

Blackout Signal

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ALLIES MOP UP TUNIS, BIZERTE

Axis Remnants Flee to Cape as Noose Tightens

By WILLIAM B. KING

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 8 (AP)—Allied divisions, capitalizing speedily on the conquest of Tunis and Bizerte, tightened the noose of steel about axis remnants in northwest Tunisia today and overran town after town in pursuit of Germans and Italians fleeing toward the Cap Bon peninsula.

United States armor cut the coastal highway from Bizerte to Tunis at a point 18 miles southeast of the naval base, destroying the last means of escape and further constricting the operational zone of any axis troops remaining in the north tip of the protectorate.

British armor in the center of the line matched this American drive to the Gulf of Tunis by capturing Creteville 14 miles southeast of Tunis at the northern edge of the Cap Bon peninsula.

It is 25 miles from Creteville to the Port of Mammemet, at the southern base of the peninsula's entrance. Americans, French and British forces shared honors in the battle—a battle which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said would continue "as long as a single armed German is on African soil."

Members of the American second corps captured Chouguil, 21 miles west of Tunis, and moved on against enemy rear guards. Chouguil pass, guardian of the road to the holdout junction of Tebourba, was occupied.

Many thousands of prisoners have been captured, it was officially announced, and observers at allied headquarters said the total was expected to reach five figures—that is, 10,000 or more.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TUNIS and Bizerte are in our hands. The Germans are fleeing to the hills of the Cape Bon peninsula and the beaches. Our side is mopping up.

MEANWHILE—

The ever-humming wires tell us today the Japs have made an important advance in Burma, along the coast of the Bay of Bengal north of Akyab. It is their SECOND advance in that area in 24 hours.

A communique from Wavell's headquarters in India says: "Despite substantial casualties inflicted by our troops, the Japs have succeeded in reinforcing their forward units, thus developing a direct threat to our positions."

(The positions referred to are those where Wavell had dug in to await the passing of the monsoon rains.)

THIS is a WORLD war. The spotlight never rests long in one place. With Tunisia a closed incident, it shifts elsewhere.

THE dispatches from Burma say it remains to be seen whether the Japs are opening a major offensive aimed at India. British military quarters think the approaching monsoon floods will prevent any large-scale operations along the Burma-India border, but we have to remember that the Japs down there have repeatedly ignored obstacles of nature—as when they penetrated the "impenetrable" Malayan jungles to take Singapore.

IT is just as well for us to remember that if the Japs are going to strike a blow to help their alleged pal Hitler (by taking some of the weight off his neck) now is the time for them to do it.

On the other side of the fence, we can remember that opening the Mediterranean sea route will give us a much shorter supply route to India.

The British estimate that opening the Mediterranean will enable one ship to do the work of three or four now going around Africa.

MORE or less overlooked in the rush of thrilling news from Tunisia is the fact, just announced by the navy, that we now have an air base on Amchika island, only 63 nautical miles (or about 12 minutes by bomber) from Kiska.

That ought to help.

AT Novorossisk, in the Kuban peninsula of the Caucasus, the story of Tunisia is being more or less re-enacted, with bloody fights for commanding hills, the Germans desperately rushing in reinforcements, the Russians applying steady and relentless pressure, etc.

Let us hope earnestly the Kuban ends as Tunisia did. The more defeats our side can inflict on the Germans, the better off we shall be.

THIS question naturally occurs: "After Tunisia, what?" Nobody is going to tell us—for that would be telling the Germans, too. So get out your map and do a little guessing.

Opening the Mediterranean sea route has been one of the chief objectives of the African campaign. Your map will tell you that in addition to Tunisia we need the Italian islands of Sardinia and Sicily to make the Mediterranean route reasonably safe.

It won't be surprising if we go after them.

THE Spanish rumor factory at La Linea (only a few miles from Gibraltar) says there were three violent explosions in the bay of Gibraltar this morning and that British naval vessels beached three merchant ships. It adds that a reported attack by (Continued on Page Two)

Going Home— To New York

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 8 (AP)—As a truckload of Italian prisoners rolled away from the front a group of American soldiers voiced a few wisecracks.

Came the retort from one Italian who spoke perfect English: "Why are you laughing at us? We're going to New York; you're going to Italy!"

RETROACTIVE PAY HEARING STARTS

Unions Contend Dates Should Start in Early 1942

Delay and discussion of jurisdiction marked the opening of a hearing here Saturday on the question of dates for retroactive pay in connection with the West Coast Lumber commission's recent pine wage increase awards involving AFL employes and operators.

The hearing, slated to start in the courthouse jury room at 10 a. m., moved to the library club-room when the jury room was found not to be available. After the lumber commission referee, Dr. Richard Steiner, Portland, had opened the hearing in the clubroom, it was postponed because a court reporter was not available to make a record of the proceedings asked by employer representatives.

Hearing Starts Finally, the hearing got under way at 1 p. m., when Doyle Pearson, representing the union, made a statement outlining the (Continued on Page Two)

Sgt. Fuller Gets Silver Star for African Bravery

The Silver Star, received for meritorious action under fire in North Africa, has been awarded to Sgt. Raymond Fuller, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fuller of 2252 Vine avenue, according to word received here.

The act, which brought young Fuller the coveted award, occurred in battle in late December, when the tank corpsman brought back his wounded driver under fire. Fuller's companion had received 14 machine gun bullet wounds but is recovering.

Sgt. Fuller had previously been awarded the Purple Heart and the medal has been sent home to his parents. The youth suffered wounds which hospitalized him for a time but in a recent V-mail note to his parents he had returned to service.

Miners Idle in Face of President's "Back to Work" Order; Some Pits Work

PITTSBURGH, May 8 (AP)—Fourteen hundred striking coal miners went back to work today near California, Pa., but 500 men at another Pennsylvania mine quit, leaving more than 2800 workers in three states still idle in the face of President Roosevelt's indication that he did not expect a strike since miners now are government employes.

A spokesman for the Jones & Laughlin Steel corporation said workers at its Shannopin mine at Bobtown, Pa., failed to report for the 7 a. m. shift.

Some Return Employees of the Vesta No. 4 mine at California—Largest of four J. & L. pits—returned to their jobs early today after a meeting last night with District 5 officials of the United Mine Workers.

John P. Busarello, District 5 president, declared he was "glad they're back. I was worried sick about it." The Bobtown mine is in District 4. Two of Ohio's largest mines shut down today as 1200 miners refused to work because of what a union official said was a dispute arising from last week's general stoppage in the bituminous fields.

BURMA JAPS ADVANCE ON WAVELL'S MEN

British Troops Dig in To Wait Monsoon Rains

By The Associated Press British headquarters announced today that Japanese troops made a new advance east of the Mayu ridge in Burma—the second in 24 hours—and were now threatening positions where Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's forces had dug in to await the monsoon rains.

A communique said the Japanese, striking north toward the India frontier, had seized ground astride the 35-mile road from Maungaw to Buthedaung, about four miles west of Buthedaung. The road lies 60 miles north of the big Japanese base at Akyab on the Bay of Bengal coast.

Reinforced "Despite substantial casualties inflicted by our troops, the Japanese have succeeded in reinforcing their forward units, thereby developing a direct (Continued on Page Two)

"Dissatisfied" Ewauna Loggers Idle Second Day

Ewauna Box company's loggers were still off work Saturday in a situation that arose over alleged employee dissatisfaction with a supervisory employe. The loggers did not report for work on Friday.

IWA officials here said that the employe to whom the union members are objecting is Ray Chase, logging superintendent, well known in timber circles of the basin. He recently took over the post with Ewauna.

Tim Sullivan of the IWA denied that a letter written by Wayne Chase, who is in the U.S. navy, to a local newspaper, criticizing unions, had anything to do with the difficulty. He said the company had been informed of the employees' objection to Chase before the letter had appeared. Wayne Chase is a son of Ray Chase.

Company officials said they could give no information on the work stoppage except that it had occurred.

Sullivan said he had asked for a government conciliator to go into the situation. He said he had hoped for a meeting with company officials at the logging operation near Quartz Mountain Friday night, but that it had not been held.



Germans Face Decisive Smash At Novorossisk

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, May 8 (AP)—An extremely violent battle was reported in progress today south-west of Neberdjayevskaya, which is only nine miles from Novorossisk, as the Germans rushed up reserves, tanks, and motorized artillery in an attempt to halt the soviet advance toward the Black sea port.

In the face of growing resistance, red army units, which turned southward after separating the Germans and the Rumanians north of the Kuban river from those in the south, were driving hard to follow up the force of their first thrusts

Honored on Mother's Day



Four sons in the service is the proud record of Mrs. Lou Larson of 618 Willow street, the mother of 12 children. Upper left, Horace Fenton Knight, 30, with the Seabees, now in Alaska. Horace enlisted in November, 1942, completed his training and passed through here three weeks ago en route to the far north. Lower left, Thomas L. Knight, 23, seaman second class, US navy. Tom is now in foreign service on one of Uncle Sam's cruisers. He enlisted in August, 1942. Upper right, Harvey William Knight, 25, United States navy, radioman, first class. Harvey is now in Alaska and was at Dutch Harbor at the time of the bombing last June. He enlisted in July, 1940. Lower right, Tech. Sgt. David Noah Knight, 28, one of the first American soldiers to land in North Africa where he saw heavy action for the first two months of the campaign. David was inducted in July, 1941. All four attended schools in this city. Mrs. Larson has two young boys at home, Virgil, 16, and Charles, 17. Both will enter the US marine corps when Virgil reaches his 17th birthday this fall. Mrs. Larson will then have six sons in the armed forces.



La Grande Music Man to Teach in Klamath Schools

John Alan O'Connor, supervisor of music in La Grande schools, has submitted his resignation to accept a position in the Klamath Falls school system, it was learned here today.

If the La Grande board accepts O'Connor's resignation, he will come here to take charge of string work in the elementary and high schools of the city, according to City Superintendent A. L. Gralapp. This will include beginning classes in strings in the elementary system and the KUHS orchestra.

O'Connor graduated from the University of Idaho in 1938 and has had extensive training in (Continued on Page Two)

Manufacturing Will Increase Logging Labor

Manufacturing developments that will bring a material increase in the man hours of labor used locally on each log were forecast by Horace Andrews, regional forester, in an address on the future of wood delivered at the annual Stop Forest Fires banquet held Friday night in the Willard hotel.

Andrews discussed intensification and diversification of wood manufacture in connection with the industrial future of Klamath Falls, which he said depends more than any other city in Oregon on its lumbering industry. He mentioned, in particular, re- (Continued on Page Two)

Senate Finance Group Approves Modified Ruml

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—The senate finance committee voted 12 to 7 approval today for a modified version of the Ruml-Carlson pay-as-you-go tax collection measure which would abate either the 1942 or 1943 liabilities of taxpayers, whichever is lower.

In record breaking time, the committee completed its general work on the skip-a-year legislation, which was rejected by only four voters in the house, which adopted instead a current collection plan providing for abatement of the two lowest brackets of taxes on 1942 income.

Baseball

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Generals Praised

Disclosing that Maj. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 50-year-old infantry officer, had succeeded Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., the tank specialist, in command of the second U. S. corps for the campaign across mountainous North Tunisia, General Eisenhower praised both.

"Naturally I am highly delighted with the developments which brought us into Bizerte and Tunis," the allied commander-in-chief said, "but so far as I am concerned as long as a single armed German is on African soil there is still a battle and I want to destroy the rest of his resistance."

He said the result of the unification of the British, French and Americans under Deputy Commander Gen. Sir Harold Alexander "speaks well for the tremendously difficult tasks lying ahead of the United Nations."

German Confusion

Advanced elements reaching Tunis said civilians and Nazi soldiers alike appeared unaware of the proximity of allied forces on the outskirts. Confusion results, with some fighting in the streets and sniping from buildings, but this was quickly cleared up.

Midnight reports said the American forces faced a similar situation in Bizerte, but the important naval base—first entered by the 894th tank destroyer battalion of the American Ninth division—was soon completely under control.

Supplies Held

Americans captured 495 prisoners in the attack upon Bizerte alone. In addition, a large amount of valuable military supplies which the Germans had no time to destroy or remove was seized. Prisoners over the whole front were coming in rapidly. In one sector a number of Germans surrendered, using their own transport to give themselves up.