

ALLIES BATTER GROWING JAP AIR STRENGTH

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ese plane pack was destroyed or damaged, as "congested aircraft on the ground were repeatedly hit.

Gasmata airdrome, on the southern shore of New Britain, also was the target for two attacks the same night.

Rabaul was given its heaviest previous pasting on February 14, when more than 30 bombers dropped 50 tons of explosives and followed up the next night with 38 tons. Rabaul also was bombed March 12 and March 16.

Large Base
The base, Japan's largest naval and air center south of the Mandated Islands, is about 500 miles northeast of the allied air base at Port Moresby, New Guinea.

L. the Mubo area of New Guinea, attack planes and long range fighters made 27 strafing runs and bombed Japanese positions six times yesterday morning, while dawn and daylight bombing and machine-gunning attacks were made on areas about Salamaua, the Japanese base to the north.

An enemy schooner was bombed in Lorengau harbor, in the Admiralty Islands, north of New Guinea, and shipping and towns were bombed in the Babar and Tanimbar Island sectors northwest of Australia.

Return Home—Mrs. Victor E. Newman and three children returned Monday from Salem and Corvallis, where they spent the week with Chaplain Newman who is now stationed at Camp Adair.

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Potatoes

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 4 California, 5 Idaho, 6 Oregon arrived, 6 unbroken, 5 broken cars on track; by truck 1 arrived; market firm; Klamath Russets combination grade \$2.90; Idaho Russets No. 1, \$3.22.

LOS ANGELES, March 24 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 1 California, 11 Idaho, 2 Oregon, 2 Utah arrived, 22 unbroken, 8 broken cars on track; by truck 2 arrived; no sales reported.

CHICAGO, March 24 (AP-USA)—Potatoes, arrivals 41; on track 92; total US shipments 917; old stock; supplies very light; track trading very light account of lack of offerings of table stock; market unsettled; new stock; supplies very light; demand moderate, market firm; North Dakota Bliss Triumphs seed stock \$3.55; Wisconsin Russet seed stock \$3.30; Minnesota Cobblers US No. 2, seed stock \$3.05; Florida Bliss Triumphs US No. 1, \$2.85 per 50 lb. sack.

AXIS COUNTERSMASH CONFUSES SITUATION

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In the hills on either side of a narrow pass had poured artillery fire into a force of some 100 German tanks, destroying from 10 to 30 of them.

A French communique tonight, broadcast by the Algiers radio and heard in London by The Associated Press, reported that the French trying to drive north of Chott Djerid, the salt marsh at the southern end of the western Tunisian front, were meeting opposition.

It said "our units have developed maneuvers" against enemy groups there. In Central Tunisia, it said, there was intense patrol activity.

(German military spokesmen were quoted in Berlin broadcasts as admitting that Montgomery's army had temporarily penetrated into the Mareth line at one place, but said the break had been "ironed out.")

Prisoners Captured
(The spokesman said, however, that only the "overture" of the "great British offensive is behind us." It was claimed that 44 British tanks had been destroyed and prisoners captured.)

While the frontal assault of Gen. Montgomery had run into a terrific struggle which was not minimized by headquarters spokesmen, the looping drive of his detachments which circled Rommel's inland flank gained about two miles in the smash toward El Hamma, axis air base and oasis crossroads 20 miles west of Gabes and at the western end of the bottleneck between the Chott Djerid salt lake and the sea.

These forces drove the Germans off the high ground of Djebel Tebara despite strong armored opposition and reached a point only eight miles from El Hamma.

(This fighting was taking place about 30 miles north of the main battle at Mareth, well to the rear of the axis positions.)

American infantry and tankmen by holding Guettaria pass east of El Guetar on the southern road from Gafsa toward the sea, saved Gen. Patton's armored forces beyond Maknassy on the northerly road from Gafsa from a threat to their rearward communications.

This enabled the northerly column to win Bon Douaou, a point six miles beyond Maknassy and only 28 miles from the enemy's coastal road.

This column took a number of Italian prisoners.

The Patton force defending Guettaria pass 10 miles southeast of El Guetar was officially reported to have destroyed 10 enemy tanks, but front reports said 20 more were knocked out.

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REDS HANG ON TO NORTHERN DONETS BASES

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by numerous battle planes and strong artillery fire was repulsed in embittered fighting at close quarters with high casualties inflicted on the enemy."

Eastern Activity
(The Nazi war bulletin added that there was "fighting activity of local importance only in other sectors of the eastern front.")

The Soviet noon communique said that the red army on the western front—which had been described as the central front before the concerted drive for Smolensk developed—continued its offensive, capturing several villages and wiping out a force of German rapid-fire riflemen surrounded in a forest north of Dukhovschino.

Towns Captured
The Russians also were reported to have taken several other settlements in other sectors of their push toward Smolensk and to have seized a tactically important line.

Heavy losses were inflicted again upon the Germans in the Belgorod area when the Soviet troops smashed a German truck column and destroyed trucks, tanks and fuel wagons.

The 50 mile stretch of the twisting, turning Donets river between Chuguev and Belgorod is seeing some of the most bitterly-fought, coordinated infantry and tank attacks of the Russian-German war.

The German air force continued its activity over this front, repeatedly raiding the Russian positions but getting a taste of fire, too.

There have been several crossings of the northern Donets by the Germans and always they have been in force but never have the Russians permitted them to remain on the eastern bank for more than a few hours.

The invaders were throwing 25 to 50 tanks against narrow sectors, a dispatch to Red Star said, hoping to crack the line and pour through a small breach, then endanger the entire section from the flanks.

But all efforts so far have failed and major scale tank battles continued, it was said.

Dan Ehrheart Gets Oak Leaf Cluster

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Silver Star, as well as the DFC. He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hannon of the Lakeview highway. His wife, the former Constance Hannon, is now with her husband at Alamogorda field, New Mexico, where the flyer has been grounded due to his heavy combat participation in the past year.

Ehrheart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ehrheart of Medford.

Man Killed by Train Monday at Crescent

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foot, was noticed from a north-bound passenger train as it lay on an opposite track. Remains were brought to Ward's Funeral home here and were to be returned to Bend Wednesday.

Mr. Delbruegge is thought to have lived in the Bend section for a good many years. He has no immediate relatives in this area. Deschutes county state police are investigating.

McNary Introduces Bill to Open Land

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—Sen. McNary (R-Ore.) yesterday introduced a bill (S 804) which would permit certain lands in Oregon to be used for mining if not necessary to the nation as agricultural or timber lands.

Record Acreage in Spuds Forecast by Developments

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ed out that 1980 tons of ammonium phosphate was shipped into the Klamath basin in 1942, and to date only 1132 tons had been made available, with planting time rapidly approaching.

County Agent C. A. Henderson told Noble that in Klamath acres in 1942, some 10,358 acres of potatoes were grown on farms signed up in the triple A, and that this year's sign-up on the same farms showed 13,470 acres.

Chester Main, president of the Tulelake Growers, stated that their sign-up indicated about 8000 acres in that district, or a total of approximately 21,500 acres for the Klamath basin. In addition, Henderson pointed out that information just received by the bureau of reclamation indicated that leased lands in the Tule lake area would be available to potato growers, under certain terms and conditions.

Notices have been forwarded to all lessees requesting that they inform the bureau of reclamation by March 29, 1943 the areas which they wish to crop to potatoes. Upon receipt of this information, the bureau of reclamation, county conservation committee and war board will determine the area each lessee can plant and will notify the lessee in writing of his allotted area.

Restrictions in leases have prohibited the growing of potatoes by lessees of this land primarily to insure maintenance of local economic conditions on a stable basis; however, information from the secretary of agriculture on the need for increasing the production of potatoes prompted the secretary to remove the prohibition for the duration of the war.

Big Acreage
All of this indicated, Henderson said, that the total acreage of the basin might be considerably in excess of any acreage ever grown heretofore.

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RAF TRADES PUNCHES WITH NAZI PLANES

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coast to bomb a locality in the southeast.

More formations of allied planes headed for Northern France later in the morning, but all were flying too high for watchers on the coast to determine whether they were British or American.

Station Cuts
Danish radio stations went off the air shortly after 7:30 a. m. (EWT) today, indicating that the planes might be heading for Kiel or Hamburg as the targets for today.

One RAF plane was reported lost in the night raids, during which mines were laid in enemy waters in addition to the attacks on German communications.

The German day raiders hit a school in a southeast inland town. Three hundred children in the school went to a shelter a few minutes before the bomb attack.

COMMISSION MAKES POST-WAR PLANS

Post-war plans for the beautification of Klamath Falls including the laying out of a complete park system, were discussed by members of the city planning commission at its first meeting of the year in the city council chambers last night. This is the commission's No. 1 project for that period of "after the war."

It is hoped, members of the commission said, to present plans to the council, that body to adopt such plans in the form of an ordinance which will increase the park levy to the point where the park project could be carried out.

Representatives of the Lions club, including Myrtle C. Adams and Clarence Humble, appeared before the commission and outlined their spring clean-up campaign soon to be under way in Klamath Falls.

E. M. Igl, member, was named chairman of the planning commission.

Courthouse Records

Divorce Suits Filed
Lydia Ann James versus Henry H. James. Couple married at Moberly, S. D., October 23, 1913. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.

Marriage Licenses
GUBSER-SPARKS, Erwin R. Gubser, 22, U. S. navy, native of Deschutes county, resident of Bonanza; Betty Ann Sparks, 20, stenographer, native of Klamath Falls, resident of Bonanza.

BRAY-RIECK, James C. Bray, 41, lumber worker, native of Tennessee, resident of Chiloquin; Mildred Rieck, 36, factory worker, native of Nebraska, resident of Chiloquin.

COL. FRANK LIGHT DIES AT LAKEVIEW

Frank Light, old-time Lakeview resident, passed away a few days ago in that town, it was learned here Wednesday.

Colonel Light for many years was registrar of the federal land office at Lakeview. He held many civic and public offices, and was first exalted ruler of the Lakeview Elks lodge.

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