

### General Wavell, Genius of North African Campaign, Called 'The Desert Fox'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Guiding light of the British sweep against the Italians in north Africa is General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, who is putting into use the tricks of desert warfare he learned from Viscount Allenby and the fabulous Lawrence of Arabia during the World war. Here is a word picture of this sturdy Scotsman, "The Desert Fox.")

By EDWARD ROBINSON  
LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP) — General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, directing genius of the British campaign in north Africa, is a man who insists that desert warriors must be daring and "fast as lightning."

A sturdy Scot, the third general in his family in three generations, he is considered here to be a "natural" for his present task by reason of personality and experience.

The 57 year old officer has had an increasingly important hand in every British war since the South African conflict of two score years ago. He was created a Knight Companion of the Bath last year and elevated to the rank of full general only last October.

**Wears Monocle**  
Sir Archibald has a penchant for sheathing his bemuddled coat and working in shirt sleeves. His manner is described as affable and charming, and he is a brilliant speaker and admirable writer. The poetry of Browning is one of his hobbies.

He has produced what is regarded as the best short history of the Palestine campaign in the World war, during which he was attached to the staff of the late Viscount Allenby.

To disguise the loss of an eye in the fighting in France in 1915, he wears a monocle, but does not let that interfere with his vigorous recreations. He is an expert marksman, a good golfer and, surprisingly for a desert fighter, a skiing enthusiast.

A graduate of Sandhurst, Sir Archibald began his military career in 1901 as a member of the famed Black Watch. He was decorated for service in South Africa and on the India frontier. Then came the World war.

**Uses Surprise**  
For two years he was in the thick of action in France, though he found time to marry in 1915. He has a son and three daughters.

After loss of his eye, he was sent to the Caucasus in 1916 as military attaché with the Russian army, then transferred to the Egyptian expeditionary force.

Under Allenby, to whom he was devoted, he learned much of the unorthodox desert warfare which he lately has turned to such good account. Employing the element of surprise successfully, he and his men swept through the desert rocks of Palestine and Syria, and perhaps he learned a sly trick or two from the fabulous Lawrence of Arabia, who became his friend during this period.

Ever since, Sir Archibald's mastery of the "catch-the-cat-napping" technique has won the admiration of his men.

With Allenby he followed the Turks in 1918 with such stunts as dragging trees and branches across the dusty desert, raising such clouds that the Turks thought large forces were on the move. When they rushed in to meet the apparent threat, they missed the main British thrust.

**"Greatest Bloodhound"**  
Regularly promoted, Sir Archibald came home in 1921 as a colonel. In 1922-23 he served as aide-de-camp to the king, winning promotion to major general in the latter year.

He served several years as an infantry command at Aldershot,

and then, in 1937, went back as commander of British forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan. In that year he was guest of honor at an elaborate dinner given by Jewish veterans in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of Allenby's entry into Jerusalem.

It was recalled then that the Turks had called him the "greatest bloodhound" in the Palestine cleanup, and the German chief of staff, the present Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, described him as "the only good general Britain has."

When the present war loomed ominously near, Britain in July, 1939, named Sir Archibald, then a lieutenant general, as chief of a new Middle East command. When war came, he busily and quietly spent more than a year in building up his Middle East army of Britons, Australians, New Zealanders, Canadians, Poles, and, after the fall of France, free French soldiers.

Now "The Desert Fox" and his motley but integrated troops are on the move.

### FOUR ACCIDENTS IN COUNTY REPORTED

Four accidents were reported to the sheriff's office Friday as wet weather and icy pavements continued to plague Klamath county motorists.

B. E. Kerns, Klamath Falls, reported that he was involved in a slight accident with another car on Highway 66 one mile west of the city Wednesday. The name of the other driver was not learned.

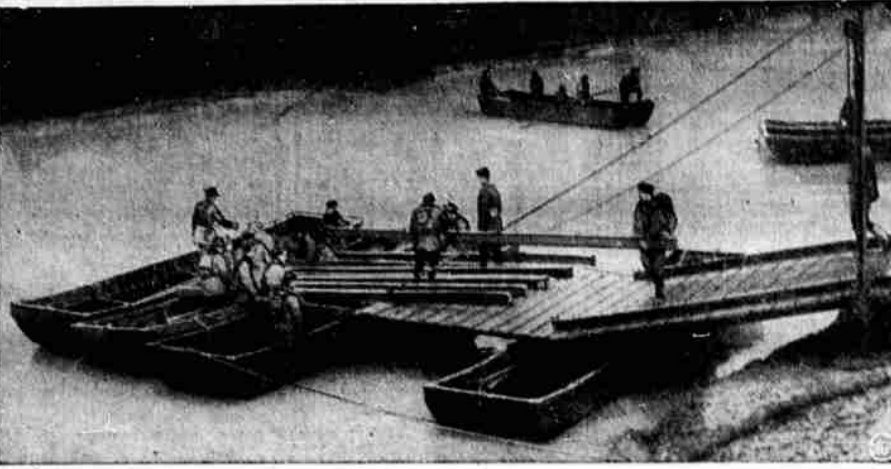
Ed Hallman, of this city, reported a mishap with an unidentified motorist on Tuesday seven miles east of Klamath Falls on the Merrill highway. No one was injured.

A wreck on the road ahead was blamed for a crash involving cars of L. W. Wilcox, Sisters, Ore., and James Fawcett, Peshastin, two miles south of Sun Mountain summit Wednesday. The Wilcox machine smashed into the rear of Fawcett's car which was stopped on the highway near the previous crash.

On Thursday a car driven by Ethel Smith, Freda street, was struck by a machine approaching from the opposite direction allegedly on the wrong side of the road. According to the Smith report the second car was passing a third vehicle and hit Miss Smith as she swerved to avoid a crash.

For the annual "picnic of the states," a table one mile long was built along a tree-lined street in Ontario, Calif.

### "Don't Cross Your Bridges..."



"Don't cross your bridges until you build 'em" might be the Army's paraphrase of the old motto. Above, after cutting a road through dense woods, such as appear on the far bank, engineers of the First Armored Division, Fort Knox, Ky., are building pontoon span over which 11-ton tanks crossed later.

### Klamath Man Recounts Tale Of Meeting Lone Survivor Of Custer's Last Stand

Oscar Mooney, watchman at the Boy Scout millyard, takes exception to a "filler" published in the News and Herald December 9 concerning survivors of the Custer Massacre.

The item stated that no human being escaped the trap in which the Indians caught General Custer and his men on the Little Bighorn, but Mooney says that he recalls meeting the lone survivor of that battle, a half-blood Crow Indian called Curly the Scout.

According to Mooney, Curly the Scout managed to get off the battlefield by wrapping a blanket around his head and posing as a squaw. He caught a horse and rode up the Yellowstone river to where a ferry was operated by a man named

### CHURCHILL PLEDGES MORE PRIVILEGES AT END OF WAR

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill was disclosed Friday to have pledged that when the war is over "advantages and privileges which hitherto have been enjoyed only by the few shall be far more widely shared."

The promise was made at Harrow, exclusive school where Churchill spoke Wednesday. The prime minister quoted Adolf Hitler as saying December 10 that "Eton college and the Hitler schools are two different worlds," and declared the Fuehrer had "overlooked the vast majority of the youth of this country who have never had the advantage of attending such schools as Eton and Harrow but who by their skill and prowess have won the admiration of the whole world."

Counterman near where Columbus now is. Counterman rode from there to Helena, changing horses only once, at Bozeman, and broke the news of Custer's fate to the editor of the Helena Record, who happened to be standing on the curb as Counterman rode into town, according to Mooney's version.

### ASK AND RECEIVE

AMARILLO, Tex., (AP) — An Amarillo boy handed his teacher a note from his mother. "Please send the fire department to our house" it read.

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### MAJOR PARTIES POINT TOWARD 1942 ELECTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Although it is nearly two years until the next congressional election, neither major party is letting any grass grow under its feet.

With republicans talking of a full-time permanent staff here, it was announced last night that the democratic national headquarters would move the first of the year into a luxurious 25-room suite in the Mayflower hotel.

National Chairman Edward J. Flynn of New York, it was learned, will move into an apartment in the hotel and spend most of his time here after January 1. Flynn has been paying only occasional visits here since he succeeded James A. Farley last fall.

Coinciding with this news came word that the democrats would not hold their customary Jackson day banquets on January 8. Because this date comes

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close to inauguration day on January 20, it was thought best to have a "victory dinner" in February or March, as was done after the 1936 election.

The republicans are holding up reorganization of their headquarters until a new national chairman is selected. Wendell L. Willkie, the party's 1940 presidential nominee, is represented by associates as desiring for that position a man who could represent the "back home" element.

Republican offices occupy several floors in a building across Lafayette Square from the White House, while the democrats have been housed in eight cramped rooms in the National Press building.

Both national committees are preparing their final post-election expenditure reports for submission to the house. The last reports showed that the republican national committee received \$2,993,991 and spent \$2,313,400 between January 1 and October 30, while the democrats received \$1,917,213 and spent \$1,848,727.

Flynn has said that the democratic national committee final report would show expenditures below the \$3,000,000 limit fixed by the Hatch act.

**TWO BIRDS, ETC.**  
SNOW HILL, Md., (AP) — B. Clay Chapman says this happened to him:

Driving along a highway, he saw two pheasants flying over a field. He got out of his car, unlimbered his .22 rifle and fired one shot. Both birds fell dead, the slug passing through the

head of one and into the head of the other.

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