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News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 — Commentators, particularly on the radio, have adopted the habit of attributing our surprise set-back in Tunisia to "green troops."

There was nothing wrong with those troops. They were no greener in battle than their generals. Every report agrees they fought well.

There were just too few of them at the particular point in the line where the surprise attack was made.

Troops just as green did all right on Guadalcanal, in New Guinea, and at Midway. Furthermore, their Nazi adversaries this time were supposed to be exhausted and demoralized after a 1500 mile retreat.

The official military viewpoint here does not attempt to place the responsibility in such a remote quarter. What happened on that front is explained here like this:

Our heavy forces were concentrated at the northern end of the line for a promised attack upon the Germans. The southern passes which we had recently taken over from the French, were lightly held.

The crafty Nazis concentrated there a local superiority of planes and two armored divisions for a typical German thrust. They had good roads leading back to coastal bases, whereas our much longer communications rambled circuitously back through the hills. They could and did throw power in faster than we could.

Ready to Spring AN EXTRAORDINARY phlegmatic attitude toward the set-back has been noticeable, not only in Berlin, but in Algiers and Washington as well.

Our official confidence is no doubt due to our superiority in planes, tanks, and men, from the northern tip to the southern, as a whole. Churchill said allied forces on both sides of the front (including the British eighth army) numbered 500,000 against 250,000 Germans.

You may have noticed our command did not rush superior reinforcements into the breach, but kept its troops placed largely where they were in preparation for our promised attack. From this, you would judge, our attack is still organized and ready to spring, despite the German diversion effort.

Berlin's failure to propagandize the success may be attributed to the fact that this is a small story in Berlin, compared to what is happening on the Russian front. It is our first land engagement in the eastern theatre of

war and big to us but the number of troops involved is a handful by comparison with other wars Hitler is fighting.

It may prove true that Rommel has attempted more than a local diversion thrust and is bent on annihilation of our forces in all Tunisia, before he turns to meet the British on the Mareth line. He has possibly a week or more left in which to try this. The British have just arrived at the line and are several weeks away from us by any yardstick.

Such a desperate, unorthodox strategy could logically be expected of a trapped and crafty Nazi general. Also, Hitler might well attempt a simultaneous march down through Spain to Gibraltar where he could cut our best sea line of supplies. Certain little unmentionable developments within Spain might possibly be interpreted in furtherance of this belief.

Unorthodox Battle BUT no one here has been able to read such ominous interpretations into the troop movements they are able to see. Hitler practically denuded the Russian front of planes for this campaign, but no report suggests he has withdrawn any substantial number of fighting men or quantity of other material.

If he has no more than 250,000 men in North Africa, he certainly has not switched his war emphasis from the Russian front.

Less than 150 Nazi tanks appeared in the whole first week of the southern Tunisia operations.

The whole series of North African battles has been unorthodox. Nothing exactly like them can be found anywhere in history.

Our line actually hung in the air on its southern extremity for several months in such a way as to make many amateur military observers (including this columnist) jittery in expectation of just such an attack.

It seemed unwarranted to expect Rommel to wait to be overwhelmed. On January 21, this column, dated the previous day, said: "Some amateur strategists think Rommel may cut straight west through Tunisia and attempt to fall on our flank and rear."

Military men said our line had an anchor. If so, it was an invisible one resting on topography, because Nazis were beyond our flank. Apparently, military men just trusted that Rommel's army was too weak after its long flight to turn on us, or for other reasons did not reinforce the southern passes.

There was a famous occasion when Stonewall Jackson defeated two armies by keeping them apart and attacking one at a time, early in the Civil war, but he had not retreated 1500 miles.

Sound interpretations, as well as the placings of responsibility, must, however, await imminent developments.

Oregon State unit and Western Lane Forest Protective association. The organizations to benefit are the Oregon state forestry department, the Clackamas-Marion Counties Forest Protective association, the Coos County Forest Protective association, the Douglas County Forest Protective association, the Eastern Lane County Forest Protective association, the Linn County Forest Protective association, the Klamath Forest Protective association, the Polk County Forest Protective association, the Southwest

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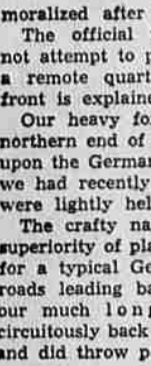
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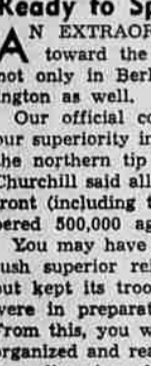
Britain's Gen. Bernard Law Montgomery, Ulster-born officer of action, has succeeded where three generals before him failed in reaching Tripoli and driving the last Axis soldier from Libya. This 55-year-old empire buster is a tough drill master, a rigid disciplinarian. He is brusque, even rude; he countenances no interruptions in conference. Like the Rommel he outfoxed with the aid of allied planes and warships, he likes to ride a fast tank or squat in a front-line trench. In saving Egypt, his offensive tactics were to have infantry gouge out holes, with tanks, crashing through behind. Thus ended the Axis march on Egypt.



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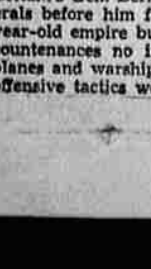
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SIDE GLANCES



"Oh, I'm not buying a new hat, my dear—but it's so soothing to drop in and try a few on when I get upset!"

Army Plane Crashes in Mexico After 2000-Mile Trip With No One Aboard

By WILLIAM F. FRYE WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—This is the story of an army plane that flew 2000 miles with no one aboard.

Dubbed a Flying Dutchman of the skies today by astounded airmen, the reversed course and flew by herself to crash in Mexico after her crew and passengers bailed out because tail flutter vibrations threatened to tear the ship apart in the air over Florida waters.

Two men are missing—Second Lt. Bernard A. Brannon of Chattanooga, Tenn., the assistant navigator, and Private Stanley Gutowski of Bayonne, N. J., the radio operator.

But to start at the beginning: The four-engine C-87, cargo version of the consolidated Liberator bomber, took off the night of February 9 from southern Florida on a routine flight to South America. Aboard were the crew of six, two passengers, and considerable cargo.

The plane was 80 miles out when the passengers, Second Lt. C. K. Knutson of Des Moines, Iowa, and A. E. Lloyd of San Diego, notified the pilot that a bad flutter had developed in the tail.

Losing altitude rapidly, the plane dropped from 9000 to 5,300 feet, while the crew and passengers jettisoned the cargo in an attempt to stop the vibrations.

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WAR DEPLETES MERRILL HIGH SENIOR CLASS

MERRILL — War has made deep inroads in the senior class of the high school with only eight of the original 14 prospective graduates still in the classrooms. Two members of the class are in the service and a third leaves next month. Defense work called one of the girl students and still another is employed most of the day in Merrill, taking only one or two periods of study.

School officials, faced with one of the smallest graduating classes in recent years, plan to carry on as nearly as possible the normal end-of-the-year activities for the graduating class.

Annual Planned Graduating exercises are scheduled for Thursday evening, May 13, with the end of the school year to be the day following. A speaker is planned for and the usual round of pre-graduation social affairs will probably be scheduled.

The school, for the first time in three years, is preparing an individual annual to be financed through the sale of the volume and some Merrill advertising. In recent years, a more pretentious book was published jointly by high schools of Henley, Merrill and Malin, known as Mehemah. Due to the war no county-wide campaign for advertising was attempted this year and the joint plan was discarded.

To Get Diplomas The Master Engravers of Portland will lithograph the volume. Charles Snapp is editor-in-chief. Leo Icenbice is assistant editor and business manager. Earl Taber is in charge of snapshots and Lloyd Lewis is sports editor.

Present members of the class who will receive diplomas are Charles Snapp, Leo Icenbice, Earl Taber, George Chinn, Harold Rieck, Lloyd Lewis, Willa Wineberger and Mary Denney.

In Service Darrell Duran, enrolled the first of the year, is training with the marine corps at San Diego; Donald Harris has joined the navy and is stationed at Camp Faragut, Ida; Warren Walker, who finished in mid-year, expects to leave next month for some branch of the service, and Josephine Redfield left early in the first term.

Ollie Belle Layman completed her work for a diploma and left a few weeks ago for a defense plant in southern California. Wilma Graham was a bride of last summer and is now Mrs. Lester Huntwork. Mary Denney is employed part-time at the Crater Lake dairy store.

Lincoln Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brady returned Monday from Ashland, where they have been visiting with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Monroe were visiting in Ashland Monday with a daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Converse and family were shopping in Ashland Saturday.

Carol Converse has been unable to work this last week because of a dislocated hip.

Mrs. Gertson and Mrs. Converse were in Medford one day this week getting their instructions on the canned goods rationing.

The G and S club met at Mrs. Evelyn Taylor's home Wednesday afternoon.

J. C. McBride was visiting his mother, Mrs. I. M. McBride, Saturday.

Robert Rowton left for Prospect Saturday with J. C. McBride to seek employment there.

The branch of automotive research which produced car heaters for American motorists made a major contribution to the mechanisms which enable airplanes to take off in tropic temperatures and climb quickly into the sub-zero temperature of the sub-stratosphere.

To prevent misplacing wheel nuts when removing a tire simply use a holder made of a magnet fitted with a wire hook to hang on the car bumper.

BACKACHE, LEG PAINS MAY BE DANGER SIGN Of Tired Kidneys

If backache and leg pains are making you miserable, don't just complain and do nothing about them. Nature may be warning you that your kidneys need attention.

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Legion District Meeting To Be Held in Tulelake

TULELAKE — Tulelake has been designated as the location for the next district meeting of the American Legion and auxiliaries to be held May 16. The report on the decision was made Tuesday night at an auxiliary meeting by Mrs. Helen Thomas, auxiliary president.

Legionnaires and the auxiliary met following a potluck supper in the Legion hall.

Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Edith Gresham and Mrs. Florence Dunlap attended the district meeting held February 21 at Weed with Commander Howard Dayton, Loeth Dunlap and Eddie Gresham present for the Legion meeting.

The auxiliary will receive a gift from Mrs. Lydia Sisson, district president, in recognition for completing the 1943 membership quota before January 1. Membership, largest in the history of the local unit, totals 94.

The annual birthday dinner for the Legion is planned for March 9 and the auxiliary voted to sponsor a plant sale in the spring since the Tulelake Garden club, usual sponsor of the sale in this area, has disbanded for the duration.

Following the dinner the guests were entertained by a representative of the Standard Oil company who showed three motion picture reels, "Women in Defense," a news reel and a film on pre-war Japan, depicting reasons for the present war.

Olene Wilson Tipton departed Friday evening for Camp Lewis, where he will be inducted into the service.

Mrs. George Stevenson, who has been quite ill for over a week, is now showing improvement. Mrs. Stevenson is in the Klamath Valley hospital. Her many friends in this community are happy to hear that she is better.

Mrs. Berkeley DeVaul, a sister of Mrs. Stevenson's from Salem, has been staying at the Stevenson home. On Tuesday Mrs. DeVaul accompanied their father, "Cap" Calkins, to Ashland where he will remain for some time. It is hoped the few months in the valley will prove beneficial to his health.

Mrs. O. L. Brown and Mrs. Henry Grimes returned Tuesday morning from Portland, where they spent the weekend visiting their sons and families. Mr. and Mrs. Basil Brown and son Barton are expected to return to their ranch home in Olene the latter part of March.

Mrs. Jimmy Barnes and little son returned Tuesday morning to Quartz mountain after four days spent at the Marion Barnes home. Cadet Jimmy Barnes, accompanied by Cadet Buck Johnston, were also Sunday dinner guests with the Barnes family. They returned in the evening to CPT barracks on Summers lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall and children were business visitors in Klamath Falls Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Nicol of Adel, Oregon are spending a fortnight visiting at the Guy Barton and William Kitteridge homes. Mrs. Nicol and Mrs. Barton are sisters.

John Fisher, son of Mrs. Leona Fisher, entered the navy from Portland last week.

Tough on Managers EAST LANSING—Michigan State's swimming team has lost no fewer than four student managers this season on the scholastic eligibility count.

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DANCE Saturday Night Feb. 27th ARMORY Music by Baldy's Band Reg. Admission Dancing 9 to 1

EXTRA! EXTRA! GOOD NEWS! GRO-PUP NOW IN MEAL FORM

Kellogg's GRO-PUP DOG FOOD. Now you can buy KELLOGG'S GRO-PUP in the new MEAL form, too. Made from the famous formula that has made ribbon form GRO-PUP so popular. GRO-PUP contains every mineral and vitamin dogs and puppies need. Two boxes, meal form, fed as directed, is all you need by to feed the average-size dog one week.