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ALLIED TROOPS DRIVE ON BIZERTE

Japs Admit Heavy Losses

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SOMETHING new is added in the Pacific today. The Japs ADMIT the sinking of one of their battleships and the damaging of another and list one cruiser and three destroyers as sunk and seven transports damaged.

Jap admissions of losses have been rare.

BOASTING of the much heavier losses they have inflicted on us, they say in effect to their people:

"But just look at the OTHER FELLOW!"

THE Jap boast is slightly spoiled by Tokyo radio claims of "terrible damage" inflicted on the U. S. battleship Idaho. On October 6, the Italians reported the SINKING of the Idaho 330 miles off West Africa. These axis gangsters ought to get together.

THERE'S a lesson for us in this Idaho business. It is this: Read and listen to the axis claims, but KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED. Use your head. Remember that ALL axis news reports available to us are PROPAGANDA and that their purpose is to DECEIVE AND CONFUSE rather than to inform.

If you will keep that clearly in mind, you can't be hurt by listening to the other fellow's story.

IN New Guinea MacArthur (he is with his men at the front) is within 30 miles of Buna. The Japs are reported to be showing increasing strength in the air. But the dispatches say we still have air superiority.

THIS note in the news today may be significant: On the Burma-India frontier, British and Jap patrols have clashed twice in the past 48 hours.

Invasion of India from Burma is one of the Jap possibilities.

THE first phase of the Mediterranean war is over and the second is beginning. In this second phase the Germans can be expected to try desperately to keep a foothold in Africa.

It seems probable that this effort will center on Tunisia. British sources estimate today that Hitler has rushed 1000 warplanes to Sicily, Sardinia, southern Italy and Crete. (Consult your map.)

Other sources, predicting important naval operations in the Mediterranean, say the axis is known to be operating 50 submarines there.

BRITISH submarine activity in the Mediterranean is reported to be increasing, indicating that Hitler is trying to rush sea-borne reinforcements to Africa.

THE Germans say today they are "captured" Bizerte—contradicting their former claim that the French garrison there handed it over to them. British parachute troops carried in U. S. transport planes are reported to be swarming down on Tunisia. The southern arm of the allied expeditionary force from the west is reported to be reaching around to cut Tunisia off from the east, thus surrounding it entirely on the land side.

ALEXANDER, commander of the British 8th army which is chasing the Germans westward, thinks Rommel has strong prepared positions near El Agheila and will probably try to make a temporary stand there. He says only 15 of the 500 tanks

REGISTRATION PERIODS SET IN TEEN DRAFT

Reclassification of Crime Deferments Ordered

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—President Roosevelt fixed three separate registration periods today for youths who have reached or will reach their 18th birthdays in the last half of this year. By proclamation, he set the week beginning December 11 and ending December 17 for draft registration of those who became 18 in July and August. Continuous registration

Young men who reached that age in September and October will register in the following week and those who became 18 in November and December will register in the week starting December 26 and closing December 31.

Mr. Roosevelt also provided for continuous registration on their birthdays of youths who become 18 on or after next January 1. If the birthday falls on a Sunday or holiday, they must register the next day.

Late Registrations The new registration will take place simultaneously in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, with daily registration hours fixed for 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., (local time.)

Late registrations will be permitted for those unable to present themselves during the stated periods because of circumstances beyond their control.

Reclassification The chief executive asked that all employers give their workers sufficient time off to complete their registrations.

Selective service headquarters revealed today that local boards (Continued on Page Nine)

German Fleet Units Leave Norway for New Battle Zone

BERN, Switzerland, Nov. 18 (AP)—Units of the German fleet have left their Norwegian bases with the probable intention of participating in axis attempts to cut the allies' supply lines to the new North African battle zone, a Stockholm dispatch to the National Zeitung of Basel said today.

It quoted reports in Stockholm that a few days ago, Nazi air forces stationed in Norway were rushed to bases in Italy to take part in the battle of North Africa.

Two Ex-Klamath Men Lose Lives in Armed Services



Norman K. Rustt



Dr. A. L. Strand, new president of Oregon State college, will pay his first visit to the Klamath country Thursday. He will be the principal speaker at the Kiwanis farmers' dinner and meeting at the Willard hotel at 7:30 p. m.

NIPPONS CONTINUE RETREAT TO BUNA

Jap Air Force Reappears to Harass Allies

By C. YATES McDANIEL
GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Nov. 18 (AP)—Japanese forces continue to fall back toward Buna but their air force has re-emerged in an effort to harass allied columns closing relentlessly on that Papuan base, today's communique disclosed.

Latest reports from the New Guinea front said advanced allied ground units, now directed in the field of General MacArthur, were pushing on toward the coast from Awala, only 30 trail miles from Buna, without meeting serious opposition.

Japs Whacked In their first attempt in some weeks to challenge Australian and American air command over (Continued on Page Nine)

Oregon Youth Inductions Seen After January 1

SALEM, Nov. 18 (AP)—Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state selective service director, said today he believed that the first of Oregon's 18- and 19-year-old draftees would be inducted into the army shortly after January 1. He said questionnaires were being sent to these boys, and that formal induction notices would be mailed to them in December.

Word of the deaths of two ex-Klamath men in the armed services, one in the Solomon fighting and the other in an airplane crash in southern California, was received here Wednesday.

The victims: Norman Kenneth Rustt, 19, only son of Mrs. Thomas B. Rivers, 2318 Garden avenue, a bombardier in the U. S. navy.

Clayton Lamb, 21, formerly identified with the Coca Cola Bottling Works here.

A telegram was received Wednesday morning from the war department advising Mrs. Rivers of her son's death in action somewhere in the South Pacific, on November 8.

According to information received by Mrs. Rustt from a "buddy" of Norman Rustt, he was wounded while serving as bombardier in a plane. The letter stated the torpedo plane was

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TOKYO TELLS SINKING OF BATTLESHIP

Over 60,000 Japanese Killed Since War Began, Says US

By The Associated Press
Imperial Tokyo headquarters today admitted heavy losses to Japan's most vital offensive and defensive weapon, her fleet, as an aftermath of the great American naval victory in the Solomon Islands on November 13-15.

For the first time in the war, the enemy acknowledged the sinking of a Japanese battleship and gave this summary of other blows suffered by Emperor Hirohito's navy:

Sunk: One cruiser, three destroyers.
Damaged: Another battleship, seven transports.
Destroyed or missing: 41 planes.

American Losses These admissions—the heaviest losses ever conceded by Tokyo—contrasted with the U. S. navy's announcement that American battle forces in three days and nights of flaming action had sunk one Japanese battleship, five cruisers, five destroyers, eight troop-jammed transports and five cargo ships; and damaged another battleship and six destroyers.

American losses were listed by the U. S. navy as two light cruisers and six destroyers, while Tokyo's Tokyo communique asserted the Japanese sank eight unless reinforced.

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Challenge of Army Ouster of Japanese Eyed

PORTLAND, Nov. 18 (AP)—A legal challenge of the army order that ousted Japanese from the west coast was conjectured here today as Minoru Yasui, 26, Hood River, came up for sentencing in federal court for violation of army curfew.

Yasui, although convicted, won a point for the ousted Nisei, American-born Japanese, when Judge James A. Fee said the army had no power to impose restrictions on citizens without declaration of martial law.

Martial law has not been proclaimed on the coast. Many of the Japanese evacuated to inland areas are American citizens, and Judge Fee's opinion opens the way for them to sue for the right to re-enter the coastal zone, observers here said.

Some said, however, that the Japanese might not take advantage of the opinion, since they accepted removal in the first place only because of public sentiment.

Yasui announced he would appeal his convictions. He contended he was born in this country and is an American citizen.

Judge Fee ruled he lost his citizenship by entering the new country (Continued on Page Nine)

One U. S. Bomber Missing in Raid On German Bases

LONDON, Nov. 18 (AP)—United States heavy bombers, both Flying Fortresses and Liberators, raided the German bases of Lorient and La Pallice on the French coast this afternoon, American headquarters announced tonight.

The brief communique did not give the results of the attacks, but said one American bomber was missing.



The allied boys really get around. Here they are in New Guinea trying to coax a smile from three local belles by proffering cigarettes, than which there is nothing dearer down there in the jungles.

BRITISH DESTROY 485 NAZI TANKS

Last-Ditch Stand by Rommel Predicted By General

By PAUL KERN LEE
CAIRO, Nov. 18 (AP)—Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, commander of British forces in the Middle East, said today that only 15 of 500 axis tanks in Egypt escaped destruction or capture by the British eighth army, but he predicted that Field Marshal Rommel's shattered forces would make a stand near El Agheila, Libya.

Rommel, he said, is doing his utmost to hang on in Tripolitania and Tunisia but "I don't think he can make a long stand unless reinforced."

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(Such publication makes the decree effective immediately. The broadcast gave no details concerning the scope of Laval's new authority.)

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Stalemate Holds As Nazis Batter At Soviet Lines

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW, Nov. 18 (AP)—At the end of the first week of renewed offensive thrusts into siege-torn Stalingrad, the Germans today had gained only a few yards in persistent and costly efforts to occupy the northern factory district for winter quarters.

The army newspaper Red Star said the nazis had been concentrating their attack on a sector less than 400 yards wide, trying vainly to break through to the Volga.

Although ice flows in the river have complicated the Russians' supply problem temporarily, the defenders have been holding their lines generally and taking a heavy toll of Nazi lives and equipment, it was reported.

The Germans have been held largely on the defensive for the past week in the Caucasus where the Russians have been harassing them with counter-attacks in the Nalchek area and with scouting raids around Tuapse, battle dispatches said.

Generally the broad picture of a stalemate costly to the stalling axis armies holds from day to day with the minor changes in the lines tending to offset one another.

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Advices from overseas gave this view of Franco's dilemma (Continued on Page Nine)

Nazis Claim Reds Manacled Captives

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), Nov. 18 (AP)—The German news agency DNB reported today that it had learned the Russians were manacled the "few German prisoners" in their hands.

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SPAIN WILL AVOID WAR, SAYS EUROPE

Mobilization of Three Million Held Safety Measure

By The Associated Press
Spain's move to mobilize more of her potential 3,000,000 soldiers is generally accepted in informed European quarters as a bona fide effort to avoid fighting, rather than any step toward military cooperation with her axis friends, it was indicated in reliable private advices reaching New York today.

With German military might sitting firmly on its northern doorstep and powerful allied forces arrayed across the narrow Gibraltar strait to the south, General Franco has authorized reinforcement of his land, air and sea forces, it was disclosed yesterday (Tuesday) in Madrid.

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NAZIS MASS 1000 PLANES FOR DEFENSE

Parachutists Clear Path for Allied Advance

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
British and American troops were driving toward Bizerte, powerful Tunisian naval base which the Germans claimed to have "captured," late today under a great protective cover of allied planes and along paths cleared by parachutists.

U. S. Flying Fortresses bombed Bizerte from low level.

The Germans were reported to have 12 squadrons of fighters in the contested North African protectorate and to be massing 1000 planes to defend Tunisia and Libya, where their army had been thrown back to within 70 miles of Bengasi.

Nazi Claims Reuters reported that French garrisons in Tunisia had fought the Germans twice and were withdrawing westward to join the British first army.

German claims of the capture of Bizerte were made over the Paris radio.

Use of the word "captured" appeared to refute previous Berlin assertions that the Germans moved in "to defend their French compatriots in Tunisia" and met only cooperation from French fighters in the vital North African buffer state.

Simultaneously, British parachute troops borne by huge American transport planes were reported swarming down on key points in the Mediterranean coastal colony, spearheading an advance by perhaps 150,000 allied soldiers from Algeria.

American sky troops had already occupied an airport on the Tunisian frontier.

Axis Established Military secrecy hid the extent of the allied thrust into Tunisia, but a British broadcast quoted Lieut. Gen. Kenneth A. N. Anderson, commander of the British first army, as declaring himself satisfied with a "very good start" by his forces.

German broadcasts boasted (Continued on Page Nine)

Rickenbacker Is Anxious to Complete Tour

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP) Still needing at least two weeks more in a hospital to recover from long exposure at sea, Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker is impatient to complete inspection of the southwest Pacific's aviation facilities.

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Audrey McPherson, Fremont teacher, pointed to the need for an increase in teachers' pay because of rising living costs, rising wage levels in industry and other lines, and the general policy of other school systems in the state. Other members commented on the extra burden entailed because of a shortage of help in wartime.

Miss McPherson reviewed the work already done by a salary committee of the teachers. One resolution offered by the group held that the distribution of wages is now unequal, with beginning salaries too low to insure quality in the profession or to fill vacancies easily.

Adoption of a single salary scale for both grade and high school teachers would result in two major classifications, class one for those with normal certificates, and class two for those (Continued on Page Nine)

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