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ROMMEL BLASTED ON TWO FRONTS

Nazi Defense Stiffens

SMASHING AIR BLOWS HAMMER JAP SHIPPING

MacArthur Land Unit
Strikes in New
Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS
IN AUSTRALIA, Feb. 25 (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur's bomber and fighter planes dealt heavy punishment to Japanese shipping in the New Britain area and delivered smashing blows at enemy land forces in New Guinea yesterday, an announcement from allied headquarters said today.

Coupled with dispatches from the front, the bulletin painted this picture of results achieved by the allied air:

Bomber Ringed
American Flying Fortresses forced a Japanese warship to run aground off Cape Gazelle in New Britain.

A four-motor Liberator on a reconnaissance mission found itself ringed by 13 Japanese Zeros near Open Bay on the west coast of New Britain, but fought its way out of the hole, shot down four Zeros in flames and returned to base safely.

Another Liberator, intercepted by three Japanese fighters in the same area, shot down one after attacking a small enemy vessel.

Shipping Attacked
Heavy bombers roared back over Rabaul harbor before dawn and scored a direct hit "from an extremely low altitude" on a 10,000-ton cargo vessel, and near hits on two small enemy warships.

Enemy shipping also was attacked (Continued on Page Two)

Matches Will Be Shorter, But There'll Be Plenty

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Matches will be shorter, but Americans won't be short of matches, the war production board reported today.

A new WPB order requires the reduction in the length of matches by 1/16 to one-quarter of an inch and elimination of frills on matchbooks. The order also limits the length and width of wire stitching on matchbooks and reduces the striking surface.

WLB conceded all this might sound trivial, but said it means nearly 7,000,000 board feet of lumber would be saved in 1943.

Bill Would Defer All Fathers Married Before Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—A bill to exempt all fathers married prior to Pearl Harbor from induction into the armed forces was introduced today by Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.).

The blanket exemption would cover all fathers of children under 18 who are living with their families.

"I'm not seeking to interfere with the armed forces," Wheeler said, "but I submit to the common sense of the senate and to the nation that if a single man is physically fit and between the ages of 38 and 45, he should be taken before breaking up the homes of America by taking married men."

Help Put Klamath Over the Hump

February Quota—\$225,000.
Raised Now—\$125,000.
Still To Go—\$100,000.
Days Left—Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
(Only "E" bonds count in quota.)

Bagged Jap Sub



Capt. Jack Edgerton, of San Francisco, master of a U. S. merchant ship in the Pacific, did right by himself, his ship and country when his vessel shelled and sank a Jap submarine which had torpedoed them. Official U. S. navy photo.

"WALKOUT" SHUTS DOWN BOEING PLANT

Workers Attend Mass
Meeting on Wage
Protest

SEATTLE, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Boeing Aircraft company announced today that it had to shut down its Seattle and Renton plants when "more than 97 per cent" of its day shift workers "walked out" to attend a mass meeting to protest what unionists termed a war labor board delay on a wage increase request.

At the brief mass meeting, a resolution was adopted setting next Sunday midnight as the deadline for the WLB to grant the wage increases. Otherwise the workers resolved to hold "a 24-hour meeting," and if the raise is not forthcoming by Monday midnight, they would call upon Consolidated Aircraft workers at San Diego, Calif., to hold a similar 24-hour meeting.

March
If still ungranted by Tuesday midnight, aircraft workers at Burbank, Calif., would be asked for a similar demonstration.

If the raise still was not forthcoming, the unionists would call for a general 24-hour meeting of all aircraft workers in the United States.

After today's meeting adjourned, the thousands of men and women began a march through the central business district seeking an audience at the county-city building with Mayor William F. Devin.

Benefit Payments Voted In Farm Price Ceilings

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—With the support of administration leaders, the senate passed 78 to 2 today, legislation nullifying that portion of President Roosevelt's stabilization order which requires deduction of government benefit payments in establishing farm price ceilings.

Only Senators Gerry (D-R. I.) and Preen (D-R. I.) opposed the measure on the final vote.

The measure, which would affect price controls on major farm crops, now goes to the house. Senate approval came after less than two hours debate.

With the indications pointing to an administration compromise, Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky supported the bill with what he said was "some trepidation" and the hope that its passage would not raise farm prices on the point where such action would contribute to "run-away inflation."

The majority leader defended

AIR ACTIVITY QUICKENS; REDS CONTINUE GAIN

Dogfights Develop as
Weather Clears On
Soviet Front

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (AP)—Soviet troops are sweeping ahead along the entire front in the face of increasing enemy counterattacks and despite deep snows in Orel and Kursk provinces and thick, sticky mud in the Ukraine and the northern Caucasus, field dispatches said today.

The weather had lifted sufficiently, however, to permit the aviation of both sides to increase activity in the southern districts. It was clear enough to allow accurate bombing and numerous aerial dogfights developed.

Red Planes Downed
The German air force was reported throwing its planes into the support of tank and infantry counterattacks west of Rostov, actions which the Russians said they were repelling with heavy loss to the enemy.

(The Berlin radio declared today that available reports indicated 58 Russian planes were shot down in air duels Wednesday and that anti-aircraft guns brought down three more. Four German planes failed to return from their missions, the broadcast reported.)

The most spectacular land fighting was reported in the area west of Kharkov where the offensive is aimed in a wide sweep bearing on the entire industrial Dnieper river valley, with Poltava and Konotop as the gateways and Kiev, Kremenchuk, (Continued on Page Two)

Klamathites Warned to Sign Now for Book 2

Klamath folks who fail to register for War Ration book 2 by 8 o'clock Saturday night at one of the designated schoolhouses in the county, will not have the opportunity to register until March 10.

This was the statement issued by Don R. Drury, chairman of the board.

Ration points are open from 2 to 8 p. m. daily this week, deadline is Saturday at 8 p. m.

Klamath Union high school is able to carry a greater load of registrants than have heretofore applied, Supt. Arnold L. Gralapp stated Thursday. Those wishing to register will find the high school workers capable of handling more than in the past. Rooms are open until 8 p. m.

Five Believed Dead After Navy Bomber Burns

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 25 (AP)—Five men were reported killed and six rescued today after a navy PB4Y Catalina bomber burst into flames and burned for several minutes before submerging into San Diego bay.

The casualties were announced by the coroner's office. The navy said there were some casualties, but the names of the dead would not be released until the next of kin had been notified.

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Leatherneck Who Killed 200 Japs Gets Navy Cross

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25 (AP)—Marine Private Albert A. Schmid, credited with killing 200 Japanese in repelling a night attack on Guadalcanal last August 21, was decorated with the Navy Cross today for "extraordinary heroism."

In a brief ceremony at the navy yard, Colonel A. E. Randall, commanding officer of the marine barracks, pinned the medal on the 23-year-old Philadelphia after a guard of 100 (Continued on Page Two)

HOUSE WADES INTO TAX REDUCTIONS

Revenue Committee
Turns in Divided
Report

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.
SALEM, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Oregon house of representatives waded into the legislature's major issue today when it opened debate on proposals to reduce state income taxes, the fight being centered on whether reductions should apply to payments made this year and how much the taxes should be reduced.

There was no indication when the house would reach a vote, since some members want to vote tomorrow and others want to get rid of the proposition today.

Divided Report
The matter came to the house on a divided report of the house taxation and revenue committee.

Seven members want an average 11.62 per cent reduction to begin with payments made next year.

The other two committees want a 25 per cent blanket reduction to apply this year, and a permanent 20.81 per cent cut to begin next year.

Not Feasible
Chairman Giles French, More, of the committee told the house that "not a single person has appeared before the committee and demanded taxes be reduced."

French said it would not be feasible for the tax commission to have to make refunds this year, as is provided by the minority report for all taxes that will have been paid before June, when any income tax reduction would become law.

No Statement
Rep. John Hall, Portland, one of the two signers of the minority report, said the tax commission (Continued on Page Two)

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Mrs. Sullivan Sends One to Avenge Sons



Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan, above, of Waterloo, Ia., sends another ship on its way as she christens the U. S. navy tug Tawasa at the Portland, Ore., Commercial Iron company. Mrs. Sullivan lost her five sons when their ship, the cruiser Juneau, was sunk in the Solomon island area.

British War Minister Hints Invasion Plans; 2nd Front Clamor Grows

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AP)—War Minister Sir James Grigg told the house of commons today he trusted that impatient Canadian soldiers here "will not have to wait much longer for a mass attack against the enemy."

His comment came as he introduced a new army appropriation bill.

He said that he had noted that the Canadians had been linked by the delay in "engaging themselves in bulk against the enemy."

These remarks were preceded by a forecast that new fields of endeavor would open for British parachute troops, who participated on a large scale in the North African operations.

Grigg also declared the British were ready to apply to "other possible theatres of operations" the lessons of close army air support and cooperation learned in the middle east—a cooperation which he described as the most successful of the war.

Grigg's hints of forthcoming new ventures for allied arms coincided with fresh manifestations of impatience at the delay in opening a second front in Europe, highlighted by a demand of Lord Beaverbrook in the house of lords for attacks upon the continent now from both Britain and Africa.

The war minister touched both upon hazards of invasion and army reforms intended to hasten the day and strengthen the striking forces for attack.

"When the army goes abroad," he said, "the enemy can be expected to sabotage and burn normal civilian installations such as railways and telegraph lines and the army will have to build its own," he said.

He reported that 100,000 men were transferred to "more active work" in the British army in 1942.

He disclosed that the invasion of French North Africa—launched jointly from Britain and the United States, required the movement in three weeks of 185,000 men, 20,000 vehicles and 220,000 tons of supplies from British camps to embarkation ports.

It took 440 special troop trains, 680 special freight trains (Continued on Page Two)

Chinese Fight Off Four Jap Offensives

CHUNGKING, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Japanese are pressing their local offensives in at least four theatres in the Yangtze valley and in the far southwest but most of these have been held or turned back, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

Its communique told of a Japanese attempt to cross the Yangtze in central Hupeh province which was turned into a costly failure by Chinese artillery fire and air bombing. Other Japanese attacks elsewhere in central Hupeh were noted but results were not announced.

In western Hupeh a Japanese attempt to advance from Tangyang, northeast of Ichang, was said to have been defeated.

The communique asserted that a Japanese column had been routed northwest of Kaoan, in northern Kiangsi, also in the Yangtze valley.

In Yunnan province, near the southwestern border, a Japanese attempt to advance northward west of the Salween river was hurled back, the communique said.

Arraignment Postponed in Lower 13 Case

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 25 (AP)—Absence of the district attorney from his office, abrupt postponement of an arraignment, plus an attack of measles for the defense attorney, today whipped up new interest in Oregon's "lower 13 murder case."

Last night District Attorney Harlow Weinrick of Linn county, Ore., obtained—via long distance telephone—a delay in the arraignment of Robert E. Lee Folkes, 20, dining car cook, who has been indicted on a first degree murder charge.

Folkes, a Los Angeles negro, is accused of slashing to death Mrs. Martha Virginia James, 21, bride of a navy ensign, as she lay in her berth, lower 13 of car D, aboard a limited train speeding through Linn county, Ore., (Continued on Page Two)

10TH AIR FORCE SCORES ON JAPS

Wavell Raiders Attack
Jap-Occupied Town
In Burma

By PRESTON GROVER
NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (AP)—U. S. fighter planes of the 10th air force, rising to challenge 30 Japanese bombers and fighters which thrust across the Burmese mountains against Assam air fields, shot down six, probably destroyed 12 and damaged others today.

None of the American planes was even damaged and the few bombs which fell exploded harmlessly, a United States headquarters communique said.

Raiders Attack
The action was one of a series of air and ground operations cutting into Japanese strength in Burma. The raid was the second directed against one major airport in three days, the first also having failed to cause material damage.

Raiders from Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's ground forces attacked a small Japanese-occupied village 60 miles southeast of Akyab three nights ago and destroyed all installations of value to the enemy, a British communique said.

British Sailed
U. S. fighters, doubling as light bombers, were reported in the United States communique to have knocked down spans of two bridges of value to the Japanese, the 200-foot railroad bridge 20 (Continued on Page Two)

War Bulletin

By The Associated Press
The Berlin radio said Thursday night that German and Italian troops in middle Tunisia were "breaking contact with the enemy" and being withdrawn to positions favorable both for defense and attack.

The comment by the transoceanic military correspondent, Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, was recorded in New York by The Associated Press.

Mark VI's Are Bush-League Stuff, Scoff Brooklynites

By HAROLD V. BOYLE
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY AT "NEW BROOKLYN," Tunisia, Feb. 23 (Delayed) (AP)—"Them Mark-Six tanks are bush-league stuff—we're waiting for those krauts to trot out some Mark-Sevens and Eights."

Such are the sentiments of five embattled Brooklynites who are helping to hold Mount Hamra station against axis forces trying to drive their way across the plains from Kasserine pass.

From their conversation, it appeared the Brooklyn lads were less afraid of the Germans' new 60-ton tanks than that they might let down the old home borough in some way.

"After we kick them out of this pass we are going to ask Lippy Durocher for a pass—for making Brooklyn safe for the 1943 world series," put in Sergeant James Horne, Jr., 21.

Asked if they didn't feel a bit lost in these wide-open plains and rugged mountains after living in crowded Brooklyn, Borne demanded belligerently:

"What do you mean 'crowded'? Brooklyn has everything. This place looks exactly like Prospect park—except Prospect park has trees. You could build a fence around it and you couldn't tell it from Ebbets field except for that slope around first base."

"Anyway, we've already named it 'New Brooklyn.' You could drop this whole valley, mountains and all, in our Brooklyn and it wouldn't make a splash. It isn't much further from Brooklyn bridge than Canarsie."

ALLIED TROOPS SHAKE ROMMEL GRIP ON GAP

Eighth Menaces Nazis
From Mareth Line
In South

By DANIEL DE LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 25 (AP)—Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, British commander of allied ground forces, today swung his American, French and British troops into a fierce counter-offensive in central Tunisia where they were shaking loose the last grip of Marshal Erwin Rommel's crippled columns on strategic Kasserine pass and menacing two other strong points at Sbeitla and Ousseltia to the northeast.

Combining a three-pronged attack in the north with armored car advances by the British eighth army into the outpost area of the Mareth line in the south, Alexander had the enemy in trouble on two fronts.

Italians Left
As British and American troops swarmed into the Kasserine pass near the Algerian border for mopping up operations, the strong American and Royal Air Force spread their assault deep into the enemy's rear, blasting airfields, roads, railways, and strutting troops, vehicles and gunposts.

As Rommel retreated he again was leaving Italian infantry behind as a rearguard, as he did in Egypt, and hundreds of crack Italian infantry and mountain troops were taken prisoner.

One Mile Held
A competent source said an axis salient of about eight miles had been wiped out overnight. (This apparently meant that the Germans were holding only about one mile of Kasserine gap at its eastern end. The pass is about six miles long and yesterday the Germans were reported making a stand about three miles outside the western end.)

Unable to bring up sufficient reinforcements because of a bristling barrage of bombs and machine-gun fire from the air, the axis chieftain appeared unable to hold the vital Kasserine pass, 130 miles southwest of Tunis, which he had used to strike northward at the allied communication system.

Sbeitla Threatened
At last reports there was fighting in the pass itself.

No axis troops are left on the west side of the pass, a competent source said, and he added that overnight an axis salient approximately eight miles long had been wiped out.

Brown Outlines Fluid Policy for OPA Regulations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown outlined today a policy of changing OPA regulations "for the benefit of the public" as rapidly as circumstances permit.

In this connection, he cited two recent OPA actions. One provides C gasoline rations for those who cannot get to their jobs on B rations. The other removes restrictions on tire recapping with reclaimed rubber for passenger cars and light trucks.

"War is going to be tough enough on civilians without adding any unnecessary burden," Brown said in a statement. "I have instructed the staff of OPA to keep alert to changing conditions and to relax any rationing rules without delay when ever it becomes possible to do so."

Ration Sign-Up

Persons whose last names begin with N, O, P, Q, R, and S should sign up for food rationing at city and county schoolhouses Thursday.

On Friday, those with initials T to Z should sign up. Saturday is the clean-up day for all those unable to appear prior to that time.

Rationing hours are from 2 to 8 p. m.