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ALLIES CLOSE ON TUNIS, BIZERTE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SIGNS of German exhaustion are reported in the Tunisian dispatches today.

Two hundred worn-out mortar and machine gunners surrendered in their concrete and rock dugouts at the eastern end of bloody Long Stop hill. German units abandon vital, DEFENDABLE high ground without a fight.

Enemy rear guards on the front where the Americans are fighting are said to be retreating so rapidly (although taking time to sow minefields behind them) that they leave their own dead unburied.

WATCH these reports. If true, they indicate that the enemy is badly outnumbered and isn't getting sufficient reinforcements—so that his troops have to fight ON AND ON without relief or rest periods.

Human flesh can stand such punishment only so long.

IF our side has men enough to keep pouring in FRESH troops against the exhausted Germans, the end will be only a question of time.

THE hot spot of the Tunisian front today appears to be in the relatively wide valley (roughly 10 or 12 miles between the flanking hills) between Medjez el Bab and the plain surrounding the city of Tunis.

In this flat, open valley British tanks are attacking and are said to have destroyed 80 German tanks in the past few days.

A break-through here would seriously threaten Tunis, only 23 miles away.

PATTON'S Americans are crowding Bizerte from the west. They seem to have come down from the hills and reached level ground along the shores of the shallow lake that lies to the west of Lake Bizerte, but the Germans still hold the hills commanding this route. Bizerte is 20-odd miles away from Patton.

Another allied column pushing northeast from Medjez el Bab toward Tebourba obviously hopes to get between Tunis and Bizerte, thus splitting the Germans into two pockets.

(If you want to understand this situation, you'll have to consult your map. Without the map before you, it is hard to grasp.)

BRITISH bombers hit Duisburg, 12 miles west of Essen, in the Ruhr valley of Germany. American Flying Fortresses from Cairo smack Bari, on the Adriatic coast of Italy.

The Duisburg raid is aimed at munitions works. At Bari, we're pounding axis communications with Africa.

THE Germans didn't do so well in their Kuban offensive in the Caucasus.

They had concentrated heavy air strength in the Crimea, at the Kerch strait and on the Taman peninsula just across the strait (see map) to back up their infantry and armor in the Kuban.

The red air force hit these German air concentrations so hard and so quickly that hundreds of Nazi planes (the Russians claim) were destroyed on the ground and in the air. With its air support smashed, the Kuban offensive collapsed.

A WAR map just published in Hitler's newspaper substantially confirms the map recently printed by the Russians, indicating that Russian gains in their winter offensive were even greater than we had known.

LONDON, incidentally, is said to be "shocked" by the Russians' ruckus with the Poles.

This writer, personally, isn't too deeply shocked. If Russia, at immense cost in blood, goes ahead and destroys German military might, she'll be fairly entitled to try her hand at fixing things up in Europe.

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Americans Hold Hills Overlooking Jap Mubo Airfield

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 27 (AP)—Australian and American troops now hold hill tops overlooking the village and airfield of Mubo, New Guinea, which is less than 15 miles south of the important Japanese base of Salamaua.

This was disclosed today in an elaboration at General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters of a one-sentence account in the noon communique:

"Mubo: our attack planes bombed and strafed enemy positions in support of our ground troops."

Plane Raids
It was pointed out that these planes, Bostons, twice raided the enemy Monday ahead of ridge positions held by the allies, mostly Australians, and that their fire was directed particularly at a group of Japanese entrenched on a hill only a mile and a quarter northeast of Mubo.

Since organized Japanese resistance ceased last January 23 on the Papuan peninsula at a point roughly 150 miles below Salamaua, information has been meager concerning exact positions of the allies on the north coastal approaches to the Hoon gulf. Patrols have moved near to Salamaua, one annihilating an enemy outpost of 20 men on April 18 within six airline miles of that base. But the last skirmishing of note occurred early in February near Wau, roughly 30 miles southwest of Salamaua, during which the Japanese lost 1000 men. At that time, the enemy troops were reported fleeing in the direction of Mubo.

RAF RAINS BOMBS ON NAZI DUISBURG
Inland Port Blasted By 1350 Tons of Explosives

LONDON, April 27 (AP)—Britain's biggest bombers rained an estimated 1350 tons of bombs last night on the German inland port of Duisburg in one of the heaviest raids ever carried out against the Reich.

The air ministry news service announced that the RAF dumped an average of 30 tons of bombs a minute for 45 minutes.

Seventeen bombers were reported missing from the attack, which an air ministry communique described as highly concentrated.

Mosquito Bombers
The night raid followed blows by swift Mosquito bombers late yesterday at railway centers in northwest Germany, in the Rhineland, and in France near (Continued on Page Two)

Army Bombers Break Lull in Kiska Blasts

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP)—Army bombers broke a four-day lull in raids on Japanese-held Kiska island, the navy reported today, by blasting the enemy base 13 times Sunday.

Results were not observed exactly due to poor visibility, a communique said. The same day a flight of heavy bombers struck at Attu island, subordinate base to Kiska, and scored hits on the runway there. The Japanese have been working for months to build air bases on Attu and Kiska.

Secretary of the Navy Knox said at a press conference earlier today that they might conceivably use those Aleutian positions for attempts to raid the west coast although he declared that the possibility of such an operation is remote.

Liberators Strike Jap Oil Refinery

NEW DELHI, April 27 (AP)—Liberator heavy bombers of the tenth U. S. air force struck the Thilawa oil refinery south of Rangoon yesterday and scored many direct hits on installations around the distillation plant and among storage tanks, today's U. S. communique said.

Basin Farms Buzz as Spud Planting Gets Under Way

Fertile acres of the great Klamath basin will be turned next week as planting of early potatoes gets under way.

First to go in the ground will be the White Rose variety, with the Russets to follow.

Close to 23,000 acres of potatoes will be planted this spring, an increase of some 40 per cent over last year, according to C. A. Henderson, Klamath county agent.

Some early planting of Klamath's \$5,000,000 crop started last week in the south end of the basin. The land has been "pretty wet," according to Henderson, but by the first week of May conditions should be excellent.

Reviewing wheat plantings, Henderson said that virtually

all wheat acreages have been planted. Some 12,000 acres, a trifle more than in 1942, has been put into wheat.

Henderson said the labor picture was not very good and that at several meetings of the farm labor committee, efforts were being made to outline a program which will be beneficial all the way around.

The "help ourselves" policy will probably be the one to be followed by Klamath county residents as imported labor is not to be depended upon in this community and in the opinion of many is publicized far above its value.

Utilization of older school children will mean the closing of rural schools in the agricultural section.

Klamath Scouts Plant Trees



Scouts Bob Loper and Solon Stone of troop No. 4 plant their share of the "Tree for Every Service Man" program being carried out by the Boy Scouts of America. Klamath Falls scouts have already exceeded their quota and are still planting trees. (Picture by H. H. Ogle. Story on page 2).

BRITAIN ATTEMPTS POLISH MEDIATION

Amazement Expressed Over Diplomatic Break

LONDON, April 27 (AP)—Britain initiated an intensive effort today to restore diplomatic relations between Soviet Russia and Poland in a conference attended by Prime Minister Churchill, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and the Polish premier, Wladyslaw Sikorski.

Ambassador John G. Winant was summoned unexpectedly to No. 10 Downing street, Churchill's official residence, earlier this afternoon, indicating that the good offices of the United States also were enlisted.

Special Session
The cabinet of the Polish government-in-exile convened in special session to debate its procedure following Soviet Russia's action in severing diplomatic relations yesterday.

Informed political quarters expressed belief that some concrete action designed to repair the breach would be forthcoming, but were not prepared to say what direction it would take.

Unofficial Polish sources in London said they were greatly shocked at the Russian government's move, and voiced a hope for quick reconciliation. The breach, they said, represents a major victory for the German propaganda machine.

It was intimated by these sources that the Polish government (Continued on Page Two)

Strike Spreads In Coal Mines; Results Noted

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP)—More than 50 mines were shut down today in the spread of a strike which held the possibility of halting production of soft coal by Saturday.

More than 26,000 of an estimated total of 450,000 soft coal miners were reported to have left their work by midday.

The war labor board appealed to the miners' patriotism not to walk out, saying in messages to President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers and other UMW leaders that "a nation at war" needs uninterrupted production.

However, in Pennsylvania 26 mines were shut down with 14,700 men idle. The production loss there increased to more than 88,000 tons a day, on the basis of six tons a man.

About 4000 men were idle in Kentucky and 7500 in Alabama. In Ohio, a UMW district president said "if there is not a contract between operators and the union by Friday there won't be any coal miners go into coal mines Saturday."

City to Acquire New Site For Cemetery West of Town

The city of Klamath Falls will soon acquire a new cemetery site comprised of approximately 90 acres of rolling land overlooking the Klamath river two miles west of town.

Members of the city council in session Monday night accepted the recommendation of the cemetery committee following a year's work by the group who made their final selection after inspecting numerous possible locations for a much needed cemetery close to the city.

The property will cost the city \$7053.63. Seventy acres of the proposed section will be purchased from the Northwest Utilities company, the Klamath county court, and Gomer W. Caseman for \$5653.63. A further recommendation was made that 18 acres, costing \$1400, be purchased from the Klamath county court, bringing the total purchase price up to \$7053.63.

Troops Camped There
The land is adjacent to the Kesterson mill property and is the point on the Keno highway where troops have been bivouacked the past two years. None of the property faces the highway.

"After careful consideration and viewing a great many proposed sites, your committee is of the opinion that this site is well suited for the purpose of a cemetery, that the price is reasonable, and in recommending that the city buy this property, it be dedicated and filed as a cemetery," was the statement of committee members. Ed Ostendorf headed the group, assisted by Horace E. Getz, Oscar Shive, Myrie C. Adams, and Councilman Rollin Cantrell.

The property was originally known as the Whiteline land, was sold around 1927 to Great Northern and, in turn, sold to Northwest Utilities company of Portland and others. One lot was owned by Caseman, 28 acres by the county court, and the remaining 60 by Northwest Utilities.

Water Available
Cantrell pointed out the fine advantages of having water available (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball National League
Boston 3 10 2
New York 11 10 1
Tobin and Masi; Lohman and Poland.
Cincinnati 1 5 0
Pittsburgh 4 10 0
Starr, Shoun (8) and Mueller; Klingler and Lopez.

Klamath War Dead to Be Honored With Memorial

Erection of a pole on the courthouse lawn this week constituted the first step in the construction of a memorial to honor Klamath's war dead in this war.

The memorial is designed to last for the duration. It is being erected by a committee appointed by the mayor, acting on a suggestion from the American Legion.

It will be in the form of an obelisk, resembling the Washington monument, 46 feet in height. It will be built of water-proof plywood, painted white, with the names of those officially reported dead—painted in black on the sides.

Perpetual Light
On the front of the shaft will be a standard bearing a perpetual light.

All labor and materials for the construction have been contributed by union labor, individuals and business men.

Coleman O'Loughlin of the

French Troops Slash Way to Pont du Fahs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 27 (AP)—French troops have reached the outskirts of Pont du Fahs, strategic crossroads town and German base 34 miles southwest of Tunis, a French communique announced tonight.

Along the Mediterranean, the pig-tailed Moroccan Goums advanced another three miles east of the Herk river, capturing prisoners and considerable material.

Over Mountains
The French around Pont du Fahs were declared pushing their attacks in particularly difficult mountain terrain, liberally strewn with land mines laid by the retreating enemy.

"A great number of prisoners had been gathered," the communique said.

The French advances were the latest announced successes unofficially scored around the 140-mile Tunisian front behind which the axis forces are being steadily compressed.

Armored Advance
Allied armored forces have driven to within four miles of the Tunis-Pont du Fahs road and have destroyed 80 German tanks in the big-scale battle which has raged since Sunday, allied quarters announced today.

Further north, the British first army infantry cleared 11 miles of the road from Medjez el-Bab to Tebourba and reached Toun railroad station, only 23 miles west of Tunis, front line dispatches reported, and for the first time since last November the allies were again on the threshold of the Tunis plain.

Skit Sea
The same reports said the French skirting the Mediterranean had penetrated to within six miles of Lake Achkel, which almost adjoins Lake Bizerte. Apparently this placed the British and French within 23 miles of both the twin cities of Bizerte and Tunis.

In the sector between Medjez el-Bab and the Mediterranean, the Americans of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. continued (Continued on Page Two)

Air War Hits Furious High On Russ Front

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, April 27 (AP)—Aviation activity had reached a new fury on the Soviet-German front today as Russians, with increased air strength, continued to blast Nazi forward and rear positions and communications.

The most intensive action still was in the Kuban region of the Caucasus.

Red Star, the army newspaper, said that following great air losses, the German air activity in the Kuban slackened after April 22, but Russian activity increased.

The dispatch related that the Germans concentrated masses of bombers and fighters, mostly Focke-Wulf 190's and Messerschmitt 109-G's in the Taman peninsula, the Crimea and Kerch Strait area airfields.

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ITALY BATTERED BY ALLIED BOMBS

Fortresses Make Long Flight From Africa

LONDON, April 27 (AP)—Italy was brought under unprecedented aerial bombardment yesterday as Flying Fortresses made their longest flight from North Africa to bomb the unscarred Grosseto airfield 80 miles northwest of Rome and U. S. Liberators from the Middle East devastated the Bari airfield on the southern Adriatic with 250,000 pounds of explosives.

Other planes from Malta and Tunisia were reported to have rained fires on much bombed Sicily and Sardinia, the large Italian islands southwest and west of the Italian peninsula.

Spectacular though the raid on Grosseto was, it was viewed as but a hint to Premier Mussolini of the aerial blows that are imminent.

Roundtrip Flight
Raids on Grosseto entailed a roundtrip flight of at least 950 miles for the Fortresses capable of far greater distances. It laid bare a new set of Italian targets between Rome and the charred industrial cities of the north such as Milan, Genoa, Savona, Turin and Spezia.

These northern cities have been frequent targets of the black-winged RAF bombers which flew across the Alps from Britain to cripple Italy's chief arsenals and snarl communications to Germany by way of Switzerland.

Capital Spared
Rome, the Italian capital, has been spared attack thus far although intruder planes from Malta have flown over the suburbs.

Direct hits were scored on air-drome buildings at Grosseto, an allied communique from North Africa said. The Italian radio (Continued on Page Two)

French-Swiss Frontier Closed By Italians

BERN, Switzerland, April 27 (AP)—Dispatches reaching here today said that the French-Swiss frontier had been closed tightly by Italian occupation authorities who declared the situation might change but for the time being nobody may cross due to army orders.

There was no explanation for the action.

A frontier report said that the border was closed at 4 a. m. yesterday morning and that railroad service between Annemasse and Geneva was stopped early this morning when barriers were placed across the tracks near Chene-Bourg, where it is reported there are now numerous Alpine patrols.

Training Planes Crash Over Range In New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., April 27 (AP)—Two training planes from Kirtland field collided while on routine bombing missions over the practice range west of here last night resulting in the death of the four crewmen in one of the ships, the base public relations office announced today.

The second plane was able to reach Kirtland field safely, the public relations office said.