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TRIPOLI CAPTURED BY BRITISH AXIS SCORE VICTORY IN GUINEA CAMPAIGN

Organized Jap Papuan Resistance Is Ended

Last Stragglers
Being Hunted

By VERN HAUGLAND
SOMEWHERE IN NEW
GUINEA. (AP) — Organ-
ized Japanese resistance in
Papua ended at 2:05 P. M.
local time, yesterday when
the last two remaining pocket
of an enemy which once
numbered 15,000 were wiped
out by victorious American
and Australian forces.

The last fall was a group of
Japs on the coast northwest of
Sananda. Attacked in the early
morning by Australians, the enemy
resisted bitterly but withdrew
a short distance. Artillery and
mortars softened the new defense
and an afternoon attack crumpled
the enemy.

(Although the Papuan Peninsula
drive in New Guinea is virtually
completed, the Japanese still re-
tain bases at Salamaua, 150 miles
northwest of the Buna-Sananda
Point battleground, and the air-
port port of Lae.)

Two days ago the Americans
cleaned out the last Japanese
pocket two miles from the coast
along Soputa Track, using heavy
artillery and mortar fire. A small
unit was left on the north side
of the beach.

475 DEAD

A total of 475 dead were count-
ed in that area.

At 7 A. M. yesterday, 33
Japanese members of this unit
attempted to escape, and Amer-
icans killed 33 of them and im-
prisoned the remaining one.

The Americans subjected the
few remaining Japs to well-or-
ganized mortar and artillery bat-
tled starting at mid-morning.
Shortly after mid-day, the Amer-
icans reported the Japs cleaned
out.

Fourteen Jap stragglers were
killed south of Gona. As far as
is known, the only remaining Japs
in Papua are in isolated, her-
mitic wandering hopelessly in the
swamps. These are being hunted
down.

Some 1,200 Jap casualties have
been counted in the Sananda area
to date. A total of 580 were
seen.

See CRUSH JAP on page 7

Aged Dog Puts Gunman To Flight

CHICAGO. (AP) — There wasn't
much beautiful about the treat-
ment given the man who came
into Mrs. Marie Mors' beauty shop.
As he was in the process of
taking \$200 from Mrs. Mors, her
ten-year-old dog entered the shop,
leaped at the gunman and knocked
him over a chair for a meat clipp-
ing. The robber fled.

Soldiers In Training Give Meat To Fighters

PORT CHOCOMA, Chile. (AP) —
Soldiers in training here volun-
tarily gave up meat rationing
during two of their main meals,
each week "so we can ship more
beef to those guys in the battle
lines."

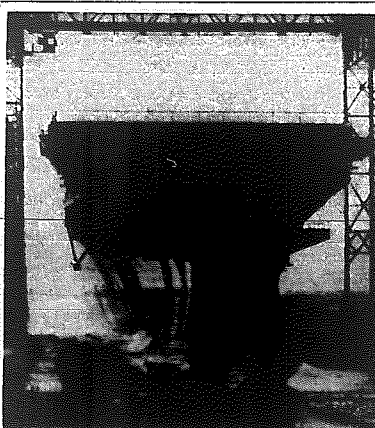
The voluntary rationing began
the first of January after the
officer sounded the boys out. "They
agreed to a man," he said.

Japs Whittled Down

Marine Officer Believes Quick Guadalcanal Victory Can Be Won

WASHINGTON. (AP) — A ve-
teran Marine officer's report that
Japanese troops on Guadalcanal
have been whittled down from
15,000 to fewer than 4,000 and the
Navy's announcement that Amer-
ican troops are "mopping up" pocket
of enemy resistance emphasized
today the possibility that the
campaign here may soon be vic-
toriously concluded.

Lieut.-Col. Lewis B. Puller,
would seven times the size of the
force from the eastern end of the
island.



ANOTHER YORKTOWN LAUNCHED—The new
U. S. aircraft carrier Yorktown slides down the ways
during her launching at the Newport News Shipbuild-
ing & Drydock Co. yards in Newport News, Va., to
replace the aircraft carrier of the same name which was
sunk in the victorious battle of Midway. She was
christened by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mines May Go On 6-Day Week

Three-Week Wildcat Strike May
Be Followed By New Agreement

WILKESBARRE, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania's vast
anthracite industry, employing an estimated 87,000 miners
and producing millions of tons of strategic coal annually for
the war effort, may follow up its three-week wildcat strike
with a new agreement putting all mines on a six-day week
in accordance with Government plans for greater wartime
output.

Coast Guard Cutter Lost

Overdue For Weeks
With Crew of 30

WASHINGTON. (AP) — The pre-
sumed missing Coast Guard cutter
Natchez which has been over-
due in the North Atlantic for sev-
eral weeks with an estimated crew
of 30 aboard was announced today
by the Navy.

Communicate No. 259:

"The U. S. Coast Guard Cutter
Natchez has been overdue in the
North Atlantic for several
weeks and must be presumed to
be lost. The next of kin of per-
sonnel in the Natchez have been
notified."

"South Pacific:
The U. S. forces on Guadal-
canal continue mopping up and
patrol operations."

The 23-000 Natchez, which went
into service only last June, was
commanded by Lieut. Jg. Thomas
Carrington La Farge, of the Coast
Guard Reserve.

A grandson of the famous ar-
tist, John La Farge, and son of
the late Bancroft La Farge, Lieut.
La Farge was described by the Navy
as well-known for his mural
stained glass and mosaics.

See MINERS MAY on page 7

Seven Children

Perish In Fire

BRISTOL, N. Y. (AP) — Seven
children perished today in a fire
which destroyed their two-story
home in this northern New
York town.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Eugene Smith, escaped by jump-
ing from a second story window
but not before being burned crit-
cally.

The victims: William, 17; Win-
dell, 15; and five other children.

The fire broke out in the
Smiths' home at 10:30 P. M.

The fire was caused by a
candle which had tipped over.

The fire spread rapidly and
destroyed the home and the
children's lives.

Reds Take Salsk In Fast-Moving Offensive

Drive Ahead In
Caucasus Push

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW. (AP) — Soviet
troops, smashing through the
German defense lines along
the Manul river, have, have
captured the railroad center
and air base of Salsk, 100
miles southeast of Rostov,
and dispersed fresh German
forces which for a time
threatened to slow the Rus-
sian advance in southwestern
Russia, dispatches from the
front said today.

The German defenses before
Salsk failed to halt the Red Army
any more than had the rear guard
of Axis units in the central
Caucasus. It was reported that
the Russian advance now was said
to be proceeding in both of those
major sectors at a breath-taking
pace.

Red Army drives have imparted
to the Russian advance in the
Ukrainian city of Voroshilovgrad,
drives aimed at reducing its worth
as a transportation center and also
at flanking Kharkov to the north.

The Red Army also reported that
it took Konstantinovskaya, on the
north bank of the Don River, 65
miles northeast of Rostov and only
a short distance east of where
the Donets River flows into the
Don.

Campaign lines developing along
these rivers, however, tend to be
outlined by pushes along the
Sal River Valley, south of the
Don's course and down from
Kamensk, west of the northern
Donets Valley.

MORE TOWNS TAKEN

During last night's fighting, the
Russian midday war bulletin re-
ported by the Soviet Radio Monitor
that took Salsk and Novaya
pushed into several more towns in
the region, while south of there
the Soviet Caucasian army was
credited with the capture of "doz-
ens of populated places."

The communiqué told of
fighting at the approach to a
big populated place where
Soviet troops were said to have
been out of the line and Soviet
squadrons and disabled their
tanks as well as capturing a
number of towns.

The principal objective of Soviet
troops in the Voroshilovsk-Ne-
vinnomysskaya region in that area has
been to cut the main line of
communication between the
north and the west Caucasus oil
fields.

"More successes were detailed on
the Voroshilov front and on the
southwestern front with the cap-
ture of towns noted, although
they were not identified in the
bulletin."

A special communiqué an-
nounced the recapture of Salsk and
also of Mikoyan-Shakhor, a city
just west of Salsk, Ekibor, highest
peak in Europe.

The recapture of Salsk was hailed
as a victory for the impor-
tance in the developing campaign
to surround and trap the
German forces in the Caucasus
but also because it spelled another
mortal blow to the Axis units trans-
ported before Salsk.

From Salsk the Germans
had operated a plane ferrying
service which managed to get
troops and tanks across the
river. The Army that held the
siege of Stalingrad and then
was cut off from the main
body of the swiftly-moving Rus-
sian Winter offensive.

(For the first time the German
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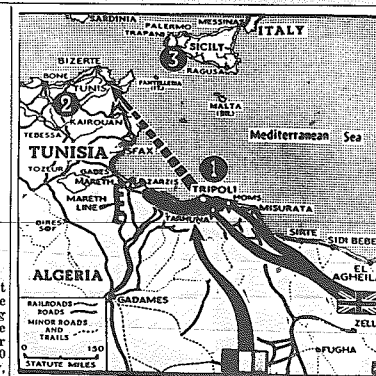
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TRIPOLI CAPTURED—The British Eighth Army today
captured Tripoli (1) thus marking the end of a long trail across Egypt
and Libya. The broken arrow shows how the fall of Tripoli opens
the way for an air offensive from that city's facilities against
Tunis. The black shading locates General Rommel's Axis army
retreating toward the Mareth line between Libya and Tunisia.
Meanwhile sharp fighting is in progress between Axis and French
troops on the central Tunisia front (2).

British Bombers Raid West Reich

Ruhr Valley Under Attack For
Second Successive Night

LONDON. (AP) — For the second successive night
British bombers were reported today to have stabbed dur-
ing the night at western Germany, which embraces the
great industrial Ruhr Valley and such important centers as
Duesseldorf, Essen, Duisburg, Cologne and Frankfurt.

First news of the raid came
from the Berlin radio, which said
scattered bombings had caused ci-
vilian casualties and some property
damage.

The RAF had been over Ger-
many on twelve previous nights
this month, including the heavy
attack on Berlin last Saturday and
Sunday.

German planes struck back by
bombing several places in north-
western and southern England last
night, but the raids were not on a
heavy scale and while damage was
done, casualties were reported light
as missing.

A number of German raiders,
gliding in above the clouds, bombed
a small and isolated village in
south England this morning, caus-
ing considerable damage. There
were casualties, including some
killed, it was reported.

Yesterday swarms of British,
American and Allied planes made
an extensive sweep over northern
France and Belgium, ranging from
Ghent to the Cherbourg peninsula.
Seven German fighters were re-
ported destroyed while four Allied
bombers and six fighters were listed
as missing.

Targets included oil installations
at Terzuuren near Ghent, and
German airfields in the vicinity of
Maastricht, Aachen, St. Omer and
Cherbourg.

Two British planes failed to
return from the mission.

Woman Slain Aboard Train

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — State Police
headquarters said today that a
woman, tentatively identified as
Mrs. Martha Virginia Brinson
James, 21, of Seattle, was slain
today while riding in her
berth aboard a southbound Southern
Pacific passenger train.

Her throat was cut. Robbery
evidently was not the motive, as
considerable money was found on
her person.

The Germans went to the Liber-
ator in Paris from the sides and
from the tail until on their third
attack one was caught by burst
from the bomber's machine-guns,
and plunged into the sea. The
other five then turned away, but
one was damaged before it got out
of range.

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Weather

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tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 54; L. 45

Sunset Today 6:43

Rommel Quits City Without A Real Stand

Wing of Eighth Army Swings South
Of City To Speed Chase of Foes

By ALFRED E. WALL
LONDON. (AP) — The conquering British Eighth
Army wrested Tripoli from the Axis today and the conquest
of Premier Mussolini's African empire, which Prime Min-
ister Churchill pledged in 1940 would be torn "to shreds and
tatters," was all but complete.

Rear guards left behind by Marshal Erwin Rommel to
slow the pursuit of his main forces into Tunisia were over-
whelmed and the British took possession of the burning
city at 5 A. M., officials announced in Cairo.

LOSS ADMITTED

The Italian High Command communique broadcast
later by the Rome radio said Axis troops evacuated the city
and moved westward last night after fierce fighting. It
said motorized elements battled yesterday south of the city,
around which a wing of the Eighth Army was swung to
speed the chase.

Berlin likewise officially acknowledged the loss of
Tripoli.

The German High Command's version of the retreat, as
broadcast by the Nazi radio, said:

The German-Italian panzer army disengaged itself
last night from the enemy according to plan after warding
off heavy enemy attacks. In the course of this movement
toward the west Tripoli was evacuated without fighting
after all supplies and war material had been removed and
the harbor destroyed.

British War Secretary Sir James Grigg, skipping the
pending mop-up of the western reaches of Libya, said that
the fall of Tripoli, "completes the destruction of the Italian
empire in Africa."

"Both the Russian and British Armies have had
their dark days of retreat," he said. "For both we
believe the tide is now firmly turned."

In the destruction of the Italian Empire the British
"have had the ungrudging help from American supplies
and the American Air Forces in the latest stage, but
nevertheless it has been overwhelmingly our show," the
War Secretary said.

Having dealt a shattering psychological as well as
military blow to the Axis, the British pressed forward
without pause toward Tunisia on the heels of Rommel's
remaining troops, estimated to number 63,000.

CUT ACROSS PLAIN

In an effort to chop off rear elements of Axis troops
before they could reach the Mareth line, 65 miles inside
the Tunisian border, some of General Montgomery's forces
were believed to have cut across the coastal plain through
El Azizia, twenty miles southwest of Tripoli.

While the occupation of Tripoli was being accom-
plished, flights of Allied bombers and fighters were
ranging far ahead into Tunisia in destructive attacks
on Rommel's material and manpower.

While the retiring Germans and Italians undoubtedly
demolished many installations in Tripoli's fine harbor, add-
ing to the destruction wrought by Allied bombers, London
military sources said the port probably could be made
useful in short order.

BURNING CITY

"Tripoli was burning and ravaged by demolition charges
as the battle-grimed Eighth Army moved in and took
charge of the new and important advance to Allied air
and sea bases on the North African coast."

Rommel had abandoned the city without making a
determined stand although small forces of rear guard
were left behind to slow the progress of the British
Army and give his Army needed time to join the Axis
forces under Col. Gen. Jurgen Von Arnim in Tunisia,
100 miles to the west.

The captured capital of Tripolitania put the
Eighth Army within 200 miles of the enemy-held
Tunisian port of Gabes and only 320 miles from the
See TRIPOLI on page 7

Mussolini's African Empire Is

Lost As Tripoli Falls To British

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
The fall of Tripoli marks the
end of another Italian dream
for the restoration of a vast Roman
Empire.

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the Phoenicians, a Roman colony
after the fall of Carthage, the seat
of a vast empire, was today
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States Navy in the early 1800's
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