

NAZIS PUSHED WESTWARD ON MOSCOW LINE

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fort to halt the Russian advance. Strong forces of German alpinists went into action east of Velikie Lukie. Other special units appeared south of Rzhev where the Germans were trying to regain control of vital sections on the Rzhev-Vyazma rail line. Reinforcements also stiffened the German defense outside Stalingrad between the Don and Volga.

In the Rzhev and Velikie Lukie sector of the central front blizzards, increasing in ferocity, slowed the movements but made no less savage the clashing of tank columns.

BRITISH FLAT-TOP LOST IN LANDINGS

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mons. He said they were "far less than the enemy claimed." The naval escort for the vast operations included Canadian Corvettes and Polish, Dutch and Norwegian units as well as British and American craft.

The expedition sailed in three parts, Alexander said.

One, from the United States, landed from the Atlantic on the coast of Morocco. Two, from England, landed from the Mediterranean on the coast of Algeria.

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short, but beset by many dangers.

In some manner not disclosed in detail, the British fleet is supporting the land attack on Bizerte and Tunis. Maybe shelling the axis positions or using carrier-based planes against them, or both.

Participation by the fleet seems to indicate that our side has air superiority. Otherwise the warships could hardly be risked so close to land.

AS showing the nature of the fighting, the Germans dropped 50 parachute troops DISGUISED AS ARABS to delay our attack on Tebourba (just west of Tunis). The dispatches report that they were quickly mopped up.

But you can imagine the rumors that will spread among the Arabs, whose friendly co-operation we need, upon hearing that men in Arab dress have been killed by the British and the Americans.

Spreading rumor poison such as this is a favorite German device.

FOUR axis merchant ships and two axis destroyers conveying them are reported today to have been sunk by British naval forces in the western Mediterranean. This is a part of the all-important campaign to keep reinforcements and supplies from reaching the Germans in Africa.

A lull is reported at El Aghella, where Rommel is supposed to have made a stand in the narrow defile between salt marshes and the sea. One guesses from this that his position there is too strong to be taken by storm.

THE Jap radio today is putting out a tale about a "powerful U. S. naval unit" attacked Monday night by a Jap torpedo flotilla just off Guadalcanal. They claim to have sunk one of our battleships, a cruiser and two destroyers.

Don't pooh-pooh the report wholly, but remember that Jap tales such as this have usually proved moonshine.

There is also the strange yarn today from San Francisco of a considerable number of unidentified ships 450 miles off the California coast, resulting in a general alert and the calling of navy men back to their ships.

As to this report, keep your fingers strictly crossed and WAIT.

Only E Bonds to Count on Record Klamath Quota

Klamath county's war bond quota for December will not only be higher, but only the E, or smaller type bonds, can count on it, War Savings Chief A. M. Collier reported Thursday.

The new quota is \$249,370, against a quota of \$242,400 in November.

In November, F, G and E bonds were allowed to go on the quota.

Husky men are now doing jobs of no community service that could be done by women. We'll have to tap those sources because, even with the much greater participation of women in war industry, there are still many types of activity that only men can carry on.—B. C. Seiple, manager Cleveland U. S. E. S. office.

Some people trust to luck. Others buy insurance from Hans Norland, 118 North 7th.

U. S. CRUISER LOST IN FIGHT OFF SOLOMONS

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were the types of the damaged ships indicated.

The navy told of the battle in a communique which said that the task force went out north of Guadalcanal in the night and found the enemy troop transports escorted by combatant fleet units in waters immediately north of Guadalcanal.

The enemy was interrupted in his attempt to reinforce and supply his troops on the island. No landing was effected," the communique said.

Some Japanese sailors floating on life rafts were rescued by American forces the day after the battle.

The navy said they identified one of the enemy destroyers sent to the bottom as the Takamami. The Takamami is not listed in the latest records of Jap's fighting ships, but was believed to be a destroyer of about 1500 tons displacement.

Marine patrols attacking enemy forces on Guadalcanal have wiped out another 35 Japanese in the Solomon islands and captured a quantity of arms and ammunition, the navy announced today.

Daylight attacks by army and navy aircraft continued to harass enemy positions on the island.

5 Naval Transports Lost in North African Landings

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transports, one U. S. destroyer and one U. S. tanker were damaged during the operation.

"3. The next of kin of personnel killed, wounded, or missing are being notified by telegram as soon as information is received."

The communique identified the Tasker H. Bliss as the former liner President Cleveland, converted at Baltimore and placed in commission by the navy September 15, 1942. She was built for passenger service at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company, Newport News, Va., in 1921, and as a merchant ship had a crew of 235. Her gross tonnage was 12,568.

The Leedstown formerly was the Santa Lucia. She was built at Kearney, N. J., in 1931, and had a gross tonnage of 9135. The vessel was named for Leedstown, in Westmoreland county, Va.

The Hugh L. Scott, formerly the President Pierce, had a gross tonnage of 12,578 and carried a crew of 240 as a passenger vessel. She was converted at the Todd Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, Hoboken, N. J., and commissioned by the navy last September 7. The vessel was built for passenger service by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding company, Sparrows Point, Md., in 1920.

A war department official said the army's list of 1910 casualties in the African campaign made public November 23 included all known casualties of both the army and navy at that time. It would be assumed that any casualties in the loss of the five transports were in that list which included 350 army personnel killed, 900 wounded, and 350 missing; ten navy personnel killed, 150 wounded, and 150 missing.

Applications for Coffee, Sugar, Tires Held Up

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was made were asked to get along on their A rations for a few days before taking the matter up with the board.

Drury said volunteer help had aided materially in the gas rationing program. He said Ed Ostendorf and Henry Moe, two retired business men, had given many days of work to the program, along with many others.

GN FILM SHOWN AT KIWANIS CLUB

A motion picture showing agricultural and industrial activities in the area served by the Great Northern railroad was shown to the Kiwanis club at their Thursday noon luncheon at the Willard, Kiwanian Harry Wayne, G. N. district agent, was chairman of the day.

Three new members were introduced. They are Innis Roberts of Roberts Hardware, Chet Irving of the Pine Industrial Relations committee, and Will Wood of the Wood's drug store.

President Malcolm Epley appointed a committee to arrange the annual installation party in early January, the members being Martin Swanson, chairman; C. S. Elliot, Capt. Huson and Greer Drew. Ed Ostendorf, president-elect, will head the officers to be installed at the January event.

MRS. ROSE BARRON PASSES IN MONROE

Mrs. Rose Barron, for 31 years a resident of Oregon, 17 years of which were spent in Klamath Falls, died at the age of 90 at the home of a granddaughter, Eleanor Stewart, in Monroe, Ore., according to word received here.

Mrs. Barron left this city in apparent good health but contracted pneumonia while in the northern city. She had made her home with a son, the late Fred Barron of Portland street, who died suddenly some three weeks ago. Mrs. Barron was a native of Illinois, lived for many years in Colorado, moved with her family to Burns where she lived for 14 years, and 17 years ago came to this city.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, three grandsons, Eldon Ray Barron and Leslie Barron of this city, Everett Eggleston of Monroe, and three granddaughters. Ward's Funeral home will be in charge of arrangements with final rites to be held here.

SKEPTIC SEATTLE, Wash., (P)—"This is a holdup," said a man entering a women's clothing store. "I don't believe it," replied Mrs. Arthur H. Bewell, an employee.

She calmly walked to the telephone and called police. Her visito. left.

SUPREME COURT TO NAME JUDGE IN COUNTY CASE

Further developments in the case growing out of the indictment of County Clerk Mae K. Short on charges of accepting unauthorized payments from the county await the assignment of a judge to the case by the supreme court.

Mrs. Short filed an affidavit of prejudice against Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg. Judge Vandenberg indicated that he had intended to disqualify himself if a motion had not been filed.

The county clerk furnished bond of \$1500 on each of the three indictments on Wednesday.

It was believed unlikely the supreme court will assign Circuit Judge Arthur D. Hay of Lake county to the case, in view of his appointment and early service on the supreme bench. Judge Hay in the past few years has sat on most Klamath cases in which the local judge was disqualified.

A judge mentioned for possible assignment to the case is Circuit Judge Ralph Hamilton of Bend, but there was no indication that the supreme court has considered any assignment as yet.

Mrs. Short's appearance in court Wednesday afternoon was for justification of sureties on her bond, only. Bondsman are Walter Hannon, her son-in-law, and Mrs. Ellen Hannon, mother of Walter Hannon.

The case involves the alleged acceptance of \$95 for various services in addition to Mrs. Short's regular pay as county clerk.

"Unidentified Vessels" Reported Off West Coast

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Later in the day the 12th naval district issued this statement:

"Early this morning the navy issued a notice for radio dissemination that all personnel on leave from ships and stations on the west coast return to their ships and stations. Inasmuch as the situation occasioning that notice has been cleared, the notice has been rescinded, that such personnel may continue their leaves until their normal expiration dates."

FUNERAL LUCILLE MECHAM

Funeral services for little Lucille Mecham, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mecham of this city, will be held in Linkville cemetery, Friday, December 4, 1942, at 2 p. m., with the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of this city officiating. Commitment services and interment will follow. Arrangements are under the direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home of this city.

Nazis Fling Supply Troops Into North African Battle

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the advance of the British infantry—but engineers made repairs in a single night with steel and timber.

The modern patch between the graceful arches of the stone bridge offered an odd sight from the distance but it enabled even the heaviest equipment to roll through the town on the heels of the Germans.

Within the town today only a few British and French soldiers went about their duties amid the rubble caused by the concentrated shelling by allied guns during the hours when the foe held the point against the allied advance.

A lone Arab sat disconsolately in a doorway flicking at flies with a light stick. About him were shell-pocked walls, roofless houses and an occasional charred German vehicle, providing a quiet contrast to the scene 20 miles down the road where a new battle was raging.

ALLIES BALK JAP LANDINGS IN BUNA

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to illuminate the allied aircraft.

The destroyers and their fighter screen were sighted in mid-afternoon Tuesday coming from the coast of New Britain.

Flying Fortresses roared to the attack and were engaged by the Japanese fighters. North American B-25s came in and made a direct hit on one destroyer but the flotilla continued its zigzag way towards New Guinea.

Fierce Resistance

By nightfall, the Japanese vessels were approaching the Papuan coast and the allied air fleet began to pound them anew, bombing and gunning the destroyers and small craft which were seen at one point clustered around the warships. The withdrawal followed.

Ground resistance by the Japanese was fierce.

Private Cars Must Be Kept Rolling, Says Eastman

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3 (AP)—America's passenger automobiles must be kept rolling at all costs, Director Joseph B. Eastman of the office of defense transportation said today, to prevent imposition of an unbearable burden on the public carrier systems.

He told the California chamber of commerce, in convention here, that, while motor trucks played a part of the utmost importance in the war effort, their aggregate mileage must be reduced 40 per cent under that of 1941.

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BATTLE RAGES FOR CONTROL OF TUNISIA

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time in 44 hours, destroying at least 12 grounded planes.

Reports from the front indicated that the twin-engine P-38's were playing an important part in the battle for control of the skies over Tunisia and were proving more than a match for the best German planes.

Navy Swings In

Adding to the pressure being exerted on the axis garrisons on the ground and in the air, the British navy swung into action with its big guns to harass the enemy from the sea.

The news that the fleet had gone into action, disclosed in an allied communique yesterday afternoon, was viewed here as an indication that the allied offensive is swiftly approaching a climax.

While the battle for Tunis appeared to be nearing a showdown there were hints that the allies were on the verge of acquiring the French West African base of Dakar without bloodshed—and with it a valuable part of the French fleet stationed there.

Dakar to Allies?

Informed sources here said they were certain that a decision to open Dakar to allied use would result soon from conferences now under way in Algiers among Pierre Boisson, governor-general of French West Africa, Admiral Jean Darlan and allied military officials.

OBITUARY ROSE BARRON

Rose Barron, a resident of Oregon for 31 years, and of Klamath Falls, Ore., for the past 17 years, passed away in Monroe, Ore., on Wednesday, December 2, 1942, following a brief illness. The deceased was a native of Illinois, and was aged 90 years when called. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mary Eggleston of Monroe, Ore., and Mrs. Nellie Gilbert of Pomeroy, Wash.; three grandsons, Eldon Ray Barron and Leslie Barron of Klamath Falls, Ore.; Everett Eggleston of Monroe, Ore.; three granddaughters, Nellie Roach of Chico, Calif., Juanita Martel of Sheep Camp, Calif., and Elenor Stewart of Monroe, Ore.; also 15 great grandchildren. The remains will arrive via S. P. Thursday, December 3, 1942, and will rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street. The notice of the funeral arrangements will be announced Friday.

Potatoes

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 3 Oregon, 2 Idaho arrived, 20 broken, 20 unbroken cars on track; 134 bags arrived by truck; Klamath Russets No. 1 size-A, 2-inch minimum, \$2.65; Idaho Russets No. 2 showing slight freezing marks \$1.90.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 4 California, 19 Idaho arrived, 31 broken, 80 unbroken cars on track; 4 cars diverted, 6 cars arrived via truck; no northern quotations.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3 (AP-USA)—Potatoes, arrivals 50, on track 276; total U. S. shipments 654; supplies moderate, trading very slow; market nominally unchanged; Idaho Russet Burbanks, U. S. No. 1, \$2.75-3.05; Colorado Red McClures U. S. No. 1, \$2.65; Minnesota and North Dakota Bliss Triumphs Commercial, \$1.90; Michigan Round Whites, U. S. No. 1, \$2.00.

PORTLAND, Dec. 3 (AP)—Potatoes: Cash and carry prices: Klamath, \$2.74; Malin fancy, \$2.74 cental; Yakima, \$2.55-2.59; Deschutes, \$2.64 cental; local, \$2.25 cental.

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