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Allies Battering Axis at Tunis and Bizerte

Yanks Advance West Flank on Guadalcanal

American Outpost Line Gains 5 Miles in Enemy Territory

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—The navy announced today that American troops on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons had advanced their western flank well into territory formerly held by the Japanese.

A communique said that the advance, made by army and marine forces, had carried the western peg of the American line to a point about five miles west of the vital airfield on Guadalcanal and about one mile west of the Matanikau river, formerly the boundary of the American position.

Generally reflecting a new outburst of land activity on the island, following last week's naval victories, the communique also reported that American patrols had advanced an outpost line—on which flank was not stated—and about 35 Japs were killed while American forces suffered few casualties.

Aircraft Attacking

The advance to the west was made on November 18, the advance of the outpost line was on November 19, and on November 21, which was yesterday, Guadalcanal time, ground forces were reported engaged in "minor activity," but aircraft carried out 11 attack missions against enemy installations on the island.

The communique also raised by three the number of enemy planes which had been shot down November 18 when a group of army flying fortresses attacked Japanese cargo vessels at Buin on Bougainville island.

This raised the total number of enemy planes destroyed in that action to 13 Zeros and two float biplanes.

Text of Communique

"South Pacific (all dates east longitude):
1. On Nov. 18:
"A. Although enemy patrols were active, army and marine corps forces advanced on the western flank of our positions on Guadalcanal island to the westward of Point Cruz.

"B. Army Lockheed fighters shot down three 'Zeros' in the Buin area in addition to those previously reported in navy de-

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Gasoline Bloc Appeals to FDR

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—A bi-partisan congressional bloc was reported unofficially today to be pinning its hopes for postponement of nationwide gasoline rationing upon the possibility of intervention by President Roosevelt.

Likelihood increased that the group would appeal directly to the White House for a delay even as the chance that congress would pass stop legislation, diminished.

Members of the bloc—largely composed of congressmen from the western oil-producing states—conceded freely there was little possibility that legislation could be whipped into shape to postpone the rationing order before the Dec. 1 deadline.

Escaped Con Captured at LaGrande

State police headquarters here announced today the capture of Turman Wilson, 16-year-old convicted rapist and escaped convict, in the climax of a wild automobile chase near La Grande, Oregon.

Officers said they understood Glenn Wilson, Turman's 17-year-old brother, had been surrounded in the La Grande railroad yards.

Search Sea For 2 Airmen

Gearhart, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—Army airmen searched offshore waters here today for two men who parachuted into the Pacific yesterday from a stricken bomber.

The bomber, crippled by engine trouble while on a routine flight from the Portland air base, failed to make shore, crashing into the sea and killing Sgt. Albert Povodnik, Kansas City, Mo.

Two other crew members, First Lieut. William S. Southern, Barton, Kas., and Staff Sgt. William R. Dart, Fort Lupton, Colo., were rescued.

The two who parachuted while the bomber still was some miles from shore were Second Lieut. Roy Kline, Chicago, and Sgt. Robert E. Pierce, Marmaduke, Ark.

Chile Rejects Reprisal Threat

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 21 (AP)—The government announced today that Japanese Minister Kiyoshi Yamagata had been advised Chile "would reject with the greatest energy" any threat of reprisals in connection with her international policy.

The Japanese envoy was reported so notified by Foreign Minister Joaquin Fernandez, who asked an explanation of a threat of "serious and far-reaching political, economic and military consequences" if Chile abandoned neutrality, reported in axis broadcasts Nov. 18 to have been voiced by Tomokazu Hori, Japanese spokesman, in a Tokyo press conference.

The government has been awaiting a delayed report on the spokesman's words from the Chilean minister of Tokyo.

Laval to Sign Pact Joining with Axis

London, Nov. 21 (AP)—Pierre Laval, newly created by the nazis as puppet dictator of France, was reported on the verge of concluding a military alliance between continental France and Germany today. Reliable reports from Madrid said Laval was conferring with Otto Aetz, nazi delegate to Paris, and was expected soon to leave for Berlin to sign a treaty joining France, militarily and economically, with the axis.

These reports were strengthened by Laval's speech to the French people last night in which he proclaimed his admiration for the nazis, his hate for the democracies and a promise that "oluntare legions" would avenge the "insults" the pro-nazis of France had received, presumably from French patriots.

"A legion of volunteers is rising at this moment who will go to North Africa to fight and whom we are not going to stop,

Turin Target Of Heaviest Raid Staged on Italy

Mass Bombing of Arsenal City Leaves Fires Visible for 50 Miles

London, Nov. 21 (AP)—The arsenal city of Turin was attacked last night by RAF bombers in raids which an authoritative British source termed the "heaviest yet made on Italy."

Of the scores of Stirlings, Halifaxes, Lancasters and Wellingtons assigned to the mission, three failed to return.

The others made the 1,500-mile round trip successfully in another of the mass attacks that are proving an economical way to tear at the industrial vitals of the axis.

Text of Communique

"The attack was heavy and concentrated but dense smoke from many fires made observation of the results difficult."

Clear weather gave the targets sharp outlines, however, and an Italian communique itself said the British, attacking in waves, "dropped incendiary bombs in great quantities, mainly in the central district of the town."

The Italians said the British inflicted damage and spread fires and listed casualties at 29 dead and 120 wounded.

Fires Seen 50 Miles

Members of several Canadian squadrons which participated in the raid said Turin's air defenses included only one searchlight.

Fires were visible 50 miles from the city, they said, and smoke from one notably large one rose to almost 5,000 feet. One flier said it was so thick he believed an oil dump was hit. Another said he saw "one big building fall apart" when a two-ton block-buster burst on it.

It was the fourth raid on Italy in eight nights, and the tenth, including one by day, since the latest and heaviest bomb offensive was set off October 22 with a grand scale lambasting of Genoa, key supply port for axis forces in North Africa.

Other raids in this series have been on Genoa, Milan, Savoia and Turin, the most recent previous one having been on the latter city Wednesday night.

The air ministry has announced that only 17 bombers have been lost in the eight night thrusts and one day rally from October 22 through November 18.

The London Daily Sketch has reported that General Ridel, anti-aircraft defense chief for Germany, is being sent to Italy at the request of Premier Mussolini.

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Destroyer Damaged, But Fought on—A flaming Jap torpedo plane crashed on the forecastle of the U. S. destroyer Smith in the battle off the Santa Cruz islands, Oct. 26. In this closeup some of the damage to the ship is shown. Just abreast of the number one gun platform the after part of the Jap torpedo is barely visible. The Smith maintained her place in the screening line after she was struck and continued her anti-aircraft fire. (This is an official U. S. navy photo transmitted by Associated Press.)

Poison Deaths at Hospital Probed

The investigation of the roach powder poisoning case that was fatal to 47 patients at the Oregon state hospital was still mired deeply in the process of checking and re-checking information from employees and patients, according to Captain Walter Lansing, of the state police.

Lehman Heads Foreign Relief

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—The White House announced today that Gov. Herbert H. Lehman of New York will resign as governor on or about Dec. 3 to become director of foreign relief and rehabilitation operations under the state department.

"Gov. Lehman will undertake the work of organizing Americans participating in the activities of the United Nations in furnishing relief and other assistance to the victims of war in the areas reconquered by the forces of the United Nations," the White House said.

This is a step in the president's program of mobilizing the available resources of this country in food, clothing, medical supplies and other necessities for foreign relief.

"Gov. Lehman's appointment assures that this country will play its part in such efforts," the White House said.

The administration contemplates that American relief supplies shall follow our troops step by step as they move forward in the battle to liberate occupied countries. Already Mr. Roosevelt has ordered food and other supplies made available through lend-lease for the populace of North Africa.

British Task Force Killed in Norway

Berlin, (From German Broadcasts), Nov. 21 (AP)—Two British planes towing troop-filled gliders landed in southern Norway for purposes of sabotage and all the occupants were annihilated, the German high command said today.

"On the night of November 19-20 two British bombers, each towing a glider, flew over south Norway," the communique said.

"One bomber and both gliders were forced to land. Saboteur troops on board were attacked and exterminated."

Six Airmen Die in Crash
West Palm Beach, Fla., Nov. 21 (AP)—The army today announced that two officers and a crew of four were killed in the crash yesterday of a light army bomber taking off from Morrison field headquarters of the army air transport command's Caribbean wing.

Hemmed in Japs In Last Stand On New Guinea

MacArthur's Forces Pin Enemy to Beachhead As Battle Rages

By Brydon C. Taves
Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Nov. 21 (AP)—United States and Australian troops drove into the Japanese forces on the north New Guinea coast today with the promise plain before them of the biggest victory of the Southwest Pacific campaign.

The Japanese were fighting fiercely, with their backs to the sea, pinned to a beachhead extending 20 miles along the coast between Buna and Gona and six miles inland to the native village of Soputa, on the Buna-Kokoda road at the crossing of the Giritwi river.

Last Ditch Stand

Hour after hour the allied forces ripped the Japanese lines with mortar and machine gun fire, softening them for the final drive.

A new fleet of enemy planes, sent in an attempt to retrieve the imminent threat of disaster, was thrown into action yesterday against the allied positions.

Strong forces of enemy Zero fighters raked the allied lines with bomb and machine gun in an effort to reduce the steady pressure on the beachhead.

The Japanese seemed prepared for a last ditch stand in prepared positions which extended from Buna to Gona on the coast and made a triangular area to include Soputa village.

In Buna Outskirts

American troops were attacking the enemy on the outskirts of Buna while the Australians hammered at a strong Japanese defense pocket at Soputa.

Fighting was heavier than in any battle so far in the Southwest Pacific. The Japanese had the advantage of light artillery in addition to their mortars and machine guns and they kept up an incessant fire.

Testifying to the rapidly growing allied strength in the Southwest and South Pacific, it was announced today that well equipped New Zealand forces had arrived at Noumea, New Caledonia, south of the Solomons, to reinforce the United States troops already there.

A dispatch from Suva, in the British Fiji Islands, east of New Caledonia, contained the official announcement that strong United States forces were now stationed in the Fijis.

\$500,000 Fine on City

London, Nov. 21 (AP)—The Germans have imposed a \$500,000 fine on the Netherlands town of Bloemendaal after the cutting of several cables belonging to nazi occupation forces, Aneta reported today.

Allied Naval Units Mine Mediterranean

By Edward W. Beattie
London, Nov. 21 (AP)—Allied naval units have mined a new area of the Mediterranean to cut the axis off from Spain and its Balearic islands, the admiralty disclosed today as American, British and French troops pinned the Germans into two small defense perimeters on the Tunisia coast.

Warning that all Mediterranean waters outside Spanish territorial limits were now dangerous, the admiralty said that any ship which entered them without allied permission did so at its own risk.

It was announced that mines had been laid in an area extending from the French-Spanish frontier to a point outside the Balearic islands and thence southward to the Algerian coast. The allied forces, pressing eastward into Tunisia were re-

Enemy Cooped Along 30 Mile Coastal Strip

Axis Retreat to Tripolitana Cut Off and Main Forces Split

London, Nov. 21 (AP)—American and British troops, scoring a five-mile advance in one direction, pitched into the Germans on the outer defenses of Bizerte and Tunis today while U. S. flying fortresses rained deadly punishment on the enemy hemmed in along a 30-mile coastal strip.

A nazi broadcast, quoting allied sources in Spanish Morocco, said allied forces had reached the area of Hammamet, about 40 miles southeast of Tunis, on the Gulf of Gabes.

This, it confirmed, would mean that the allies had now pinned the axis into a small corner of the northeast Tunisian coast and cut off the route of retreat to Italian Tripolitana. In that case, the two main axis forces in Tunisia and Libya would be split.

Prisoners Taken

The Algiers radio said French troops below Tunis had captured nazis in a fight northwest of the port of Gabes.

German reports said Adolf Hitler was rushing a stream of air borne reinforcements, including tanks, across the Mediterranean in a desperate effort to stem the allied offensive.

Field dispatches said the battle was growing more bitter hour by hour, with allied troops storming nazi fortifications only 30 miles from both cities in the French North Africa colony.

Italian Report

Italian headquarters asserted the battle was developing "on the Tunisian-Algerian border"—about 50 miles west of the scene described by allied dispatches—and declared that operations "have gone to the advantage of the axis."

A fascist communique said British and American troops were turned back in the frontier region after losing armored cars and trucks.

The German radio claimed that axis forces Thursday night seized a railway station east of (Concluded on page 9, column 8)

Claim Rommel Escapes Trap

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—The German radio said today that Marshal Rommel's Africa Corps had escaped entrapment by the British eighth army and that after receiving reinforcements of guns and tanks is "deployed in full fighting strength in thoroughly prepared and strongly fortified positions of considerable depth."

This broadcast did not specify where Rommel had established his positions, but the reference to fortifications in depth might have indicated the El Aghella area. "Detaching the axis forces from allied troops unnoticed by the enemy may now be considered successfully concluded," the radio said, adding:

"All efforts made by the British eighth army to force the German and Italian panzer army to fight under conditions favorable to the enemy were frustrated."

The broadcasts, in sharp contrast to the German high command's official silence on Rommel's activities, boasted that his reinforcements included "tanks and guns of the most modern construction."

In Tunisia, too, it said axis forces "after having been reinforced now possess considerable fighting strength."

U. S. Bombers Raid Lungling

With American Forces in China, Nov. 20 (Delayed)

Fighter-escorted American medium bombers, striking down the Burma road from free China, unloaded three tons of explosives today on the Japanese army base at Lungling, starting several fires and inflicting heavy damage.

The mission was led by Lieut. Col. Herbert (Butch) Morgan of Freedom, Pa., and was aimed chiefly at a large munitions dump and barracks.

After two runs over the target the bombers had caused fires which billowed smoke so dense that the crews were unable to assess full results. A big cache of munitions, however, was believed hit.

Col. Merion C. Cooper of Jacksonville, Fla., chief of staff of U. S. army air forces in China, accompanied Col. Morgan to inspect the area, which offers a possible invasion route into China.

Lieut. Patrick Daniels of Van Nuys, Calif., led the fighters in today's raid, the second on Lungling since Nov. 8.

Thereafter holders of sugar rationing books may buy one pound of coffee with sugar stamp No. 27, covering the period from Nov. 29 to Jan. 3.

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