

ROMMEL TO LEAD FORCES OPPOSING ALLIED INVASION

Desert Fox Placed in Charge of Axis Europe Defense—Home Front Worries Nazis

London, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Marshal Erwin Rommel, the erstwhile "desert fox" whom the allies chased out of Africa, has been placed in charge of the defense of Axis Europe against allied invasion no matter from what quarters they may come, reports reaching Sweden indicated today.

Other Scandinavian dispatches said Rommel had left for Norway, reportedly with Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, supreme commander of the German armed forces, after completing an inspection of anti-invasion defenses in Denmark's Jutland.

Result of Confab
The reported assignment of Rommel to command all anti-invasion forces was believed a direct result of the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference at Tehran, at which the "Big Three" agreed on the timing and scale of offensives "from the east, west and south."

Rommel has been in command of Axis forces in southern France, northern Italy and the Balkans, but a Berlin dispatch distributed by the Nazi-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph bureau hinted that the Germans contemplate no more than a delaying action in northern Italy.

The STB quoted a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman as asserting that the German High Command considered the defense of western Europe "far more important than the defense of northern Italy"—a statement that was interpreted in Stockholm as presaging Germany's ultimate withdrawal from Italy.

Home Front Worries
Simultaneously with their preparations to beat off any allied invasion, the Germans kept a tight rein on their home front.

Radio Moscow quoted the Stockholm Aftonbladet that the Gestapo had raided German barracks at Leipzig Friday after finding anti-Nazi leaflets in one building which appealed to soldiers to revolt.

Martin Bormann, deputy leader of the Nazi party, was reported by the London Daily Mail to have called together Germany's principal scientists at Munich and to have demanded that they produce a super-weapon.

Germany's propaganda broadcasts boasting of some such secret weapon were said to have boomeranged, with the German people demanding that it be used immediately before allied bombs demolish more Nazi cities.

The Daily Mail speculated that Germany actually may have had some sort of super-weapon, which has been delayed by allied counter-measures or failed to live up to its expectations.

More tons of freight of all kinds moved by rail originate in Pennsylvania than in any other state, with West Virginia second and Illinois third.



Lt. Elizabeth E. Vilm of Medford is shown above, second from left, with other members of an Air WAC Recruiting team now touring, and in Brainerd, Minn., last week. Pictured are: Lt. William D. Riley, Lt. Vilm, T/Sgt. Jack E. Kinney, Sgt. Ines LeMond and T/Sgt. Paul V. Jones.

2nd Lieut. Betty Vilm Now On Recruit Drive For WAC

(Editor's note: Following is another interesting letter from Elizabeth E. Vilm, Medford girl, now a 2nd lieutenant in the WAC on recruiting duty for that organization.)

Greetings from way up in Minnesota this time. Another change is that I am now an AIR WAC though there isn't an air base in sight up here.

I last wrote from Fort Devens, Mass., which seems a long time ago. When the training center for WACs there closed, I was sent to Daytona Beach, Fla. Endured that heat for about a month by a daily swim after duty, in the Atlantic ocean. Then early in September I was ordered to the Western Technical Training Command of the Army Air Forces at Denver, Colo.

Was thrilled about this change because I was getting out west again. The first look at those magnificent Rockies was a treat. After reporting there for duty, I was sent to Fort Logan, 15 miles out of Denver, to an Officers' Administrative School. It is an old fort and very beautiful. The three weeks spent there was grand and we learned how to do things the Army Air Force way. I then reported for duty at Lowry Field, Denver.

This was an exciting place to be stationed; a huge air field with all the rush and business that goes with an important air base. I was assigned to the permanent WAC company there as assistant adjutant. Before I knew it, though, I found myself filling in for the mess and supply officer who was attending the school at Fort Logan which I had just finished. Had never been inside a mess hall except to eat, but soon learned the mechanics of running such a place as well as the procedure of a supply room. The girls got a bang out of my working on the serving line in the mess hall but that was a good way of seeing that all of them were getting enough to eat.

Had just decided that Lowry

Field was to be my home for a while, when zoom! here came orders putting me on detached service to the Denver office for recruiting duty. Yes, the Army Air Force needs WACs to serve with them, so about 250 of us were pulled from air bases and fields all over the western half of the United States. I was among those sent to Brainerd, Minn. The team with which I am working is composed of an Air Corps officer, a WAC sergeant and two technical sergeants from the Army Air Forces and are known as AIR-WAC Procurement Team No. 22.

We travel over central Minnesota in an army staff car and is it cool up here! Had never realized before that this is such a beautiful state and we all want to come back after the war. Have never seen so many lakes and the fishing is excellent, according to the local citizens. I am becoming quite accustomed to talking to Rotary and Lions clubs and to young business women's associations. Also, I have found that the girls have lots of reasons for not going into the Women's Army Corps. Seriously, though, we were not sent out here just for fun, though it is interesting. The Army Air Force is short of personnel and the only way to swell those dwindling ranks is with WACs. The girls go directly to basic training as usual and then are immediately assigned to an Army Air Forces installation. The jobs they can do for the Air Corps are many and varied. Some of them are in the control towers, others are radio and telephone operators, mechanics, instrument repairmen, draftsmen, weather observers, supply financial, statistical and general clerks, stenographers, typists, ad infinitum. Many, many women are needed in all these jobs and in turn life in the Women's Army Corps is a grand experience. I wouldn't trade with anyone.

Best wishes to all of you for a very happy Christmas and may the New Year bring peace

once again. Betty Vilm. (Elizabeth E. Vilm, 2d Lt. WAC, The Armory, Brainerd, Minn.)

TEAR AND SNEEZE GAS USE TOLD BY CAPTURED NIPPS

Chungking, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Japanese prisoners said today that their armies are using tear and sneeze gas on the central China front and admitted that they are equipped with poison gases for use at the discretion of their field officers.

Interviewed by Chinese intelligence officers in the presence of Allied military observers and correspondents, the prisoners said suffocating and blister gas shells are regular field equipment of Japanese forces in central China.

All denied stubbornly, however, that they had ever seen the poison gases used against Chinese troops.

JERROLD OWEN TO SERVE OVERSEAS

Salem, Dec. 13.—Ordered to active duty at Fort Custer, Michigan, with the prospect of early services overseas in the department of allied military government of occupied territory, Captain Jerrold Owen, Oregon civilian defense administrator Saturday requested an indefinite leave of absence from Governor Earl Snell.

Captain Owen, then serving as executive secretary of the world war veterans' state aid commission, was drafted by Governor Charles Sprague in June, 1941 to organize civilian defense in this state.

In world war 1, Owen served as a first lieutenant in the 91st Division. In 1921 he joined the Oregon national guard, serving for seven years as regimental adjutant or plans and training officer for the 162nd infantry with rank of captain.

He has been active in veteran affairs since the last war, being editor of the Oregon Legionaire, oldest department paper of the American Legion.

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OUR GREATEST AIM . . .

is to be helpful to all who engage us we try to satisfy all by the manner in which every detail is handled.

LADY ATTENDANT PERL

FUNERAL HOME
John A. & Frank Perl
Ambulance Service
PHONE 2675

RED POINTS BUY MORE PORK MEAT EFFECTIVE TODAY

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—This was a good day for housewives who have difficulty in balancing their family's appetites for meat, cheese or butter with the number of red points allotted them by the office of price administration.

Here's what happened: 1.—Beginning today, all rationed pork cuts, except variety and canned meats, were reduced in point value again, the second cut in pork values in a month. Pork steaks, roast, smoked ham, bacon and ready to eat meat were reduced one point a pound. Fresh hams — neither cured, smoked nor frozen — were cut two points.

The one point reduction applied also to fresh, smoked and cooked sausage containing only pork, dry and semi-dry sausages went down one point regardless of beef content. Pork hearts, livers, tongues, fatbacks, hocks and jowl butts were not affected.

2.—Beginning today, housewives who turn salvaged kitchen grease over to their butchers will get not only the usual monetary return per pound but two ration points as well. The grease cannot be traded in for points in quantities less than a half pound.

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Auto Owners Asked To Apply Early For 1944 Registration

Salem—With only 10 per cent of the registered owners of passenger cars in Oregon having applied for 1944 registrations, Secretary of State Bob Farrell today issued a statement urging motorists to apply at once so that the applications can be processed promptly as they are received in Salem.

"Motor vehicle owners who send their applications late in the month will have to wait, due to the congestion in the motor vehicle division of our office," Farrell explained. "Still further delay probably will be caused by Christmas mail congestion. As a result, these late applicants probably will not receive their registration stickers till sometime after the first of the year."

There are approximately 313,000 registered owners of private passenger cars in Oregon today. Less than 40,000 have applied for their 1944 registrations.

The windshield stickers validating the 1942 license plates for the year 1944 may be attached on and after Dec. 15. Farrell reminded motorists to remove the 1943 stickers when the new ones are placed on the windshield.

RATION SUCCESS

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Only seven per cent more canned and bottled foods moved into consumers' hands between April and September than had been anticipated, the office of price administration said today. OPA hailed the slight difference between estimated and actual movements as "a measure of the success of" the ration program.

Oregon State College was taken over wholly as a state institution in 1885.

BULLETS from KITCHENS

WASTE FATS make Glycerine

Save Every Drop!

GLYCERINE MAKES SMOKELESS POWDER . . . NEEDED TO KEEP ALLIED GUNS BOOMING! SAVE AT LEAST ONE POUND OF FAT EVERY MONTH!

Take it to your Butcher!

If you don't find BORENE at your grocer's every time you ask for it, don't give up . . . try again! Remember, our fighters need soap, too, and their needs come first.

BORENE Is Kind To Your Hands

MT. HOOD SOAP CO. PORTLAND, OREGON

OPA Head Explains Why the Government Is Giving

FREE RED POINTS for Used Cooking Fats

"Behind this plan, effective December 13th, is one of our country's most urgent wartime needs," says Mr. Bowles. "Every patriotic American wife and mother is asked to read this statement."



CHESTER BOWLES
Administrator
Office of Price Administration

"WARS are fought with gunpowder. Gunpowder is made from glycerine. Glycerine can only be made from fats."

"Behind those few words lies one of your country's most serious needs. Fats used to be imported in huge quantities from islands of the Far East. Those islands are now in enemy hands. And the government wants the used fats you can save in your kitchen to make mountains of ammunition, medicines, and other battlefield needs."

"Not a Premium on Patriotism"

"These are the facts as they have been pointed out to OPA by the War Food Administration. And they have led to this new plan: 'Two red ration points free when you turn in a pound of used fat to your butcher.'

"This is not a premium on patriotism. It is a way of bringing home to all women the urgent need of kitchen fats to make gunpowder. Moreover, it seems only just to return points for this service, because fats cost ration stamps. Your butcher has been informed of this ruling which went into effect on December 13th."

Clutter Bowles

How the Plan Will Work

It's as simple as it sounds. All you have to do is fill up a tin can with used cooking fat and take it to your butcher. You don't need to use

a special kind of can—any kind will do. And you don't need to have any specified amount of fat; take it to your butcher whenever the can is full. He will estimate the weight of the tin and give you, cash in hand, 4c and two red points for every pound of used fat you deliver.

The government does not ask for these fats until you've got the cooking good out of them. But when that is done, every spoonful is wanted.

Would it surprise you to learn that just one single tablespoon of fat—just the little bit that is usually washed out of your broilers and roasting pans and skillets—will make five machine gun bullets? Or enough smallpox vaccines for seventy-three men?

Answers to Housewives' Questions

It doesn't matter whether the fat is burned or black—it still makes crystal-clear glycerine.

It doesn't matter whether it's pan drippings, fat from a soup, used shortening, cooking oils, or melted solid fat.

And, finally, it doesn't matter how little you save each day. Every drop is precious.

Saving these fats and turning them in is not an easy job. But it's a lot easier than doing the things our men must do on the battle fronts. Is it too much for them to expect that the wives and mothers of America will perform this task for them—to help put into their hands what they need to win?

They know it is not. They know that all their country has to do is ask—once our women really understand.

Won't you start saving your used fats today?

Mothers! Watch Out For Epidemic Colds

With so many doctors being called to the colors, you must be more careful than ever before about your family's health. So this should be interesting news to you . . . Certified results of medically-supervised tests among 2650 children show that those who followed Vicks Plan had FEWER COLDS . . . SHORTER COLDS

Put VICKS PLAN To Work Today!

Right in your own home this simple, easy-to-follow home guide may do less—or it may do even more for you and your family than this remarkable record indicates. But right now—this Vicks Plan is certainly worth trying at once! Get full details in your package of Vicks.

BRIEFLY, HERE'S WHAT YOU DO:

Observe A Few Simple Health Rules. Live normally. Avoid excesses. Eat simple food. Drink plenty of water. Keep elimination regular. Get plenty of rest and sleep. Avoid crowds and people who have colds.

IF A COLD THREATENS, put a few drops of clinic-tested Vicks Va-tro-nol up each nostril at first sniffle or sneeze. Use as directed in package. This specialized medication is expressly

designed to aid your natural defense against colds—and if used in time, Va-tro-nol helps prevent many colds from developing. (Even when your head is all stuffed up from a mean head cold, Vicks Va-tro-nol relieves sniffly, sneezy distress, makes breathing easier.)



WHEN A COLD STRIKES, or slips by precautions, rub clinic-tested Vicks VapoRub on back, as well as on throat and chest at bedtime. VapoRub penetrates to the cold-congested upper bronchial tubes with soothing medicinal vapors. It stimulates throat, chest, and back surfaces like a warming poultice. This penetrating stimulating action works for hours to relieve miseries of colds . . . Invites restful, comforting sleep!

NOTE: If the noticeable symptoms of a cold are not relieved promptly—or if more serious trouble seems to develop—call in your family doctor right away.