

Civil Patrol Big Air Help

1200 Pilots Flying 15,000 Miles a Day in West, Couriers

SPOKANE, Nov. 14-(P)—Capt. R. M. Emahiser, Second air force public relations officer, disclosed Saturday that 1200 civil air patrol pilots are flying their "puddle jumpers" 15,000 miles a day in eight western states in a courier service for the Second air force.

He added that the service may soon be extended to five other southwestern states.

The captain observed that six months ago the Washington wing was "hard at work but getting nowhere." The fliers, he said, were doing close order drill, attending classes, doing formation flying and "trying to keep out of the way of the big bombers."

With the arrival here of Maj. Gen. Robert Olds as commanding officer of the Second air force, which is charged with the training of all heavy bomber crews for the nation, the CAP began a series of experimental flights under the direction of Maj. P. H. Hinkley, wing commander.

Service between Spokane and Yakima and between Spokane and Walla Walla and Pendleton, Ore., in the carrying of airplanes and vital parts for discharges proved successful, relieving one Flying Fortress and crew. The service was expanded as a result.

Great Falls, Mont. was linked to its satellite fields. This was done also for fields at Rapid City, S.D.; Sioux City, Ia.; Kearney, Neb., and Salinas and Toluca, Kas., and in addition the latter fields were linked to each other.

This bay air line has its terminus in Omaha and connects with the United Air Lines, permitting transportation of cargo to Pendleton, Ore., and thence to Spokane.

Major Hinkley, who has been organizational officer and courier commander for the entire second air force area—roughly all of the nation lying between the western coastal range and the Mississippi, will leave soon to survey other states for probable extension of service to them.

The states he will visit are Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas and Colorado.

Emahiser pointed out that Hinkley's CAP group, now the western wing, helps young pilots to build up their hours while they at the same time render valued service to the army.

Reinforcements Sent Yankees

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setting ablaze Saturday of another troop transport in that harbor.

In the New Guinea land fighting, the communique made it apparent that the annihilation of the Japs at Oivi, where they had held out stubbornly for a week, broke the back of the enemy defenses. Sunday, General MacArthur announced that an Australian column had driven the Japs eastward from Ilinow and Wairopi—scene of the oft-bombed Wairopi bridge—and has seized the main Kumusi river crossing. That is in an area some 30 miles from Buna.

Ahead of the Japs, ready to trap them, an American force closed in.

Under steady bombardment from the air, the Japs suffered heavy casualties and even were abandoning their wounded in their frantic flight.

The allied advance on Buna is the climax of a drive across the tortuous jungle trails from Port Moresby on the southwest New Guinea coast.

Pine Hearings Set by Board

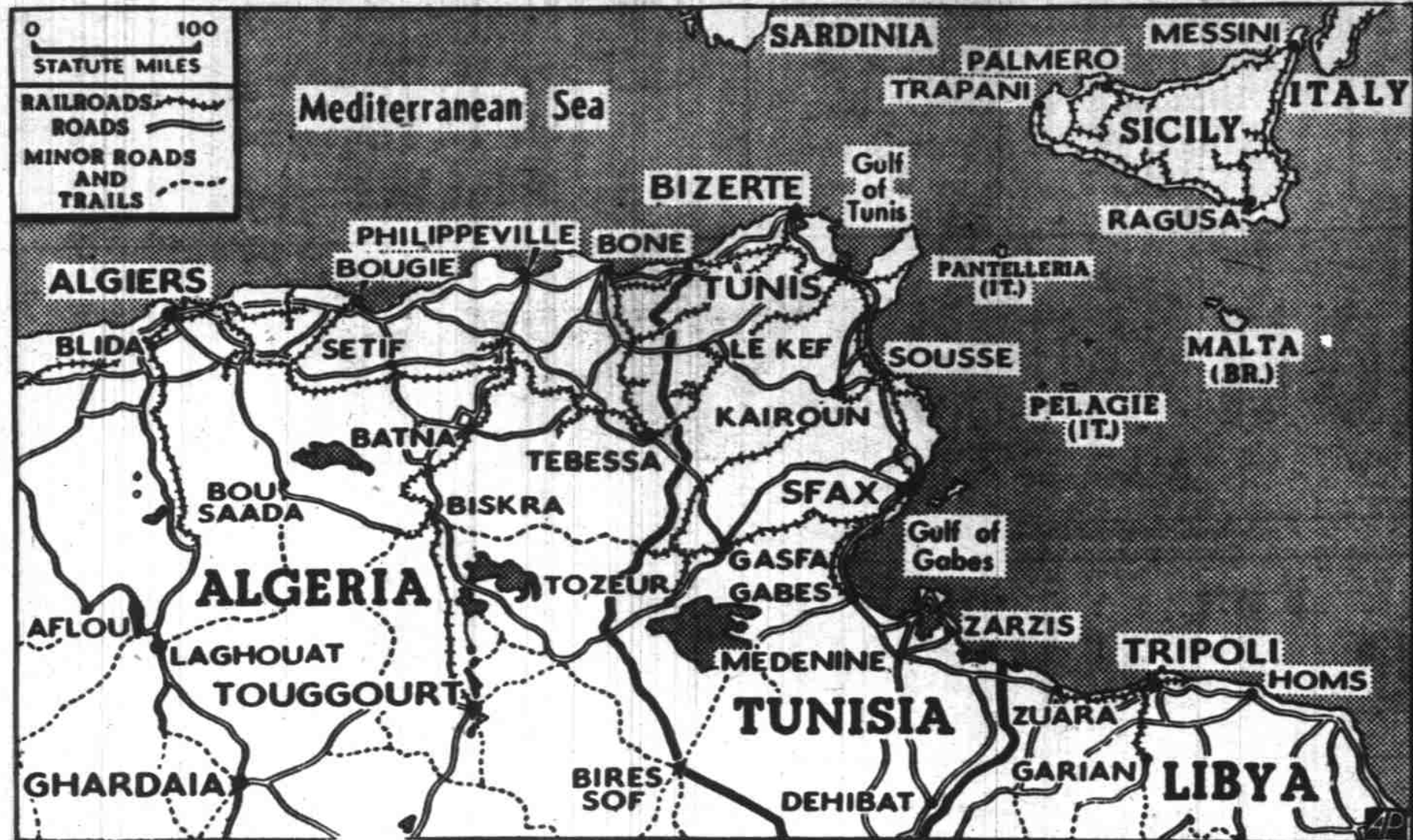
PORTLAND, Nov. 14-(P)—The west coast lumber commission said Saturday night it would begin hearings Monday on a series of cases involving approximately 100 pine operations in five states.

Both AFL and CIO unions will present demands in the hearings which include lumber and sawmill operations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, western Montana and northern California, said Thomas H. Tongue, commission executive secretary.

Issues involved in the AFL lumber and sawmill workers' cases include a minimum wage demand of \$1.05 hourly, a work week of consecutive eight-hour days and overtime pay.

In cases involving the CIO international Woodworkers of America wage increases, minimum scales and a night shift differential are at issue.

New Field of Operations in African Campaign



Here's the area of the newest and perhaps the largest combined allied operations in north Africa—the drive on the German-infiltrated French protectorate of Tunisia. US and British forces were rolling eastward from Algeria and British planes from Malta had destroyed 19 German aircraft in a raid on Tunis. Note the network of highways and rail lines along the north African coast, both in Algeria and Tunisia.—Associated Press Telemat. (See story of north African battles on page one.)

'Nothing Out Of Ordinary' Ship's Story

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Gun crews in the turrets ate and slept at their posts for two days of continuous action.

"Our first job was to go out to the Atlantic and help bring a convoy in and it was not until we got to sea that we knew what we were going to do," one young officer said.

"When we reached the rendezvous I never saw so many ships in my life. They filled the horizon."

The cruiser, which has figured heavily during the past two years in daring Malta exploits, helped bring the convoy safely to Oran during the night before the zero hour.

"The French fought with great courage and it was very distasteful to us to have to fire but we couldn't let them get at the transports," an officer said.

A late count showed two destroyers beached, a third sunk and a fourth probably sunk.

Meanwhile there were a great many submarines about and in two days the cruiser had to dodge about 35 torpedoes.

In answer to a call from troops held up on shore by a fort, the cruiser dashed in within range of the fort's nine-inch guns and was immediately straddled by shells.

"It was no place for us. We'd have been sunk in a minute and we laid down a smoke screen and got out of there," a lieutenant explained.

"We called up a battleship and she pumped shells in."

Just before the fort capitulated, American troops ashore called upon the cruiser again and, despite the danger of shore batteries, she rushed in and discharged broadsides into the enemy troop concentrations.

As we left the ship the executive officer hurried up to bid us good-bye, still worried.

"I told you everything just went according to plan," he said. "Absolutely nothing happened."

Eastman Asks Holiday Move

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14-(P)—Joseph B. Eastman, defense transportation director, Saturday asked all government agencies to cancel all leaves of absence of civilian employees between December 18 and January 10 in all cases where leaves involve travel.

Eastman said his aim was to relieve the holiday traffic on railroad and bus lines.

Corsican French Resist Italians

LONDON, Nov. 14-(P)—The Moscow radio broadcast a Tass dispatch from Zurich Saturday night saying French troops on the island of Corsica are offering stiff resistance to the Italian occupation.

Marshal Rommel Said in Munich

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 15-(P)—The German Freedom radio station said early Sunday that Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel is "not with his troops. He is in Munich."

The German Freedom radio station is one of the illegal transmitters which has often given trouble to Nazi authorities. Sometimes the information it broadcasts is accurate, and its programs always irritate government officials.

Doolittle's Men Merit Africa Glory

By the Associated Press

TWELFTH US AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS SOMEWHERE IN ALGERIA, Nov. 11—(Delayed)—When the history of the Algerian campaign is written, Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle's fighter pilots will come in for a big slice of glory.

These young veterans—kids who a short time ago were lugging the pigskin for such colleges as Michigan, Oklahoma, Iowa, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Texas—put on a performance of endurance.

Flying continually without sleep, they rode the skies over Algeria for 48 hours in the early stages of the campaign, knocking out armored columns and gun positions and permitting the ground forces to occupy vital positions.

It was their first call to duty, and they answered with all they had.

Lt. Col. F. M. Dean of St. Petersburg, Fla., is a guy with a star in his pocket—meaning in army lingo a guy to watch. He accounted for five of 20 tanks destroyed by American fighters in this area.

Dean had no chance at aerial combat in Algeria, but proved himself an expert at ground strafing. Modestly he had little to say of his successes beyond:

"We got in the war to win, and I am in there pitching with the rest of the gang."

Lt. Thomas Taylor, 24, of Tulsa, Okla., attacked a gun post near Oran and got two bullets in his tail. Then he blasted a tank.

"Now that organized resistance has ceased, we are ready to go on to another theater," he said. "We are ready for the Germans and Italians any time."

Hoarders Not Ahead

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14-(P)—Coffee hoarders will have no advantage over other persons after rationing starts November 28 under regulations issued Saturday by the office of price administration.

Any coffee in the cupboard in excess of one pound per person on that date should be consumed thereafter at the ration rate of one pound per person every five weeks, the OPA directed, and no more should be purchased until the supply on hand is used.

This ruling will be enforced through a registration to be conducted later when a new universal ration book is issued. For the start of coffee rationing, stamps at the back of the sugar ration book will be used and no immediate registration will be entailed.

Allies Raid Tunis

NEW YORK, Nov. 14-(P)—Allied planes already have made three and probably four raids on the Tunis airbase and air photographs show great damage has been done there, the British radio said Saturday night in a broadcast heard by CBS.

Special Books To Be Issued For Coffee

Persons who still have so much sugar which they owned before sugar rationing started, that they are not entitled to ration book No. 1 (sugar book), need not worry about getting coffee after November 28 with stamp No. 27 out of that book.

The state OPA office said that these persons may apply to their local war price and rationing boards, at a date yet to be announced, and they will be issued the ration books. However, the board will tear out all stamps under No. 17. This was taken to mean that before sugar stamp No. 16 is used, universal rationing books will be used.

If they should subsequently need sugar before stamp No. 16 comes up, they may return to the boards and exchange for a book with lower stamp numbers.

All coffee sales will be frozen from midnight November 21 to midnight November 28. Between November 29 and January 3, stamp No. 27 will be good for one pound of coffee.

Books issued to children under 15 must not be used for the purchase of coffee.

Single Office Sought for War Output

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14-(P)—Congressional opponents of a single civilian command over all war production, with its manpower problems, announced Saturday a drive to set up a central office of war mobilization by December 7. They declared that the war could be won in eight months by "a resolute overhauling of the war production machine."

Senators Kilgore (D-W. Va.) and Pepper (D-Fla.) and Rep. Tolan (D-Calif.) said executives and production engineers of 20 corporations had been invited to testify at hearings opening Monday before a senate labor subcommittee under Pepper's chairmanship.

"We want to get from them the complete story of the operations of the present production procedures," they said in a joint statement. Chairman Truman (D-Mo.) of the senate defense investigation committee and Chairman Murray (D-Mont.) of the small business committee endorsed the program.

The sponsors told reporters they intended to press it through congress as a directive to President Roosevelt. The president has the power now to set up such an office, Tolan observed, "but it hasn't been done yet."

Jesuit Educators Consider Changes

SPOKANE, Nov. 14-(P)—Jesuit educators of Oregon and Washington met at Gonzaga university Saturday to consider changes they said must be made in the curricula at Gonzaga and Seattle college when 18 and 19-year-olds are drafted.

Attending the conference called by the Rev. Mark Gaffney, dean of Jesuit schools in the Oregon province, were the Rev. Leo P. Robinson, SJ, provincial of the Oregon province, and three representatives of Seattle college, the Rev. F. J. Corkery, president; the Rev. J. B. McGoldrick, SJ, dean of faculties, and the Rev. Gerald Beezer, SJ, head of pre-medics.

They are Capt. Florence McDonald, now assistant superintendent of nurses at the Fort Dix station hospital, and Lt. Helen L. Summers, now stationed at Mitchell Field, N.Y.

The award will be presented to them in New York's Madison Square Garden next Thursday by the Women's International Exposition.

6 Killed For Treason

BERN, Switzerland, Nov. 14-(P)—Six more persons have been executed for high treason against Germany in Bohemia and Moravia, it was reported Saturday in dispatches from the Prague newspaper Der Neuetag.

Police Put Guard At Petain's Home

LONDON, Nov. 14-(P)—A Reuters report from Stockholm said Saturday night that strong police forces had surrounded the Hotel Du Parc, Marshal Petain's official residence at Vichy, France.

The message added that information received by the German-controlled Scandinavian telegraph bureau was that the aged chief of state was holding endless talks with Pierre Laval and other ministers of the Vichy government.

Seven Dead After Fire, Vancouver

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be found on the list of survivors, he said.

He said these were: Harry E. Miller, Orena, Idaho; Charles Dow, Cottage Grove, Ore.; John Munch, Stevenson, Wash.; Sam Thomas, Kellogg, Idaho; George and Edna Schafer, home towns unknown.

Earlier 11 had been reported missing, but the list was reduced as survivors continued to register.

The fire also injured 35, of whom 16 still were hospitalized Saturday night.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 14-(P)—The Portland housing authority moved Saturday night to set up a fire prevention and protection program designed to avert a holocaust like that at Vancouver Friday night in which seven persons lost their lives.

Capt. Charles L. Hevland, a veteran of 25 years with the city fire department, will be in charge of the program to arrange protection for 16,877 housing units.

Admiral Sorry French Fought

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Nov. 14-(P)—Speaking on the deck of a battleship cruiser, Adm. Sir Andrew B. Cunningham, British commander of the allied fleet supporting the American landings in north Africa, congratulated the British and American navies Saturday on the operation but expressed regret that "it was necessary to fight the French at all."

"I believe I am correct in saying that the British and American navies brought this vast force of troops to the assault points without a single soldier being lost at sea," the admiral asserted.

"While you have done a splendid job and deserve congratulations, I am sure you will agree with me it is a great pity we had to fight at all, expending effort which might well have been used against the traditional enemy of France—Germany."

He said that the "French fought with great gallantry and it is terrible it was all so useless."

Two Army Nurses 'Women of Year'

FORT DIX, N.J., Nov. 14-(P)—Two army nurses who were among the last to leave Crevecoeur before that Philippine island fortress fell to the Japanese will share the honor of being named 1942 "Women of the Year."

They are Capt. Florence McDonald, now assistant superintendent of nurses at the Fort Dix station hospital, and Lt. Helen L. Summers, now stationed at Mitchell Field, N.Y.

Grangers Told Of Conscription

Farmers' Problems Studied in Plans For Manpower

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for doggers, I would like to stop voluntary enlistments because sometimes when a board defers a man because he is in an essential industry, the man often goes over and enlists in another branch of the service, when the board and the government want him to stay on the job.

"It is possible to use women in some phases of agriculture," said Colonel Coatsworth, "but it is ridiculous to think that would solve the whole farm labor problem."

"We are trying to regulate local boards so all will run out of certain classifications at the same time."

"If the Japs were attacking the west coast and the Germans the east coast," he commented, "many would change their minds on just who was an essential worker. We already are taking men out of vital industries."

He said one-half the men in the nation from 18 to 44 years old were unfit physically for the army under present standards, and he didn't think more than 1,900,000 would be obtained from the new 18-19-year-old classifications.

Henry Carstensen, Washington state grange master, told the National Grange cooperative meeting that "the mortality of business firms is so high that responsible men have announced it as their conviction that by the time the war is over only two types of business will have survived—big business and cooperatives."

"This," he added, "certainly appears to be the situation."

Earlier, in a special message to the convention, President Roosevelt advised the grangers that "in this war, the need for American food and other farm products is almost without limit," and that "the National Grange never has met at a time when the nation depended more upon its farmers, and the farmers faced so many grave decisions. I say this with the knowledge that the grange was born in the very shadow of the Civil war."

Church Heads Call for End Of Profiting

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (Sunday)—The Catholic archbishops and bishops of the United States declared in a statement Sunday that "in the post-war world, the profit element of industry and commerce must be made subservient to the common good of communities and nations if we are to have a lasting peace."

The members of the hierarchy drafted the statement during a two-day session here. They declared that "in the discharge of our pastoral responsibility, we are gravely concerned about the world peace of tomorrow."

"Secularism cannot write a real and lasting peace," the statement said. "Lasting peace, if it is to encompass the whole man, it cannot evaluate the spirituality of the human soul and the supreme good of all mankind."

"Exploitation cannot write a real and lasting peace. Totalitarianism, whether Nazi, communist or fascist, cannot write a real and lasting peace. The spirit of christianity can write a real and lasting peace in justice and charity to all nations, even to those not christian."

Patrol Vessel 1st Boat Built by Penitentiary

SEATTLE, Nov. 14-(P)—The first ship ever launched by a federal penitentiary slipped down the ways Saturday at McNeil island before a cheering crowd of army, state and federal officials.

The 65-foot patrol boat, numbered "Q-86," was built entirely by inmates at the penitentiary and christened by Mrs. Paul J. Squier, wife of the prison warden.

As the craft cleared the ways with a splash that buried her bows deep in Puget sound, the prisoner-shipbuilders sprang back to their task and started laying the keel for a second ship to add to the prison's war effort.

"This is one of the grandest occasions in which I have had the privilege to take part," asserted Col. Bert C. Ross, executive officer of the Seattle port of embarkation, in accepting the craft for the army.

"When the history of the war is written," added Capt. A. H. Conner, commissioner of federal prison industries, "it will not be complete unless there is a page—a modest page perhaps—about the contributions of the inmates of federal prisons. The construction of this ship is a milestone in prison labor."

Both Capt. McDonald and Lt. Summers were previously decorated for heroism under fire.

Fighter Planes Cover Drive To Close Gap on Desert

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ers who started pouring machine-gun fire into us," he said with a grim smile.

"We stuck our tommyguns out of the windows and cut loose and I think we got one but they would have got all of us if some American fighters hadn't shown up right at that moment and shot down all the planes attacking us."

Another story of great gallantry was that of the American Rangers and British crews manning two former US coast guard cutters assigned to the rough task of crashing through the boom at Oran harbor and getting ashore to prevent sabotage.

An officer who saw the action gave this account:

"The cutters smashed through the boom and were starting into the harbor when the alarm was given. Searchlights blinked on, catching them in the glare, and big batteries on each side of the harbor cut loose with everything they had."

"The cutters just kept driving forward despite the fire with the Rangers lining the decks but the odds were too great. Shells hit the ships at point blank range. One blew up and the other caught fire and sank, throwing all hands into the water."

"Some got ashore by swimming and tried to complete the job but most of them were taken prisoner."

An officer from Casablanca reported that Maj. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., known to his men as "Old Blood and Thunder," arrived at the peace discussions with French Admiral Michillier carrying a revolver on each hip and a tommy gun under his arm.

"I'm sorry we had to fire on you," Patton was quoted as saying when he laid his tommy gun on the table.

"I'm sorry, too," the admiral replied, "but you had your duty to do as a soldier and we had ours. It is over now and we must be friends."

Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, commander of one section of the attack, in his dispatches mentioned several members of his force for courage and skill under fire.

Among these was Maj. Gen. Terry Allen, named for "exposing himself in the front lines under fire, inspiring his men with his outstanding leadership."

Two others singled out were Lt. Col. Fred Gibb and Joseph B. Crawford, both promoted from majorities during the course of the fighting for conspicuously good work in commanding infantry battalions.

Brig. Gen. Oliver was mentioned by Fredendall for skill in directing an armored attack and Lt. Col. John Waters, son-in-law of General Patton, for heading a tank force that fought its way 35 miles from the Arzeu beachhead to capture the Tafour airport in four hours.

Col. "Shorty" Hawkin, commander of a fighter air force at Oran was praised along with his officers for "keeping on fighting despite great fatigue."

Cols. Robinson and Cheslie were two others named in Fredendall's dispatches.

Russians Halt Assaults on Two Fronts

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reported from Stalingrad that the Germans "are hastily constructing dugouts and emergency winter quarters" outside the city.

Skilful counter-attacks and stolid resistance behind the great, effective Soviet field guns sapped continuously at the flower of the German army. Even the Germans said the Russians were counter-attacking south of Stalingrad and in the central Caucasus. The Nazis claimed successes only vaguely: dominating heights near Tuapse, and a few houses in the skeleton, ice-sheathed ruins of Stalingrad.

On the other side of Europe, US Flying Fortresses and Liberators bombed the German submarine bases at St. Nazaire and La Pallice in France.

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