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ROMMEL AFTER THE GREAT AFTERMATH OF GREAT DEFEAT



Americans & British Beat Enemy Back

Hundreds of Allied Planes Attacking 8th Army Surging Forward in South By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel's Army, badly mauled from a major defeat at the hands of battle-toughened American and British troops, today withdrew shattered and demoralized toward Fezzana in southern Tunisia under a hail of shell fire and bombardment from hundreds of Allied planes.

At the same time General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army surged with increasing power at Axis defenses in southern Tunisia.

(Earlier dispatches from Allied Headquarters said the Germans had been hurled back to the western end of the Kasserine Gap in western Tunisia—a retreat of at least fourteen miles—and the newest report may mean that Rommel had been forced, or was being forced out of the Pass, toward Fezzana, farther south.

BIG ARTILLERY DUELS (The British radio quoted its correspondent with Montgomery as saying "big artillery duels are taking place between the Eighth Army's spearheads, just a few miles from the Mareth Line, and the Axis guns, probably firing from the main belt of the enemy fortifications.")

(A DNB radio report heard by the Associated Press in London said reconnaissance units of the Eighth Army had pushed to the area southeast of the Chott El Djerid, the great salt lake whose eastern extremity is only twenty miles from Gabes on the east Tunisian coast.)

The German chieftain is in full retreat, field reports said today, after his tanks had surged to within three miles of Thala, key road junction to the upper plains of Kremansa, and his battered armor was reported attempting to make a stand only three miles from the mouth of the twisting gap from which he sallied for his attempts to crack the Allied front in Tunisia.

(Rommel thus had been forced to drop back at least fourteen miles from the highwater mark of his advance. Thala is 25 miles north of Kasserine. The Kasserine Pass is five or six miles long and is northward to Kasserine.)

(A Reuters dispatch from Allied Headquarters said a battalion of about 1,000 Italians had been trapped in another

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How Nazi Drive Started Ebbing

By HAROLD V. BOYLE

WITH ALLIED FORCES IN TUNISIA, Feb. 23 (Delayed)—American defense, which began at strategic Thala Pass, began to ebb today.

Hit Jap Bases And Ground Positions Furious Attacks in South Pacific Reported By the Navy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Furious bombing of air bases and ground positions in the South Pacific was reported by the Navy today, in telling of a Japanese air raid on the United States base on Eschiro Santa Island and five United States aerial attacks on Japanese bases.

The series of attacks which began Sunday and continued through yesterday was reported in Navy Communiqué No. 29.

"South Pacific: All dates are east longitude." "1. On February 21st: During the morning Japanese planes carried out a light raid on United States positions on Eschiro Santa Island in the New Hebrides.

"2. On February 22: A United States search plane, operating near Christmas Island, scored bomb hits on an enemy base loaded with Japanese supplies.

"3. On February 23rd, during the early morning, an enemy plane dropped bombs on the air field at Guadalcanal.

"4. During the night of February 23rd-24th, Delorad's heavy bombers (Douglas) with light bombers (Dornier) and light bombers (Curtiss) attacked Japanese positions at Rabaul on the northern shore of Santa Isabel Island.

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All United States planes returned safely from the raids, the bulletin said.

Bludgeon at Kiev Aimed By Drive of Red Forces

Roll Deeper Into North Ukraine

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW (AP)—The Red Army smashed deeper today into the northern Ukraine northwest of Kharkov where the capture of Sumy, Lbedin and Akharka fashioned a Soviet bludgeon aimed at Kiev and the important railway junction of Konotop.

Today's midday communique said more strongly fortified settlements were captured as Russian soldiers, racing along muddy roads and across barren black fields, struck west of Sumy, 100 miles northwest of Kharkov, 75 miles east of Konotop and 195 miles east of Kiev.

A water barrier also was forced and about 600 Germans killed in the capture of a number of towns north of Kurak, where it was announced last night the Russians had driven to within 25 miles of Orel from the south with the capture of Malokhankelsk.

TANKS SURGE FORWARD Soviet tanks being led by flamethrowers followed by infantry surged westward in spite of spring thaws and mud, the communique said. Tanks of Kharkov on a 42-mile front, with Sumy at the north end and the junction of Akharka at the south end and Lbedin in the center.

Soldiers and drivers discarded their fur hats and coats to ease their steaming faces in the warm wind blowing from the Dnieper.

In their wake, presents were being out-buried grain and hides, tons and, waved joyfully, at mud-plastered tanks as they prepared to get Spring planting underway.

On other sectors of the long front the Red Army was actively pressing its campaign. The dispatch said the "final outcome is nearing in the Caucasus, and the German line in the Caucasus is gradually coming to a head."

"Soviet dispatches did not mention any fighting in the north, but they did say that the Russians had launched a 'major attack on a wide front' in the Caucasus, Donets Basin southwest of Lake Ilmen yesterday. The broadcast said 27 German tanks were destroyed during 'vain Soviet attacks.' The communique said Russian drives in the Caucasus and west of Kiev were frustrated and a Soviet motorized guard corps stopped

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25 Poles Executed

LONDON (AP)—The Polish telegraph agency reported today that 25 Polish prisoners of war, British hostages at Grodno, in the Byelorussian district, for "armed resistance" had been executed.

The agency added that the Germans were deporting Poles from the Byelorussian district to create a so-called "security belt" along the second German defense line which it said, ran through eastern Poland.

Hitler in Message Says His Foes Not Near Their Goal

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Berlin radio broadcast today a proclamation by Adolf Hitler, on the occasion of the anniversary of the foundation of the National Socialist Party, in which he told the Germans that Germany's enemies, who "now believe that attainment of their goal is within reach will be ferociously disappointed."

"Quite to the contrary," said the proclamation, announced in Munich, "the German people only now will call on and employ all their energies in a manner as was never before done in the history of mankind."

Hitler was quoted as saying: "I am still in the east so confident among you."

The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press in New York, said the proclamation was read in the Munich Hofbrauhaus by Secretary of State Hermann Esser before members of the party's old guard celebrating the anniversary.

The proclamation said that "we shall consider it a matter of course not to spare foreign lives at a time which is demanding great sacrifices of our own lives."

Harris first discussed briefly the events of the Winter and declared the Russians had succeeded in the east "similarly as by nature's forces in the past. Winter is again this Hitler part of those successes which have been scored by the heroism of our soldiers in the summer."

He then referred to the history of the Nazi Party which he said had "made of comfortable road to success."

Bucky Harris Takes On Phils

Named Manager of Last Place Ball Club

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Staley, manager of the "boy manager" of the Washington Senators when they beat the Philadelphia Athletics in the 1924 World Series, was named manager of the Phils today.

William D. Cox, New York sportsman who purchased the Phils from the National League and who had been the agent of the 46-year-old Harris at a press conference, said Harris thus leaves the American League where he formerly managed Boston and Detroit, in addition to Washington, to succeed 60-year-old Hans Lohr at manager of the last place Senators.

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LIEUTENANT HORNE

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