

# Rationing Delayed

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## Weather News

November 9—High 44; Low 24  
Precipitation as of November 9, 1942  
Last Year ..... 1.47; Normal ..... 1.18  
Stream year to date ..... .58  
Nov. 11, Sunrise ..... 7:43—Sunset ..... 5:27

# YANKS SMASH AHEAD IN AFRICA

## Isle Attack Pushed

### REGISTRATION PUT OFF UNTIL NOV. 18 TO 20

Registration of motor vehicles will be postponed until November 18, 19, and 20, OPA announces.

By The Associated Press  
Gasoline rationing will not start in Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona and Nevada until December 1, Oregon OPA Director Richard G. Montgomery disclosed at Portland today.

At the same time Montgomery confirmed that the schoolhouse sign-up for ration books also had been postponed. It will take place November 18, 19, 20. Originally motorists were to have signed up this week.

The postponements were necessary to complete printing and distributing of ration books.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 (AP)—The office of price administration announced today postponement of nationwide rationing of gasoline from November 22 to December 1 because of "unavoidable delays" in the distribution of coupon books and other necessary forms.

**Congestion**  
OPA declared the deferment was due principally to war-time congestion of the transportation system, which it said made it impossible to keep delivery schedules in all parts of the country on the more than 330,000,000 printed pieces needed to place the program in effect.

The new date for the start of rationing in the area not already under ration controls applies to all commercial vehicles, in the east as well as in other parts of the country, OPA said.

### House Lowers Draft Age From 20 to 18 Years

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 (AP)—The house passed and sent to the senate today compromise legislation lowering the draft age from 20 to 18 years, after adopting a conference report removing a senate requirement that teenage draftees be given at least a year of training before being sent into combat.

As passed by the house, the compromise bill retained a provision for the deferment of essential farm workers and for exemption from the draft of men who have passed their 45th birthday, unless they consent to induction.

It eliminated a house requirement that draft quotas be put on a statewide instead of a local board basis, and modified the student deferment provision to permit the deferment of 18 and 19 year old high school students who are called for induction during the last half of a school year, the deferment to expire at the end of the academic year.

### Convoy Damaged Near Holland

LONDON, Nov. 10 (AP)—British light naval units torpedoed an enemy tanker and probably torpedoed another enemy ship last night in an attack on a convoy off Holland, the admiral announced today.

### Knox Predicts Stepping-Up Of U-Boat War

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 (AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox predicted today that the Germans would concentrate their submarine strength against American supply lines to North Africa in an effort to break down the flow of supplies to our advancing forces there.

While declaring that the North African campaign is "going well," Knox said he wanted to give "one word of warning—that is to point out the difficulties and perils that attend the supply of this effort in North Africa."

He said it was a certainty the nazis would concentrate U-boats against the supply lines, withdrawing them from the North Atlantic areas to do so, and that every supply ship or convoy would have to reach Africa through "an ocean of subs."

The secretary said the North African operation in his opinion was "in the nature of a second front" and, that depending on what counter action the Germans took, there probably would be "a lot of fighting there for a long time" so that the front would not cease to be an active one with the defeat of German Marshal Rommel and the remnants of his army.

### NEED FOR MORE MANPOWER TOLD

Compulsory National Service Bill Opposed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today the United States planned to have roughly 9,700,000 men in the armed services by the end of the calendar year of 1943.

By January 1, 1944, the president told a press conference, the army is expected to augment its forces to around 7,500,000; the navy to increase from its present 1,000,000 to around 1,500,000, and the marine corps and coast guard to increase from 400,000 to about 700,000.

Getting down to actual numbers for the combat forces the president said tens of thousands of additional men were being added each month for the fighting forces and to hold bases already acquired.

Going along on an orderly basis, he said, it was planned to keep this increase rising until a goal of about 7,500,000 is reached. Mr. Roosevelt said he hoped that would be enough but that at present the government could not look beyond January 1, 1944.

**Civilians Needed**  
In increasing the army, the president said it must be made sure that the men are well

### Hitler, Mussolini, Laval Go Into Huddle in Rome

By E. C. DANIEL  
LONDON, Nov. 10 (AP)—Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Pierre Laval were reported meeting in Rome today and unofficial quarters in London believed the fuhrer and his two satellites from Italy and Vichy France were considering some desperate blow to halt the British-American advances in North Africa.

The likeliest spot for the Italian fleet, axis air forces and possibly the French fleet to strike appeared to be Tunisia through which President Roosevelt has said the American ex-

### GUADALCANAL YANKS HOLD UPPER HAND

Halting Of Enemy Reinforcements Seen

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 (AP)—Lieutenant-General Thomas Holcomb, marine commandant, reported today that "things are shaping up" so that it will be increasingly more difficult for the Japanese to put reinforcements on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons.

Holcomb, just returned from a visit to marine posts in the south Pacific, disclosed that the original marine division which went into the Solomons to begin the first American offensive of the war, still was on front line duty there—a three months period of such duty which he said probably set a record for unbroken service under fire for marine outfits.

**Japs Outnumbered**  
"The boys on Guadalcanal are tired and there isn't any doubt about it," Holcomb said. He added that some break down and have to be removed.

He also reported to a press conference that the American forces on Guadalcanal outnumbered the Japanese there but he did not say by what margin.

He put the number of enemy planes shot down in actual combat on Guadalcanal by October 23, when he left there after a visit at 320, a ratio of exactly

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### Oregon Youth Shoots Down 17 Jap Planes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 (AP)—Captain Marion E. Carl, 26, Hubbard, Ore., told yesterday of shooting down 17 Japanese planes in Solomon Island fighting.

In a navy department press conference Carl also told of being shot down by a Jap Zero pilot and of making his way back to Henderson field in five days.

With him in the conference was Major John L. Smith, 27, Lexington, Okla., who shot down 19 enemy planes. On Sept. 30 Smith shot down four Japs and Carl, three.

Carl said in one dog fight he got two Jap bombers and "I was getting set for a third pass when a Zero sneaked up under me. I never saw it until my plane caught fire and I bailed out thirty miles off the shore and three miles off shore."

A native rescued him in a canoe. "I was told some Japs were on the way," he said. "They showed up the next morning, but I had hidden out in the woods at the hut of another native who stuck with me until I got back to camp."

peditionary force intends to advance to attack Marshal Erwin Rommel from behind.

The meeting of Hitler, the Italian duce and the Vichy chief of government in Rome was reported by Reuters, British news agency, in a dispatch "from the French frontier."

This report followed the statement from the Berlin radio yesterday that Laval had left Vichy for "an unannounced destination." The Berlin broadcast emphasized that he had not, as is usual, gone to Paris.

### U. S. Second Front Forces Land In Vichy North Africa



Ship-borne troops of the U. S. Army have landed in Vichy North Africa and have established bridgeheads (solid black arrows), along the coast, according to reports from Vichy. The landing operations were aimed at both sides of Casablanca in Morocco, Oran and Algiers on the Mediterranean. If successful, the invasion would provide a jumping off spot for an Allied invasion of southern Europe (dotted arrows). It could also provide bases for a pincer movement against Axis forces in Libya (dotted arrows), where they are retraining between Matruh and the Egyptian-Libyan border pursued by the British (solid black arrows). The Italian port of Genoa (1), was bombed by the British in what was called the "heaviest raid of the war." The French fleet was reported awaiting orders at Toulon (2).

### NAZI DRIVE ON REDS DWINDLES

Snipers, Guerrillas Seek To Unnerve Germans

MOSCOW, Nov. 10 (AP)—The German drive on Stalingrad and the push toward the Georgian military highway in the Caucasus appeared to have dwindled today to a series of light clashes in widely separated sectors, but the Russians reported they were digging away at German positions and cutting down nazi strength wherever it was encountered.

The mid-day communique reported that the Germans succeeded in crossing a river northeast of Tuzpse on the Black sea, but were driven back by Russian troops. Another German attack in a sector of the Nalchik front in the Caucasus likewise was repulsed and several tanks destroyed, it was reported.

**Snipers at Work**  
At Stalingrad there was only light activity, the soviet information bureau said, and the once flaming front northwest of the city was covered in a line reporting a raid behind German lines in which 36 Germans were killed.

Snipers and guerrillas were reported at work all along the western front, with the Russians seeking to unnerve the Germans, upset their supply and frustrate their designs.

### Japs Claim Damage Inflicted During Fiji Isles Raid

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), Nov. 10 (AP)—A DNB dispatch from Tokyo reported today that Japanese bombers inflicted "great destruction" in a raid Sunday on American military installations at Suva, capital of the Fiji islands, and started fires in the harbor area at Townsville, on the northeast Australian coast. (There was no confirmation of this enemy report from any allied source or from the Japanese themselves.)

A 6000-ton ship laden with phosphate was reported bombed and sunk 20 miles east of Townsville.

### Mass Arrests Sweep France

LONDON, Nov. 10 (AP)—The Vichy radio announced today that mass arrests were taking place in all the principal towns of unoccupied France of "people who are actively helping the enemy break up the French empire."

### American Assault Teams, Grimy With Battle, Smash Into French Base at Oran

By WES GALLAGHER (U. S. Correspondent with the AEF in North Africa)

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Nov. 10 (AP)—American assault teams, grimy with battle and three days without sleep, smashed into Oran today, occupying the great French naval base at 1 p. m., (8 a. m. EWT), freeing the entire western end of the Mediterranean from danger of axis aggression.

In a field jacket at his headquarters, Lieutenant General Dwight E. Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of the expedition in North Africa, announced the fall of Oran to combined land, sea and air assault after an American tank column broke into the city.

With United States forces already holding Algiers, their other prime objective on colonial France's North African shore, American assault tanks infiltrated into the outskirts of Oran in an all-out attack which began at 7:30 a. m.

General Eisenhower was well satisfied with the rapid progress of the North African campaign, still only in its third day, as the driving force of the AEF, tightly coordinated with British and American naval power, pressed ahead and French General Henri Giraud emerged as "an ally in the common cause."

### War Bulletins

LONDON, Nov. 10 (AP)—The Berlin radio broadcast tonight a report that the Bey of Tunis had consented to the passage of United States troops through Tunisia but authoritative quarters in London, lacking any confirmation, said the broadcast appeared to be a nazi propaganda move.

LONDON, Nov. 10 (AP)—Tass dispatches from Stockholm reported today that rumors were current in Berlin that Reichsmarshal Goering had gone to French North Africa. It was noted that he was absent from Munich Sunday when Hitler spoke at a nazi party old guard meeting.

LONDON, Nov. 10 (AP)—Soviet sources reported today that German Field Marshal von Witzleben has arrived in North Africa from the occupied zone of France to direct operations of the Vichy forces.

VICHY (From French Broadcasts), Nov. 10 (AP)—All communications between Morocco and the French mainland were cut this morning, the Havas news agency reports.

HAVANA, Nov. 10 (AP)—Cuba has broken off diplomatic relations with Vichy France, Minister of State Jose Agustin Martinez announced today.

### ARMY OF THE NILE SMASHES FORWARD

Hapless Italians Tell Of Thousands Lost In Desert

By FRANK L. MARTIN  
CAIRO, Nov. 10 (AP)—The army of the Nile smashed today at the axis rear guard making a last stand on Egyptian soil near the Libyan border, while far behind in the desert British searching parties found numerous groups of dead Italians who perished under the blazing African sun after being abandoned without sufficient food and water by their German allies.

The last scattered remnants of the once powerful Africa corps were being engaged along the coastal road between Sidi Barrani and the mud-hut border outpost of Salum and their swift liquidation was considered certain.

**Wanderers**  
To the rear, one of the starkest tragedies of the desert conflict was unfolding with British land and air searchers spotting (Continued on Page Two)

### Nazis Claim Torpedoing of British Ship

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), Nov. 10 (AP)—The German radio reported today that a German submarine torpedoed a British battleship of the Queen Elizabeth class in the North Atlantic.

(There was no confirmation of this enemy report.)

The radio said the attacking U-boat "observed a heavy explosion on the battleship."

The 35,000-ton Queen Elizabeth is one of four of her class and was completed in 1913. A 15-inch gun ship, she was modernized in recent years. Her sister ships are the Warspite, Valiant and Malaya.

### Armistice Day Program

Program—  
6:30 a. m. — 11-Shot Salute.  
10:30 a. m. — Parade, including Camp White detachment, moves from Legion hall to armory.  
11:00 a. m. — Program at armory, Ray Brown as speaker. Exhibit of Camp White equipment at armory. Bond sale.  
2:00 p. m. — Football, Modoc field, Bend versus Klamath Falls.  
9:00 p. m. — Armistice dance, armory.  
Open house at Legion hall all day for veterans, soldiers and their friends.

### Country Voters Pile Up Strongest Stockman Vote

Country voters gave Lowell Stockman a stronger vote in last week's election than did Klamath Falls voters in the race between Stockman and Walter M. Pierce for the second district congressional seat. This was shown in official returns compiled Tuesday in the office of County Clerk Mae K. Short.

### BRITISH TELL COLLAPSE OF CASABLANCA

Oran Falls To Tank-Led American Troops

NEW YORK, Nov. 10 (AP)—CBS recorded a British broadcast tonight saying British Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham had announced that "all resistance of the Vichy and Laval forces at Casablanca has ceased."

By ROGER D. GREENE  
Associated Press War Editor

Oran fell to American shock troops today soon after they had broken into the city with air and naval support, another tank-led American force was reported in the outskirts of Casablanca and the United States expedition in North Africa apparently was on the threshold of winning all its first major objectives.

A German report heard in London said that the Bey of Tunis had acceded to President Roosevelt's request for permission for American forces to cross Tunisia—the avenue for attack on Italian Libya which, already, may be menaced by a mobile American column headed toward it from Algeria.

**Casablanca Totters**  
The occupation of Oran gave the allies complete mastery of the Mediterranean coast of French North Africa.

Latest reports indicated the big Moroccan port of Casablanca, on the Atlantic coast of Northwest Africa, was in its last stages of defense.

Allied headquarters said that three beachheads flanking the port "are in our hands" and that the battleship Jean Bart was burning in the harbor.

**Resistance Overcome**  
Confirming Vichy reports, Lieut. Gen. Dwight B. Eisenhower, commander of the AEF expedition, said Oran fell to American troops only a few hours after the assault began.

At the same time, allied headquarters announced that resistance by French warships at Casablanca had been overcome "to a large degree" by United States naval forces.

**French Fleet**  
Unconfirmed reports said Italian troops had arrived at the French Tunisian naval base of Bizerte, which might be used as (Continued on Page Two)

### Released Convict Dies Thursday In Auto Crash

PORTLAND, Nov. 10 (AP)—Mel Dolron, 28, released from the state penitentiary Sunday, died early today when his automobile crashed into a power pole near here.

The coroner's office said the man had just taken custody of a car which belonged to his father, H. F. Dolron, who died July 25 at his home in Cornelius.

Records show Dolron was sentenced from Yamhill county, Nov. 9, 1938, to serve two concurrent three-year terms for larceny.