

British Units Cross Border

Allied Planes Pound Axis Convoy, Land Supply Lines

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The Mareh line, situated about 65 miles inside Tunisia, within which part of Rommel's forces are believed already established. These fortifications were built by the French before the war to protect Tunisia against attack from the east.

While Flying Fortresses were attacking Bizerte Friday, other US fliers swept across the Tunis air-drome and destroyed many of the 50 planes which were on the ground.

A 12th air force spokesman said P-38 Lightnings escorted the Fortresses to Bizerte and protected the Martin Marauder bombers which blasted the convoy in the narrows.

Observers watched large buildings on the Bizerte water front explode and saw hits on oil tanks. The spokesman said the convoy included six freighters, four destroyers and several other vessels, in addition to the two cargo liners.

"Two direct hits were made on one cargo liner, blowing away its super-structure," he said. "The hits on the second liner started fires from which smoke rose 300 to 400 feet. Direct hits were made on another vessel of 100 to 150 feet, causing it to explode."

250 Japs Slain Near Salamaua

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that American submarines in the Pacific had sunk six Japanese ships, including a destroyer and damaged a seventh. Navy communiqué No. 266 said: "Pacific and Far East:

"1. US submarines have reported the following results of operations against the enemy in the waters of these areas:

"(a) One destroyer sunk.
"(b) One large tanker sunk.
"(c) Four medium sized cargo ships sunk.
"(d) One medium sized cargo ship damaged.

"These actions have not been announced in any previous navy department communiqué.

"South Pacific: (All dates are east longitude)
"2. On the evening of January 28, a force of 'Flying Fortress' heavy bombers (Boeing B-17) bombed Kahili in the Shortland area. Results were not reported."

Kahili is on the southeastern end of Bougainville island near the enemy base of Buin and quite close to the strongly-held Shortland island sector of the north-western Solomons. It is an airfield and has been frequently attacked by American bombers for several months.

Saturday's report on submarine operations was the first since January 19. It raised the total of Japanese ships reported in navy communiqués to have been sunk by United States undersea craft to 123. In addition, 22 have been reported probably sunk and 32 damaged for a grand total of 177 vessels successfully attacked.

Portland Man Navy Casualty

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—The navy announced Saturday 160 casualties in navy forces, including five dead, two wounded, and 153 missing.

This brings to 22,385 the total of navy, marine corps and coast guard casualties reported to next of kin since December 7, 1941. The grand total includes 6408 dead, 3915 wounded, and 12,062 missing.

Casualties announced Saturday (men listed are navy non-commissioned personnel unless otherwise specified) included:

Oregon:
Bauer, Robert Clayton, missing. Mother, Mrs. Billie W. Bauer, 1321 SE 43rd street, Portland.

Time Saver

The Statesman's new system of identifying stories carried over from the front to inside pages has attracted considerable favorable comment. Here's how the system works:

At the bottom of the story on page one is an inscription bearing a number referring the reader to the particular inside page and a letter denoting the particular story. An example:

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On the inside page, the continuation of this story would be labeled:

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The system was designed to save time in getting the paper to press, time that helps you get your paper earlier; many readers are saying, too, that it's a better plan than the old one of referring to inside columns alone rather than to the individual stories by the letter method.

Lobby Hobnobber

Billy King, the senate's efficient mail clerk for the last ten years—five regular and two special sessions—is somewhat lonely this year. Mrs. King, with whom he has always made his trip to Salem their biennial and only vacation from farming and stock-raising near Prineville, couldn't come this session, because they are caring for her aunt, who is 81 years old. And Snap, King's faithful and super-intelligent Scotch collie—German shepherd dog, is in canine heaven.

King's eyes moisten a little as he talks about Snap, who carried a leather mail pouch about the capitol for his master. Snap died of pneumonia shortly after the close of the 1941 session; he was seven years old.

To show how much King thought of Snap's combination of breed, it may be pointed out that he spent \$45 and made a trip to Portland seeking to obtain another, unsuccessfully.

Snap in truth was worth as much as, if not more than, a hired man on the farm. He'd carry a note a mile to Mrs. King at the ranch house, asking her to send out a flask of water, perhaps, or a hammer and staples for repairing a fence, King says, and back Snap would come with the wanted articles. If the sheep didn't show up at the corral at night—there are too many coyotes around to leave them out safely at night—Snap, with his keen nose, would track them down and drive them in, on command and alone.

This dog, in fact, would even, single-handed, start the breaking in of a new saddle horse, his master says.

"I'd put the horse in the corral, with a heavy 40-foot rope attached to a hackamore. You could leave Snap with that horse, and tugging this way and that, within half a day he would have the animal beginning to understand to lead," recalls King.

As anyone who has loved and respected an intelligent dog will understand, Mr. King has been slow to replace Snap and very particular about the breed and type of temperament he should have. So much so that he hasn't yet found the right dog.

What the senate thinks of Mr. King is demonstrated by the fact that for the last four sessions no one has found it worth while to attempt to get the mail clerk's job away from him.

Duties of the mail clerk are lighter this session than ever before, handling both incoming and outgoing mail. King says the volume of incoming letters deter-

FDR Thanks Nation for War on Polio

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and similar drives to raise funds for combating the malady with which Mr. Roosevelt himself was stricken two decades ago.

The capital celebrations Saturday night brought a parade of big names in the entertainment world to attend parties and balls.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who had said she would walk wherever possible to the birthday balls, was forced by bad weather to use an automobile in order to appear at the functions held at eight different hotels.

A modification by OPA of its ban on pleasure driving apparently helped. The OPA originally held that driving to a ball was "pleasure driving," and against rules in the east. Subsequently, however, this was modified to allow persons appearing on programs in connection with the balls to ride in private passenger cars.

OPA specifically mentioned actors and musicians and "other persons whose appearance on the ball program is scheduled."

Folkes May Act Slaying

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Cochrane Saturday night investigated a report that a negro dining car cook held in the Oregon slaying of a naval officer's bride might once have worked in Lynn.

Inspector John Mukian said that several Lynn department store workers had reported that newspaper pictures of Robert Folkes, arrested in the Oregon train killing resembled a porter and elevator man who worked at their store at the time of the Cochrane slaying in June, 1941.

Mukian said the picture would be circulated through Lynn's negro district to determine whether others held the same opinion as the store girls and that if circumstances warranted Oregon police would be asked to question Folkes concerning his whereabouts in 1941.

Workers Drop Jobs

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 30 (AP)—An estimated 3000 workers were away from their war jobs at the Memphis plant of the Firestone Tire and Rubber company Saturday night after a disagreement over an hourly pay guarantee, F. M. Dickinson, field representative for the United Rubber Workers (CIO), announced. Dickinson declared the strike, which began yesterday, was unauthorized.

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'Community' Law Talked

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so income could be divided for tax purposes.

But to some legislators it looks "too good to be true" and they are looking for bugs in it. Unfortunately, it has only recently been adopted in Oklahoma and that state's experience to date is of no help in assessing the results. It now rests in the senate taxation committee but appears to be such legislation as should be scanned likewise, or originally, by a "law" committee.

If the predictable headaches of this measure are considered greater than its benefits, Oregon taxpayers' only hope for relief rests in revision of the federal law. But the "community property" states' United States senators comprise a tight bloc comparable to the silver bloc and have so far prevented such a change.

With respect to Oregon agitation to join them somehow, it should be observed that while Oregon is penalized in comparison to its neighbors, 38 other states are in the same boat with Oregon, including the big money areas of the east. Large taxpayers here doubtless wouldn't be so unhappy if it were not for the neighbors.

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Pilot in Eugene Hospital After Plane Crashes

EUGENE, Jan. 30 (AP)—Pierre Renaud, pilot of a navy plane that cracked up near Harrisburg Saturday noon, was brought to a hospital here following first aid treatment at Harrisburg.

The mishap occurred about a quarter of a mile west of Harrisburg when the pilot apparently tried to make a forced landing and hit a power line before piling up in a ditch.

Hospital attendants said Renaud's home was in Brooklyn, New York, and that he was from Fairfax Field, Kansas City.

SEATTLE, Jan. 30 (AP)—The 13th naval district headquarters said that Ensign Pierre Renaud of Fairfax Field, Kansas City, was in Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene, Ore., with a skull fracture after a trainer plane he was ferrying to Pasco, Wash., crashed Saturday at Harrisburg, north of Eugene.

The other trainer plane ferry pilots, Ensign K. H. Qvale and C. Folton, witnessed the mishap, landed their planes and reported at Eugene. They did not know what caused the accident.

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McKellar, a long-time administration supporter, told reporters that after reading the record of testimony taken by the foreign relations committee in its investigation of Flynn's qualifications, he found himself unable to vote to confirm the former democratic national chairman for the diplomatic post.

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Where Roosevelt-Churchill Met in North Africa



Pictured in this Radiosoundphoto are natives of Casablanca, lining the broad main street as French and American troops pass in review and US planes swoop overhead as the tricolor of France flies in the Miami-like breeze. Note in background the white stucco villa, with palm trees swaying in the breeze and the gardens alive with flaming bougainvillea.—JIN Photo.

Oregon Flier Decorated Posthumously

ALAMEDA, Calif., Jan. 30 (AP)—All the time the wind blew toward Truk—the great Jap base in the Caroline Islands.

Waves splashed irritably onto the side of the rubber raft onto the two American naval aviators. One was wounded, and the salt stung. Both kept passing out from heat and fatigue.

They heard submarines churning along intermittently underneath the water. This added to their worries.

Finally, on the third day of their drifting, the wounded man, Aviation Radioman (first class) George D. Stokely, 29, woke up his companion, Lt. Com. William J. "Gus" Widhelm, commanding officer of the carrier Hornet's dive bomber squadron.

A US patrol plane had spotted the sheen of the raft's slicken sail, rigged from a parachute. "An angel's come from heaven—let's drink the rest of our water!" Stokely said, and they did.

The patrol plane made six or seven passes. Each time it went by, the airmen despaired all over again. Finally it picked them up.

Stokely, from Knoxville, Tenn., now a chief aviation radioman, told of his experiences here Saturday when he was among 13 naval heroes decorated—on a posthumously—at the naval station by Rear Adm. W. K. Harrell of the fleet air detachment.

Others who were decorated included members of patrol wing 4—a gallant group of navy airmen who defied great odds to defend the Aleutians last June during the early stages of the Jap attack. A fourth member of patrol wing 4, Lt. J. E. Breeding, 24, McMinnville, Ore., was not present.

He was killed in a recent plane crash off the Oregon coast, and Admiral Harrell decorated him posthumously, giving the Distinguished Flying Cross to his mother, Mrs. Lelah Breeding, McMinnville.

Butter Supply At 13 Pounds

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3. Production at present is at the low point of the year.

4. Last year an unusual amount of milk that formerly went into butter was used for other dairy products.

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2 Raids Hit Nazi Party

ON the HOME FRONT By ISABEL CHILDS

To my friend, the artist, who consistently hears and reports to me bits of foolishness and wisdom, I dedicate this street scene that suggests a picture to me:

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His hair was shiny and dark, only a little less shiny and little less dark than his eyes, and the only insignia on his arm was a pair of embroidered squares. The bluest of these was the shade of the baby's eyes and snowsuit, and the khaki uniform of the youth who held the struggling infant looked gold in the bright sunlight of unshaded South Commercial street.

Other soldiers clustered around one of their number who attempted to focus a camera and nearby stood a not-too-clean appearing girl of a type to which we've become accustomed on our street. Not a street-walker—don't get me wrong—she just "hangs around" wherever the soldiers may be, and, to-date, has been noticed by few of them, although with a shampoo and a trip to the dry cleaners she might be most attractive.

But the baby, whoever he was, was rosy and clean, and, although apparently a bit surprised to be chosen as a model, not at all bad-natured.

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The snapshot the young soldier may send home will catch some of the picture, but will be unusual, indeed, if it even hints at the lights in the eyes of the boys, the little fellow and the somewhat older, darker chap who held him. It cannot reveal the mixture of hope and dejection in the face and figure of the stringy-haired girl, and, of course, it won't even show the amateur cameraman, or indicate the fun they had in taking the picture.

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McNutt Says Some Colleges May Close

HAVERFORD, Pa., Jan. 30 (AP)—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, predicting that some private colleges may have to close for the duration, said Saturday night "in the grim days that lie ahead there is no place in our society for institutions which fail to render national service."

McNutt, in an address prepared for delivery at 130-year-old Haverford college's first mid-winter commencement exercises, called for continued voluntary cooperation by the nation's colleges in the war effort.

"Washington will not dictate a uniform plan of action to the colleges," he said. "Washington is not Berlin and we do not propose to regiment our colleges to any standardized program of state-directed services."

Stating that geographical location and physical accommodations were the determining factors in selecting larger institutions for specialized training units of the army and navy, McNutt said there is also a place for smaller colleges in particular forms of the training program. He commended Haverford for its new course in meteorology for future weather officers in the army air force.

Other colleges, he said, might offer instruction for older men and women who through no fault of their own have never enjoyed college educational advantages and arrange special rehabilitation courses for those invalided out of military service.

"If the colleges believe in democracy," McNutt said, "this is their opportunity to prove it."

"The war manpower commission will do all that lies within its power to assist the small colleges to save themselves," McNutt said. Then he added: