

8th Army Pushes Through Rommel Line

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Enfidaville Taken In British Advance

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 21.—(AP)—The British Eighth army has pushed about two miles north in the Djebel Garci area 10 miles west of Enfidaville in "very severe fighting," it was announced today.

Fighting raged on a 10-mile front as the dashing veterans of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery pressed the battle to a bloody pitch after capturing Enfidaville, anchor point of Marshal Erwin Rommel's southern line of the Tunis-Bizerte defenses. They had already repulsed four determined counterattacks.

While the British blasted the caves and dug-in positions of the Nazis and Fascists with artillery and infantry, sleet and snow storms swirled over the mountainous area today and restricted the great allied air offensive which had been summoned to paralyze Axis airfields.

Accompanying Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's drive from the south, which was opened at 11 o'clock Monday night with a mighty barrage from hundreds of guns, the British First army has moved forward slightly in the Medjez-el-Bab sector west of Tunis, said a communique from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters.

The night's operations also included mine-laying in enemy waters and sharp attacks by fighters and fighter-bombers on enemy railways, barges and coastal shipping, a communique said. The operations were favored by good weather and the bombing attacks on Stettin and Rostock— which were carried out by some of the RAF's mightiest planes— were well concentrated, the air ministry said.

The air ministry said tonight that the RAF dropped more than 150 4000-pound bombs in 40 minutes last night on Stettin, Germany, in addition to hundreds of other high explosives and thousands of incendiaries.

Pilots who bombed Rostock said they hit the main plant of the Heinkel works about two and one-half miles outside the city. The factory, normally employing 10,000 persons, is the assembly center for Heinkel parts manufactured elsewhere in Rostock.

Southeast coast observers said the cross-channel offensive continued late in the afternoon with explosions in the direction of Calais and Boulogne which were so intense they shook buildings miles inland from England's coast.

Rostock is the site of the Heinkel and Neptuna works and the communique said the port and the Heinkel works were the specific targets in last night's raid. The last previous British raid on Rostock was April 26, 1942 when it was bombed for the fourth night in a row. At that time fires were set that were seen 250 miles away and the center of the city was reduced to a heap of ashes.

Medal, Owner To Be Reunited
Portland police, who are looking for Granville M. (Jim) Smith, former Eugenean, to give him a medal which he received in 1922 will find him at 2135 Vine street, Klamath Falls.

SCHOOLS EXPANDED
BOISE, Idaho, April 21.—(AP)—Lewiston and Albion state normal schools, two-year institutions since their establishment, will offer four-year courses leading to a degree of bachelor of arts in education beginning in the fall of 1943.

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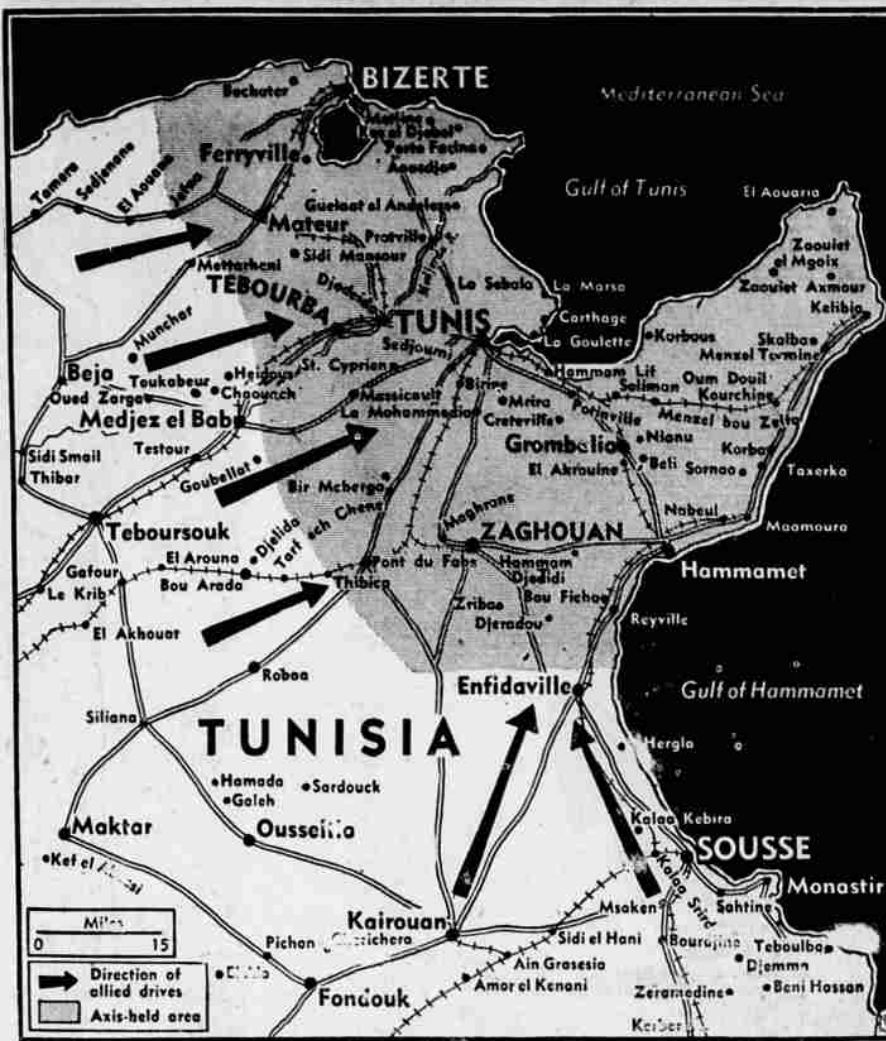
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AN EIGHTH ARMY attack in the Enfidaville sector of the Tunisian battlefield has resulted in the capture of that city, along with strategic heights north and west of the anchor of Rommel's southern line. The First army has also made slight gains in the Medjez el Bab sector. Arrows show direction of allied drives.

FDR, Camacho In U. S. After Mexican Visit

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., April 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and President Manuel Avila Camacho arrived here together today as the Mexican chief executive repaid the visit which Mr. Roosevelt made yesterday to Monterrey.

Then two presidents came here for a luncheon and a big air show at the navy air station. Special cars for Avila Camacho and his party of high Mexican officials were added to Mr. Roosevelt's train before it pulled out of Monterrey.

Mr. Roosevelt and the Mexican president were together until late last night delving into the war problems of the Americas and charting co-operation in the peace to follow.

Both presidents reaffirmed the unity of the Americas and offered the good neighbor policy as a model for the world, once "the machinery of barbarism constructed by the dictators" is completely destroyed.

Mr. Roosevelt had arrived here late today, one week after leaving Washington. President Avila Camacho honored him with a review of a full motorized division of the Mexican army. The two presidents dined together and spoke from their dinner table.

Each president, flanked by leaders of his own government, praised the other's country in combating the Axis and preparing for the peace to follow.

Pos Execute US Prisoners, Says FDR

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that the "barbarous execution" by the Japanese of some of the members of the American armed forces who fell into Japanese hands as an "incident of warfare."

Point Value Cut By OPA on Soup
WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—A sharp reduction in point value of all frozen fruits and vegetables and all rationed soups, effective at 12:01 a. m. Thursday, was ordered today by the Office of Price Administration.

Simultaneously OPA eliminated black-eyed peas, a staple diet throughout the southern states, from the list of rationed products. Point values of frozen foods were cut more sharply in the commercial container sizes (two to 10 pounds) than in the smaller household sizes.

Under the new program all kinds of frozen fruits, in net weight containers of 16 ounces, will cost six points instead of the present 13 points. Point values of frozen asparagus, green and waxed beans, lima beans, corn, peas and spinach in domestic container sizes, are reduced also from 13 to six points a pound.

Officials explaining reasons for the point cuts said they were prompted by the same set of conditions that brought about previous reductions in point values. Among these conditions, they said, were slow sales, indicating consumer reluctance to pay the required number of points, and the additional factor of spoilage with the approach of warm weather and rising humidity.

Officer to Enforce Dog Ordinance Named
Arthur T. Hall, 469 Sixth avenue west, is Eugene's new humane officer who will enforce the city council's wartime dog ordinance in cooperation with the Lane County Humane society.

Byrnes OKs Increase For Pine Workers
WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—The war labor board announced today that Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes has approved a wage increase for 26,880 employees of the pine industry concerns in the northwestern United States.

Jury Pondering Fate of Folkes

ALBANY, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—Eight women and four men jurors began life-or-death deliberation at 10:15 a. m. PWT today in the first-degree murder trial of Robert E. Lee Folkes, accused of the fantastic "Lower 13" knife slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James.

The jurors—mostly farm folk—took the case with Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling's detailed instructions after hearing testimony and arguments for 13 days in the trial of the 20-year-old negro second cook of a Southern Pacific limited.

The defense maintains Folkes was in the dining car galley preparing breakfast at the time she was knifed in the throat. She died a few moments later in a pool of her own blood in the aisle of the sleeping car.

Judge Lewelling told the jury it could return any one of four verdicts: Guilty of murder in the first-degree which automatically calls for the death penalty if unaccompanied by a recommendation for leniency; first degree with a recommendation for life imprisonment; second degree which carries mandatory life imprisonment; or acquittal.

Banks Boost One Bond Total

Purchases in the second war loan Wednesday were almost doubled over the previous day's figure for Lane county.

Loan headquarters revealed that of the \$4,600,000 goal, \$3,293,127 have been turned in so far. The figure indicates that 71 per cent of the quota has been raised. It is a 34 per cent gain over Tuesday, when the total stood at \$1,709,715.

Bulk of the Wednesday purchases was \$1,500,000 in government securities bought by the Eugene, and Junction City branches of the U. S. National bank. The remainder was made up of Series E and other war bonds, sold to individual buyers.

2nd War Loan Goal May Be Increased
WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Treasury officials reported today that many communities have reset their sights in the record-breaking \$13,000,000,000 second war loan campaign and are now trying to double their original quotas.

Kuban Battle More Intense

MOSCOW, April 21.—(AP)—A violent struggle for an important height marked the mounting battle in the Kuban delta above Novorossiisk today as the Germans threw in more troops in an attempt to regain lost positions, but nowhere did they succeed in gaining any ground, the Russians reported today.

A dispatch to Red Star, the army newspaper, said that artillery action has increased and there are more and more bombings by the German air forces operating in strength from the waters of the black sea northward to the sea of Azov.

Pravda, communist party newspaper, printed a front page dispatch which said Rumanian troops were in the fight but that war prisoners complained the Germans had abandoned them.

The Germans, using more tanks to flank their increased infantry forces, smashed at the Russian lines in one sector in a series of 10 attacks moving in groups of from 25 to 30 which were turned back almost immediately, it was said.

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At the Cottage Grove Lumber company the vote among the employees was 19 to 9 in favor of the union. AFL No. 2627, Lumber and Sawmill Workers, is the AFL group in Cottage Grove.

At Snellstrom's Lumber company the vote was as follows: AFL, 83; CIO, 48; neither affiliation, 19. The AFL group here is local No. 3691.

The elections are held under direction of NLRB.

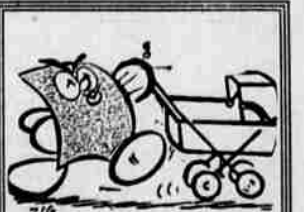
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PARADE IT IN TOKYO!
Barking touchy shins on that outgrown baby buggy every time you step into your crowded garage is maddening—but Tojo loves it!
Dusted off and sold you can parade it in Tokyo. I'll find the customer, you buy War Stamps with the cash. Uncle Sam will buy bullets for General Doolittle's next flight to Japan. Ain't that smart?
I'm a Register - Guard Want Ad. I send all kinds of discarded things to war every day.
Phone me at 1200 and I'll send something to war for you!