

ROMMEL TREATS FAR THE WEST

Eighth Army Gets Over New Hurdle

Axis Forces Pulled Farther
 From Series of Gulches

LONDON — (AP) — The British were over another hurdle today in the pursuit of the Axis across Libya as Marshal Rommel, still preferring to run rather than fight, pulled his retreating army farther west of Wadi Be El Chebir.

Demand Ouster Of Vichy Holdovers

Call for Elimination Made By
 Fighting French of de Gaulle

LONDON — (AP) — A demand from the Fighting French of General Charles de Gaulle for elimination of the "holdovers from the Vichy regime" in North Africa today posed a new obstacle to speedy union of all anti-Axis Frenchmen into a single, cohesive force seeking the liberation of France.

Sea Battle Reported

And Nazis Boast
 Only Minor Success

LONDON — (AP) — The German High Command boasted today the first venture in which it had risked any of its strong northern naval squadrons in the Mediterranean, a convoy route to Russia since last August and at best, it boasted only a minor success.

Chinese Driving Japanese South

CHUNGKING — (AP) — Chinese dispatches from the front today reported that Chinese troops had recaptured Tientsin and Tientsin southwestern frontier Province and that the Japanese are retreating southward in the direction of Peking, 22 miles below Taihu, the Yangtze.

Pounding Of Japanese Bases In Southwestern Pacific Continued

By WILLIAM F. BONI
 SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Jan. 1. — (Delayed) — Allied heavy bombers, lashing out in heavier force than has been employed in this area in weeks, continued their pounding of Japanese bases in the Southwest Pacific this morning by plastering the Rabaul area in Northern New Britain with everything from small fragmentation bombs to thousand-pounders.

Ohio City Fearful As Flood Water Rises High

Portsmouth Folk
 Cross Fingers

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio. — (AP) — The Ohio River hurled its full flood fury at this industrial city of 40,000 inhabitants today after driving 40,000 to 50,000 persons from their homes upstream and causing damage that may reach \$3,500,000.

Air Raiders Blast Japs

Strike in Aleutians
 And in Solomons

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Navy reported today that American Air Forces in the Pacific had opened the new year with heavy attacks against Japanese-held islands in the Aleutians and the Solomons.

Mrs. Churchill Hopes Full Triumph Ahead

LONDON — (AP) — Winston Churchill, speaking in a BBC over-the-air broadcast, said today, "We have good reason to hope and indeed expect that the victories in Russia, Africa, and in the Pacific will be followed by a gathering avalanche that in the fullness of time will overthrow Hitler and all his satanic works."

Lad, 4, Loses Life Trying To Save Pup

SAN LEUIS OBISPO, Calif. — (AP) — Larry Lee Hickman, 4, son of Mrs. Harold Neuman, died yesterday trying to protect his pup, The dog is dead.

Might On The Sea—V-shaped glow in the sky hangs symbolically over a guard off Allied positions on the African coast.



Jap Forces Split On Guinea Front

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High Total Borrowed

Treasury Gets Funds
 For War Operation

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Treasury Secretary Morgenthau announced today that there would be no more special drives for funds to finance the war until early April because the Treasury had borrowed an historic total of \$12,000,000,000 during December through its victory fund campaign.

Zoo Has No Animals For Household Pets

HEISLEY, Pa. — (AP) — The disbanding Hershey zoo let it be known today that it hasn't a single lion, tiger, bear or even wolf that would make a palisade household playmate.

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