

EIGHTH ARMY PUSHES AXIS PAST SOUSSE

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troops had cleared a mountain sector about Pichon—apparently 10 miles or more in length—and, further south, forced another passage to the Sfax plain in fierce fighting.)

United States and British air forces struck terrifically again, leaving scores of enemy vehicles scattered in wreckage or in flames and shooting down a total of 41 enemy planes yesterday against a loss of 14 of their own.

Catch Transports
American Lightnings caught another fighter-escorted transport formation crossing the Sicilian straits and destroyed 31 planes.

The second U. S. army corps under Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. took Faid Pass without opposition, adding another avenue through the central Tunisian mountain wall to the coastal plain penetrated Saturday through Fondouk pass.

American armor led the way through Faid pass—the same gateway which Marshal Rommel used for his abortive mid-February offensive—and, pursuing 10 German tanks northward toward Kairouan, captured 17 Germans.

Advance Impeded
The eighth army's advance—125 miles from the Wadi El Akarit line in six days—was slightly impeded by demolitions and difficult country, but Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's vanguards developed little fighting in the Sousse area. The enemy had already pulled back toward the ridge running inland from Envidaville, 27 miles north of Sousse.

The enemy's new position ranges 40 miles inland along this ridge and then turns northward, extending 90 miles to the Mediterranean coast near Cape Serrat, 35 miles west of Bizerte. French troops recently recaptured that cape.

KEY WITNESS WON'T SAY FOLKES SLAYER

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officers early in the investigation that the man wore a brown pin-stripe suit. In direct testimony Friday he said the man wore a dark overcoat, an assertion also made by District Attorney Harlow Weinrick in his opening statement.

"Didn't you decide that the man wore an overcoat after the district attorney said he must have worn an overcoat with a knife up a sleeve?" Lomax said. "No," Wilson said, explaining that he was "excited and shocked" at the time of the slaying.

Wore Overcoat
"My decision that the man wore an overcoat came after the excitement had subsided and I had time to give clear consideration to what I had witnessed," said Wilson.

Abruptly at 11:15 Lomax said he was unable to continue and asked the court to halt the trial again. Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling adjourned court until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Lomax questioned Wilson's statement in direct testimony that he had found Folkes sweating in a cool galley after Mrs. James' throat was slashed. The attorney pointed out that Wilson also had testified that Folkes was about to fry a couple of eggs.

"Can you fry eggs on a cold stove?" Lomax asked.

Galley Cold
Wilson replied that the fire had been started only a short time and that the galley still was cold.

Lomax asked Wilson to estimate the weight and height of the man he saw come out of lower 13.

Wilson said he thought the man weighed between 170 and 180 pounds and stood about five feet eight or 10 inches. Lomax pointed out that 20-year-old Folkes weighed about 150 pounds and was about five eight.

Lomax asked Wilson about a blood-spattered towel the marine had mentioned in both direct and cross examination as having been found by him.

Bloody Towel Found
Wilson said he found the towel in another sleeping car—one behind the diner—after the train left Eugene, Ore., its first stop after Mrs. James was killed. Wilson said he discovered it while riding officers in their investigation.

Wilson said he thought he had talked to about seven officers at Eugene and about the same number when the train stopped later at Klamath Falls, Ore., last stop before entering California.

"Did you ever tell any of

those officers that the man who left the berth was a white man?" asked Lomax.

"No I never did," Wilson replied.

Lomax asked slowly and deliberately: "Was he a white man?" "I don't know," Wilson said.

Folkes Interested
Folkes, who had been impassive, apparently disinterested in the trial since it started, was keenly interested in the cross-examination of Wilson.

Wilson testified that he had observed the man who emerged from Mrs. James' berth for about 20 seconds before he disappeared around the corridor's curve toward the rear of sleeping car D. He estimated he required about 50 seconds for him to put on his shoes and trousers and give futile pursuit.

Distance Asked
"How far was it from the berth to the turn?" Lomax asked.

"Between 10 and 12 feet."

"And yet you just said he moved down the aisle with a very active motion?" Lomax queried.

"I did."

"Was he running on his hands or feet?" Lomax asked and the spectators laughed.

"On his feet," Wilson said without smiling.

During the cross examination Lomax and Judge Lewelling had a sharp exchange of words.

Lomax claimed that a statement made by a state's witness, Nathaniel Lincoln Shaw, a porter in sleeping car E, had been withheld from the defense. Lomax said it was a state record and the court had power to make such records available to the defense in murder cases.

The court said no showing had been made that such a statement existed or that it was a state record.

"I request the implication that the court is withholding anything from the defense," Lewelling said.

Lomax apologized and the cross examination continued.

Potatoes

CHICAGO, April 12 (AP-USA)—Potatoes, arrivals 80; on track 100; total US shipments Sat. 847, Sun. 22; old stock, supplies light; tracking trading light account of lack of carlot offerings of table stock; market unsettled; new stock, no supply in today's market; Minnesota and North Dakota Cobblers Commercial seed stock \$3.30-37; Bliss Triumphs Commercial seed stock \$3.56-65; Idaho Russet Burbanks US No. 1, \$4.00; Idaho utility stock \$3.60.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 1 California, 1 Oregon, 6 Idaho cars arrived; 1 car arrived by truck; 2 broken, 4 unbroken cars on track; market firm; no sales reported.

LOS ANGELES, April 12 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 3 California, 1 Florida, 18 Colorado, 3 Idaho cars arrived; 34 unbroken cars on track; 6 cars new potatoes arrived from Utah; 1 car arrived by truck; no sales.

Hitler, Mussolini Confer on Stern Military Events

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backing up into the dangerously restricted area of axis fortification around Tunis and Bizerte.

Survey Reserves
One Berlin broadcast recorded by The Associated Press said the conferees had studied a special survey of "continental reserves" prepared for the occasion, which "had strengthened the conviction of those taking part in the conference that the new development of (axis) strength will not be impeded by enemy action."

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NOTE these stories that are coming out of the South Seas about GROWING Jap air strength.

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DRAFT LAW CHANGE HASTENS INDUCTION

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sification to make them available for call when their order numbers are reached unless they are necessary to the civilian war effort or their induction would mean extreme hardship to dependents.

2. More than 6,000,000 fathers, a class broadened to take in thousands of men who became dads between the summer of 1941 and last September 15 were assured a further breathing spell before call on their group begins.

McNutt said one reason for the revisions was to postpone the calling of fathers "as long as possible." He added the hope that the remaining title before the bar against drafting fathers is lifted would provide opportunity for men with children; many of whom are now in the 3-A and the newly-eliminated 3-B classifications to acquire skilled jobs entitling them to occupational deferment.

Farmers Status
The preferred draft-status of farmers, whose 2-C and 3-C classifications were left intact, was emphasized as the regulation: Eliminated the nine-month-old 3-B classification, which had put all men having dependents and holding any job in an essential activity behind 3-A men of like family relationship in the order of call.

Ordered reclassification to 1-A of all men outside of farming except those personally essential to essential activities and those whose induction would mean "extreme hardship and privation" to dependents.

Reserve 3-A
Reserved exclusively for fathers the 3-A classification, which has been open to childless married men and hardship-case single men engaged in activities outside both the essential and non-deferable lists.

Created a new classification, 3-D, for deferment of anyone whose induction would "result in extreme hardship and privation to a wife, child or parent with whom he maintains a bona fide family relationship in their home."

Farm Shift
Selective service spokesmen said farmers who have been in class 3-A, including childless married men, would be shifted automatically to 3-C for continuance of their deferment. The 2-C classification defers farmers without dependents.

Men who are personally essential to essential activities will continue to be placed in classifications 2-A and 2-B for deferment for six-month periods or until replacements are available for them. These need not have dependents.

Superior Classification
The farm deferments are superior to others because they continue indefinitely, without regard to availability of replacements.

Both farm classifications are restricted to those "necessary to and regularly engaged in an agricultural occupation of agricultural endeavor essential to the war effort," but liberal interpretation has opened them to most full-time farm workers.

Elimination of the 3-B classification put men in essential activities on the same footing as those in other work—except work specifically declared to hold no deferment rating whatsoever, even for men with several children—unless they are essential individuals.

Reverse Policy
This appeared to reverse the policy of the war manpower commission, which has charge of selective service, to persuade shifts to the more essential lines of work, but spokesmen said the same—and quicker—result could be obtained by expanding the non-deferable list.

Furthermore, they said, the postponement afforded by 3-B rating might have been slight since many local boards have exhausted their supply of childless married men in 3-A and have begun reclassifying such men out of 3-B into 1-A. They added the same condition would have prevailed when the calling of fathers began.

Instructions
Boards were instructed to: Consider whether men reclassified out of 3-B should be put in 3-C, 3-A, 2-C, 2-A or 2-B before putting them in 1-A.

"Bear in mind" that they can put a man in 2-A or 2-B even if neither his line of work nor his particular job is on the national list of essential activities and job-occupations, since the list is "only a guide" to help determine essentiality.

Continue, "insofar as possible," to call single men ahead of married men, regardless of when the marriages took place. Calling of fathers is expected to begin generally around July 1.

Induction Rate
The current rate of induction is about 12,000 a day. There now are about 15,000,000 registrants aged 18 through 37 in the various draft classifications. Another 80,000 to 100,000 become 18 each month.

Approximately 9,250,000 of the present registrants are men in the family relationship classification—3-A, 3-B and 3-C—and about 6,250,000 of them are fathers.

The 3-A class contains about 7,000,000 men, the 3-B class 2,000,000 and the 3-C class 250,000. Many in 3-A and 3-B will, however, be shifted to 3-C as reclassifications go forward.

"H" Classification
In 4-H are "men 38 to 45 now deferred because their age group is not being accepted for military service."

Trade Laws Postponed
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FIRES, EXPLOSIONS STRIKE MUNDA JAPS

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solidated B-24) attacked Kahili in the Shortland island area. Hits were made on the airfield runway and adjacent anti-aircraft positions.

"(B) On the same morning, a force of Avenger torpedo bombers (Grumman TBF) carried out an attack on Munda. Fires and heavy explosions resulted.

North Pacific:
"3. War Hawk (Curtiss P-40) and Lightning (Lockheed P-38) fighters twice attacked Kiska during the afternoon of April 10. Results were not observed."


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