

# AXIS BLASTED THREE WAYS IN JUNE AIR WAR

By The Associated Press  
LONDON, July 1—Striking from three directions, the mighty air arms of the American and British allies subjected axis Europe to a design of destruction unparalleled in all history during the month of June, and for the enemy the worst was still to come.

During the month, allied aerial power reached out in rising fury from bases in Britain, in northwest Africa and in the middle east—with American and British fliers cooperating smoothly to keep the offensive going virtually around the clock. These accomplishments stood out:

1. The unconditional surrender of the Italian fortress island of Pantelleria on June 11, first island ever conquered by air power alone; the subsequent capture of Lampedusa, Linosa and Lampione, a pattern of destruction spread over Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

2. The great destruction wrought by the RAF in its city-by-city bombing of the Ruhr valley, to whose concentrated industries Hitler looks for replenishment of his war machine.

Also significant were the two American Liberator raids last week on axis airfields near Athens and Salonika, an aerial pointer toward a possible Balkan invasion route, and inauguration by the RAF of a bombing shuttle service between Britain and Africa with an important raid on both the outbound and home-ward trips.

Available figures did not reveal the total weight of explosives dumped upon the European enemy during the month, but Capt. Sir Harold H. Balfour, under secretary of state for air, told the house of commons yesterday that the RAF alone now is dropping bombs on Germany at three times the 1942 rate. Reliable estimates placed the RAF's June bomb deluge delivered from homeland bases at a record 13,500 tons, topping by some 1000 tons the May record of 12,500 tons. A great proportion of this June destruction was spread upon the Ruhr in nine major attacks, including the assault on Dueseldorf on June 11 by the war's greatest heavy bomber force.

## Soldier Dies After Shooting at Aged Farmer's Home

TACOMA, July 1 (AP)—Pvt. Earl R. Taylor, stationed at Fort Lewis, died early today at the Pierce county hospital after having been shot at the home of P. E. Whitmore, 76, farmer living near the Roy turnoff from the Mountain highway. Whitmore is being held by police for investigation.

According to Deputy Sheriffs Lee Tonetti and Julius La Vergne, Taylor and Whitmore had been drinking at a nearby tavern. About midnight Whitmore returned home. Taylor apparently followed him, and tried to enter the front door of Whitmore's house. After Whitmore ordered him away, Taylor went to the back door and was trying to pull off the screen when Whitmore shot through the door, the deputy sheriffs said.

## De Valera Again Elected Prime Minister of Eire

DUBLIN, July 1 (AP)—Eamon De Valera was reelected prime minister of Eire today by a vote of 67 to 37 in the first meeting of the dail since the general election of June 22.

His opponent was William Cosgrave, leader of the opposition Fine Gael party.

The vote was taken after De Valera had opposed a suggestion to suspend the party system until after the emergency and to replace it in the interim with a national government.

### THEY ALSO SERVE

TULSA, Okla., (AP)—Enid Means, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Means of Kellyville, Okla., hoed her victory garden so vigorously she cut her foot.

She battled the resultant infection for a week in a Tulsa hospital—and died yesterday.

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## Armored Vest Saved Flier



Col. Myron R. Wood (right), chief of supply, eighth air force service command, holds an armored vest that withstood the force of an exploding 20 mm cannon shell just two feet from the chest of U. S. flier on a raid over Wilhelmshaven and Emden. Cpl. John Nash (left), Cleveland, O., wears the vest American bomber crews are equipped with as protection against low velocity missiles—cause of 75 per cent of airmen's wounds. Associated Press photo from USAAF.

## Noel Benson Promoted to Major; Gordon Jap Prisoner

From two fronts today came word of two brothers, Noel and Gordon Benson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Benson of Klamath Falls. Official word from the war department tells that First Lieutenant Gordon Benson is a prisoner of war held by Japan, and in a press release from

Guadalcanal, word was received of the promotion of Captain Noel Benson to a major in the army air corps. Lieutenant Benson was previously reported as missing in the Philippines and in April his parents heard that he was a prisoner of war. He is being held in a camp somewhere in the Philippines.

## BATTLE EXPECTED FOR DOWNEY SEAT

SACRAMENTO, July 1 (AP)—A third potential candidate for the United States senate seat held by Senator Sheridan Downey appeared on the political horizon today when Speaker Charles W. Lyon of the state assembly said he is "seriously considering" making the race.

Lyon, a member of the legislature for 27 years from Los Angeles, declared he has made a tour around the state sounding out sentiment and that he will run if proper support is forthcoming.

Within the last few days Lieutenant Governor Frederick Houser and Dr. Walter F. Dexter, state superintendent of public instruction have announced they may seek to succeed Downey. All three officials are republicans.

## Cournaire Named To Succeed Boisson As Governor-General

ALGIERS, July 1 (AP)—The French committee of national liberation today named Pierre Cournaire to succeed Pierre Boisson as governor general of French West Africa, where the Dakar naval base is situated. Cournaire had been governor of the Cameroons under an appointment made in November, 1940, by Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

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## MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

### RETURNS TO BAY—Orris W. Willard, EM 3/c, U. S. navy, has returned to the San Francisco bay area after spending 10 days here with his wife, the former Ruth Hendricks.

For six months Willard was with the Seabees at Camp Perry in Williamsburg, Virginia, serving as a primary training instructor. He has now transferred to the regular navy and will attend a naval electrical school at the floating drydock training center in Tiburon, California.

ON LEAVE — Vernon Gillette, son of Mrs. Lela Daw, route 3, has been home on a three-day leave. He is a gunner in the navy, and has been in the navy for about a year. He has been all over the world and has recently returned from England. He graduated from Klamath Union high school in 1940.

AT FORT KNOX—Private Wilbur E. Muma of Klamath Falls is now with the AFRTC, Fort Knox, Ky. He is the husband of Mrs. W. E. Muma who lives at 319 East Main street, Klamath Falls.

Word has been received from Sgt. Aldon A. Dollman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dollman of Ellingson's mill, that he is in the Aleutian islands. Young Dollman has been in service nearly three years. He has never yet had a furlough. Aldon attended grade school at Keno and was employed by Long Bell at Dorris before his entry into the army. He was first sent to Spokane, then Anchorage, Alaska, and more recently to the Aleutians. His parents receive mail from him about once a week.

Seventeen year old Robert Charles Moore has enlisted in the marine corps at Portland, according to Sergeant Lester Finley of the local recruiting office. The marine private is the son of Robert E. Moore, 4617 Denver avenue. The youth has been a farmer since graduating from elementary school in Klamath Falls. He will leave home for boot camp training in San Diego at a later date.

## Bud Fairclo Writes Home Of Adventures in Tunisia

Corporal "Bud" Fairclo, now in Tunisia, writes his mother, Mrs. George Lewis of Dairy, that they have been herding German and Italian prisoners around. He said that a sight which he never expected to see was when they surrendered. They came streaming out of the hills in their own trucks, driven by their own men and it was nothing to have a truck load stop and ask the way to the nearest prison camp.

Fairclo writes that the Germans still think that they are going to win the war and the question that they asked the most was "Do you think that they will send us to America?"

He says that he has seen over 1700 miles of the African coast and a lot of inland. He enjoys the swimming more than anything over there yet, but says he will never again have a hankering to rove around. He writes that a fellow really learns to appreciate his home town after being over there, in fact, if he never gets farther than Dairy, it will suit him all right.

He has many interesting souvenirs if the army will let him keep them, including a German mosquito net in his pup tent to keep off the flies and mosquitos. He is camped under a lemon tree, and mentioned that he never did see such big fields of grain, alfalfa, and vinyards as he has seen there.

Harry Isensee, SF 3/c left Tuesday for Port Hueneme, California. He was called to active duty in the navy on October 8, 1942 and was stationed at Camp Peary, Virginia, where he completed his basic training and advanced training. While in Klamath Falls he visited with his wife Katherine of 1919 Erie street and friends. He was formerly employed at the Men's Hand Laundry.

SAN ANTONIO—Promotion of Sergeant Edward E. LaChappell of 3540 South Sixth street, Klamath Falls, to staff sergeant was announced recently by Lt. General Courtney H. Hodges, commanding the third army and southern defense command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Sergeant LaChappell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. LaChappell, entered the army in February, 1942. He is assigned to the artillery section of the third army.

In civilian life he was a florist's helper.

A letter was received Tuesday, June 29, by his parents from Lt. Morry Stein, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stein. Lt. Stein says that he

was at Bizerte and described the city as a shambles. He did not even get a scratch, he said. Morry entered the army in August, 1942. He attended Klamath Union high school and the University of Oregon.

retary of Navy Frank Knox declared Wednesday.

But the situation has been consistently better since figures on allied losses started to drop in April, the secretary told a press conference, and June was the best month since the war began.

## Sub War Better But Not Won, Says Navy Secretary

LOS ANGELES, June 30 (AP)—Despite the growing list of United Nations successes against undersea marauders, the struggle for supremacy over the submarine has not been won, and won't be as long as the war lasts, Secretary of Navy Frank Knox declared Wednesday.

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