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BRITISH & AMERICANS NEAR JUNCTION RAF INFLICTS HEAVY DAMAGE ON BERL

Nazi Capital Raided for Second Time In 3 Nights

Another Sweep Made Over Ruhr

MAGE UVER KUIRT

LONDON — (AP) — The

RAF attacked Berlin and war

plants in the Ruhr Valley last

night with a loss of 33 bombers,

the Air Ministry an
nounced today.

Sweeping over the Nati capital

for the second time in three nights,

the British filers inflitted here,

while another twelve were missing

from the sweep over the Ruhr, the

communique saiteth raid of the

Raf unloaded 800 tons of bombs in

the greatest raid of the war on

the Nati capital, during which

nline bombers were lost,

SEVENTH ATTACK

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ald:
"Berlin was again heavily bembed last night.
"Preliminary reports indicate that the absack was niverseful.
"Twenty-one of the bembers engaged in this operation are missing.

ady.

The biggest loss ever suffered by RAF in a single night was 52 beheer in the 1,000-bomber raid Bromen and other targets on a night of June 25-26, 1942.

ently-three were missing from Lässen raid on March 12-13 en the Krupp Works were damed heavily.

Easier for Workers To

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Ohtain "Safety Shoes"
WASHINGTON — 687. — The
Office of Price Administration today made it easier for workers
beginning April S. employers
may issue purchase certificates
who has spent his stamp No. 17.
Under previous regulations, the
worker had to obtain a certificate
from a local rationing boar offre en various hezardons jobs.

Knights of Pythias



RANGERS GET READY—Maj.-Gen. Russell P. Hartle (with heavy stick) and other officers at the British commando training center where U. S. rangers are also being trained.

Groundwork Laid For French Unity

Girand and Catroux in Accord In Many Phases of Program

ALGIERS—(AP)—As a result of conferences between General Henri Giraud and General Georges Catroux, it was reported today, a program for unification of the French forces now arrayed against the Axis probably will-be completed within the next ten days.

General Charles de Gaulle

Chinese Gain Upper Hand

Repel Several Attacks By Reinforced Japs

Red Army Continues To Advance On Smolensk

Captures Villages South of Bely

South of Bely

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW—(AP) — Slogging ahead in bad weather
and through swampy country, the Red Army is contimuling to Smolensk, while south of Bely,
the Soviet midday communique said today three more villages have fallen into Russian hands.
A strong enemy bastlon was attacked in the Bely sector yesterday and a weege driven into the
German derness, with one detachment swinging around the
position to slid in exterminating
a large part of the garrison and
then helping to stave off a German counter-attack the bulletin
declared.

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SCOUTS GO OUT
The main force of the

they said an ammunition dump. Heavy leases were reported dealt a German rapid fire ritle until that a ditempted to storm Saviel positions on the northern possible of liver, with the result of the re

Former Papal Nuncio



MARINE HEROES DECORATED—Maj.-Gen. H. M. Smith pins the Silver Star Medal on Captain Robert Haggerty of Hollis. Long Island, N. Y., who commended a company credited with virtually annihilating Jap regiment in the Solomons. Master Gunnery Sergeant James J. Blalock (right) of Durham, N. C., who on two separate occasions captured eleven Jap prisoners, also received the Silver Star Medal. The ceremonics were held in San Diego. (AP Photo from U. S. Marine Gorpe).

Attack Sets Jap Destroyer Afire

Americans Fly So Low That I Plane Loses Wing Section Against Mast

WASHINGTON—(AP)—American fighter planes at cking at such low altitude that one craft lost a three-foo ction of its wing against a mast, strafed and set affr Japanese desroyer in the northwestern Solomon Island

Hold Food Conference

F. R. Confers With Chester Davis

Eighth Army Enters Gabes

Americans Push in El Guetar Area: 40 Miles From British Now

By DANIEL DE LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—
(AP)—A junction between the British Eighth Army and
the American forces of Lieut-Gen. George S. Patton Jr.
appeared imminent today as the British stormed through
(abes and El Hamma in pursuit of the fleeing African

Cabes and El Hamma in pursuit of the fleeing African Corps.

Occupation of Gabes and El Hamma on opposite sides of the Gabes bottleneck between the sea and the salt lakes was announced by an Allied Headquarters communique today, and the Second New Zealand Division of Lieut. Gen. Sir Bernard Cyril Freyberg continued the chase of Marshal Erwin Rommel along the coastal road toward Sfax, 70 miles to the north.

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Say German Air Force Losses

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN

AUSTRALIA—49—General.—Bouglas MacArthur's bombers ranged

out again yesterday to putilist. Aprances positions in New Guinea and

New Britain and to strike at neemy
concentrations on Australia's northwestern flank.

Fires visible for lifteen miles were
started in a low-level bombing and

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Roosevelt Has Long



Pressure For Tough Labor Curbs Eased By Coal Deadline Extension

In Russia Total 3,000 Planes