

# U. S. AIRMEN BATTER NAZI AIR STRENGTH

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bomb bursts. One hundred of the enemy's aircraft were seen on one field.

### Press On

The British eighth army, continuing to press the African corps to the northward from Sousse, ran into Rommel's "prepared" positions between Enfidaville and Djebel Bou Hadjar," the communique said.

This apparently was the mountain defense line running west from Enfidaville, itself 27 miles north of Sousse and 50 miles south of Tunis, upon which Rommel had fixed for his main stand.

Djebel Bou Hadjar is 32 miles west and south of Enfidaville and 25 miles northwest of Kalrouan.

(The German radio, quoting reports purporting to come from London, said the axis rearwards had been contacted by the British eighth army at Hergla, on the coast five miles south of Enfidaville, and said Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.'s, American tank forces were deployed on the plains south of Lake Kabilia to the southwest.)

### Enfidaville Not Taken

Despite the continued pressure of the eighth army, however, the Algiers radio report yesterday that Enfidaville had been captured appeared to be untrue.

The British first army, exerting steady pressure from the west upon Rommel's narrow corner of Tunisia, also pushed the Germans back along the Beja road north of Medjez-El-Bab to within three miles of Sidi Nsir, about 40 miles west of Tunis.

In between the eighth and first armies, the French squeezed the Germans back farther into their bridgehead with another advance to the extreme north of the secondary Tunisian Dorsal range on which the western end of Rommel's southern front apparently is anchored.

### Report Withdrawal

(The Algiers radio, without confirmation from any other source, said the axis had withdrawn from Djebel Mansour in the Pont Du Fahs region. Pont Du Fahs is about 30 miles northwest of Enfidaville. Quoting correspondents' dispatches, the radio said the axis moved out under French pressure.)

The destruction of 84 German and Italian aircraft was rated at headquarters as a crushing blow to Adolf Hitler's Mediterranean strategy.

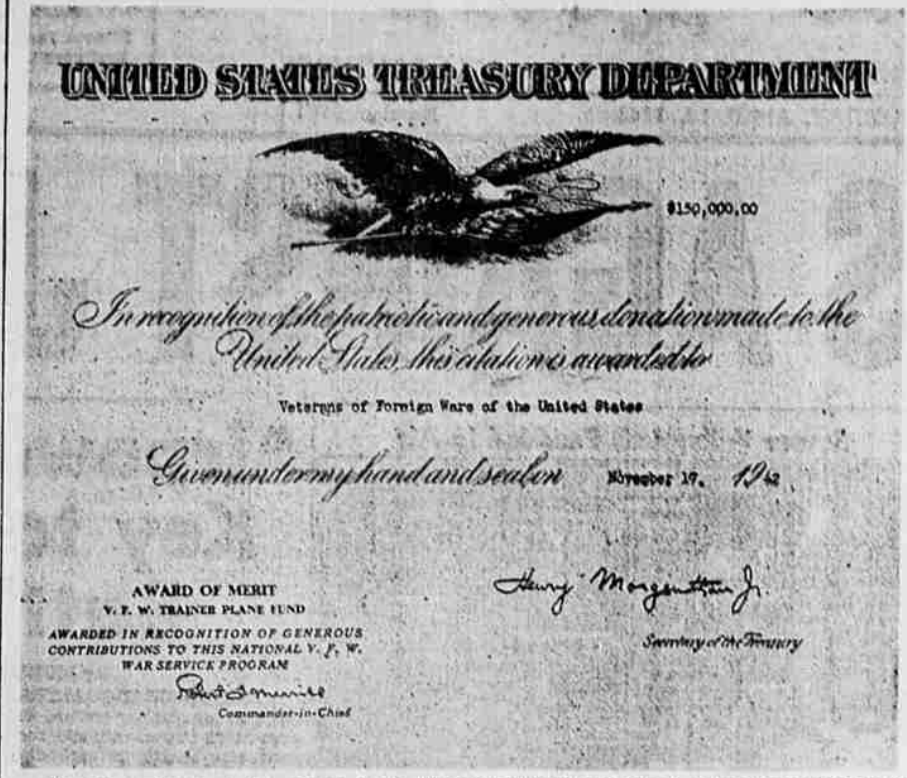
The blow was accomplished with a loss of three allied planes, the communique said.

### Evacuation Begins

(The Algiers radio and a Reuters dispatch from Switzerland, where roundabout reports from Rome and Marseille were gathered, said Rommel already was beginning an evacuation of at least part of his forces from Tunisia.)

(The Algiers radio said the forces being removed were a considerable number of German technical personnel. This suggested that the Germans might be removing their air force ground personnel, no longer needed in Tunisia now that the axis has lost most of its airfields. The British radio today said Rommel had only three airfields left in Tunisia, all under heavy air attack.)

## VFW Gets Treasury Merit Award



Here is a picture of the United States Treasury department award of merit received by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for their \$150,000 war bond drive for purchase of a trainer plane. Jim Souther, commander of the local VFW post, received the above award card.

## SURPRISE WITNESS TESTIFIES AT TRIAL

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nightgown with blood all over it from a wound in her neck. Blood was gushing from the wound. "She seemed to be struggling as she fell backwards, trying to hold herself up by the curtain over berth 14. Her eyes were right on me. It seemed as though she was trying to speak to me with her eyes. Then I saw her eyes roll back and she slumped down."

### Heard Man

Conner said he fumbled for the light switch and with his trousers for a short time, then heard a man's voice: "This is murder. Stop the train! Call the porter!" "I saw the lad standing near her shoulder. No one else was in the aisle," he testified. He later identified "the lad" as Private Wilson.

Questioned by Prosecutor Harlow Weinrick, Conner said Wilson could not have left the car and returned while he fumbled with his trousers and the lights. Later, Conner said Wilson came to berth 9 and exhibited a blood-stained hand.

### Didn't See Face

Cross-examined by Leroy Lomax, the defense attorney, Conner said he did not see the face of the running man, and couldn't say whether he was a negro or a white man.

Norton said he awakened at 4:30 a. m., preparatory to leaving the train at Eugene. About 4:35, he said, he was aware of someone walking down the aisle twice because the curtains swished. It was about 15 minutes later that he heard Mrs. James scream, "My God! He's killing me!"

### Trial Resumed

The trial was resumed this morning after a recess called Monday. Lomax apparently was recovered from an attack of influenza and bronchitis, although his voice was hoarse.

At the opening, he recalled Wilson for cross-examination. The marine said he could not identify the man he saw running down the aisle and couldn't say whether he was a negro or a white man. He admitted that he had told officers at Eugene soon after the slaying that he thought he was either a "light colored man or a dark white man."

Lomax released him after 30 minutes of questioning, but reserved the right to recall him. He likewise asked permission to recall Conner if necessary. Lomax announced previously

## Homedale Thursday Club Gives Money For VFW Hospital

The Homedale Thursday club presented \$72 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary for their hospital fund, which goes to the Veterans' hospital in Portland. This money was proceeds from a recent rummage sale sponsored by the club. Five dollars was given to the Red Cross and two dollars to the commandos.

## RUNAWAY GIRLS PICKED UP HERE

Two runaway girls of 15 and 17, who had run away from their homes in Prineville were picked up by state police at the bus depot shortly after midnight Wednesday morning.

Both girls had decided that they were being mistreated at home, and Tuesday had dinner in Prineville, after which they boarded a Greyhound bus and set off to see the world on their own.

After being taken into custody, the girls were taken to the juvenile detention home by the state police.

Parents of the runaways have been notified, and they are expected to arrive in Klamath Falls Wednesday evening to take the girls home.

## Blimp Lost After Hitting Hilltop, Dropping Crew

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stragglers from the crew were reported safe later. Observers noted a curious parallel between the current mishap and the only other known patrol blimp crash in this area since start of war.

In this case the blimp is missing. In the previous instance, last summer, the crew disappeared and never was found, while the unmanned craft bounced inland over San Francisco's hills, finally coming to rest in a Daly City street just south of San Francisco.

The probability of being too daring and too advanced for acceptance by the motoring public has retarded adventures in new car designs for both body and chassis.

that he probably would not call any witnesses, but that he might take the stand himself.

## PEAR SHIPMENTS COMPLETED HERE

Shipment of Rogue river valley pears from the Klamath Ice and Cold Storage company plant here has been completed for the season, with 267 carloads shipped out.

The pears were brought here last September, being stored-in-transit at the local refrigeration plant. The final carload of D'Anjou went to an eastern market Monday.

Klamath Ice is now storing a considerable volume of potatoes for shipment to dehydration plants.

## Wage Increases Denied by WLB Refusal to Adjust

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among WLB officials that the rigidity of the order and its application might have unfavorable repercussions among workers, and even among employers, but the belief prevailed that responsibility for relaxation rested with Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes.

CIO President Philip Murray told all affiliated unions in a letter yesterday they should contend for WLB's right to correct inequalities by approving wage increases and that this could best be done by bringing specific cases to Byrnes' attention. Murray also urged that the unions make full use of the permission to increase earnings through re-classifications and local incentive plans.

The effect of the executive order, the WLB told its regional boards, "is to place the manpower responsibility squarely up to the manpower commission and you should at once so inform the parties in all pending cases involving seasonal producers in order that no time may be lost in their facing the problem."

The local boards were instructed that applications from seasonal producers, such as canners, for increases in wages over last season must be denied except to the extent that they can be justified under the Little Steel formula or standards of living provision.

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## DEHYDRATOR TALK HEARD BY CHAMBER

Continued evidence of interest by outside groups in the establishment of a potato dehydration plant here was reported at Wednesday's meeting of the chamber of commerce directors.

President Mitchell Tillotson said that inquiries are being made concerning the possibilities of obtaining labor and making other local arrangements for a dehydration operation. Tillotson pointed out that a saving in freight, which could be effected by dehydrating the potatoes here instead of at distant plants as is now done, is a major factor in the outlook for a dehydrator here.

Opinion was expressed that there would be little difficulty in getting 150 women workers for such a plant in Klamath Falls.

War bonds were a major topic of discussion at the chamber meeting, and it was announced that the junior chamber of commerce next Tuesday evening will have a half-hour radio sale of Captain Jack, the bond-selling rooster.

The officials of the war finance committee emphasized that there must be heavy purchases of E bonds, the smaller bonds, if Klamath county is to make its \$1,269,000 quota, and also if union labor is to win through with its "buy a sub-chaser" campaign by May 1.

A letter was read from Senator Rufus Holman stating that an investigation is being made of the possibility of extension of facilities at the Klamath Falls airport.

## AIRPOWER SEEN KEY TO BATTLE

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to launch an offensive at any time. MacArthur appeared to back Blamey's conclusions when he said:

"A primary threat to Australia does not require a great initial local concentration of naval striking power. It requires rather a sufficient concentration of land-based aviation. As a matter of fact, Japanese naval forces in great strength, although beyond our bomber range, are within easy striking distance of Australia."

### MASONS ELECT

PORTLAND, April 14 (AP)—Royal Arch Masons of Oregon closed their annual York Rite Masonic session today by electing Wayne F. Whealdon, Portland, grand high priest to succeed Jack Murton, St. Helens.

Air express transported last year by the nation's commercial airlines broke all records for number of shipments, weight and revenue.

## Air Activity Continues Over Quiet Russ Front

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the enemy, bringing the total to 300 in 24 hours in this sector.

Also south of Balakleya, red army scouts during the night broke into a German-held town, presumably on the western side of the Donets river, and killed 40 Germans. Battles in this sector officially were described as "fierce."

On the Volkov front, south-east of Leningrad, the Russians' heavy artillery shelled a German position, smashing up some batteries and mortars. Russian guns in the last 24 hours have blown up 25 dugouts and pill-boxes in this area.

### No New News

The noon communique reported nothing fresh from the Leningrad front where the Germans in one sector attacked with tanks all day yesterday.

These sudden attacks in the north are hard to explain at present. There is no indication yet that they are the forerunner of any large-scale German offensive but they are persistent and sharp, and air raids on Leningrad preceded them.

The red army is well aware that these attacks in the Leningrad and Volkov sectors could be feints to draw the attention of the command here as the enemy prepares to strike elsewhere.

## Five Killed In Boise Plane Crash

BOISE, April 14 (AP)—Five men were killed and eight others injured in the crash of a four-motored bomber on the parking ramp at Gowen Field, army officers announced today.

Capt. F. L. Davis, Gowen Field intelligence officer, said the plane skidded to the edge of a ramp on a takeoff early yesterday.

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## Potatoes

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 4 unbroken cars on track; California 1, Idaho 1 arrived, two by truck. Market firm, no sales.

LOS ANGELES, April 14 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 6 broken, 4 unbroken cars on track; Idaho 1, Oregon 1 arrived, four by truck. Market steady, no sales.

CHICAGO, April 14 (AP-USA)—Potatoes, arrivals 57; on truck 103; total US shipments 429; old stock; supplies light; track trading very light account of lack of table stock; market unsettled; new stock; supplies very light, demand moderate; market steady at ceiling level; Minnesota and North Dakota Bliss Triumphs Commercial seed stock \$3.55-60; Idaho Russet Burbanks, US No. 1, \$4.00-\$4.09; Texas Bliss Triumphs victory grade \$3.06-10 per 50 lbs. sack.

Always read the classified ads.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES INVESTIGATORS HERE

Investigators from the public utilities commissioner's office in Salem arrived here Wednesday morning to confer with city officials and to hear their side of the story in connection with a recent complaint filed by the city against the Klamath Heating company.

Here to conduct the informal hearing were J. L. Kennedy and David Don, both of Salem. They will make their reports to the commissioner. No action is taken here at this time.

D. O. Hood of Portland, head of Columbia Utilities which operates the local heating plant, arrived here Tuesday night to be present at the all-day session.

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