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By LEWIS HAWKINS
LONDON.—(AP)—Many observers
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Send Your Fighting
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TO THE READERS OF THE NEWS:
The 13 billion second war loan is the responsibility of
every one of us.
As Americans, we must lend our Government every dollar
we can during these next few weeks. No matter how much
how little our pay checks are, each of us must do his part.
It is urgently needed to back up our
armed forces now on the offensive with the weapons
they must have to win and win quickly.
We are asked to give up our luxuries and even our com-
forts to match in a small way the sacrifices our men in the
armed forces are making on the fighting fronts.
Remember: They give their lives—we are only
asked to lend our money.
Only you know how much you can lend. Don't wait for
someone to come along and ask you to do your part.
Do it today. Do it gladly. Do it to the utmost
of your capacity.
Do it knowing that upon how much you do depends to a
large extent how quickly we win this war.

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AXIS ROLL UP TO AXIS MOUNTAIN DEFENSES; LAST 84 ENEMY PLANES

Length Of Battle At Tunis Depends On Axis Morale

Willingness To Send Air Force Also An Important Factor

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—Whether Field Marshal Rommel can turn his Bizerte-Tunis bridgehead into a Sevastopol or a Stalingrad appears today to depend on a military intangible—the morale of his troops.
Despite the smashing victories of the British Eighth Army and the advance of American-First Army troops, these factors militate against any rapid ending of the Tunisian campaign.
(1) Although approximately 25,000 prisoners have been captured since the Mareth line has been broken, their proportion of about 8-to-1 Italian leaves the battle trained Africa Corps still intact and from all accounts intact.
(2) It is considered certain that Von Arnim has spent part of the winter turning perimeter defenses of the Tunisian bridgehead into a welter of mine and tank traps.
NOW BASED ON NATURAL DEFENSE LINES
The Germans are now falling back to a natural mountain defense line running in a rough semi-circle from Enfidaville northwest toward the Mejez Bab sector and thence to the Mediterranean at Cape Serrat.
Allies have the strength to breach any such defenses, and the time required depends largely on the morale of the defending German troops.
About two months ago it was estimated that the Germans and Italians had about 175,000 troops in Tunisia. Even considering the large losses sustained in recent fighting, they are certain to have more than 100,000 in the small Tunisian bridgehead, which has a formidable force with such a small area to defend.
That Hitler has ordered Tunisia held as long as possible is indicated by the terrible losses the Germans have been taking in trying to supply their troops by air with transport fleets.
There has been no major attempt to withdraw any troops from Tunisia, according to authoritative sources. Any such attempt would be welcomed by the Royal Navy which is prowling the Mediterranean looking for such an opportunity while American-RAF control of the air would make any attempt at wholesale evacuation into a slaughter of Axis troops.
It is also believed that Mussolini is unwilling to risk his precious fleet to help get Germans out of Tunisia when he soon may need it.



FLOOD RESCUE BY HORSEBACK — A rescue on horseback carries Mrs. Eli Kotol, 56, to safety after removing her from the roof-top of her home in the Missouri River flood area at Omaha. She was one of thousands driven from their homes as the river broke through dikes. Water also surged into the Omaha business district and many plants shut down.

Some Meat Prices May Be Reduced In Interim

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration today postponed for a month the effective date of its newly announced retail prices on beef, veal, lamb and mutton and hinted some of the prices may be cut before being reinstated.
The new prices, standardized by regions and classes of stores, would have gone into effect tomorrow morning. The new effective date will be May 17.
OPA said the postponement was ordered to permit re-examination of the prices in the light of the recent "hold-the-line" President order.
CHECK ORIGIN
Meanwhile, OPA regional and district offices have been instructed to make an immediate check of the new retail ceilings against retail prices in effect at the time of the President's order.
On the basis of these surveys, together with trade meetings, OPA said it "will determine whether revisions are needed."
No immediate indication was available from official sources as to OPA's intent concerning price revisions, but some officials acknowledged that protests have arisen because in a large number of cases the proposed beef-veal-lamb-mutton prices appeared to permit large chain stores to increase prices by substantial percentages. Some chains that had unusually low prices on popular steaks would have been permitted nearly to double their prices.
It was understood that at the time OPA drafted the standardized price order, claims were given authority to make immediate price reductions if the former maximum chain prices were little more than 10% above the new prices. If they could not offer much, if any, meat at their low minimum prices.
The situation developed because prices were fixed, originally on the basis of the highest prices charged by each store in March, 1942. Wholesale meat prices remained unregulated for a long time afterward, and as wholesale prices of meat went upward, chains asked for a price increase.
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HOLDS THE TIP—German commander who faces a "Dunkirk" evacuation on the Bizerte-Tunis tip of Tunisia is Colonel-General von Arnim. Above, Rommel's retreating forces are merging with his.

Forces Reach Tunis-Bizerte Sector Lines

Mass Destruction of Aerial Strength Hits Rommel Heavy Blow
By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—The Allied forces in Tunisia have driven up to Marshal Erwin Rommel's mountain defenses ringing Tunis and Bizerte, a communique from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced today, and American and British aircraft have destroyed 84 more Axis planes.
The mass destruction of Axis aerial strength was led by American Flying Fortresses which, reconnaissance showed, destroyed 73 planes in two raids on Sicilian airfields which were thoroughly covered with bomb bursts. One hundred of the enemy's aircraft were seen on one field.
The British Eighth Army, continuing to press the Africa Corps to the northward from Souss, ran into Rommel's prepared positions between Enfidaville and Djebel Bou Hadjar, the communique said.
This apparently was the mountain defense line running west from Enfidaville, about 10 miles north of Souss, and 80 miles south of Tunis, upon which Rommel had fixed his main stand. Djebel Bou Hadjar is 35 miles west and south of Enfidaville and 25 miles northwest of Kairouan.
Despite the continued pressure of the Eighth Army, however, the Axis radio report yesterday that Enfidaville had been captured appeared to be untrue.
The British First Army, exerting steady pressure from the west upon Rommel's narrow corridor of Tunisia, also pushed the Germans back along the Beja Road north of Medjel-El-Bab to within three miles of Sidi Khat, 40 miles west of Tunis.
FRENCH SQUEEZE NAZIS
In between the Eighth and First Armies, the French squeezed the Germans back farther into Bizerte with another advance to the extreme north of the secondary Tunisian dorsal range, on which the western end of Rommel's southern front apparently is anchored.
The destruction of 84 German and Italian aircraft was reported by the Allied press, a crushing blow to Adolf Hitler's Mediterranean strategy.
The blow was accomplished with the aid of the Allied planes, the communique said.
The Flying Fortresses, striking at Castelvetrano and Mito airfields in Sicily, caught more than 200 enemy planes on the ground. Twelve large enemy transports, their cascade of bombs at Castelvetrano, an official report said, 112 large planes, costing millions of dollars, will be printed during the rest of the month.
In addition, numerous retail, business and manufacturing firms bought space to help the campaign.
See BOND DRIVE on page 8

Bond Drive Rolls Along

Two Billion Dollar Start in Campaign
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The thirteen billion dollar second war bond drive rolled along today behind official estimates that some \$2,000,000,000 in new bonds had been subscribed the first 24 hours.
The Treasury estimated that at least 6,000 newspapers—daily and weekly—were carrying advertisements, stories and editorials explaining and supporting the campaign, which started Monday and will continue for three weeks.
Space was given by the newspapers and their advertisers, without charge to the Government, and the Treasury reported a total of about 12,000 pages, costing millions of dollars, will be printed during the rest of the month.
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American Planes On Russian Front

Flown By Soviet Airmen They Are Pounding the German Lines

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW—(AP)—While no essential changes took place on the Russian-German front today, large-scale air activity continued in many sectors, the aerial operations including everything from scouting to heavy bombing.
In these mounting air battles of Spring there is good reason to believe that United States planes—flown by Soviet pilots—are taking part in many operations.
There also is reason to believe they continue to play their part in future operations as United States production of planes swells.
VOLKHOV FRONT ACTIVE
The main centers of ground fighting in Russia were south of Balaklava and from the Volkhov front northwards.
South of Balaklava, the Germans were using considerable numbers of tanks and heavy armor against Soviet bridgeheads, but again failed to capture objectives.
In the last hours of the battle.
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Late Bulletins

"HOME FRONT MORALE"
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rufus Director William M. Jeffers recommended today the creation of a separate Government agency under a "two-flatted" administrator to see that essential civilian needs are supplied to bolster "home front morale."
FOR MANPOWER DRAFT
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission, today endorsed the Austin-Wadsworth Bill to draft men and women for war work.
SPANISH SHIP SUNK
LONDON.—(AP)—The Morocco radio said today the Spanish ship Castella Mayor, 11,000 tons, had been sunk in the Atlantic Ocean in a daylight attack by a German submarine.
REPEL JAP THIRST
CHUNGKING.—(AP)—The Chinese have repulsed with losses a thrust by Japanese cavalry and infantry from the northern sector of Lufchow Peninsula in Kwangtung Province, the Chinese High Command said today.
ATTACK KISKA, MUNDA
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—American bombers blasted the Japanese runway, gun emplacements, and main camp on Kiska Island in the Aleutians Monday in six attacks, the Navy reported today, while at Munda in the South Pacific direct hits on an ammunition dump started fires at that enemy spot.
FOOD PARLEY MOTION
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A resolution to provide for Congressional representation at the United Nations food conference at Hot Springs, Va., May 18 and for coverage of its sessions by press services was introduced today in the Senate.

RAF Wings Over Alps To Italy

Naval Base of Spezia Attacked; British Also Strike Northwest Germany

LONDON—(AP)—British home-based bombers heavily attacked Spezia, naval base in northern Italy, last night, and it was officially disclosed today that RAF raiders from the Middle East had blasted Palermo and Messina harbors in Sicily Monday night.
Spezia is on the Ligurian Sea, about 50 miles southeast of Genoa on the west coast of Italy. It was bombed twice in February by the RAF.
REPEATED TARGETS
Palermo and Messina have been repeated targets for bombers of the Middle East Command and also for the North African strategic air force as efforts were made to knock out the important Sicilian harbors helping supply Marshal Rommel's forces in Tunisia.
Other RAF formations followed up these assaults by raiding objectives in northwestern Germany at dawn this morning.
Three bombers were reported missing from the 1,500-mile round trip across the Alps to Northern Italy and the raid on Germany. None were reported lost in the attacks on Sicily.
The raid on Spezia was the 43rd attack on Italy by British-based RAF bombers since the start of the war. Spezia was last raided on Feb. 14, which was the 100th anniversary of the RAF.
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American Sergeant Sasses Montgomery

CAIRO.—(Sergeant) Warden F. Lovell of Malden, Mass., a United States Army photographer, is one of the most embarrassed men in Tunisia.
Scourged along in a jeep to catch up with an advanced unit of the Eighth Army in the Ghar area, he asked a group of soldiers in battle dress for direction. Instead of a British photographer nearby, he asked him why he wanted to know.
"I was in a helluva rush and in no mood to carry on a conversation," Lovell related. "I was just a plain soldier."
They swapped a few personal remarks and the soldier walked away.
"That fellow must be a sergeant the way he talked to me," Lovell remarked to a British photographer nearby.
"Oh, no," said the Briton, "that's Montgomery."

Japs Hit Milne Bay Hard While MacArthur Warns Of Air Drive

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA.—(AP)—Headquarters of General MacArthur today announced that Japanese aircraft had hit Milne Bay during daylight hours, and that the Japanese had started fires at that enemy spot.
The raid was believed to have been on the approximate scale of other big raids in the Southwest Pacific recently, which General MacArthur has termed the beginning of Japanese aerial offensive in this area.
These were raids on Oro Bay, Tulagi and Port Moresby. Eighty-five and 45 planes were used by the Japanese in separate assaults against Oro Bay, 97 against Tulagi, and approximately 100 against Port Moresby.
The announcement followed by a matter of twelve hours General MacArthur's special statement issued at the regular noon communique time, warning a new series of attacks, whether our planes were able to get aloft to intercept the Japanese force with the same success as during other raids in recent days.
In the Port Moresby raid of April 12, 37 Japanese planes were used on the southeast tip of Papua (New Guinea), was the heaviest there since Jan. 17 when 24 medium bombers escorted by twenty Zeros made an attack.
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