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RAF Deals Blow at Cost Of 14 Planes

Other Western German Localities Raided, Also Italian Port of Naples

LONDON, March 6.—(AP)—Royal air force bombers made a "very heavy and concentrated" attack on the great German industrial center of Essen last night in the tenth consecutive night of assaults against targets either in Germany or Nazi-held Europe, the air ministry announced today.

Fourteen of the big British bombers failed to return from the trip to Essen, it was announced, indicating that perhaps 300 planes took part in the raid.

The German high command reported that explosive and incendiary bombs "caused great damage in residential quarters and on public buildings" in Essen and that the population suffered losses.

The communiqué, broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press, declared German night fighters and anti-aircraft fire brought down 15 of the attacking bombers. It said other points in western Germany also were hit, but indicated that Essen bore the brunt of the assault.

Returning Canadian pilots described one "colossal explosion" in Essen that sent flames hundreds of feet in the air and lighted the interior of the attacking bombers. They said they believe it came either from a Krupp powder factory or an ammunition dump.

The 40-minute concentrated assault left several square miles of Essen burning so furiously that the fires were visible from 160 miles away, observers reported.

Striking also at other parts of Europe, heavy Allied bombers of the middle east command were disclosed to have pounded the Italian port of Naples again Thursday night, setting fires in the harbor.

The site of the Krupp armament works employing 175,000 persons, Essen has been raided 52 times.

The RAF bomber command had not missed a night in bombing some of the principal industrial, transport and U-boat centers of Germany and France since the Wilhelmshaven raid the night of Feb. 24.

New Plane Proves Power

The RAF's new Typhoon planes teamed up with Spitfires yesterday for a daylight sweep over the Netherlands coast. Two small enemy torpedo boats were sunk and two others heavily damaged. The Typhoon, which is still on the secret list, was shown to correspondents for the first time yesterday and a demonstration of its potentials was made to show them why it has become so popular with veteran pilots.

Its Description and Specifications

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Quentin Roosevelt Wounded in Tunisia

WITH THE U. S. ARMY IN TUNISIA, March 6.—(AP)—Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, 25, of Oyster Bay, N. Y., son of Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt has been wounded in action on the Tunisian front.

Young Roosevelt, a forward observer and liaison officer for an artillery unit and grandson of the late ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, was struck in the back either by a machinegun bullet from a strafing plane or by a fragment of anti-aircraft shell during a German air raid February 21 on an American artillery unit in a ravine near the plains leading to Kasserine pass.

The officer had just finished a cup of coffee and was standing on a pine-studded hill watching the action when wounded.

He was taken to a base hospital after emergency treatment and medics said the bullet or shell fragment apparently had not hit any vital organ. They expressed belief that his condition was not serious but that he was suffering from shock.

He was named Quentin for his aviator uncle who was killed in the last war.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Retzenstein

Prosecution is assistance by the soldier in the war food program in raising potatoes. Prosecution is compelling him afterwards to peel them.

Bills Passed by Legislature Deal With Vets' Aid, Pensions, Bigger Trucks; Record Appropriation Receives O. K.

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr., SALEM, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—Important bills passed by the Oregon legislature yesterday included:

HOUSE

Providing educational opportunities for returning veterans of world war II. If the senate passes it, the bill would be referred to the people. The state would provide \$75 a month for the first month for the next three years. (tentative, \$50 a month for the next eight months, and \$35 a month for the next three years.)

Approving a state highway commission order allowing trucks to exceed the statutory limits until the war is over. The legal truck limits are 50 feet and 54,000 pounds, but the commission now is allowing a maximum of 60 feet and 71,000 pounds. The house already had defeated 45-15 a bill to make permanent the temporary limits.

A resolution to allow the governor to appoint a five-man commission to investigate Oregon's milk prices.

Allowing cities and other public agencies take possession of abandoned motor vehicles and sell them for scrap.

Tightening qualifications of insurance agents and compelling all new insurance agents to pass examinations.

SENATE

Increasing the minimum monthly salary for school teachers from \$85 to \$133. Sent to governor.

To permit circuit and supreme court judges to retire on \$200 a month after serving 17 years and reaching the age of 70. Circuit judges would contribute two per cent of their salaries and supreme judges three per cent.

To permit husband and wife to choose to hold their property in common, enabling them to file separate federal income tax returns and thus save them about

Income Tax Parley Still In Deadlock

Legislative Conferees May Toss Troublesome Issue Back Onto Floor

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr., SALEM, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—A four-man senate-house conference committee failed to reach an agreement today on the income tax reduction proposals, indicating the battle between the two houses might be thrown wide open next Monday.

Sen. Walker, chairman of the senate assessment and taxation committee, still insisted on a plan to give all income taxpayers, both corporation and personal, a 40 per cent cut on taxes payable next year. But the other conferees, Sen. McKenna and Reps. Hall and Snyder want the 40 per cent cut, but with most of the benefit going to small taxpayers.

Hall also insisted on a tax reduction applying to payments made this year, but the other three oppose it.

However, Walker submitted a new idea whereby the state would give \$2,000,000 more of surplus income tax revenues to counties this year to reduce property taxes.

Accord Outlook Poor

The committee will resume deliberations late today, with the probability that it will submit two or more tax reduction proposals to the legislature on Monday. It is possible that each house might adopt a different version, and toss the issue back into a conference committee again.

The house originally passed a bill for a 10 per cent reduction this year and 11.62 per cent starting with payments made next year. The senate then adopted Walker's plan for a 40 per cent cut next year, the same percentage applying to all income groups. The conference committee then was appointed to work out a compromise.

Three members of the committee want the most benefit to go to taxpayers in the low income groups, feeling that if they gave big reductions to persons with large incomes, the federal government would get most of the benefit by taxing the reduced amounts.

Liquor Permits Upped

By a 47-13 vote, the house sent (Continued on page 6.)

Bond Sales \$18,240 In Campaign of B. P. W. C.

Bond sales for the first four days of March, under sponsorship of the Roseburg Business and Professional Women's club, totalled \$18,240. H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county war savings staff, reported today. This does not include the sales made Friday in which members of the club took over the Roseburg radio station for the full day, starting at 7 a. m. and continuing through 10:30 p. m., making all announcements and bond sales talks. The quota for March has been raised from \$90,000 to \$100,000, despite the fact that it is the month in which federal income taxes must be paid.

Americans in Tunisia Seize Pichon as Germans Compel British to Yield Sedjenane

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Net Gain For Allies of Importance

Rommel, Montgomery Now in Preliminary Fight on Mareth Line

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 6.—(AP)—In the face of weeks of strong German attacks, the British first army abandoned Sedjenane yesterday, falling back seven miles to higher ground at Tamera, it was announced today, but American forward elements occupied Pichon in an advance which was regarded as the most important of the day. Pichon lies in the Ousseltia valley at the front of the last ridge of mountains in eastern Tunisia. By its occupancy, the Americans regained almost all the territory lost before the original axis drive in this area and converted the valley and the top ridges of the secondary Tunisian dorsal into a vast no-man's-land.

Allied forces had withdrawn from the town when their right flank was threatened by Marshal Rommel's thrust through Faid pass to Kasserine gap in mid-February.

The British withdrawal from hard-contested Sedjenane gave the Germans a total 20-mile advance along the Bizerte-Mateur-Tabarka coastal road in seven days of fighting. Sedjenane previously had changed hands twice, the Germans occupying the town

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Places to Receive Cash For Red Cross Listed

The organized canvass for funds for the Red Cross war fund is expected to start in Roseburg within the next week or ten days, it was announced today by Mrs. Ellen Post, executive secretary of the Douglas county chapter. Final arrangements are awaiting the arrival here of a representative from area headquarters, who will aid in setting up the solicitation program.

In the meantime, it is stated, persons desiring to make contributions immediately, may leave cash or pledges at either the Douglas National bank, Roseburg branch of the U. S. National bank; the office of Charles Emery, chairman of the campaign; the Red Cross production office in the Perkins building, or the Red Cross chapter office in the courthouse.

Consumers' Cooperation Urged in Campaign to Smash Black Markets; Meat Slaughtering Rules Issued

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—The big task of breaking up the meat black markets and justly dividing the available civilian supply was handed to the rank and file of American people today, along with a set of rules and regulations on how to do the job.

And they were told by Agriculture Secretary Wickard last night that "unless we straighten this situation out, it will seriously interfere with our war effort."

Details of the department's new strict controls over the slaughter of livestock and sale of meat—designed to stamp out black market operations—which will go into effect April 1 were outlined by Wickard in a radio address.

However, he pointed out that while "the government can lay down rules" for a fair division of the meat supply, "the people themselves have to see to it that the rules are followed."

Disclosing that the army and navy, as well as civilians, have had trouble getting meat supplies, the secretary said the OPA will start meat rationing soon as one step toward bringing about fair distribution, and that the new meat control orders were issued as a companion maneuver in the war on black markets.

He indicated that due to unfamiliarity with wartime orders, many small slaughterers "do not realize that they are violating an order of any kind."

The new orders require all live-stock slaughterers who sell meat—including farmers and local butchers—to operate under a permit system. Each wholesale cut of meat must be stamped at least once with the permit number, making it possible for purchasers to check against illicit operators. Livestock dealers must get permits and keep records of their transactions, and the latter task also applies to farmers.

The orders were issued following an OPA announcement that all retail sales of meat would be placed under uniform price maximums. Such ceilings were issued for pork, effective April 1, with beef, veal, lamb and mutton schedules to be worked out soon.

German Naval Fleet Concentrating Off Norway for Attempt to Smash Convoys to Russia, Report to London

LONDON, March 6.—(AP)—Wide speculation over the possibility that the Germans were planning a major attack on allied supply lines to Russia was stirred today by publication of dispatches to two London newspapers—which failed to state the source of their information—that a powerful concentration of German fighting ships was being assembled in the Trondheim area of Norway.

Stories in the Evening Standard and the Daily Telegraph said the 35,000-ton battleship Tirpitz, queen of Hitler's war fleet; the aircraft carrier Graf Zeppelin, the 26,000-ton battleship Scharnhorst, at least two cruisers of the Hipper class and a number of fast destroyers were in the concentration.

The prospect that the Germans might attempt to break out of their fjord hideaways suggested the possibility of an even greater allied ship hunt than the one which ended the Bismarck's career in flaming ruin and a sea grave in 1941.

An unofficial source suggested the German fleet might be assembling for a battle against long odds rather than submit to being bottled up indefinitely, as was the German fleet after the battle of Jutland in the last war.

Other sources, however, thought

Only Oil Stains Left of Japanese 22-Vessel Convoy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 6.—(AP)—Bits of wreckage and oil stains on the water were all that remained today of the 22-ship Japanese convoy and its aerial cover destroyed in the Bismarck sea and Huon gulf by allied air forces.

After mopping-up operations, the allied headquarters communique wrote this footnote to the Japanese effort to ship 15,000 men to reinforce their garrison at Lae, New Guinea:

"Our long range fighters and bomber units swept the entire area completing final mopping-up of barges, lifeboats, and rafts from sunken ships of the Bismarck sea convoy."

"Efforts at escape were largely fruitless and practically all were destroyed. There was scarcely a survivor so far as was known."

(No comment about the Bismarck sea battle had been heard from the Japanese up to an early hour today.)

The clean-up in Huon gulf was methodical. Bursting bombs and machine gun fire tore apart the crude log-rafts and troop barges which were put over the side after the ships were wrecked and set afire by bombs delivered by American, Dutch, Australian and British crews.

While these attacks blotting out the Japanese force progressed yesterday, other units in the allied air command integrated a series of attacks on Lae itself and started fires visible for 40 miles, headquarters said.

The airdrome at Gasmata, New Britain, was bombed again, and Japanese shore positions in the Waria river area, below Salamaua and Lae, were machine-gunned by attack planes, the communique said.

NEW DELHI, March 6.—(AP)—RAF bombers escorted by fighters attacked Japanese-occupied villages in the Akyab area of Burma yesterday and shot down one Japanese fighter plane and damaged others, a British communique said today. Another Japanese fighter was destroyed by a British formation operating near Kudaung.

Last night a bombing attack was carried out on the railroad yards at Thazi junction and bombs were seen to burst in the target area. One British plane was lost in the operations.

American Tanks Shown in Action in Tunisia



In the American hit-run raid on Sened, axis post in central Tunisia, U. S. medium tanks churn across a desert plain with the country's hills as a backdrop. Attack was made early in February.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S heart-warming news this week.

Twenty-two Jap ships—the 14 we'd already heard of, joined later by eight others—are SUNK or SINKING.

Fifteen thousand Nipon troops bound for the battlefields of New Guinea, are drowned or drowning in the Bismarck sea—wiped out, General MacArthur's communique says, ALMOST TO A MAN. Add to these several thousand Jap sailors who manned the ships of war and the transports and the cargo vessels that made up the expedition.

Nearly thousand tons of precious Jap shipping are gone.

THIS smashing blow to our enemy was accomplished with a loss of only ONE allied bomber and THREE allied fighters.

Get the picture: The bomber's crew probably did not exceed eight men. The three fighters could not have been manned by more than six men—two each, a pilot and a gunner.

And some of these fliers of ours who were shot down may be safe.

PARAPHRASING Churchill slightly, never before in history was so much loss inflicted on an enemy with so LITTLE loss to our side.

If you have a boy in New Guinea, pause here and reflect gratefully how much his chances for life have been enhanced in the next few weeks by the heroism and the deadly effectiveness of these air men of ours who are mates of his.

THE Japs made the fatal mistake.

They sent a force of SHIPS among islands against a SUPERIOR land-based air force—definitely superior in quality and perhaps superior in quantity (we have no figures on the number of planes ENGAGED on both sides).

Their ships advanced under an umbrella of planes, according to the best modern practice.

Our air men tore into the Jap plane umbrella. Fifty-five of the enemy planes composing it were shot out of the air and many more damaged and put out of commission.

First the enemy air formations were broken, and then the broken

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