The average in cultivation July 1 was 23,540,000. Harvested acreage last year was 21,000,000.

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Allies Take Heavy Toll On Solomons

WASHINGTON—(AP)—American land and air power blasted away today at scattered Japanese forces which gambled heavily with troops, ships and planes in a desperate effort to reinforce their isolated patrols in the Southeastern Solomon Islands.

Disabling the latest enemy attempts to regain lost footholds in the Solomons, the Navy reported yesterday that U. S. planes pounded and strafed fleets of small boats, destroying many of them and causing "heavy loss of life."

The exact number of the Axis American Corps tanks knocked out by the Americans is not known. It is in some comparable to those knocked out by British tanks since the enemy is accused of a small fraction of the armored formations in the past week's great battles.

Not a single fatality has been reported among the Americans. One group of American tanks was reported to have been destroyed.

Tanks Litter Egypt's Sand

Kennedy Sees Rommel's Wreckage By EDWARD KENNEDY AP War Correspondent WASHINGTON—(AP)—Scattered German tanks destroyed by American tanks crews in the Egyptian desert, the wreckage of Axis tanks and trucks strewn across the battlefield, Rommel was reported to have told his troops just eight days ago that "we'll be in Cairo next week."

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Chairman George W. Pepper, Democrat, Georgia, said the committee had rejected on a voice vote a \$500,000,000 spending tax program submitted by the Treasury and now was considering his suggestion for a 5 per cent "victory" tax which would raise a total of \$3,600,000,000 yearly of which \$1,100,000,000 would be rebated to taxpayers.

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Port Facing Jap Siege

Battle Raging Around Allies' Guinea Base GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia—(AP)—Japanese planes fighters, forcing back Allied advance patrols have pushed up into the Owen Stanley Range and are in contact with the Allied defense line in the mountains guarding the entire country in night flights in Port Moresby, General MacArthur's Headquarters disclosed today.

A communiqué said fighting was in progress on page 2A.

The Air Ministry dates this phase as Oct. 6-31 but it has already continued since then; the Luftwaffe has been attacking the entire country in night flights in a diversified action against all vital objectives.

Behind this matter-of-fact recapitulation of the campaign lies a clear record of Nazi aerial failure. The Air Ministry account, at See VICTORY on page 8A.

Plane Spills 2 Bodies, Crashes In Ohio Town

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Victory Through Air Power—Smart Pilots, Better Planes—Beat Luftwaffe Over Britain

In the following article, the author, Maj. Alexander P. De Seversky, discusses the decisive defeat of the Nazi Luftwaffe over Britain. The article is a condensed version of the "Victory Through Air Power" book.

Weather

Today's Temp.: H., 85; L., 70. Sunset Today 7:40. Sunrise Tomorrow 7:07. Additional T. & Weather Bureau data will be found on page 2.



Topic Of July London Parley Finally Told

Churchill Heard Fireside Chat In Parliament WASHINGTON—(AP)—The White House disclosed today, after President Roosevelt had made it plain that preparations were under way for opening a second front in Europe, that the "necessary decisions regarding military operations" were made at a London conference between British and American officials in July.

The conferences, held with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and the British chiefs of staff, Stephen Early, Presidential secretary, was in London at the same time conferring with Brendan

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