

Tunisian Passes Scene of Great African Battle

Axis Makes All Out Effort in Attempt To Block Allies Gains

By Nel Russell

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
With British Eighth army near Enfidaville, Tunisia, 3 p. m., April 20 (Delayed) — A tremendous battle is raging between the British Eighth army and German troops on the steep, rocky slopes of Tunisian mountain defenses where the Axis is attempting to block our offensive toward Tunis.

Sweating, cursing veterans of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's attacking eighth army, now fighting in formidable mountain positions for the first time, have thrown back the first counterattack by German forces under Marshal Erwin Rommel after driving into the enemy defenses.

Now a second counterattack is in progress and casualties are heavy for both sides, but especially for the attacking eighth army. (Today's communique said the second counterattack and two more that followed were repulsed.)

Fight Like Wild Men
The Germans are fighting like wild men. Our mountain troops, battling against tremendous difficulties, are calling upon every ounce of reserve strength to scale the rugged hillsides.

The eighth army has taken only a few hundred prisoners but they show that Rommel has removed most of the Italian troops from the front lines and replaced them with many of his best German troops.

Previously, he had let the Italians take the brunt of the first attacks and then counterattacked with Nazi veterans. But this is a showdown battle and the Germans are in the forefront.

The main battle is on a five-mile front between Takrouna village and Djebel Garci, a dozen miles west and slightly north of Enfidaville.

Here is how the battle developed:
Weather Is Hot
The Germans were in strong mountain defenses, with many gun emplacements blasted out of the rocks. The day was hot and sultry, with a soft breeze from the sea.

For Montgomery, the problem was like pressing a huge spring as the eighth army approached the enemy line. The farther we press the spring, the stronger it becomes as it recedes into the enemy's main lines.

Men of the eighth army, wearing light khaki shorts and short sleeved shirts, were soaked with perspiration from the start, because this sticky weather takes the most out of them and their task strains human endurance almost to the breaking point.

British mountain fighters hammered their way behind a great artillery barrage up 1,200-foot Djebel Berci and then veered northwest to Enfidaville, beating off the first enemy counterattack and inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans.

Then Montgomery sent infantry into Enfidaville, but found it empty.

Buy National War Bonds Now!
HEMORRHOIDS (Piles)
Hernia (Rupture), Fissure or Fistula
Such diseases impair your health—efficiency—earning power. For 30 years we have successfully treated thousands of people for these ailments. No surgical operation. No confinement. No loss of time from work. Call for examination or send for FREE descriptive booklet.
Open Evenings, Mon., Wed., Fri., 7 to 9:30
Dr. C. J. DEAN CLINIC
Physician and Surgeon
N. E. Cor. E. Benton and Grand Ave. Telephone East 3018, Portland, Oregon

Get Along, Little Quisling



(Arthuro Russian Newsreel From NEA)

Boys will be boys, even in Russia. This Soviet youth takes a job at a civilian who co-operated with Nazis during occupation of a Ukraine village as Russian soldier herds the Quisling down street of the recaptured town.

.Doughboy, Tommy in Tunisia



(NEA Radio-Telephoto)

Here's a typical British-American meeting. These two Army sergeants, a Ruky Devonshire lad named William Brown, left, of the British Eighth Army, and Joseph Randall, of State Center, Ia., met on the Gafsa-Gabes highway in central Tunisia as the Allied forces finally broke through Axis forces to consolidate their might. Photo radioed Cairo-New York.

Pleasant Ridge

Pleasant Ridge, April 21 (Special) — The Deschutes-Pleasant Ridge home extension unit met on April 13 at the home of Mrs. Del Davis. Household repairs were discussed. Election of officers was held and the following were elected: President, Mrs. A. Ahlstrom; vice president, Mrs. Stanley Edgerston; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lloyd Peterson. A shower was held for Mrs. George Randall at the same time. She received many lovely gifts.

Miss Lois Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Peterson, spent Sunday evening with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson, of Redmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dudley and Lila of Bend spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fender. Lila stayed to spend the week with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Peterson called on Mr. and Mrs. George Randall of Pleasant Valley Sunday evening.
Don Kissler and family visited at the Rasmus Petersen home Sunday.
Mr. Barnes of Prineville visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lamb Sunday afternoon.
Alfred Mikkelsen, Phillip Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Farstedt, Francis Kriger, Willard Fix

and Ronald Chitwood fished in Suttle lake Sunday, making some good catches.
Mrs. Clement of Portland, Mrs. Olaf Anderson and Mrs. Mills of Redmond and Mrs. Sina Mikkelsen were callers at the Sid Conklin home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Glen Chitwood and child drep visited her mother, Mrs. Mame Doe, in Redmond Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Van Zyl and family of Redmond called on Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Peterson on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Farquharson of Cline Falls visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fender on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hansen and Mrs. Mikkelsen attended an open house for Mrs. Carrie Mills Sunday in Redmond at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Anderson, the occasion being Mrs. Mills' 50th birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Willard Fix and daughter of Bend spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kriger. In the afternoon Mrs. Harvey Berry, Mrs. Fix and Willa Jean and Mrs. Kriger visited friends in Tumalo.
Mrs. John Peterson of Redmond and Mrs. Lloyd Peterson were in Bend Saturday afternoon shopping.
Mr. and Mrs. Mosier of Hoskin were visitors at the Glen Kriger home Monday and Tuesday.

The serrate design, which now constitutes an inseparable part of Navajo Indian weaving, first became popular in New Mexico in the late 1870s.

VISIT OUR NATIONAL WALLPAPER STYLE SHOW
FEATURING
• WALL TESTED
• STYLE TESTED
• SUN TESTED
• WASH TESTED
GUARANTEED UNITIZED WALLPAPER
PITTSBURGH PAINTS
Simpson Paint Store
125 Oregon Phone 21

Transfer of Workers Questions

Following is a question and answer release explaining the new war manpower commission regulation which carries out the president's "hold the line" executive order. The regulations were made public Saturday.

Q. What is the purpose of this regulation restricting the transfer of workers?

A. To set up rules under which workers may be transferred in an orderly manner to the war jobs on which they are needed most and to assure that such transfers will be in conformity with the "hold the line" order.

Q. Does the order apply on a nation-wide basis or only to selected areas or industries?

A. It applies on a nation-wide basis with special provisions for areas or industries in which approved war manpower commission stabilization programs exist.

Q. What are the special provisions in areas or industries where employment stabilization programs exist?

A. Transfer of workers from

essential to other essential activities may be made without regard to changes in wage rates or salary scale if in the interest of the war effort. Statements of availability issued by employers or war manpower commission officials serve as evidence that transfers are being made in the furtherance of the war effort.

Q. Does the regulation "freeze" workers in their present jobs?

A. It does not. In areas where employment stabilization programs are in effect workers may transfer in accordance with the terms of such programs. In other areas they may transfer to jobs at the same or lower wage rates.

No restriction, however, is placed upon the transfer between activities not included in the essential activities list and from such activity to essential activities.

Q. What effect does this regulation have on existing rights of employees under agreements with their present employers?

A. None whatever. Since this regulation is concerned only with transfers of workers to other employers the rights with the present employers are not affected.

Q. John Smith is working in a plant making musical instruments. The job pays \$1 an hour and he works 40 hours a week. He wants to take a job in a railroad round house where his pay will be \$1.10 an hour and he will work 48 hours including eight hours of time-and-a-half. Will he be permitted to change jobs under these circumstances?

A. Certainly. Production of musical instruments is not classified as an essential activity. Railroad transportation service is classified as an essential activity. The fact that the railroad job will mean more pay does not prevent Smith from making this change.

Q. Sam Jones is working full-time at his highest skill in a war industry in Detroit earning \$12.25 an hour. He can get a job doing the same kind of work in another war plant where he will receive \$13.30 per hour. Will he be authorized to change jobs?

A. No. The fact that he can get more money in a new job is not a valid reason for making the change.

Q. Ben Harris is working as a lathe operator in a war plant. He wishes to transfer to a similar job in another war plant at higher pay. Can he make the transfer?

A. No. Unless the new employer is covered by an employment stabilization program.

Q. Could Harris move from the present job to another war job at a higher skill and a higher wage?

A. Yes, if his new employment is in an area or industry covered by an employment stabilization program.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia—A spokesman for Gen. MacArthur warned today that heavy Japanese air and ground reinforcements are moving into the southwest Pacific "with great rapidity" as allied fliers sank another Japanese cargo ship.

Health Certificate Wins Over Wedding License

Abilene, Tex. (UP)—An Abilene woman evidently thinks more of her prospective husband's health certificate than she does of the prospective husband.

When she applied at the county clerk's office for a marriage license, the deputy clerk told the woman she would have to leave the health certificate.

The woman refused. The deputy clerk explained that under Texas law she had no choice. In applying for the marriage license, she would have to leave the health certificate.

The woman thought it over, picked up the health certificate and walked out. The deputy clerk was left holding the license.

To relieve distress of MONTHLY Female Weakness
Which makes you CRANKY, NERVOUS
Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is made especially for women to relieve periodic pain with weak, nervousness—due to functional monthly disturbances. Taken regularly—Pinkham's Compound helps build up resistance against such symptoms. Follow label directions. Thousands benefited!

The Teeth Are Sharp!

In Oregon's New Financial Responsibility Law
AUTO DRIVERS MUST HAVE INSURANCE!
Or an accident could cause suspension of your RIGHT TO DRIVE!
L. G. BOWNS
We quote the law: "Not less than 10 days nor more than 45 days after receipt by him of the report or notice of accident which has resulted in bodily injury or death or in damage to property of any one person, the Secretary of State shall suspend the license of any person operating, and the registration certificates and plates of any person owning a motor vehicle IN ANY MANNER INVOLVED IN SUCH ACCIDENT."
—UNLESS and until such owner... shall immediately furnish and thereafter maintain proof of financial responsibility."
Don't Take A Chance—
Let Us Explain the Law to You Today!
FARMERS AUTOMOBILE Inter-INSURANCE Exchange
L. G. BOWNS
District Manager
1854 Bond Phone 331

Rough on Nazis



(NEA Telephoto)

A "fightin' general" is star-studded Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., above, shown in one of the few pictures made of him during the Tunisian campaign. Official U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.

Phil Hitchcock Kiwanis Speaker

Pendleton, Ore., April 21 (UP)—Phil S. Hitchcock of Bend, district governor of Kiwanis clubs, urged United States post-war cooperation in world affairs, in addressing a seven-club convention here yesterday.

Delegates attending from Ontario, Baker, Burns, Pendleton and Bend, Ore., and Waila Walla and Kennewick, Wash. In charge of the meeting were J. A. Yeager, Pendleton club president, and Leo Adler of Baker, lieutenant governor.

Crack in Vessel Slows Launching

Wilmington, Calif., April 21 (UP)—Launching of the liberty freighter S. S. Wiley Post was postponed from last night when officials of the California Shipbuilding yard discovered a crack in a stem casting just before the craft was to slide down the ways.

The casting was being repaired and welded today. The defective part was below the waterline, officials said.

Five Chrysler employees have been car-sharing since 1937, cutting transportation expenses 80 per cent on their 50-mile daily round trip to work.

Hammamet Gulf, Old Pirate Lair, Now Axis Ship Grave

Washington, D. C.—The Gulf of Hammamet, hunting ground for British submarines on the prowl for axis ships in the Mediterranean, bites into the Tunisian coast between Cape Mahmur and the Kuriat islands, says the National Geographic society. Pushing inland 25 miles, the sea shapes the shore into a smooth crescent 50 miles from tip to tip.

Near the northern end of the water arc is the town of Hammamet, 210 miles west from Britain's Malta, and 135 miles southwest from Sicily. Hammamet clings to a small, sandy spit. A ridge of hills, some 4,000 feet high, skirts the coast.

Tourists regarded Hammamet as a hot little town asleep on the sands. Lemon trees lining roads out of the town offer welcome relief from the glare of sand and white-walled houses. Orange groves and vegetable patches splash the landscape with color. Hammamet deserves its label, "the city of gardens."

A Background of Violence

Centuries before Hammamet's seascape became a graveyard for axis tankers and supply ships, Barbary pirates had fought and revelled in the streets. The town's fort was as characteristic as its church. Travelers made a point of seeing the ancient citadel with its grass-covered courts and rusty cannon. The lofty tower of the neighboring mosque made a bearing for navigators.

Romans who came to Tunisia in the wake of the conquest of Carthage heard about Hammamet's remarkable water, built stately arcades for the "cure." Travelers of a later age passed up

FIES BACK-SEAT DRIVERS

Vallejo, Cal. (UP)—At least one woman driver on the Greyhound lines has the kick of a mule in her, according to a group of Mare Island navy yard workers. Angered at their back-seat driving and kibitzing, she turned the bus back on which she was driving them at home and deposited them at the place from which they had started. The company sustained her action.

Wanted! Men And Women Who Are Hard Of Hearing

To make this simple, no risk hearing test. If you are temporarily deafened, bothered by ringing, buzzing, hissing noises due to hardened or congealed wax (cerumen), try the Quirine Home Method test that so many say has enabled them to hear well again. You must hear better after making this simple test, or you get your money back at once. Ask about Quirine Ear Drops today at City Drug Co.

No Priority Needed on

GECO

100% PURE PAINT



Don't be "penny wise—pound foolish."
Use Geco 100% Pure Paint to protect your home investment. The formula is on the can—your assurance of 100% paint protection.

1940 LOW PRICES STILL IN EFFECT

Plenty of Stock at the

MIDSTATE

Hardware Company
Serving All Central Oregon
905 Wall Phone 600

That Extra Something!

... You can spot it every time

THE lovely entertainer goes to Panama to cheer our troops. Soldiers want to enjoy a Coca-Cola with her and talk. A pretty girl and a Coke... just like home.

In Iceland, the news told how troops had a good-natured fight to get the first Cokes available. Such are the stories from our fighting men everywhere.

To mean so much, a drink must have something—in taste, in goodness and in true refreshing qualities. Just to sip ice-cold Coca-Cola is to find all those things. Yes, all the difference between something really refreshing and just something to drink.

Drink **Coca-Cola**
TRADE MARK
Delicious and Refreshing

Even with war and so many Coca-Cola bottling plants in enemy-occupied countries, our fighting men are delighted to find Coca-Cola being bottled in so many places all over the globe.

The best is 5¢ always the better buy!

BOTTLED UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE COCA-COLA COMPANY BY
134 Greenwood — COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY — Phone 49

DOUTHIT'S

We Buy and Sell

USED GUNS

Bring in that gun you wish to sell. Highest cash prices.

DRY FLIES, with gut ... 3 for 25¢
Very Good Grade

Lines • Leaders • Reels • Hooks • Bait
All at Last Year's Lowest Prices!
BE SURE TO GET SALMON EGGS NOW

DOUTHIT'S

913 Wall St. Phone 51