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ROMMEL'S DESERT DRIVE HALTED

Reds Cut Rail Line

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HAROLD BOYLE, AP correspondent in Tunisia, cables today:

"The bloody battlefield, littered with broken vehicles marked with the cross of Germany as well as the star of America, testifies that the nazis HAD NO MARGIN IN COURAGE."

He adds:

"As one who watched for three straight days as American tankmen threw away their lives in a gamble to stem the onward advance of the German armored forces, I, for one, couldn't question the decision to withdraw."

READ his dispatch in this newspaper today. It will tell you, as plainly as words can, that in Africa, as in the Pacific, there's nothing wrong with our boys who are doing the fighting.

ROMMEL found a weak spot in our line. He hit it hard. He made gains—more than 60 miles in four days.

But, as nearly as we can learn from the dispatches and so far as we are able to judge from the map, he crossed no goal lines. That seems to be the situation today.

WATCH the fighting that follows. Note whether Rommel HOLDS at the Mareth line in the south or FALLS BACK on Tunis, joining his forces with Von Arnim's for a last-ditch fight for the strategically important narrow of the Mediterranean.

That will tell the story.

If he doesn't follow up his gains against the too-tightly-held American line, it will be a pretty sure sign that when he hit us he was merely fighting for time and elbow room.

IN a world war, the spotlight shifts from day to day. It shifted swiftly from Russia to Tunisia.

It is shifting now to CHINA.

MADAME CHIANG KAI SHEK appealed yesterday to congress for more allied (especially American) help for China before it is too late.

Today, continuing her appeal, she faces the reporters at President Roosevelt's press conference.

What transpired there can perhaps be best presented in condensed dramatic form. Somewhat as follows:

MME. CHIANG: Americans can help the Chinese best by sending more implements of war.

FDR: That is going to be done as quickly as the Lord will let us.

MME. CHIANG: The Lord helps those who help themselves.

THAT is to say, the situation (as Mme. Chiang sees it) is URGENT. Delay in getting help to the Chinese may be costly. The effort must be made, even in the face of great difficulties.

AS to the difficulties, let us revert again to the dramatic form:

FDR: Transportation is the key to getting assistance to the Chinese. Munitions can be sent directly ONLY BY AIR over the India route, and in addition to munitions the transport planes must carry gas enough to get them there and back.

THE situation, you see, really is tough. The natural guess is that an attempt will be made to meet it by a drive from India THROUGH BURMA. That, at (Continued on Page Two)

RAF Bombers Roar Back to Attack on Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP)—RAF bombers roared back to attack Wilhelmshaven, German naval base, last night and other allied aircraft attacked rail lines on the continent and shipping off the coast, the air ministry announced today.

Seven planes, including four bombers, were lost in the night's operations, the ministry said. The attack on Wilhelmshaven was heavy as the bombing run was made in good weather, it was said. The last previous attack on the naval base was February 11.

The German high command's broadcast communique declared that in the raid on Wilhelmshaven "the population, particularly in the surrounding localities, suffered losses." It claimed nine bombers shot down.

Railways and canal lines in France and Belgium were the continental targets.

Besides the four bombers lost, two fighters and one of the coastal command craft failed to return, the ministry acknowledged.

MME. CHIANG ASKS FOR MORE WEAPONS

FDR Promises Help When "Lord Will Let Us"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek said at the White House today that Americans could help the Chinese best by sending more implements of war and President Roosevelt declared this was going to be done as quickly as the Lord will let us.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt united in their press conferences for the first time and the First Lady of China and the chief executive both submitted to questioning.

At one point Mr. Roosevelt emphasized the intention of the United Nations to use China actively as a base for attacking Japan, while efforts continue to ship the Japanese lines in the Pacific Islands.

To a question as to how aid to the Chinese might be stepped up, Madame Chiang referred to the president's remark about as soon as the Lord will let us and said she would append the saying that the Lord helps those who help themselves.

Not Heckled The press conference turned to the question of the size of the American army and Mr. Roosevelt asserted that the goal was still 7,000,000 men in khaki by the end of 1943. He said that he (Continued on Page Two)

NAZI LIFELINE SEVERED NORTH OF AZOV PORT

Soviet Clamp Around Donets Basin Tightens

LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Russians announced the capture tonight of Oboyan, 35 miles south of Kursk on the highway to Belgorod, in a special communique broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded here by the Soviet Monitor.

The Russians announced the capture of the railway towns and stations of Lubotin and Nerepa in their offensive west and southwest of Kharkov.

In all three places, enemy garrisons were surrounded and either partly captured or wiped out, the communique said.

Oboyan is west of the Kursk-Belgorod-Kharkov railway but has a railway station to the east. The Russians said both the Kursk-Kharkov railway and highway had been cleared of the enemy.

By EDDIE GILMORE MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (AP)—The hard-hitting red army, smashing defenses in Orel province, has captured Zaleshich, only 30 miles east of Orel on the railway from Yelitsa, and several other unidentified towns have been taken by highly mobile soviet troops operating 10 miles behind the broken front line in this sector, the Russians announced today.

Taganrog's lifeline was severed northwest of Rostov with the red army's capture of Mat (Continued on Page Two)

Committee Okehs Court Clerk Bill; Salaries Go Up

SALEM, Feb. 19 (AP)—The senate judiciary committee today recommended passage of a bill by the Klamath county senate and house delegations to permit the Klamath county clerk, who is now appointed by the county clerk, to be elected by the voters on the bill tomorrow.

SALEM, Feb. 19 (AP)—Klamath county officers won their \$300 annual salary increases today when Governor Snell signed a bill introduced by the county's senate and house delegations.

SALEM, Feb. 19 (AP)—The senate passed and sent to the house Thursday a bill to permit potatoes below No. 1 grade to be sold in any kind of sacks, if the potatoes are used for dehydrating.

Bloody Battlefields of Tunisia Prove That Nazis Had No Margin of Courage

By HAROLD V. BOYLE WITH U. S. FORCES IN TUNISIA, Feb. 17 (AP) (Delayed)—Jerry threw his Sunday punch at us with men, guns and tanks and that, in part, is the story of the American retreat in Tunisia.

The bloody battlefields, littered with broken vehicles and marked with the cross of Germany as well as the star of America, testify that the nazis had no margin in courage.

Out into the long valley and into the hills they marched and rolled on wheels—thousands of American soldiers fighting mad because they had to march backward toward New York instead of forward toward Tunis and Sfax.

To the Germans it was a retreat. To the Americans it was a strategic withdrawal. But whatever name it's called, it had just one effect on the American



Six marines from the Mare Island naval hospital, in town as the guests of Klamath's Commandos, are here shown having breakfast Friday at the Pelican cafe with three of their pretty hostesses. All of these men were in at least three battles on Guadalcanal. Left to right, seated: Sgt. W. H. McDowell, Tulsa, Okla.; Lieut. Bonnie Aubrey of the Commandos; Sergeant L. H. Morgan, Harrisburg, Pa.; Sgt. Karlene Schubert of the Commandos. Standing: PFC T. J. Curry, Jamaica, L. I.; Corp. W. T. Morehead, Baltimore, Md.; Sec. Lieut. Mable Soderstrom of the Commandos; PFC R. J. Moriarty, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Corp. G. H. Haryan, Syracuse, N. Y.

JAP EXCLUSION RULING APPEALED

Three Cases Involving U. S.-Born Japanese Being Heard

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 (AP)—Military and civil government representatives jammed a small court room today and heard attorneys quote President Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln as part of an attack on the constitutionality of the exclusion of Japanese from Pacific coast areas.

Seven justices of the federal circuit court of appeals sat en banc at the unusual hearing to determine the legal rights of Japanese citizens of the United States.

History Reviewed A plea for the rights of citizenship for persons of Japanese ancestry was made along with the attack on the legality of the federal laws the proclamations of the western defense command.

Wayne Collins, one of the counsel representing the three (Continued on Page Two)

RAF Bombers Lash Netherlands Docks

LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP)—RAF Ventura bombers started large fires today on the docks at Den Helder, The Netherlands.

The air ministry announced that fighters went along with the bombers and that one fighter was missing from patrol.

Two three-year-olds wandered off, and one five-year-old, according to calls. All returned safely within a short time. One went home under his own power, one was brought to the police station and the third taken to the radio station.

Marines Land in Klamath Falls; Commandos Plan For Gala Celebration

The marines landed in Klamath Falls Friday morning, and a hospitable city, led by its inspired Commandos, was making it a great visit for them.

Six marines, all of them veterans of at least three battles on Guadalcanal, made the journey here by train from the Mare Island naval hospital.

They make up the first contingent of wounded men to be brought here by the Commandos for a change from hospital routine and an all-around good time. At the armory tomorrow night, a big dance is to be held by the Commandos to help finance this project, which they plan to carry on indefinitely.

The marines who arrived Friday were in the first wave of

City Police Have Their Own Gauge On the Weather

"It's always like this the first warm spring day," remarked a city police officer after receiving the third call on a missing child.

Police, mother's little helpers, don't need a groundhog to give them advice on the weather. First warm day of the season, three or four little fellows turn up missing for a couple of hours when spring fever hits, and hits hard.

Two three-year-olds wandered off, and one five-year-old, according to calls. All returned safely within a short time. One went home under his own power, one was brought to the police station and the third taken to the radio station.

Consider the Case Of Pvt. McGarr Of Klamath Falls

Consider the sad case of Pvt. F. E. McGarr. Enlisting in the army in April, 1942, from Klamath Falls after working for years at the Kesterson Lumber corporation, where he drove a lumber carrier, he spent 10 months in training at the Lincoln air base at Lincoln, Neb.

Then he traveled to Los Angeles where he waited more or less patiently for his convoy to put to sea. On leave one day he crossed a busy Los Angeles intersection, was struck by a car. Both legs were broken and he is now in the station hospital at Sawtelle, Calif., still waiting.

U.S. troops to go into the Solomon Islands under Major General A. A. Vandegrift

"A. A. is right," said one of them. "He should have 40 A's," indicating the feeling of his men for the general that led the first major offensive attack in the Pacific.

Members of the party, whose names are given in the picture on this page, were warm in their praise of the Commando efforts.

"It's the first showing of real American spirit we have seen since we came back," said one of them.

Two of the men will be guests in the home of Mrs. Rose Poole, two in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Weaver, and two in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Reed. They were guests at the Rotary club luncheon Friday noon.

Commandos will hold open house at their service center from 1 to 9 p. m. Saturday, and the dance at the armory will be from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. The floor show will be at 11.

ROAD TO BE FIXED

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 19 (AP)—Reconditioning of 10 miles of U. S. route No. 99, ten miles north of Redding in the vicinity of Sulphur Creek hill was approved by the state highway commission here today with the allocation of \$53,000.

"Safe and Well," Cables One of Wissenback Twins

The thrilling news that their son, Erwin Wissenback, is "safe and well" was received early Friday morning by Mr. and Mrs. James Wissenback of Shady Pine, first word they have had from the 22-year-old youth since he was reported missing in a bomber raid over Lille, France, October 9.

A cable from somewhere in Europe reached the parents who had been grief-stricken since their twin sons, Erwin, and then Darwin, were reported down following raids last year. Both served as technical sergeants in the U. S. army air corps in England.

Just where Erwin is at this time remains a mystery. Friends speculated that the young flyer might have escaped from France and reached American troops or that he might have made his way to some neutral country. The cable did not throw any light on the question. It was signed by Erwin and he told

DEATH TOLL IN CRASH-FIRE 29

Bodies of Plant Employees Taken From Debris

SEATTLE, Feb. 19 (AP)—A city fireman died of gas fumes early today fighting a second blaze in a large packinghouse, struck by a big army four-motored bomber yesterday noon, raising to 29 the toll of dead and missing in the Pacific northwest's worst air accident.

The fireman was Luther D. Bonner, who was caught in escaping refrigeration gas and smoke and was unable to reach an exit. His name was added to a death list which included Edmund T. Allen, famed test pilot, and 10 other highly trained Boeing engineering personnel.

10 Identified As firemen and workmen dug through the debris of fallen brick walls and great twisted timbers in attempts to recover more bodies, Fire Chief William Fitzgerald said several days might pass before the fire was completely out and all bodies recovered.

By early afternoon today, 10 bodies of plant employees had been taken from the ruins and seven of them were identified. They were: August Hoba, a de (Continued on Page Two)

Folkes Indicted; Arraignment Set For Next Week

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 19 (AP)—Linn county District Attorney Harlow Weirick plans to arraign Robert E. Lee Folkes, Los Angeles dining car cook, next week on an indictment charging him with first degree murder in the "lower 13" slaying of Mrs. Richard F. James.

The county grand jury yesterday returned an indictment against Folkes in the knifing aboard a limited train last January 23 of the prominent Virginia girl, four-month bride of a navy ensign.

Arraignment will be before Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling. Weirick said today he would ask for a trial date in March.

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YANK TANKMEN ADJUST LINES IN HIGH HILLS

8th Army Takes Key Point on Mareth Line Flank

By DANIEL DE LUCE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 19 (AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel's sledgehammer drive through central Tunisia has come to at least a temporary halt near the Algerian frontier, an allied communique indicated today, but to the north allied lines were being readjusted to meet the new situation.

French troops have been withdrawn from Pichon, about 40 miles north of the Faid Pass area where Marshal started his drive Sunday, it was announced.

Lines Stabilized This indicated that the allied lines to the north were being readjusted to stronger defensive positions to face the threat to their right flank.

American armored forces finally had stabilized their lines in the high mountains of the Tunisian-Algerian border area, however, and Rommel's drive tapered off to mere skirmishing in the Feriana sector 150 miles southwest of Tunis.

"Little activity was reported" in this sector, the allied communique said.

Lull Seen After a furious four days of battle in which Rommel punched a hole more than 60 miles deep in allied lines, it appeared that his drive had run down.

Because of the push of the British eighth army of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery in the south, many observers assumed that the axis marshal might temporarily suspend further (Continued on Page Two)

Grandpa Martin Got Results When He Wrote the Queen

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 19 (AP)—The ambassador in London and all the federal cabinet officers at home couldn't help Grandpa Joseph E. Martin, 77, find out what had happened to Grandson L. W. James Jr., in England.

Grandpa figured it was time to take direct action. He took a tighter grip on his pen, and wrote and asked the queen.

Back came a letter on Buckingham palace stationery: "The lady-in-waiting is commanded by the queen to let Mr. J. E. Martin know that Mr. Luther James (with RAF ground forces) is well and safe," it said. James' London address was listed, and the queen conveyed her hope that letters would get through in the future. She sent good wishes to Mrs. Martin, too. (Continued on Page Two)