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RAF BLASTS AXIS WITH NEW SHUTTLE ATTACK BETWEEN BRITAIN & AFRICA

Toll For U. S. Suffer 87,304 Casualties In War To Date

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WASHINGTON (AP)—United States armed forces have suffered 87,304 announced casualties in all war theaters to date. Of that number 15,132 were killed in action or died of wounds.

Workers Refuse To Return To Mines

Many Mines Idle in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Other States

PITTSBURGH.—(AP)—Although the back-to-the-mines movement gained momentum today, thousands of the nation's half million miners refused to go back despite orders from the United Mine Workers to resume operations.

More Coffee Permitted

Next 2 Rations: One Pound in 3 Weeks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The next two coffee rations will be on the basis of one pound in three weeks—the most liberal allowance since the beginning of rationing—the Office of Price Administration (OPA) announced today.

Miners Defy Own Policy Committee To Stay Idle

U. S. Expected To Retain Control

WASHINGTON (AP)—Despite the expressed ire of President Roosevelt and his announced intention to seek a draft law club, thousands of miners remained away from work today in defiance of their own Union Policy Committee. And Secretary Ickes indicated he expected the pits to remain under more active Federal management for "a considerable period."

Huge Nazi Forces Speculate On Red Attack

Go Beyond Supposed German-Held Town

MOSCOW.—(AP)—An assertion in the Soviet midnight communique that Russian units had struck at German defense lines west of Belgorod stirred the speculation of Moscow military observers today, since the town, on the lower-central part of the front, long has been in German hands.

Axis Troops Pulled Back?

May Be Being Taken From Outpost Isles

LONDON.—(AP)—Indications that Axis troops are being withdrawn from outpost islands in the Mediterranean from Sardinia to the Dodecanese to find a stronger line to meet an anticipated Allied invasion were reported today by an unofficial source in London.



CHINESE HOLD OFF JAPS ON SALWEEN FRONT—Heroic Chinese infantrymen are shown in their zigzag trenches on the central Salween front, watching the explosion of a Chinese shell. Hero battle-toughened veterans of the Chinese Army are keeping better-armed Jap troops from the "back door of China." (Photo by Frank Cancellaris of Acmé for war picture pool.)

Ordeal By Fire: Lone Marine Kills 38 Japs In 72-Hour Stand

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—One of the truest epic stories of the Pacific campaign, the story of a New Jersey Marine who held a strategic machine gun post for three days and nights without rest or food against a Japanese regiment, was told yesterday by the Navy Department.

Victory Men Reported Shot in Algiers

LONDON.—(AP)—The German radio broadcast from Paris dispatch today declaring that two high French officials who were Vichy collaborators had been shot in Algiers. Further details were lacking and the report had no confirmation from any Allied source.

Raid Germany, Then Hit Italy On Way Home

Spectacular New Technique Used Against Enemy By British

By LYNN HEINZLERING
LONDON.—(AP)—A new technique of air bombardment was demonstrated dramatically by several squadrons of RAF Lancasters which early today completed a shuttle roundtrip from Britain to Africa, bombing a German target on the way down and an Italian port on the run home without loss of a plane.

Ruhr Bears Brunt Of Air Assaults

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON.—(AP)—A deadly cargo of more than 15,000 tons of bombs has been unloaded on Germany in the last month by giant British bombers, two-thirds of which have been in industrial centers in the Ruhr Valley where the Nazis themselves admit "incalculable" devastation.

Attacks To Grow Even More Intense

By KIRK L. SIMPSON
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Despite mounting bomber losses, there is full authority for the conclusion that the stepped-up round-trip missions of the air striking the Ruhr and other nerve centers of the Nazi war industry will be pressed through the week ahead when cross-Channel flying conditions are most favorable.

WEATHER

Little change in temperature. Wisely. Bealish. (The weather this afternoon.)

Today's Temp: H. 84; L. 71
Sunset: Today 8:43
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:14
Additional U. S. Weather Bulletin will be found on page 1.