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Pursuit Of Fleeing Axis Army Goes On

Yielding of All Central Tunisia Looms; Total Of Prisoners 20,000

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 10.—(AP) Gen. Montgomery's Eighth army occupied Sfax, third largest axis-held Tunisian city and port, in a lightning pursuit of the African corps today, crushing opposition and continuing its northward chase up the coast.

Marshal Rommel, strongly posting his armor in the mountain passes to hold off airdrop attacks by British, American and French, appeared headed for a surrender of all central Tunisia and a new defense line on a ridge in the Enfidaville area only 40 miles south of Tunis.

The British pursuit was being pressed by four divisions, plus armor.

Heavy allied bombers worked in close harmony with naval aircraft in pounding the lines of retreating forces, already badly mauled.

(A Morocco radio broadcast, recorded in London, said planes from aircraft carriers were bombing the coastal road.)

Americans of Lieut. Gen. Patton and French combined to capture high ground north and south of Fondouk, occupying Pichon, north of Fondouk, and cleaning out that area 80 miles north of Sfax, where a new threat to Rommel's rear appeared to be shaping up.

Nazi Fliers Dodge Fight

The British First army had taken 1,000 prisoners since beginning its offensive April 6 and the Americans and French captured 500 more in their advance in the central sector, a communique disclosed. This brought axis prisoners to more than 20,000 since the beginning of the Mareth line battle.

Hurled back at all points where allied attacks were made, the axis was able to put up a scintillating opposition in the air, and allied pilots reported that German bomber crews bailed out at the approach of allied fighters, without even a shot being fired.

Caught in the rush of British and American forces from the south and the side was General Minnerini, commander of an Italian Saharan group, who was taken prisoner at his headquarters when he was cut off by the junction of the United States Second army corps and the British Eighth army.

No Respite For Rommel

While the Rommel withdrawal was still too methodical to be called a rout, the speed with which the axis forces were retreating made it nearly so.

The Eighth army's vehicles were rushing ahead so fast that, for the first time, Rommel's sappers had little or no time to plant mines to delay the pursuit.

Rommel's main effort appeared to be to get northward without being cut off, and as the day dawned yesterday much enemy transport was in vulnerable position.

One enormous column of motor (Continued on page 6.)

Russian Lines Hold Against Nazi Assaults

MOSCOW, April 10.—(AP)—Massing new forces, the Germans have tried futilely again to smash the Red army line south of Balakleya but have lost more than 1,200 dead and a number of tanks in the battle for bridgeheads along the Donets river.

The army newspaper Red Star said that battles are fierce in this area 27 miles northwest of Izum but there is no indication that the assaults are on the gigantic scale which the Russians turned back on the northern Donets line.

There still were no large scale fights on the western front but in the sector south of Bely the Russians advancing toward Smolensk captured a height of vital importance as more activity was noted.

From the Red fleet came a report that bombers sank a large German transport ship crowded with troops at an unidentified place on the Black sea coast.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Now that the government is making it extremely hot for black marketers, it would seem appropriate to label the involved products as "be-deviled meat."

Corn Price Upped in New Control Program

Price of Hogs Also Hiked in Support Plan

Order Aims to Assure Continuance of Heavy Livestock Production

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(AP)—Food Administrator Davis announced today a new price control and production program including a 5-cents-a-bushel boost in the ceiling price of corn in the surplus producing areas and designed, he said, to bring about a "more equitable relationship" among livestock, meat, and feed grain prices and to assure continued heavy production of livestock products.

The program did not include ceiling on prices of live hogs, as had been forecast in some quarters, but did hold such ceilings in reserve for use in event hog prices do not soon decline to a "proper relationship" with OPA ceilings on meats.

The program does not contemplate, Davis said, any change in the level of either wholesale or retail meat ceilings.

The program has been approved by Price Administrator Brown. The immediate increase of 5 cents a bushel in the ceiling price of corn in surplus producing areas would raise the ceiling from \$1.02 to \$1.07 a bushel for No. 2 yellow corn at Chicago.

The increase in the corn ceiling was designed, Davis said, to stimulate the sale of corn, sales of which have been tied up largely by owner anticipation of higher prices.

Hog Prices Boosted

Other phases of the program include: An increase from \$13.25 to \$13.75 per hundred pounds, Chicago basis, in the government support price of hogs. This price (Continued on page 6.)

Sub Sinks U. S. Vessel Off Atlantic Coast

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(AP)—The first sinking of a merchant vessel off the American east coast by an enemy submarine since last summer was announced today by the navy.

"A medium sized United States merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine early in April off the east coast of the United States," the navy said. "Survivors have landed at Miami, Fla."

Fires Ravage Madang after Allied Swoop

Other Jap Bases Also Blasted; Tokyo Claims Victory in Burma Area

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 10.—(AP)—Allied airmen heavily attacked the harbor and the airfield at Madang, Japanese base on the northeast coast of New Guinea in a series of co-ordinated attacks yesterday, an allied communique said today.

Bombers struck at Madang at dawn and other bombers came in behind them to set more fires that sent smoke and flames rising 3,000 feet in the air, photographs taken later in the day showed.

Two Japanese fighters and four fighter planes were destroyed on the ground, anti-aircraft batteries were silenced, and large fires resulted from heavy explosions in the wharf area, the allied command said.

Buildings were set ablaze at Amron and Alexishafen, on the bay just north of Madang, and the power house, sawmill area, and an enemy headquarters building were left burning at Alexishafen. In addition a loaded barge was set afire and two others were left sinking.

More than 63,000 rounds of cannon and machine-gun fire were used by the allied planes on the Madang area, one of the Japanese key points in moving supplies from Newark, on the north coast, toward Alamaua and Lae.

The attack was so surprising that the Japanese were unable to get planes into the air to offer interception.

(By the Associated Press) A Japanese Imperial headquarters communique broadcast by the Italian radio and recorded (Continued on page 6.)

Eugene Man Killed in Automobile Accident

SALEM, Ore., April 10.—(AP)—Claude C. Mongold, Eugene, was fatally injured last night when an automobile in which he was riding was forced off the North Santiam highway near Gates and rolled down an embankment, Salem state police headquarters reported today.

The driver, Frank I. Towle, Jr., Portland, escaped unhurt.

Ruhr Center Of Duisburg Again Strafed

RAF Bombs Also Hit Norway, French Targets; Ten Planes Missing

LONDON, April 10.—(AP)—The giant Krupp armament works, one of the mainstays of Hitler's war machine, is almost completely idle as a result of the RAF's shattering 900 and 1000-ton bomb raids on Essen, the air ministry announced today, shortly after another big night attack on Duisburg and other Ruhr valley industrial objectives.

The air ministry said the latest evidence of the damage done by the Krupp works was obtained in reconnaissance photographs taken two days after the big attack the night of April 3-4. They failed to show any smoke rising from the hundreds of factory chimneys.

LONDON, April 10.—(AP)—Duisburg and other industrial points in Germany's Ruhr valley were the targets for Royal air force explosive and incendiary bombs as the RAF continued its day-and-night hammering in another raid last night, an air ministry communique announced today.

Eight bombers failed to return from the raid, the third night sortie this month against Germany, the air ministry said.

Enemy shipping off the Norwegian coast also was attacked earlier in the night by coastal command aircraft, which torpedoed one tanker. Two coastal command planes are missing, it was announced.

It was the 58th raid of the war on Duisburg, large inland port which last was blitzed on the night of March 26. About 12 miles west of Essen, it has many important war factories, and is one of the biggest railway junctions in the Ruhr.

The RAF's new round-the-clock bombing of the continent was resumed Thursday night with a heavy raid on the Ruhr area, but the objectives that night were not announced.

French Coast Also Raided.

Four Focke-Wulf 190's were shot down and several others set (Continued on page 6.)

U. S. Naval Output Now on Scale Of Victory, Knox Says

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 10.—(AP)—The United States, producing fighting ships on a heroic scale at the beginning of ultimate victory, says Navy Secretary Knox. At a press conference last night Knox asserted that the United States was "just getting away to a good start," and "we now are in a position to dictate where the fighting will take place."

"We are in the beginning of a situation which will lead to ultimate victory," Knox declared. At a rally opening the second war loan campaign, Knox told of the growing might of the nation's navy and said that production of fighting equipment, mainly aircraft carriers and destroyer escorts, was on a "heroic scale."

He said that in 1943 the navy will complete more new fighting ships than were in service at the end of 1942 and disclosed that the fighting fleet's tonnage will increase 66 per cent this year, without allowing for probable battle losses.

Knox also told of navy production plans for next year, asserting that "we will make further additions in 1944 to insure the obliteration of Japanese sea power and to sweep the German and Italian U-boats and surface ships from the seas."

He warned, however, that "the worst of this war lies ahead of us," and that German under-sea power is "an ever-increasing peril."

Where Allies Keep Rommel's Army on Run



Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton



Gen. Sir Harold Alexander



Lieut. Gen. Montgomery

Latest important place taken by the allies in their Tunisian drive is Sfax, key base and supply port of Rommel, shown on the southeastern portion of the above map. The nearby points of Mahares and Graiba, on the road between Sfax and Maknassy, have also fallen to the allies, according to today's dispatches.

Leading the American forces is Lieut. Gen. Patton, and commander of one of the British cooperating units is Lieut. Gen. Montgomery. Gen. Alexander is deputy commander in chief in north Africa.

Four Bodies Sighted in Ruins of Wrecked Plane

BUTTE, Mont., April 10.—(AP)—A plane, believed to belong to the Johnson Flying service of Missoula, crashed near Warm Springs early today.

Authorities who were called to the scene reported they have sighted four bodies in the wreckage, one of them a woman.

At Missoula, officials of the company said the ship, flown by Pilot Instructor Ray Kaiser, left there this morning.

With Kaiser were his father, brother and a girl as passengers, officials said.

Postal Wage Increase Bill Signed by F. D. R.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(AP)—The postman was entitled today to a million-dollar smile—or at least a \$300 grin.

President Roosevelt signed a bill yesterday granting an average \$300 a year increase for postal employees, effective until June 30, 1945.

Full time employees are to get a flat \$25 a month more. Part time workers and those paid by the day will receive 15 per cent increases, provided that doesn't bring the total boost above the \$300 mark.

Extra clerical help in third class postoffices—not to cost over \$500 a year more—also was provided.

Stockmen Want Price Ceilings, Quotas Lifted

ALBANY, Ore., April 10.—(AP)—Western Oregon livestock growers want price ceilings and meat quotas lifted.

Resolutions adopted at the close of the annual meeting here opposed those OPA regulations and also urged the Surplus Commodity corporation to maintain a steady flow of feed grains instead of spasmodic releases.

Increased appropriations for control of predatory animals as a meat-saving measure was asked. Eugene was selected as the site for the next year's meeting. All officials were re-elected.

In The Day's News
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By FRANK JENKINS
THIS column dealt yesterday with breakfast. So it seems natural today to go on to the subject of lunch. (Eating is a growingly important item in American life these days.)

LUNCH yesterday at a little upstairs cafeteria that has been going for years and years (certainly no war time fly-by-night) consisted of one beef short rib and two brown potatoes, a small salad, bread and butter and coffee. It cost \$1.25.

SPEAKING generally and allowing for exceptions, the rise in food prices at the small and formerly inexpensive places has been greater than at the big and never exactly cheap eating spots.

For example: The chain counter mass-production food emporiums down here used to serve a breakfast special of ham or bacon and one egg, hash brown potatoes, toast and coffee for around 27 cents, including sales tax, with lunch and dinner in proportion.

At one of these places the other day, this writer paid 50 cents for a sandwich and 10 cents additional for a cup of coffee—a total of 60 cents.

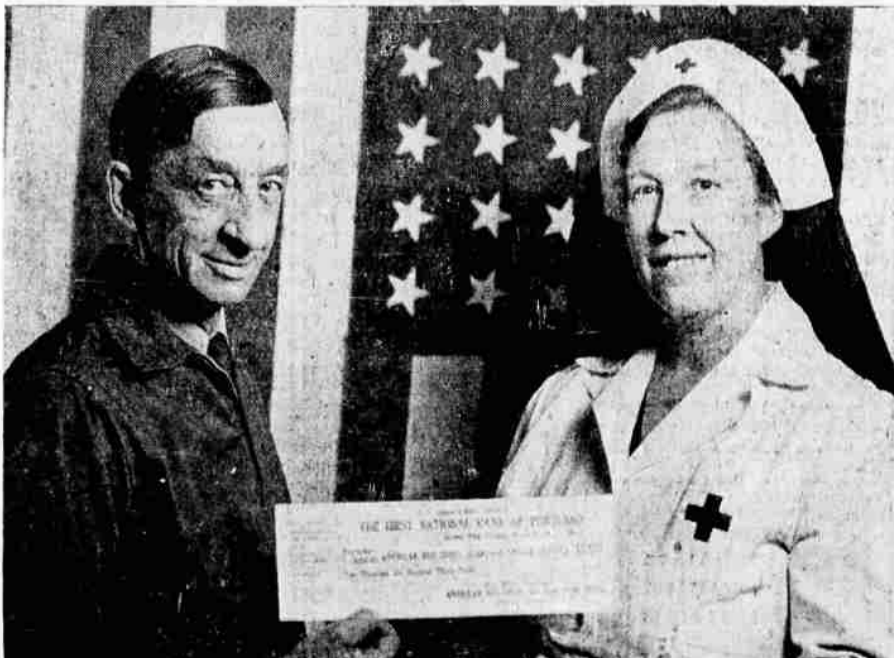
In the old (pre-war) days when San Francisco was one of America's most economical places to eat (not to mention the quality of the food, which was and for that matter still is outstanding excellent) that would have provided at least the beginnings of a fair lunch at one of the big, world-famous hotels here.

So far, if you eat their specialties the Italian places out around the base of Telegraph hill and the Chinese places have not gone up correspondingly. (If you go in for thick steaks, of course, it's another matter.)

And if you like their particular kind of food, you can't go wrong.

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Glendale District Turns in Banner Red Cross Check



D. C. Brown, chairman of the 1943 Red Cross war fund drive for Glendale and vicinity, is pictured above as he surrendered to Mrs. Wald Meuser, Red Cross representative at Glendale, the community's check for \$2,633. The Glendale contribution to the war fund, is believed to be the largest per capita for any community of the county, amounting to approximately \$2.65 for each man, woman and child in the area canvassed. "These good people living in Glendale opened their hearts and purses wide and poured everything out," Chairman Brown declared. "We want to extend sincere thanks and gratitude to the faithful men and women who worked early and late to make this achievement possible, and also to all contributors who gave so generously. All I have to say is 'thanks to all.' It is a privilege to live in a community like this."