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## Weather News

December 4—High 38, Low 18  
Precipitation as of November 28, 1942  
Last year ..... 2.24 Normal ..... 2.55  
Stream year to date ..... 3.97  
Dec. 6—Sunrise ..... 8:15 Sunset ..... 5:10

# AMERICAN PLANES BLAST NAPLES

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SO far as Bizerte and Tunis are concerned, the axis has the edge in the round described in today's dispatches.

But don't get panicky.

The round included only heavy sparring for position. There were no knockouts.

THE Germans inside the ring are striking outward. Their purpose is to break the allied hold on vital roads and communication lines, hoping thus to prevent our side from getting up enough supplies and reinforcements to WIN THE BATTLE.

THE Germans are striking in typical blitz style, with tanks paced by dive bombers. Reports from the front lines indicate that for the moment at least they have a DECIDED EDGE in tank power, but are lacking in artillery and also haven't sufficient infantry to follow up their tanks.

Don't pay much attention to the taking and retaking of towns and villages in the critical fighting area. That's much like the passing and re-passing of the 35-yard line in a hot football game. Only GOALS count.

IN this battle (as in so many others) the SUPPLY line is the goal line. The objective is what General Forrest described as "gettin' 'em fustest with the mostest men."

THAT also is the objective of the naval fighting in the Mediterranean and of the air raids by our side on axis bases in Sicily and the Italian mainland—including last night's raid on Naples.

Not much is being said about it, but we may be quite sure that axis submarines are busy in the Atlantic raiding OUR supply and communication lines.

It is impossible to overestimate the importance of the problem of reinforcement and supply in the fighting in northern Africa.

IT appears from today's dispatches that earlier reports that the Russians had closed the pincers around the Germans before Stalingrad were premature.

They seem to be narrowing the opening. If the jaws of the pincers formed by Russian columns driving from both north and south MEET, the Germans will be penned in a triangle of which the Don river is the base and the railroads running west and southwest from Stalingrad are the sides.

Your map will make the situation clear. Without consulting your map, you can't hope to understand the situation.

You must remember also that the lines being drawn around the Germans aren't a SOLID RING OF STEEL, as it is metaphorically described so often in the dispatches. There are GAPS in it.

The ring around the Germans is formed by cutting their lines of supply.

Supply (both men and materials) is one of the fundamentals of warfare.

IN the South Pacific, this problem of supply still dominates the fighting.

The Japs, failing to get relief by sea to their forces trapped on the Buna-Gona beaches, are reported today to be dropping supplies from planes. A hundred bundles, the dispatches say, have been dropped from nine large cargo planes escorted by 14 Zeros.

There is no additional news of importance from Guadalcanal as this is written.

NORMALLY, this writer can't work up much interest in talk of what we must do after the war.

The big job NOW is to WIN THE WAR.

If we don't win the war, the Japs and the Germans will (Continued on Page Four)

## SOVIET GAINS TIGHTEN RING AROUND NAZIS

Axis Retreats Across Frozen Stretches Of Don

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW, Dec. 5 (AP)—Sweeping Russian gains tightening a pincers menacing the German armies besieging Stalingrad were reported in dispatches from the front today.

Red army forces which had driven southwest from the city were said to have crossed the Don and to be operating on the west bank of the river close to units which had come down through the Don elbow toward Kalach from points to the northwest.

Supply Road Severed

These forces, if they meet, would form a triangle with the curving Don as the base and railroads which run southwest and due west from Stalingrad as the sides.

It was claimed that the troops coming from northward of Kalach had cut in between Vertiashy and Dmitrievka, severing a road over which Germans had been bringing in supplies to the forces before Stalingrad.

Retreat Over Don

The Germans were mopped up in the northern corner of the Don elbow, where the river curves back northward toward Voronezh, the dispatches asserted, and then the Russian columns moved southwest, taking Dmitrievka and Peskovatka.

The Germans driven out of the Don elbow were able to retreat across stretches of the Don river, now frozen solid, it was reported in dispatches to Pravda before Stalingrad.

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## Army Suspends Induction of 38-Year-Olds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—Suspension of induction of all men 38 years of age or older into the army was ordered by the war department today.

At the same time the department announced that certain enlisted men who are now in the army who are 38 or older and are unable to perform military service satisfactorily may be honorably discharged if they are qualified otherwise to assist in the national war effort.

The department said the action was taken "as a result of experience gained during the past three years which indicates that men 38 years of age and over are generally physically less able to withstand the rigors of present-day combat activities and that many of these men can make a more effective contribution to the war effort in industry rather than in the army."

The order was similar in most respects to a recent ruling of the army covering men in the 45-year-old group.

Suspension of the induction (Continued on Page Four)

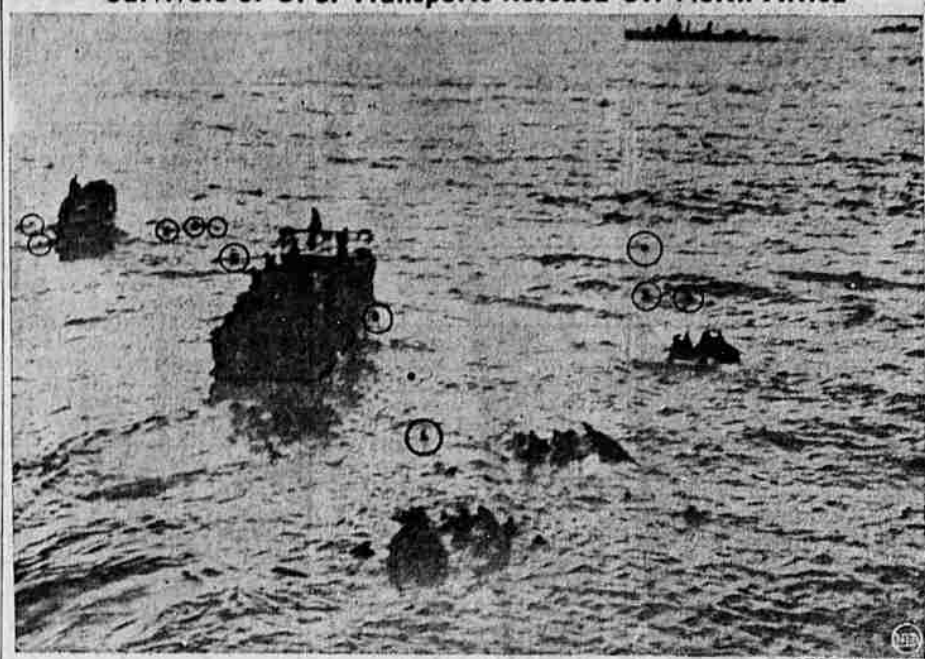
## U. S. Output Now Equals Axis Powers, Says Nelson

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP)—The United States now is producing the engines of war in a volume equal to the combined combat armaments production of the axis powers, the American people were informed today by Donald M. Nelson, war production board chief.

Speaking at the closing meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers last night, Nelson reported also that the total output of combat armaments produced by the United States is twice that of their enemies.

He made it clear, however, that the striving for increased production is not over. By the end of 1943, he predicted, America alone will produce almost as great a volume of combat armaments as all the rest of the

Survivors of U. S. Transports Rescued Off North Africa



Kept afloat by life jackets and rafts, survivors of three torpedoed American transport ships are picked up by landing barges and boats from other vessels lying off Fedala, French Morocco, during recent action when the trio of transports was sunk by enemy subs. The torpedoings occurred as the allied invasion threatened Casablanca. Official U. S. navy photo.

## EVACUEE LABOR REQUESTS GROW

Use of Labor Would Depend on Community

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 4

(AP)—Director Dillon S. Myer of the war relocation authority reported tonight that the growing manpower shortage was bringing increasing requests for Japanese-American workers from the nation's 10 relocation centers.

Myer, here to inspect the two southwest Arkansas evacuation camps, said the colonists could make only a limited contribution toward meeting the shortage since but an estimated 40,000 of the 110,000 in all relocation colonies were able-bodied men of working age.

Depend on Community  
He said, however, that about 1000 already had been granted indefinite leaves to take outside jobs; another 8000 or 9000 had been granted group leaves for (Continued on Page Four)

## Senate Farm Group Approves Revision Of Parity Prices

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—The senate agriculture committee unanimously approved today a house bill revising parity prices upward to include the cost of labor of the farm.

Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) said there was no objection to the measure and it was reported to the senate in exactly the form it passed the house this week on the unanimous consent calendar there.

The measure was expected to encounter administration opposition in the senate but Thomas told reporters: "If any legislation goes through before this adjournment of this congress, this bill is going to have consideration."

## FDR Suspends Enlistments In Army, Navy; Sweeping Manpower Controls Told

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—President Roosevelt today suspended voluntary enlistments in the army and navy, transferred selective service to the war manpower commission and authorized priorities over civilian employment.

Under an executive order, the president forbade the armed service from accepting voluntary enlistments of men in the

18 to 38 group, forcing the services to take all future men through the selective service system. The order is effective immediately.

The order expanded the powers of Chairman Paul V. McNutt of the war manpower commission so that he will have the authority to determine not only who goes into the armed services but what civilian jobs the stay-at-homes can take.

The order was so broad that McNutt also will have power to limit the types of women that the armed services can take into their auxiliaries.

While application of the civilian job priority power may depend on what McNutt makes of his new authority, the president prescribed:

"No employer shall retain in his employ any worker whose services are more urgently needed in any establishment, plant, facility, occupation or area designated as more essential by the chairman pursuant to this section."

McNutt also was given power to force employers, particularly in war plants, to do all their hiring of new workers through the United States employment service.

FOOTBALL SCORES  
Second Southern Methodist 0, Rice 13.

Second Washington State 0, Texas A & M 7.

Final Iowa Pre-Flight 0, Missouri 7.

Second Idaho 6, UCLA 28.

Third Notre Dame 13, Great Lakes 13.

Second San Francisco 0, Miss. State 12.

Windshield Is Place For Ration Sticker, Say State Police  
Motorists receiving "A," "B," or "C" stickers for their cars should place the labels in the lower right hand corner of the windshield and nowhere else, according to state police Saturday.

The gas rationing stickers have been placed at various positions on the windshield and in accordance with state law there is but one proper place for the sticker to go.

Franco Wishes Hitler Luck  
MADRID, Dec. 5 (AP)—General Franco, replying to congratulations yesterday on his 50th birthday from Adolf Hitler, today sent a telegram expressing the wish that "your arms triumph in the glorious undertaking of freeing Europe from the Bolshevik terror."

## Buna Japs Supplied

PLANES DROP BUNDLES FOR TRAPPED MEN

Allies Sink 2 Troop-Laden Japanese Barges

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Dec. 5 (AP)—The Japanese were attempting to supply their battered forces in the Buna-Gona area of New Guinea by parachute today after repeated attempts to send in supplies and reinforcements by sea had been smashed by allied planes.

More than 100 bundles were dropped into the enemy lines from the air in the first effort at aerial supply as the allies continued to hammer at the beleaguered enemy troops both from the air and ground.

Jap Barges Sunk  
Nine large pusher-type enemy planes, escorted by 14 Zeros, flew over the Buna mission and Sanananda regions and dropped the supplies, presumably food and ammunition.

Allied fighters and bombers made repeated attacks during the day, strafing ground troops and barges offshore. Two barges carrying 40 Japanese soldiers were reported sunk. Heavy fighting was in progress directly south of Buna along Buna creek.

Jap Casualties Heavy  
In the Gona area Australian troops closed in through the swamps and captured two more enemy positions near the mouth of a small river.

Mortar and machinegun fire was reported to have caused heavy casualties among the Japanese.

An allied communique reported that in mopping up pockets left behind in the advance from Gona along the coast more than 400 Japanese dead were counted.

## Salesmen to Get 8600 Miles a Year Under Ration Rule

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—An increase in the gasoline ration for salesmen working in essential occupations will go into effect January 1, the office of Senator Andrews (D-Fla.) said it had been advised today by OPA.

The travel ceiling, it was said, is to be fixed at 8600 miles a year or 65 per cent of last year's mileage, whichever is the least. The greater allowance will be authorized for persons selling food, clothing and shelter commodities, and articles considered essential to the public health and welfare.

War price and ration boards will be ready after January 1 to receive the salesmen's new applications. The A and B books now in salesmen's hands should provide ample mileage for the rest of this month, OPA said.

## Hard Fighting Ahead in Africa, Warns Churchill

BRADFORD, Eng., Dec. 5 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill predicted today that there would be "very hard fighting" before the allies in Tunisia could cross the final 20 miles to drive the enemy from Tunis and Bizerte.

The prime minister spoke to throngs which turned out to see him on a weekend inspection of this Yorkshire city, center of Britain's woolen industry.

He told them the struggle was approaching its tensest phase, but that no smooth road lies ahead and that "the hard core of Nazi resistance and villainy has not yet been broken in upon."

"We have to gather up all our strength and if, by any chance, unexpected good tidings come

## Krause Calls CD Mobilization For December 7

G. A. Krause, commander of the citizens defense corps here, has called a complete mobilization of personnel and equipment of civilian defense for Monday night, December 7, which he describes as "a date we must never forget."

Krause has sent a call to every civilian defense worker to report to his or her chief at 7:30 p. m. Monday.

"If you are absolutely unable to report, get in touch with your chief and advise him," said Krause in a statement to civilian defense workers.

Volunteer firemen will report to Fire Chief Keith Ambrose; auxiliary policemen, Harold Frane; medical service workers, George Meyers; sheriff's deputies, Sheriff Lloyd Low; public service enrollees, Jim Souther. (A copy of Krause's order to defense enrollees will be found on the editorial page.)

## US DIVE BOMBERS ATTACK JAP SHIPS

Results of Solomons Action Not Yet Known

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—The navy announced today that dive bombers and torpedo planes from Guadalcanal island had attacked a small enemy force of surface vessels in the Solomons islands but that results "are not known" here.

Navy communique No. 213: "South Pacific: (All dates are east longitude).

"1. On December 3rd an air striking group of dive bombers and torpedo planes from Guadalcanal attacked a small enemy force of light surface vessels about 150 miles northwest of Guadalcanal. Results of the attack are not known.

16 Japs Killed  
"2. On December 4, (A) A marine corps "raider" patrol on Guadalcanal killed 16 Japanese, captured a mortar, several machine guns and some ammunition in the region of the Upper Lunga river.

"(B) Another U. S. patrol killed five Japanese and destroyed a machine gun position in the area west of Point Cruz."

Supply Attempt Possible  
The location of the air attack on the enemy surface force was tentatively fixed, on the basis (Continued on Page Four)

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## ALLIES FIND GOING TOUGH IN TUNISIA

Violent Tank Battles Flame in Hills Near Tunis

By ROGER D. Greene

Associated Press War Editor  
Allied headquarters announced today that tank-led German infantry had failed to crack the allied ring around Bizerte in a third furious assault against American-British lines from Tebourba to Mateur and said the allies still held vital roads and communications in the northern coastal zone of Tunisia.

Countering a German assertion that axis troops had recaptured Tebourba, 20 miles west of Tunis, an allied headquarters spokesman declared:

Reports Conflict  
"We command the heights around Tebourba and neither the Germans nor our troops are in that town."

An allied headquarters communique, however, reported that "some enemy mechanized and infantry units had entered the town of Tebourba."

The spokesman said a series of violent tank battles was flaming in the hills facing the Tunis-Bizerte sector and reported that the Germans had lost 33 tanks since December 1.

Naples Bombed

The fall of Djedida, 12 miles northwest of Tunis, was acknowledged, but the allied spokesman said the occupation of one village or another in the shifting melee was of little importance.

Meanwhile, four-motored U. S. Liberator bombers, American-manned, boldly challenging the powerful axis air fleet based in Sicily, were credited today with hitting an Italian battleship and two cruisers in a smashing daylight raid on Naples, Italy.

Dispatches from Cairo said (Continued on Page Four)

## Danish Army to Be Disarmed, Stockholm Says

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP)—A Moscow dispatch to Reuters quoted Stockholm reports today as saying Gen. Hermann von Hanneken, commander of German troops in Denmark, had ordered that the Danish army be disarmed.

Another dispatch, broadcast by Moscow and credited to Tass, said the Aalborg garrison already had been stripped of its arms and that the Germans were seizing all Danish military equipment.

## 5000 Youths Expected to Sign Up in Oregon

SALEM, Dec. 5 (AP)—The December 11-31 registration of 18-year-olds under selective service will add between 4500 and 8000 names to the draft rolls in Oregon, Col. Elmer V. Wootton, state director, estimated today.

The registration is for youths who have reached their 18th birthdays since the last sign-up.

### 16 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT...

HOW ABOUT CANDY FOR AUNT ISOBEL?

### Buu Christmas Seals