

Axis' African Corps Continues Flight Beyond El Agheila

BRITISH PLANES STRAFE, BOMB RETREATING FOE

Cairo — (P)—Marshal Rommel's broken army—cut down by 75,000 casualties and captives—sped westward in the Libyan desert as far as El Agheila, beyond Bengasi, yesterday while the British "announced they occupied the landing ground at Martuba and strafed and bombed the axis forces for miles along the coastal road.

Rommel's forces were spread out from Bengasi to El Agheila, but the great mass of his remaining trucks and motorized equipment apparently was centered around El Agheila, some 400 miles east of Tripoli and 150 miles southwest of Bengasi.

Rommel in Munich?

(Without giving a source, Reuters in London said Rommel was reported to be in Munich, where he had been called on the carpet by Hitler.)

While the allied fighters and fighter-bombers harassed the bedraggled Africa corps in Libya, long-range fighters struck out ahead of the British Eighth army and destroyed six large German planes on the airfield at Tunis where axis reinforcements are being landed.

Medium bombers attacked the Tunis airfield Saturday night and hit buildings and workshops, starting large fires, the communique said. Five allied aircraft were reported lost in these operations.

Gain Important Air Base

With the occupation of Matruha the British were approaching the chain of hills known as Gebel El Achdar which screen the bulge of the Bengasi coast. The allies thus gained an important advance base for their planes to pound the retreating axis.

Some of Rommel's forces have not yet passed Bengasi and apparently are still in danger of capture, if indeed a sizeable portion of his remnants are not cut off, the communique indicated.

The pursuing British, harried by problems of supply and the necessity of clearing up some of the axis wreckage, were reported some 180 miles behind the axis army yesterday.

Axis Loses 75,000 Men

The most recent official total on the number of axis casualties in the battle of Egypt and the pursuit across Libya was given in London yesterday by Prime Minister Churchill, who placed it at 75,000 Germans and Italians.

(German military sources in Berlin indicated that Rommel was planning to make a stand soon and DNB said the main part of the smashed army has reached prepared positions.

Axis Troops in Tunisia

Berlin (from German Broadcasts)—(P)—The high command said today that German and Italian troops had been landed in Tunisia "with full approval by French civil and military authorities," and reported the bombing of the airfield and port of Bone, in eastern Algeria 60 miles from the Tunisia border.

(Bone has become an advance base for the British First army and its American assault force which have driven into Tunisia and engaged the axis troops.)

Of the Libyan front the high command said: "Evasion movements in Cirenaica are proceeding according to plan."

Report Rise in Lend-Lease Aid to Allies

Washington — (P)—Instead of sharply declining as forecast by the axis, lend-lease aid to America's allies has risen greatly since our entry into the war and is likely to show a "growing increase" in 1943.

President Roosevelt, announcing a new monthly record of more than \$915,000,000 worth of lend-lease goods and services furnished beneficiaries in October, compared with a previous high of \$643,000,000 in September, said these figures "show how wrong the axis was in assuming that our aid to our allies would sharply decline once we have been brought into the war."

"We have never intended and do not intend to diminish our lend-lease aid in the slightest," he asserted.

Despite the fact that this country in the last four months had the "imposing task of arming, equipping, and transporting our strong expeditionary force now in North Africa," he declared, "we were able to transfer \$2,713,000,000 worth of goods and services to our allies" in that period.

Of this total, two-thirds were military items, including large numbers of planes and tanks which Mr. Roosevelt said "helped turn the tide in Egypt and hold the lines in Russia."

INDIAN GRAVEYARDS GIVE UP OLD WEAPONS

Baird, Calif.—(P)—For years anthropologists have respected the old Indian graveyards of the McCloud river region, despite their valuable content of weapons and utensils of early American culture. Now that the area is to be flooded by the giant Shasta dam, University of California excavators are busy salvaging arrowheads, bows, knives and beads, for permanent preservation.



SIX CONVICTED OF TREASON—Six relatives and friends of the executed Nazi saboteur Herbert Haupt are taken to court in Chicago to hear a federal jury pronounce their conviction on treason charges—the first such trial ever held in Illinois. Paced by Chief Deputy Marshal Joseph Tobin (front left) are (front to rear, right column) defendants Hans Haupt, Walter Froehling, Otto Wergin. Two of the women defendants are at top—Mrs. Froehling (top center, full face) and Mrs. Haupt (top left). Mrs. Wergin (not shown) was the sixth defendant. Federal Judge William J. Campbell will fix the penalties for the six later.

Japanese Impose Iron Rule Over Peoples of Philippines, Malaya

Washington—(P)—Japanese military authorities were reported by an American official observer today to have imposed an iron rule on the Philippines and Malaya, shooting without trial anyone who ventures into forbidden zones.

Summarizing in the military review of the army's command and general staff school observations during the fighting on Luzon, the observer, who went nameless, said the mere presence of a civilian on a cleared road meant death.

Cites Specific Case

"Two Filipino truck drivers involved in a collision at a crossroads at San Fernando (Philippines) were shot by a Japanese officer because their damaged vehicles obstructed the road and delayed the passage of a tank platoon," said the observer.

"Civilians found in the vicinity of Japanese transport parks, headquarters, munitions dumps, military telephone lines, unless they have a specific authorization, are shot without examination or trial," he said.

"Malayan and Filipino civilians found walking, cycling, or motoring on roads which had been ordered cleared for the passage of Japanese troops or transportation were summarily shot. It is reported that groups of civilians as large as a hundred or more were thus dealt with."

"It is the Japanese attitude that a civilian exposes himself to these extreme penalties by merely circulating in the combat zone."

Prisoners Abused

The army publication's report tended to bear out other reports that American prisoners taken on Bataan and Corregidor were forced to march long distances regardless of their weakened condition.

"Japanese transport is meager, and prisoners are marched great distances day after day, and seldom transported by vehicles," the observer said. "Motorized and armored troops immediately turn over all prisoners taken by them to the nearest infantry units."

"There is evidence that Japanese motorized and armored troops are liable to kill, instead of capture, small enemy groups which fall into their hands."

Pelley Appeals, Claiming Rights Were Infringed

Chicago—(P)—Counsel for William Dudley Pelley, former Silver Shirts of America leader under sentence of 15 years for criminal sedition, argued on appeal today that Pelley's rights were infringed because there were no women on the federal grand jury which indicted him.

Pelley's attorneys, Oscar F. Smith, Indianapolis, and Floyd G. Christian, Noblesville, Ind., and the government lawyers, Henry A. Schweinhaut, special assistant to the attorney general, and United States Attorney B. Howard Caughran of Indianapolis, made their arguments before Judge Evan A. Evans, Otto Kernor and J. Earl Major of the U. S. circuit court of appeals.

Smith, who spoke first, contended that the district court (Judge Robert C. Baltzell) erred, during the trial in Indianapolis last summer, in denying a plea in abatement, in overruling demurrers and in denying a new trial.

Concerning the denial of a plea in abatement, Smith said there were no women on the grand jury, therefore that body did not represent a true cross section of the southern Indiana district from which it was selected.

Smith also contended that unauthorized persons, whom he identified as Schweinhaut and Oscar R. Ewing



OUR MEN IN SERVICE

(Because the volume of news about our men in service is steadily increasing, The Tribune will appreciate such items written out and mailed or brought to The Tribune office. A reporter is not always available to take the information over the telephone, although this will be gladly done as far as possible if relatives prefer. Timely and important news about the community's soldiers, sailors and marines should be telephoned on receipt.)

5 Sons in Service

Five sons of Charles Ellis, first street north, are well known to Wisconsin Rapids and central Wisconsin as athletes, are in the uniforms of the armed forces or are waiting to be called.

Second Lt. Charles is stationed at Camp Polk, La., with the armored force. Aviation Cadet Robert is at the University of Wisconsin, waiting call to active duty. Cadet Arthur is in Tennessee. Cadet Don is at Kelly Field, Tex., where the camp paper, "Tale Spinner," mentioned him with one other in his class which finished a portion of training as "hard to replace after leading their group to the top in athletics, academics and parade competition." Fred is in training with the Seahawks at Iowa City. He plays football today with the "B" Hawks team at Madison as a lineman. He was a center on University of Wisconsin football teams.

Four sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Webb, of Wisconsin Rapids, are in the armed services. Edward, 18, who left here November 2, has been sent from Fort Sheridan to Keesler Field, Miss., where he is in training as a bombardier in the air force. Robert, is at McChord Field, Wash., and has received a promotion to corporal. He left for training October 1. Staff Sgt. Downing is a glider instructor with the army air force at Lubbock, Tex., and Private Harold is with the army in Australia.

Radio Instructor

Cpl. Monroe Winn, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Winn, Wisconsin Rapids, is an instructor in radio with the army at the school in the Hotel Stevens, Chicago, where he has been stationed the past month. His brother, Sgt. Arthur, has been with the army as a meteorologist in Alaska for a year. He is stationed at Anchorage. His transfer to the Aleutian command was effective during the Japanese invasion of the islands, and he saw the battle of Dutch Harbor.

Arrives in Australia

Mr. and Mrs. William Erehm, Wisconsin Rapids, have received word from their son, Pvt. Leonard F., that he has arrived safely somewhere in Australia. Another son, Cadet Donald E., who has been stationed at Sheppard Field, Tex., has been transferred to Amarillo Field, Tex.

Donald Knuth, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knuth, 741 Third avenue north, left Wisconsin Rapids Thursday for Milwaukee where he will begin training in the signal corps school there. He enlisted in the signal corps reserve at Milwaukee September 7.

Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kobza, Wisconsin Rapids, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. He has been stationed with a coast guard artillery unit at Camp Davis, N. C., since last August.

William Zabawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Zabawa, 730 Fourth avenue north, has completed basic training at Great Lakes naval training station and has been assigned to a hospital corps school of the navy at San Diego.

Orville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peters, of Rudolph, has been promoted to corporal. He is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

With Army Dental Corps

First Lt. C. N. Nelson, first Wisconsin Rapids dentist to join the armed forces, has reported for duty with the dental corps at Keesler Field, Miss., one of the technical training command schools of the army air forces.

Lyndon L. Lipke, Wisconsin Rapids, has reported for duty at the U. S. naval training station at Farragut, Idaho.

Charles Fredricks, Wisconsin Rapids, who is stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex., with a coast artillery unit, has been promoted to private first class, according to word received by his wife here.

New Navy Recruits

New U. S. navy recruits who joined at Wausau include Wilmer Charles Pleckham, 22, and Thomas Harvey Pleckham, 24, brothers, and sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pleckham of Arpin, R. 2.

Alexander J. Zimmerman, Neokosa, has reported to the U. S. naval training school at Butler university, Indianapolis. He will take an 18-weeks course in navy signaling.

Home on Furlough

Cpl. John C. Goldberg who has been stationed at Camp Cooke, Calif., for the past eight months, is now spending 15 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goldberg. Before entering the service last March Corporal Goldberg taught in the Kellner school for three years. He will return to California this week. He is connected with a supply office.

Pfc. Martin C. Stender, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stender, R. 5, has been transferred to San Antonio,

ELECT PELTIER AS HOLY NAME DISTRICT HEAD

Joseph Peltier, of Sacred Heart parish, Neokosa, was elected president of District 21 of the LaCrosse diocesan Holy Name Society at the district Holy Name rally in Neokosa Sunday afternoon.

Other District Officers

Other district unit officers, chosen at the business meeting which preceded a Holy Hour service, are John Tomsyck, St. Joachim's parish, Pittsville, vice-president, and A. G. Buehler, St. Alexander's, Port Edwards, secretary.

The slate of officers was presented to the meeting by Aaron A. Ritchey, of Wisconsin Rapids. Chairmen of district committees include Joseph Sczabo, St. Lawrence parish, Wisconsin Rapids, Eucharistic committee; Joseph Lamers, St. Philomena's, Rudolph, membership, and John Brostowitz, Holy Rosary mission, Sigel, social.

All seven parishes of the district were represented at the rally, over which Mr. Peltier, president of the host parish Holy Name, presided.

Reports on Study Clubs

A. E. Smith, Wisconsin Rapids, diocesan chairman of Holy Name study clubs, gave an explanation of the clubs' activities, stressing the importance of the movement and describing the theology for laymen participating.

Edward A. Johnson, Wisconsin Rapids, spoke on the five-minute visit to the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Name religious activity conducted by groups of seven members in each parish.

The Rev. Thomas E. Mullen, pastor of St. Alexander's parish and district director, described the district organization of the diocesan Holy Name organization, and discussed the nation-wide project of the armed forces the Holy Name book, medal and chain, and the "Road to Victory," of which Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, New York, is the author.

The Rev. Herbert J. Hoffmann, pastor of Sacred Heart, greeted the delegates. The holy hour following the meeting concluded with solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rev. John Willitzer, celebrant.

THESE ARMY MARRIAGES SURE ARE CONTAGIOUS

Long Beach, Calif.—(P)—Staff Sergeant John W. Westervelt, 73 years old and reputed to be the oldest enlisted man in the army, got a 24-hour leave—and what did he do? Married Mrs. Leota Harrison, 64, whom he met ten years ago when stationed at Camp Custer, Michigan.

Tex., from Camp Lee, Va., where he has been stationed for two months. He is with Co. D, Normoyle Ordnance Motor, at San Antonio.

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Nazi Agent, 5 Accomplices On Trial in South Africa

Pretoria, Union of South Africa —(P)—Sydney Roby Leibrandt, one-time South African Olympic boxer who served in Germany's parachute corps before being put ashore from a submarine as a saboteur, went on trial in South Africa today on a treason charge.

Five others went on trial with him.

The story of crown witnesses which was to be told the Pretoria general session court was this:

Like the spies who later landed on Long Island, New York, Leibrandt came ashore on the desolate diamond coast of Namaqualand northwest of the cape with 10,000 American dollars and radio equipment.

Leibrandt set out for the interior, organizing units of "National Socialist rebels" in the northern provinces as he went.

He told the "rebels" who signed an oath of allegiance in blood, that he had been sent by Hitler to save the Afrikaners from the British.

Left Trail of Sabotage

A trial of sabotage and terrorism followed him. An armed raid was made on an ammunition magazine. Dynamite was stolen. A homemade bomb, placed on a railroad, exploded prematurely, killing two of Leibrandt's accomplices. Another associate was shot by police in the northern Transvaal.

Police finally trapped him the day before Christmas, 1941, by faking an automobile accident that forced his car to stop.

Friendship

Mrs. Lena Hoffmann of Chippewa Falls came Sunday evening for a few days visit with her niece, Mrs. R. F. Gierke, en route to Milwaukee to spend the winter with her daughter.

George Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stone of LaFarge and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stanek and daughters of Hillsboro were guests Sunday at the home of the formers' daughter, Mrs. I. S. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Max McCormick of Dallas, Texas, came Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Edmund Roseberry and her mother, Mrs. Frank Schleiter in Milwaukee. Mr. McCormick will join the navy this week in Milwaukee. Mrs. McCormick will make her home with her sister.

Miss Elva Rook of New Lisbon and George Vaborlich of Germantown visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Rook Sunday.

Mrs. Victor Sandman and Mrs. Stewart McFarlin accompanied their husbands to Wisconsin Rapids Sunday evening and visited with Miss Mildred Olson.

Pvt. Otto Kirschner of Fort Worden, Washington, has been spending a two-week furlough with his wife and other relatives here. A daughter

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koro. Her mother, Mrs. Roy Whitney, accompanied them as far as Coloma.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Uphafs and children and Miss Eleanor Uphafs of Ablemon visited Sunday at the home of his cousin, Leon McFarlin and his grandmother, Mrs. Lena Weidman who is also visiting at the McFarlin home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Christopherson visited several days recently with relatives in Chicago. John is now stationed at Nashville, Tenn.

Supt. I. S. Jones and son Jimmie spent several days last week in Milwaukee.

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