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U. S. TANKS RECAPTURE GAFSA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IT seems probable today that something big is afoot in Tunisia—although as these words are written no word of it has come from our side.

The Germans report, however, that Montgomery is attacking the Mareth line in the south—using, they say, at least four divisions (roughly 60,000 men.)

IN the case of a big push, the news is apt to come from the defenders rather than from the attackers. The defenders have nothing to lose by telling what the other fellow is doing. The attackers, on the other hand, can't afford to risk letting ANY DETAIL of their plans slip, so they are inclined to keep entirely silent in the opening stages of a big battle.

THE German reports suggest that Montgomery may be planning to flank the strong Mareth line positions, instead of tackling them head on, but these suggestions must be taken with a grain of salt. You may be sure Montgomery isn't tipping anything off in advance if he can help it.

GAFSA, which was taken from us by Rommel in his sudden offensive a couple of weeks ago, has been recaptured by the Americans.

Apparently it didn't involve much of a fight. It was defended by the Italians, who retired when the Americans attacked. Gafsa, your map will show you, is across the Chott Djerid salt marsh in the rear of the Mareth positions.

The fact that he left only Italians to defend it suggests that it isn't too important in Rommel's plans.

THERE has been a change in the American command in the central Tunisian area. General Patton, who rates as our outstanding tank expert, has been placed in charge of our operations there.

He is a colorful character, known as "Old Blood and Guts," and believes in LEADING his men into action in his own tank. Rommel and Montgomery have the same habit.

IF the long-expected big push in Tunisia isn't getting under way now, it may be taken for granted that it soon will be. Because of shorter communications, time is working on the side of the Germans there, which means that the longer we wait the tougher the job will be.

THE pattern of the fighting in Russia remains unchanged. The Russians are advancing on Smolensk along a wide front and are still unchecked. They are less than 50 miles away and are approaching the big German base from three directions—north, east and south.

On the Kharkov front, to the south, the Germans are concentrating infantry and tank reserves, covered by an umbrella of dive bombers, against NARROW areas of the Russian defense—what the text books call "applying maximum force on a minimum front"—in an effort to break through.

RUSSIAN Stormovik planes, the dispatches say, are seeking to knock out the German tanks. These planes are equipped with armor-piercing cannon.

Note again this use of planes against tanks.

IT seems more obvious than ever that the Germans are determined to keep their present positions in the south, even at the expense of further losses in the north.

It must be emphasized, however, that this is only guesswork. We outsiders can't know enough about the inside facts to do more than guess.

THE Japs are hitting the British in Burma, and have compelled them to "adjust their positions" (Continued on Page Six)

His Truck Hit Nazi Land Mine



A British soldier lies wounded in the wreckage of his supply truck after it ran over and exploded a land mine left by Axis troops in North Africa. He was helping supply the advancing forces of British General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army in Libya.

Newell Evacuees See More Successful Farm Program

A more successful agricultural program at the WRA project at Tululake this year, with an absence of labor disputes such as interrupted the work there last summer, was predicted in a talk to the Kiwanis club Thursday by M. C. Cook, head of transportation at the Tululake project.

Cook, answering a question from a member of the club, said that the trouble last summer resulted from a feeling among the colonists that promises to them regarding pay, clothing, etc., were not being kept.

Local Man With Missionaries From Africa

Six missionaries in African colonies, including Ernest H. Moser of Klamath Falls, arrived by clipper in New York Thursday, according to word received here.

Moser's wife, the former Edna Dunbar of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dunbar of 420 Jefferson street, has been in Berkeley, Calif., this winter with her two young daughters and will meet her husband in Salt Lake City upon his arrival in the west. They plan to return here soon.

Moser has been in the French Cameroons with the Presbyterian mission. He left here August, 1940, and due to conditions in the early stage of the war, spent four months en route to his post. His family was not permitted to return to Africa with him.

It is understood that the missionaries returned to Bermuda by boat and from there took the clipper to New York. American missionaries working in the bush countries are now using motor-cycles instead of native transportation equipment to make their rounds, one of the group stated.

Premier Warns Japs War Situation Is Becoming More Serious; Board Formed

By The Associated Press

Formation of a board of advisers to the Japanese cabinet to help stimulate "an increase of fighting strength" has been announced by the Tokyo radio in broadcasts which also quoted Premier Hideki Tojo as warning his nation that "the war situation is becoming more serious."

The broadcasts, reported by the office of war information, contained the further information that Tojo had decided to set up a "wartime economic council" and an "administrative supervisory council" to help cut government red tape.

Domei, official Japanese news agency, said in an English language transmission recorded by the federal communications commission that appointment of the following seven men as advisers to the cabinet was expected today.

Admiral Tetsuro Toyoda, minister of commerce and industry in the second Konohe cabinet and foreign minister in the third Konohe cabinet.

Viscount Masatoshi Okochi, member of the house of peers. Gintaro Fujiwara, a member of the Yonal cabinet and likewise a member of the house of peers.

Toyotaro Yuki, an executive of the Bank of Japan. Kamesaburo Yamashita, president of the Yamashita Steamship company. Kiyoshi Goki, managing di-

Russians Stand Firm Before Nazi Tanks in Donets

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, March 18 (AP)—A titanic tank struggle, with a German air umbrella of Junkers dive bombers met by hurtling soviet Stormoviks trying to knock out the German armor, was being waged today in the northern Donets river valley, but the Russians reported their lines refused to give before the masses of tanks hurled against them.

(The German high command, in a communique broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by The Associated Press, said the Germans were on the offensive throughout the sector from Kharkov to Kursk, inflicting "extremely heavy losses" on the Russians.

"Enemy forces encircled southeast of Kharkov have been annihilated with the exception of small remnants," it said. "Soviet relief attempts were frustrated by heavy losses for the enemy."

Russians Renew Attack (South of Orel, midway between Kharkov and Moscow, the Germans said the Russians yesterday "renewed their attack on a wide front" in several waves which "collapsed with heavy losses for the enemy." It claimed 116 soviet tanks were destroyed.

(Northwest of Moscow, south of Lake Ilmen, the Russians were reported to have stormed German positions again but, the communique said, the attacks were in vain.)

Far northwest of Kharkov, in the area west of Sevsk, and along a battle line east of Kharkov and extending down into (Continued on Page Six)

Sea Battles Tell Nazis Started U-Boat Campaign

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—Running battles between submarine packs and convoy ships indicated today that Germany has launched her expected mass U-boat campaign against allied shipping in the north Atlantic.

From both sides of the ocean came reports of furious clashes with these results: 1. At least three U-boats were sunk and many others probably damaged by allied escort vessels and the RAF during a 72-hour battle last month. The British admiralty's announcement, made in London, said the convoy "did not escape without loss" but gave no details in this connection.

2. The coast guard cutter Campbell rammed, shelled and sank one big enemy submarine and depth-bombed five others in a furious fight with an undersea wolf pack about three weeks ago. The navy said the Campbell was damaged but she reached port with the aid of other vessels.

News of the battles, which apparently were separate actions, came 24 hours after a joint announcement by London, Ottawa and Washington that a master plan had been worked out to combat U-boat warfare. The Germans have been expected to turn loose the full fury of their undersea raiders in a desperate effort to choke off American supplies for a European invasion.

BOMBERS BLAST JAP SUBMARINE BASE AT KISKA

Planes Destroy Enemy Aircraft in Fourth Action

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—American bombers blasted the Japanese submarine base at Kiska Island, in the Aleutians, three times Tuesday, the navy reported today, and in a fourth action American fighter planes shot down two enemy aircraft and probably destroyed two others.

Tuesday was the second successive day of multiple raids on Kiska, six heavy attacks having been previously reported for Monday.

Navy communique, number 318:

"North Pacific: '1. On March 18th United States army aircraft carried out the following attacks on Japanese installations and aircraft at Kiska:

Hits Observed
(A) During the morning, Liberator heavy bombers (Consolidated B-24) and Mitchell medium bombers (North American B-25) supported by Lightning fighters (Lockheed P-38) bombed the main camp area and the submarine base. Hits were observed in both target areas.
(B) During the early afternoon, eight Lightnings engaged eight enemy planes in the vicinity of Kiska. Two of the enemy planes were shot down and an (Continued on Page Six)

Eden Emphasizes British, U. S. Cooperation

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—Anthony Eden, British foreign minister, was reported to have re-emphasized to congressmen today that Great Britain will continue the fullest cooperation with the United States in the Pacific as well as the European war theaters until a complete victory is won.

Speaking extemporaneously to members of the senate and house foreign relations committees in a closed meeting, Eden was quoted by his hearers as saying that there was maximum of cooperation now between the British and American peoples.

Commenting that Eden had made "a lucid, frank and appealing talk," Senator Van Nuys (D-Ind.) said he read into the foreign minister's words a reaffirmation of the pledge President Roosevelt said Prime Minister Churchill made at Casablanca to continue the fight against Japan after the other axis partners are knocked out.

Eden did not discuss specifically a pending senate proposal calling for immediate organza-

French Guiana Joins Gen. Henri Giraud

LONDON, March 18 (AP)—The Algiers radio said in a broadcast recorded by The Associated Press today that French Guiana had rallied to the banner of Gen. Henri Giraud, according to a message from the governor of the South American colony.

Eden Warns of Setbacks Ahead



Anthony Eden (right), British foreign secretary, who flew to Washington, warned of setbacks and disappointments ahead, at a press conference in Washington. Seated beside him is Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the United States.

Americans Find Elaborate Jap Base in New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 18 (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today discovery of elaborately prepared Japanese positions about 50 miles above Buna, New Guinea, which apparently were intended for use as the base for a new offensive by the 15,000 enemy troops reported killed in the battle of the Bismarck Sea.

The positions, which had been evacuated in haste recently, were found by allied ground forces mopping up in the area of the Mambare river mouth, said the communique, which also reported allied airmen had blasted Rapopo airdrome at Plaster baul, New Britain, with 392 bombs.

Morgenthau Says He Is Satisfied With Income Tax

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—The treasury has "every reason to be satisfied" with the progress of income tax collections, Secretary Morgenthau said today in reporting that news from collectors was "encouraging."

While March receipts in the nation's greatest income tax harvest as reported in the treasury's daily statement lagged behind last year, the secretary told his press conference "we can't find any trace of people willfully refusing to pay."

Income tax receipts for the first 16 days of March this year as reported in the daily statement were \$1,382,358,354 compared with \$1,391,371,310 in the corresponding period last year. However, returns for March 16 were more than double the amount reported for the day previous, the deadline for filing returns.

Morgenthau said one reason the dollar volume of receipts was running lower this year was that many people were paying only a quarter of their tax instead of the full amount as in past years.

"As far as the number of people making returns is concerned," he asserted, "internal revenue Commissioner Guy Helvering feels the collections are up to quotas."

German Submarine Yards at Bremen Bombed in Daylight

LONDON, March 18 (AP)—German bombers attacked the German U-boat yards at Vegesack, near Bremen, in daylight today, it was authoritatively announced tonight.

The raid was the sixth this month for the heavy bombers, which previously in March have blasted Rennes, Lorient, Rouen, Abbeville, and Hamm. Earlier, DNB in a Berlin radio broadcast recorded by Reuters had said that "American bombers which this afternoon attempted to attack German territory in daylight again suffered a heavy defeat."

NEW GENERAL LEADS TROOPS TOWARD GAFSA

Allies Press on After 30-Mile Drive at Nazis

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 18 (AP)—United States troops led by Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, newly named commander of American forces on the Tunisian front, have recaptured Gafsa after a 30-mile drive and pressed on beyond that rail city and air base toward the Gabes bottleneck, it was announced today.

Only a few hours were required for recapture of the town which had been abandoned by allied troops in the face of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's abortive mid-February offensive.

Little Opposition

A communique said that little opposition was encountered and U. S. patrols, assisted by mobile French units and guarded by allied aerial squadrons, drove after the retreating Germans into the area of El Guestar, 12 miles to the southeast.

Moreover the French high command announced that French forces fighting their way eastward north of the Chott Djerid salt marsh had "reached their objective at the same time" that (Continued on Page Six)

Pelican Cage Coach Praises Champion Team

Warm praise for the clean sportsmanship of the Klamath Union high school state champion basketball team was voiced by the team's coach, Wayne Scott, in a talk to the Kiwanis club Thursday noon. Scott and the members of the team were guests at the meeting.

Scott said that the members of the team are "gentlemen, on or off the basketball floor." He pointed out that in the three state tournament games that gave them the championship, they made a total of 19 fouls, whereas many teams make that many in a single game. In one game, only three fouls were made.

In the final game with Baker, Scott stated, the Pelicans played perfect ball, and when it was all over he couldn't think of a single point on which to criticize them. Baker was so sure of winning the tournament, Scott said, that the coach was given a \$500 raise.

The Pelican coach declined to accept all the credit for coaching the team to a title, stating that Joe Peak, in grade school work, and Dwight French, former Pelican coach, had had a part in developing the team. He said French turned over four fine players to him this year.

Rotten Log Holds Car From Death Plunge Into Canyon

A rotten log caught a careening car from plunging hundreds of feet into the Klamath river canyon early Wednesday night and the two occupants of the machine escaped with minor injuries, according to state police who made the investigation.

George Snyder, 46, and his wife, Ruby Marie Snyder, also 46, appeared in justice court little the worse after their harrowing experience. Snyder was charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and paid a fine of \$100 in preference to 50 days in the county brig. Mrs. Snyder, charged with being drunk on a public highway, paid a \$10 fine.

Both are former residents of Richmond, Calif., and came here about one week ago. Snyder had been working at Weyerhaeuser at Camp 4 as a hostler. State police said they were