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Second Front Launched in Africa By Powerful Yank Troop Landings

British Advance Traps Most of Axis; Reds Hold

5188 Japs Killed in Three Months in Solomons; Yanks In Guinea; Italy Bombed

By The Associated Press

The remnants of the shattered axis African army, with perhaps 100,000 of its 140,000 front line effectives reported either captured or trapped, fled westward toward Libya Saturday night in a desperate effort to avert total disaster and merciless liquidation by allied planes, guns and tanks.

Equally cheering was a navy communique listing 5188 Japanese killed in land fighting in the Solomons in the three months' offensive. The marines were advancing again to the east on Guadalcanal, widening their northern beachhead to 12 1/2 miles, double its size of a month ago. The casualties did not include those drowned or killed by bombs far from the fighting scenes.

Evans Predicts Aerial Trains

Lebanon Plywood Mill Owner Says Plant Largest Producer

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 7-(AP)—Air freight trains will revolutionize the world's transportation after the war, Col. Edward S. Evans, Detroit, predicted Saturday.

The trains, comprised of huge transports and gliders—a word he doesn't like—will be in general use as soon as the war is over, the president of the Evans Products company said in an interview.

"This means a radical change in the seaports and railroad centers of the world," he said. Of the glider he said, "That's a bad expression. It should be called a trailer plane. New trailer planes will have a speed of 185 miles an hour and can be made to carry up to 120 men each."

He said he would inspect his Oregon properties while here, and added, "We would like to develop our Lebanon interests, so we would have, in addition to the plywood plant, a large paper mill and a saw mill. We would like to have from 200 to 300 employed in Lebanon. Right now our plywood unit there is the largest producing plant in the world."

2 Women Hurt As Vehicle Leaves Road

When a car driven by Mrs. Maude Murphy, Sutherlin, hurtled from the Pacific highway two miles north of Brooks at approximately 1:30 Saturday afternoon, the driver's 18-year-old daughter, Etta, sustained severe sprains and bruises of back and leg and the car was badly damaged.

No description of the car or its hit-and-run driver she said had struck her automobile could be given by Mrs. Murphy, who suffered from shock, state police said. With her daughter she was taken by ambulance to Salem Deaconess hospital, from which she was dismissed in a short time. Miss Murphy will remain under a physician's care here for several days, it was said at the hospital.

The Murphy car was traveling south when the accident occurred. The two women, with Mrs. Murphy's daughter-in-law, had driven to Portland from their Douglas county home Friday night to place the third occupant of the car in a hospital there.

Football

Oregon 14, UCLA 7 OSC 33, Montana 0 Stanf'd 20, Wash. 7 USC 21, Calif. 7 WSC 25, Michigan State 13 Salem 6, Milwaukie 7 Notre Dame 13, Army 0 Navy 7, Penn 0 Georgia Tech 47, Kentucky 7 Ga. 75, Florida 0 Ia. 6, Wis. 0 Ind. 7, Minn. 0 O State 59, Pitt 19 Texas Tech 13, Tex. Christian 6

(For additional scores of Saturday's games, turn to sports page.)

Armistice Day Program Ready

Parade and Exercises Slated in Morning; Schedule Full

For the general public, highlight of the Armistice day celebration in Salem on Wednesday will be the parade at 10:15 a. m., and the patriotic exercises at 11 a. m., at the Victory center in front of the courthouse or, in case of unfavorable weather, in the Capitol.

Special church observance of Armistice day will be held at the First Methodist church at 10:50 a. m. today, according to announcement by R. J. Stumbo, general chairman of the holiday's observance, being sponsored by the Federation of Patriotic Societies.

theater. Maj. Gen. Gilbert R. Cook will be the principal speaker. Salem stores will be closed the entire day, merchants voted Friday.

But Salem's 25th Armistice celebration will be an all-day affair for veterans of World war I, their families and friends, and some of the events in addition to the patriotic exercises are for the general public. Following is the day's program arranged by the Federated Patriotic Societies:

9 a. m.—Past commanders' breakfast, American Legion. 9:15—Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary flag raising, VFW building. 10:00—Assembly for parade at Marion square. All civic, fraternal (Turn to Page 2)

Force Trains 10 Months

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 8-(AP)—The Vichy radio and the Vichy news agency gave the French people the first news of the American landings in French North Africa at 6 a. m. Sunday.

The agency merely repeated the text of the Washington announcement of the landings and made no comment. The voice of President Roosevelt, speaking French, highlighted the broadcasts with which BEC bombarded the French people all through the night.

The French language announcement, beginning at 2 a. m., British time, read and reread the text of British and American statements and instructions to the French people.

Ally Ship Armada Great

4 Carriers May Be in Convoy; AP Saw Ahead

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 8 (AP)—Possibly the greatest invasion armada assembled in Europe since the start of the war undertook the invasion of French North Africa Sunday in the first large scale action in the European theatre in which the United States has participated.

A force of 24 warships, transports and freighters, followed by the great battleship Rodney and a heavy air escort were reported by the German news agency DNB to have left Gibraltar Thursday night.

Later, Rome said, another big convoy of troops and supplies entered the Mediterranean under escort of seven destroyers and numerous speed boats and was reinforced at Gibraltar by two cruisers and an aircraft carrier.

A possibility that as many as four aircraft carriers accompanied the attack fleet was seen in axis reports. German broadcasts said the Furious, the Argus and another unidentified "flattop" had been observed in the harbor at Gibraltar and a later Vichy report said four carriers were seen there.

In addition to the vessels which set out eastward into the Mediterranean, DNB said, at least 100 other ships waited at Gibraltar.

Among the 125 originally there, the German reports said, were six cruisers, one auxiliary cruiser, 26 to 28 destroyers, four submarines and one monitor. To transport men, equipment and supplies there were two transports, one of them large, and possibly 40 merchantmen and 12 tankers. The remainder of the vessels were not identified.

Since the axis was fully aware of the departure of the convoy there was reason to suspect that it might be attacked as strongly (Turn to Page 2)

Bulletins

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sunday, Nov. 8.-(AP)—Reports reaching allied headquarters Saturday disclosed that successful landings had been made by American assault parties on beaches of North Africa near two main objectives outlined in operational plans.

Headquarters stressed the need, however, of caution in evaluating the first reports.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 8, Sunday.-(AP)—The office of war in-

Another Nazi Tank Closes Career



The British empire's Eighth army is still grinding ahead in Egypt, smashing Rommel's fortified lines and slashing through his Italian and German forces. This graphic Radio-sondphoto direct to New York from Cairo and transmitted to San Francisco shows the survivors of a tank knocked-out tank surrendering to British infantrymen.—FIN Photo.

AP's Gallagher Rides Convoy To Witness African Invasion

Timing of Troop Landing Perfect At Many Points

By WES GALLAGHER

Allied headquarters in North Africa, Sunday, Nov. 8.-(AP)—American soldiers, marines and sailors from one of the greatest naval armadas ever put into a single military operation swarmed ashore Sunday on the Vichy-controlled North Africa shore before dawn, striking to break Hitler's hold on the Mediterranean.

First reports reaching allied headquarters said that American assault parties had made successful landings near two main objectives, but official quarters warned that it was too early to properly evaluate these advices.

Tall, decisive Lt. Gen. Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower, supreme commander of the huge forces involved in the operation, worked throughout the night directing the first great American blow at the axis.

Included in the forces were crack combat troops, Rangers (air borne units) and the cream of America's airmen.

British naval and air force units supported the American landing forces, who were preceded by a snowstorm of leaflets and a radio barrage promising the French the United States had no intention of seizing French possessions and only sought to prevent axis infiltration.

It undoubtedly was the longest overwater military operation ever attempted, with hundreds of ships in great convoys coming thousands of miles under the protection of British and American sea and air might.

I came on one of these big convoys. Fighting-fit American soldiers and airmen, who did not know their destination until a few hours before scrambling into assault barges, crowded the ships to the very funnels and were guarded by aircraft carriers, racing cruisers and destroyers.

Our big convoy arrived at its destination with the split-second

German planes Collide in Air

LONDON, Nov. 7.-(AP)—Two Focke-Wulf 190s, dodging to escape the guns of a Fighting French fighter in a Spitfire, collided and fell into the channel off Beach head Saturday afternoon, the air ministry announced.

The German planes, it was believed, were heading for the English southeast coast. They were detected by a French pilot who was on a practice flight. He attacked the enemy machines from the rear. Swerving sharply, one machine hit the tail of the other, and both crashed.

Heads Front



LT. GEN. D. D. EISENHOWER Supreme Yank in Europe

Timing of a subway train despite storms for many days at sea and danger from planes and submarines.

The entire operation was carried out with the delicate synchronization of an expensive watch, justifying the months of careful planning by Eisenhower and his British-American supreme command.

The vastness of the project, not only with the number of troops involved but from the distances covered and military problems overcome, far dwarfed the only similar operation of its kind in this theatre of the war—the Nazi invasion of Norway.

At the zero hour, khaki-clad soldiers stumbled into their square nosed assault boats in the darkness, under the protecting guns of shadowy warships, while farther out to sea planes roared and disappeared in the darkness.

Landing were made at numerous places simultaneously, although they were hundreds of miles apart, and were participated in by eager young men from every state in the union. To a man, their reaction was "we don't want to fight the French if it can be helped, but, boy, we hope to tangle with those nazis."

At dawn low-flying American planes roared over French cities dropping white showers of leaflets.

'Ike' Eisenhower On Hand to Get Combat Moving

By The Associated Press

A "powerful force" of parachute troops, marines and sailors swarmed ashore in Vichy-controlled French North and West Africa early Sunday in a pre-dawn strike to break the axis hold on the Mediterranean and eventually cut into the exposed positions of Adolf Hitler in southern Europe.

The purpose of the move was two-fold: 1. To forestall an axis invasion there which "would constitute a direct threat to America across the comparatively narrow sea from western Africa."

2. To provide "an effective second front assistance to our heroic allies in Russia."

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LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 8.-(AP)—The Vichy radio reported that a landing attempt was carried out by British troops off Algiers shortly before dawn Sunday after a violent bombardment.

Some allied speedboats were repelled with losses, the radio said, adding that calm prevailed in the city. Other landing attempts were carried out in other points of North Africa, including Oran, it was stated.

Everywhere the allied landing forces met with opposition from the Vichy French coastal defenses "and remained without success," it was said.

counts of heavy allied troop convoys escorted by warships maneuvering at the Rock of Gibraltar in recent days.

The troops apparently were some of those which have been concentrated in the British Isles for some time, fighting for action as they went through the final stages of their battle training, for they were commended by Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander-in-chief in the European theatre whose headquarters had been in Britain.

Eisenhower broadcast a message to the people of French North Africa on behalf of the president, assuring them that "we come among you solely to destroy your (Turn to Page 2)

Invasion By Axis Barred

2 French Coasts Hit; Cooperation Asked in Colony

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.-(AP)—Powerful American expeditionary forces are landing on the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts of the French colonies in Africa in the first big-scale offensive of the war under the star spangled banner.

Announcement of the action, obviously aimed at winning complete domination of the dark continent and reopening the Mediterranean sea for the United Nations in conjunction with the victorious British drive westward from Egypt, was made in a simultaneous announcement Saturday night by President Roosevelt and communique from the war department.

The White House statement

By The Associated Press

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OPA Threats West Stores

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.-(AP)—Fifty seven stores in four western states were among the more than 4000 retailers in the United States threatened with license revocation by the office of price administration, OPA's regional office disclosed Saturday.

The merchants were accused of violating the general maximum price regulation, in some instances unintentionally, in others deliberately.

Oregon: Kienow's Food store, Portland; Kienow's Food store No. 7, Portland; Safeway No. 41, Medford; Fred Meyer store, Portland.