

AFRICAN AIR FORCES HIT ROMMEL TANKS

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struck once, then again and again at British defenses near Tanera, seven miles west of Sedjenane in the north, but each time the enemy was driven back with considerable losses, field accounts said.

Military observers agreed that Von Arnim's only object in pressing the attacks was to keep the first army occupied.

Western desert air forces started the pounding of the Mareth line with a raid by RAF bombers while the series of axis attacks in both southern and northern Tunisia came to a halt without any significant gain.

At the same time United States bombers and fighters struck again at axis sea lanes and the allies reported the destruction of 12 more axis planes. Seven allied aircraft were listed as missing.

There was no late report by noon today of Rommel's attack in the Ksar Rhilane zone 40 miles southwest of the Mareth line, but authorities said it was a small-scale action carried out by 30 armored cars and was believed to be making little progress. They regarded it as a defensive measure against long-range raids.

Escorted by Spitfires and Kittyhawks, the Bostonians started the aerial onslaught against the Mareth line with a raid at the northeast end. Observers said fires broke out.

B-26 Marauders with P-38 Lightning escorts caught a convoy of axis motor barges in the Sicilian strait, blew up one and damaged two others and shot down two escorting Junkers 88s and a Messerschmitt 110, it was announced.

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Potatoes

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12 (AP-USDA)—Potatoes: 1 California, 3 Idaho, 1 Utah, 1 Florida arrived, 5 unbroken, 5 broken cars on track; market firm; Idaho Russets No. 1 extras \$3.34; Klamath Russets combination grades \$3.00.

LOS ANGELES, March 12 (AP-USDA)—Potatoes: 1 Colorado, 17 Idaho, 2 Utah arrived, 25 unbroken, 2 broken cars on track; two cars arrived by truck; market steady; no sales reported.

CHICAGO, March 12 (AP-USDA)—Potatoes, arrivals 50; on track 79; total U. S. shipments 1111; old stock, supplies very light; track trading very light account of lack of carlot offerings; market conditions unchanged; new stock, supplies very light; demand moderate; market slightly stronger; Wisconsin Bliss Triumphs, seed stock, \$3.50; Nebraska Bliss Triumphs, U. S. No. 1, seed stock, \$3.50; Minnesota Cobblers, commercials, seed stock, \$3.30; Colorado Red McClures, U. S. No. 1, \$3.90; Florida Bliss Triumphs, U. S. No. 1, \$2.90-3.00 per bushel crate.

RUSSIANS CUT ENEMY OUT OF KEY RAIL CITY

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driving soviet offensive was advancing upon Smolensk from the east as well as the northeast.

Smashing through Bely, the Russians already were within the 80 miles of Smolensk to the northeast, and their advance was made up of mobile units adept at cutting into the enemy at night and encircling his positions.

To the south, however, the Russians were engaged in beating off furious German attacks, supported by massive tank units, against Kharkov, the "Pittsburgh" of the Ukraine. The nazis appeared to have thrown into gear an offensive on the scale of that which was hurled at Stalingrad last summer, and the situation seemed as grave as that which existed at Stalingrad when the heroic defense reached its climax.

Although the Germans had a large superiority of numbers and were employing them on a narrow front, the Russians reported that their lines were strong and unbroken despite the terrific hammering they were receiving west and southwest of the city.

(A German communique said there was fighting in the streets of Kharkov. The war bulletin was broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by The Associated Press.)

Although dispatches from that front said the Russians were bleeding the enemy white as he plunged for the prize and had plugged some gaps in the soviet lines, official communique admitted that the defending forces were outnumbered by German reserves thrown into the battle which now had veered to the west of the city.

The Germans, a communique said, were "trying at all costs to break through to the city."

The soviet mid-day communique said "strong enemy tank and infantry forces stormed our positions," west of Kharkov. "At the cost of heavy losses in material and manpower, the enemy succeeded in pressing back our units." To the south of the city, however, it was claimed that a German thrust had been thrown back with the loss of nine tanks.

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MEAT, CHEESE, BUTTER TO BE RATIONED SOON

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two other food programs were liberalized. Coffee rations were restored to the one pound per person for five weeks. Instead of the current six weeks. Coupon charges were reduced for raisins, prunes, and dried beans, peas and lentils effective Saturday. Unsealed packages of dates and figs were made ration-free.

The 2-pound meat ration estimate, made by Wickard, was a calculation of the amount of meat that will be available for civilians to buy for home consumption, if divided up equally without regard to types of cuts. Since meat killed by farmers for their own use will be unrationed and since customers will not have to give coupons to eat in restaurants, Wickard said the total civilian meat supply will average 24 pounds a person per week. Last year's consumption was a little over 22 pounds.

Actually every person, regardless of age, will get—at the beginning, at least—16 ration points to spend as he chooses on meat, cheese, edible fats and oils and canned fish. He may use more or less of his points, as he desires for meat instead of the other items, and the weight of meat he gets for his points will also depend on whether he buys steak or spare ribs.

Although the initial allotment will be 16 points per person per week, consumers will be allowed to accumulate and use their points during approximately a month's period. Thus, in the week beginning March 29, each person will be able to use only 16 points—the red "A" coupons in his No. 2 ration book. In the following week, he will be able to use any left-over points plus another 16 points—the red "B" coupons. He can keep on using these leftovers plus each week's new allotment of points until April 30, when all of the coupons of the first four weeks will expire together.

One difference between this system and the canned goods coupon plan is that butchers and stores will be able to give "change" in coupons to customers having an inexact number of coupon points to pay for a purchase. On canned goods, no "change" is permitted and coupon payments must be exact.

Otherwise the point system will be the same in nearly all respects as the one now in use for canned, frozen and dried vegetables and fruits. The same ration book will be used, in fact, with the red coupons good for meat and its companion items and the blue coupons continuing to be used for fruits and vegetables. The new points will be announced in about two weeks.

Meat rationing will apply to all products — fresh, cured, smoked or frozen—of cattle, calves, sheep, lambs and swine. Not rationed will be poultry, game, horsemeat, fresh or other fish not contained in sealed cans or bottles, and inedible fats, such as soap.

Cheese rationing will cover most types except cottage, pot and similar "soft or perishable cheeses." If divided evenly, the cheese supply under rationing would provide each person with about one-tenth of a pound a week, but this is expected to vary widely according to individual tastes.

Similarly, the butter supply

will average about 4 1/2 ounces a person per week, but anyone will be able to buy more or less as he desires within his total of 16 points per week for all of the items on the new ration list. Margarine, shortening, salad oils and canned salmon or tuna fish are other items in this group.

To the general public, officials said, the new program will appear much simpler than was the canned goods program earlier this month. There will be no registration, no count of food already on hand, and—under present plans—no suspension of sales before rationing begins, especially on meat. Brown put the public on its honor not to hoard any of the new rationed items, and said careful watch will be kept so that sales of shortening, for instance, might be suspended for a few days if people fail to buy sensibly.

EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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drop as low as a quarter of a pound, but one hears of few instances of failure to get butter at all.

THE butter shortage, seems to be confined to the city. Berkeley residents who have their milk delivered by direct dairy wagon report that the wagons will pick up butter in the country districts on the way in and resell it. Those who depend on the stores entirely for their milk supply sometimes go a little short of butter.

A few people report that they are eating margarine rather than skim milk for butter, but not many. Eggs aren't just tossed about, but are not actually scarce. They are nearly always obtainable in the public eating places.

THE coffee supply has suddenly gone short—or at least shorter.

One of the large hotels reports that its supply has been cut from 20 pounds a week to eight. The waiter at a smaller lunch place confides that they have been cut 50 per cent.

Second cups are definitely out. You can't even buy a second at the normal going price of ten cents. They smile sadly and shake their heads.

Of course, if you are a coffee fiend and just have to have it, there's no rule to prevent you from going around to a second place and getting your second cup.

But few do.

Marshall Cornett Returns to Klamath

Senator Marshall E. Cornett returned to Klamath Falls Friday from Salem, and Representative Henry Semon was spending the remainder of the week at the cabin on the Umpqua river, following the close of the state legislature Thursday.

Representative L. H. Craver arrived home Thursday night following his first session at legislature.

House Committee Approves Plan to Reduce Income Tax

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questioner was getting into deep water. The high taxpayer, he said, would pay less under the Ruml plan.

Informed that Beardsley Ruml, author of the plan, had taken the opposite view in testimony on Capitol hill, Mr. Roosevelt said it wasn't a question of the view but one of taking figures on somebody's tax return. There is only one answer, he said, and it is a matter of mathematics.

To a question as to whether the figures are available, the president said the treasury had sent him some on different brackets, starting at \$10,000 and going up to that containing the 10 richest men in the country. He said names could not be released, but he had no objection to the treasury's releasing the figures.

"Do you think it matters if we get less from 10 men, if we get more from a lot of others?" a reporter inquired.

The president said he didn't know about that but his impression was the other way.

When the treasury was asked for the figures Mr. Roosevelt mentioned it supplied a report showing that the effect of the Ruml plan would be to cancel an estimated \$9,815,000,000 tax yield on 1942 incomes, but making no reference to the president's press conference statement.

The treasury figures showed that 60 persons with an income of one million dollars and over would, under the Ruml plan, be forgiven a total of \$94,000,000 or an average of \$1,566,666 each.

The average tax abatements under the Ruml plan for other income groups were shown as ranging from \$140 for a person with an income of \$2000 to \$854,000 for one with an income of \$1,000,000.

In addition to approving the discount plan for taxpayers, the house committee also adopted a resolution which, if it passes the congress, would provide:

1. Corporations may have un-

til September 15, instead of April 21, to file with the internal revenue bureau petitions for adjustments under the relief provisions of the excess profits tax. The 1942 tax law recognized that some hardships might occur from the systems of determining excess profits, due to variations in histories of previous earnings and the capital structure of corporations, and relief provisions were provided.

2. Extension from three months to one year the period in which post war credit bonds may be granted to corporations after the date of filing returns on income. Corporations are given such bonds by the government for post war credit on taxes paid above 80 per cent of their net income.

JAP PLANES SHOT DOWN IN PACIFIC
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airfield at Mingaladon, north of Rangoon, and then shot down three Zero fighters in a 40-minute running air battle on Wednesday, an American communique said today.

The big bombers were reported to have scored hits on airport buildings, protective revetments and runways before a dozen Zeros swarmed up to the attack. Without loss to themselves, the heavily armored American planes proceeded to shoot down three enemy fighters, to damage three others and to leave an additional four "probably damaged," the communique said.

An attack by American medium bombers the same day on the Goktek viaduct accomplished no visible results, the report said, but yesterday the mediums returned to the regular "milk run" bombing of the vital Myingye railway bridge near Mandalay and reported scoring two near hits on the northern approaches. Both of these missions also were reported to have been carried out without loss.

OBITUARY

ARABELLA COONEY

Arabella Cooney for the past 10 years a resident of Klamath Falls, Oregon passed away in this city on Friday, March 12, 1943 at 8:15 a. m. following an illness of several months. She was a native of Lewellen, Nebraska, and at the time of her death was aged 51 years, 9 months and 12 days. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Helen West of Grants Pass, Oregon. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine street at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced at a later date.

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Kiska Jap Positions Hit by Americans

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Others may have been conducted yesterday.

Authorities said the damage to batteries and buildings when the heavy and medium bombers went over Kiska at low altitude undoubtedly was severe and that the Japanese would have much work to do if they were to restore their defenses to the former level of effectiveness.

Their anti-aircraft fire particularly has given American fliers much trouble in the past, and while relatively few planes were lost over Kiska many a craft which returned to its base was virtually riddled with shell fire.

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