

FORCES CLOSE IN ON 2 AXIS STRONGHOLDS

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edged that fleeing axis columns in Libya had abandoned Bengasi, the last escape port in North Africa east of Tripoli.

United Nations headquarters said allied troops, including American mobile artillery units, brushed the axis in three sharp clashes yesterday, destroying about one-third of a German armored column and driving two other axis columns into retreat.

Gain Shattered

Even as France's old Marshal Petain appealed to Frenchmen in North Africa to "resist the Anglo-Saxon aggression," French colonial troops were officially reported to have bagged a group of nazis attempting to push south along the Gulf of Gabes in eastern Tunisia.

Allied headquarters said crack new American mobile artillery had combined with British and French troops to shatter an advance by a German motorized force 20 miles south of the scene of the main tank battle.

Confused

"It appears that the Germans are digging in about 30 miles southwest of Bizerte and in the Tunis area and are preparing to make their stand there," an allied spokesman said.

The spokesman declared that the French situation was "extremely confused," but that apparently almost all the rest of Tunisia, except Bizerte and Tunis, was either controlled by pro-allied French garrisons or occupied by the allies themselves.

Some French garrisons were in open conflict against German and Italian invasion forces. The spokesman said German losses in yesterday's actions were "quite heavy, but they are pouring in reserves and it looks like we are in for considerable fighting."

Italy Has Jitters

Across the Mediterranean, Adolf Hitler was reported wheeling powerful sections of his war machine from the Russian front to protect the "under side" of axis-conquered Europe or possibly for a new venture to counter the allied offensive in North Africa.

Dispatches from Ankara, Turkey, said 13 German divisions were moving from Russia toward the Balkans and that 10 axis-allied Hungarian divisions had left their home barracks for Greece. These 23 divisions would total upwards of 200,000 troops. Simultaneously, the Rome radio reflected Italian jitters over an allied invasion, declaring that North Africa was only the springboard from which America would pounce on Europe.

VITAL STATISTICS

BORGEN—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., November 19, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph P. Borgen, 1124 Mon Claire street, a boy. Weight: 6 pounds 41 ounces.

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Pierce Names Three Candidates For West Point

Rep. Walter E. Pierce this week announced selection of Robert Evans, Klamath Falls, Robert Kline and Jack Coleman of Bend, as principals for appointment to the US military academy at West Point. Alternates for Kline, Everett Lerwick of Lakeview and for Evans, Vernon Bowman of Merrill.

No Klamath or Lake county young men were selected for the naval academy at Annapolis.

MRS. BROWN, 86, PASSES WEDNESDAY

Barbara Wight Brown, 86, for more than 40 years a resident of Klamath Falls, died in Ashland on Wednesday, November 18, according to word received here. Mrs. Brown followed the nursing profession during the time she lived in this city and is well remembered by the older families of Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Brown was born in Ontario, Canada. Five years ago she moved to Ashland where she has made her home since that time. She has been an invalid for a number of years.

Two sisters survive, Mrs. K. E. Whiteline of Klamath Falls and Mrs. Agnes Nichol of Vancouver, B. C.

Funeral services will be held in Whitlock's chapel Saturday at 3 p. m. The Rev. A. Theodore Smith of the First Presbyterian church will officiate. Mrs. Brown was one of the early day members of the Presbyterian church. Commitment services and interment will take place in the family plot in Linkville cemetery.

DISTURBANCE TOLD AT EVACUEE CENTER

POSTON, Ariz., Nov. 20 (AP)—A "disturbance" occurred today at the Japanese relocation center here, Norris James, press and intelligence officer for the war relocation authority, announced.

Ames said there was no loss of life or damage to property.

He said a statement would be issued by W. Wade Head, director of the center, later and that no details could be released until that time.

James declared the situation was completely under control. The Poston center, on the Colorado river Indian reservation about 25 miles south of Parker, is occupied by approximately 20,000 Japanese evacuated from the Pacific coast.

Sprague Orders Probe of Asylum "Mass Murder"

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possessed keys to the fruit cellar. The powdered milk is stored in a room across the hall from the fruit cellar.

Poison Discovered

The governor ordered state police to take charge of the investigation and at the same time stressed that the frozen egg yolks supplied the institution by the agricultural marketing administration were not responsible for the deaths or illness of all 422 other inmates who ate the scrambled eggs.

Dr. Joseph Beeman, head of the crime detection laboratory of the University of Oregon medical school at Portland, discovered the presence of the mineral poison in the prepared eggs.

Dr. Frank Menne, school bacteriologist who worked with Beeman, said rats showed no ill effects from egg yolks taken directly from the cans but died in three to five minutes after eating left-overs from the hospital dinner. The frozen eggs had been served before at the hospital and at other state institutions without ill effect.

Dr. Evans said it might be three weeks before all of the hundreds of patients who ate the poison dish would be out of danger.

Five minutes after eating, some of the victims were ill. Ten minutes later scores were vomiting blood, crawling about the dining room on hands and knees, unable to stand, unable even to sit. Floors of some wards were covered with the ill and dying all in paroxysms, as the limited staff of doctors and nurses wrestled with the overwhelming job.

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GUADALCANAL YANKES FOIL NIP LANDING

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"about half of these enemy troops have since been killed and the remainder have been dispensed into the jungle."

The communiqué also reported two air raids on Japanese cargo vessels in the Buin area at the southeastern area of Bougainville island at the northwestern end of the Solomons group.

Second Jap Try

In these raids 14 Japanese planes were destroyed and at least two hits were scored on the cargo ships.

The successful operations against the Japanese forces on the American east flank constituted the second time that the Japanese have lost heavily in men in that sector of Guadalcanal.

Soon after the initial American invasion operations were carried out on August 7 the Japanese landed a force of 700 in the Tenaru river area and of those 670 were killed and the rest captured.

Staggering Losses

The United States navy dealt the Japanese fleet the most disastrous defeat in modern naval warfare, it became apparent today, with disclosure that enemy losses in last week's three-day battle probably reached the staggering proportions of 28 ships destroyed and 10 more damaged.

This setback, believed to have cost the Japanese two battleships, six heavy cruisers, two light cruisers, six destroyers and 12 transports and cargo ships, became even more crushing with news that allied bombers sank another cruiser and a destroyer off New Guinea last night.

The American sea victory in the Solomons grew in magnitude last night when the navy's delayed report on Saturday night's battle off Guadalcanal island told of the sinking of a Japanese battleship or heavy cruiser, three large cruisers and a destroyer.

United States battleships, mentioned for the first time in a navy communiqué on the southwestern Pacific war, thundered into the fight, exchanging long-range wallop that forced the foe to turn stern and flee northward.

FUNERAL

BARBARA WIGHT BROWN
Barbara Wight Brown, for years a resident of Klamath Falls, Ore., passed away in Ashland, Ore., on Wednesday, November 18, 1942, following an extended illness. She was a native of Ontario, Canada, and at the time of her death was aged 86 years 7 months and 13 days.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. K. E. Whiteline of this city and Mrs. Agnes Nichol of Vancouver, B. C. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth, on Saturday, November 21, 1942 at 3 p. m. with the Rev. A. Theodore Smith of the First Presbyterian church of this city officiating. Commitment services and interment family plot in Linkville cemetery. Friends are invited.

Court in Portland—Members of the county court were in Portland Friday attending a county officers' convention, and no session of the court was held here. It was Commissioner Fred Pope's first county officers' convention since he assumed office.

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forces in the island of Timor, across the Timor Sea from the northwestern tip of Australia at Darwin. Premier Curtin, who views with alarm rather frequently, sees in this new Jap concentration another threat to Australia. Your map will tell you that such a threat is quite possible.

The Japs have been active here for months, as indicated by the frequency with which MacArthur's bombers have hammered at Dili, in Timor. They seem to be proceeding now more actively than before.

Balked and battered in the Solomons and New Guinea, they are probably trying on another tack.

LET'S close today with a word from the home front.

Washington dispatches tell us the U. S. war cost is nearing the SIX BILLIONS PER MONTH mark, almost equaling the amount spent for ALL consumer goods and services in the United States.

That means that about HALF of our total productive effort is going into war. British experience indicates that the war percentage will increase rather than decrease.

The U. S. treasury plans to borrow nine billions in December, which is the most money ever borrowed in one month since the world began.

THERE are three jobs in war—fighting, producing, financing. The job of our boys in the services is to FIGHT. Our job here at home is to PRODUCE and FINANCE.

No matter what happens to us here at home, our job will be EASY as compared with that of our boys who are doing the fighting on all the far-flung fronts of this global war.

JAPS PINNED INTO CORNER IN GUINEA

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which they launched the drive that menaced Port Moresby, on the Australian side of New Guinea, only last September.

Under the personal leadership of General MacArthur, the allies seemed close to the climax of the counteroffensive which has driven the enemy back along his own path over the Owen Stanley mountains and down to the coastal jungles in about seven weeks.

Midships Hit

A light cruiser and two destroyers stood in to shore near Gona under cover of darkness, the communiqué said, and were meeting landing barges when they were surprised by allied heavy bombers dodging through rain squalls and under low clouds that the enemy evidently was counting on for concealment.

Using flares to guide them, the bombers drove in low, quickly scoring a hit amidships that sank the cruiser and planting another bullseye shot with a 500-pound bomb on one of the destroyers which split in two after a second explosion.

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MUNITIONS WORKERS TO BE DEFERRED

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partial solution could be had by bringing in an element which he said was not sufficiently present now.

This is the management element, he said, and possibly management will be asked to certify more frequently to draft boards whether prospective draftees really are irreplaceable. There is not enough consultation now with factories, the president asserted.

Define Word

As for government workers, Mr. Roosevelt said there would be a good many people here in Washington who are essential to the war program but who will want to get in uniform, nevertheless. If they are essential, they ought to stay right here, he remarked. Probably, he said, the whole thing will be worked out within two or three months. It all comes down, he added, to a definition of the word, "essential."

The president was asked to give an example of an essential job in a war plant, and he said that persons who had accompanied him on his recent inspection swing around the country had seen many examples for themselves.

FLOTILLA SWEEPS MEDIT SEA LANES

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as it did when I came here by land with the army early last June—every building so full of holes then that a few more now couldn't make any difference.

But the harbor is even more the harbor of wrecked ships.

There were 53 wrecks, ranging from a former Italian liner and a major Italian cruiser to tugboats, when I last saw the port. Now there are many more. Some are partly out of the water. Most of them are on the bottom, but visible on a clear day, and they include Italian merchant ships, destroyers, axis submarines and other vessels, some of them sunk by American airmen.

Motorists Rush For Federal Tax Stamps Here

Tardy motorists who neglected to obtain their \$5 federal tax stamp last July, found it necessary to stage a last minute rush to the postoffice in order to register for gas rationing.

Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins said more than 150 stamps were sold Wednesday and Thursday and that additional tax use stamps were being sold at the rate of 25 per day.

Babies born during the months of January and February usually weigh less than those born during the summer months.

Youths Build Towel Ladder, Escape Prison

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to scale a picket fence about 10 feet high.

They entered prison last June 18, and had served previous sentences at the state training school at Chehalis, Wash.

These were the first real escapes from the prison in seven years. There have been other escapes during that period, but all the others had merely been cases where trustees walked away from jobs outside the walls.

These boys are not trustees, Alexander pointed out. Both are dangerous, he said, and have caused much trouble since they were received at the prison.

STRAND PROMISES CONSTRUCTIVE PLAN

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search in industry and agriculture, in preference to the rehashing of old quarrels.

Agriculture a Business

Stating that the college has served the state well, Dr. Strand declared he will work for its full development in the fields which have been assigned to it.

He told the local farmers and business men that as long as agriculture is looked upon as a business, the United States will keep its present form of government. "The moment we get some other conception of agriculture, the days of this form of government will be numbered," he said.

In general, Dr. Strand stated, he approves the agricultural policies of the Roosevelt administration, and added that he came by this view through reading discussions of agriculture published by the United States chamber of commerce and the chamber of commerce of Birmingham, England. He did not elaborate this reference.

Award Made

Dr. Strand was introduced by R. C. Groesbeck, local attorney and a member of the state board of higher education.

Fred Peterson, chairman of the Kiwanian agricultural committee, presided at the meeting which also featured the annual awarding of \$50 by The Herald and News to a young agriculturist of the county.

Kiwanian Frank Jenkins, publisher of the newspaper, made the award to Eva Furber, Midland lass, for the best Victory garden entered in a county contest. In the past, the newspaper award has gone to the youngster growing the most No. 1 potatoes on an acre of ground.

Entertainment

Jenkins explained that gardening is assuming a place of increasingly vital importance in the agricultural picture here, and warmly praised the young girl for her achievement.

Kiwanian Charles Seavey pre-

REGISTRATION FOR GAS HITS HUGE VOLUME

Mileage rationing registration places were swamped Thursday afternoon and evening, registration far exceeding that of the first day, Wednesday.

Another huge crowd of motorists was expected Friday evening, with the deadline for mileage rationing registration.

WINDSHIELD STICKERS

The Oregon State Police department advises that mileage ration windshield stickers should be placed on the lower right corner of the vehicle's windshield.

Registration takes place at schools throughout the county. City schools designated for this purpose are Klamath Union high school, Fremont school, Pelican school and Mills school. In the suburbs, Altamont elementary and Fairhaven are the principal registration places.

Fairhaven had one of the biggest rushes Thursday evening, with hundreds of motorists jamming the registration room.

Three Rescued In Army Bomber Crash on Beach

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and the other two men were draped in blankets, apparently having been taken from the water.

SEATTLE, Nov. 20 (AP)—The thirteenth naval district announced today an army bomber was forced down in the ocean off Gearhart, Ore., this morning and that three of the five men aboard had been rescued and brought ashore.

Lieut. W. S. Southern, of Ellenwood, Kan., the pilot, was taken to Fort Stevens, Ore., and was "getting along all right," the naval district staff headquarters here were informed. Two other men were taken to the naval air station at Tongue Point.

Details of the rescue and the fate of the two men unreported had not been received.

Home From Salem—A. M. Collier and Vern Owens of the county war savings committee returned Friday from Salem, where they were called to a war savings conference.

sent several acts of legerdemain and the high school girls triple trio, led by Kiwanian Charles Stanfield, sang three numbers.

Farmers from many parts of the basin were present at the meeting, which is held every fall by the local club.

Nips Occupy Isles North Of Australia

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Timor had been anticipated here since the Japanese met reverses to the northeast in New Guinea, where they appear to be fighting a losing battle to maintain their foothold at Buna, and in the Solomons.

Motor trucks are being assembled by the Japanese in Timor, it was reported.

FRANK HAMM RITES TO BE HELD MONDAY

Final rites for the late Frank Hamm, former Klamath Falls chief of police who died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Portland early Thursday morning, will be held Monday at 2:30 p. m. from the Elks temple in this city, it was learned from the family. Burial will take place in Linkville cemetery.

Members of the police department who served under Mr. Hamm before his appointment as United States marshal for Oregon, will serve as pall bearers and an honorary guard will be made up of other peace officers in the county.

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