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NAZIS LAUNCH FIERCE DRIVE TOWARDS MOSCOW

Aussies Push Ahead Slightly In Desert Soviets Forced To Retreat In 12-Day Battle

British Warships Beat Axis Base Into Pulp Hurl 700 rounds of high explosives into Matruh; Great damage caused.

Sand Storms Hold Battles To Minimum Heavy Raid By Allied Planes On Tobruk.

War Situation Last Night (By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Well-Known Ship Narrowly Escapes U-Boat

Soviets Forced To Retreat In 12-Day Battle Further South Situation On 200-Mile Don River Front Described As "Grave".

Nazis Rush Reinforcements To Rommel

By Edward Kennedy Associated Press Staff Writer

CAIRO, July 13 (AP)—The British Mediterranean Fleet has entered the battle of Egypt with its guns and planes, it was announced tonight, leaving flames and wreckage at Matruh the Axis' most advanced supply port 100 miles behind the front line.

It indicates that the direction of the gigantic Nazi offensive has definitely shifted now from eastward to southeastward. The probable objective is to throw Russian forces back behind the Don-Volga line clear to the Caspian Sea, thus completing the isolation of the Caucasus and its defenders.

The Lischans-Boguchar southeastern face of the Nazi wedge corresponds exactly to the gateway between the Donets and the Don. The Moscow announcement that the Nazis have broken through the Red army at Voronezh sharply intensifies the danger hovering over the Soviet forces standing before the Caucasus.

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, July 13 (CP)—A Canadian ship was known to many Maritimeers narrowly escaped destruction during the U-boat attack which sank three ships in the St. Lawrence Gulf about a week ago, members of the crew said here today. The ship had only recently been overhauled.

(By Eddy Gilmore, Associated Press Staff Writer) MOSCOW, July 14 (Tuesday)—(AP)—The Germans have launched a smashing offensive from their stronghold at Rzhew, 130 miles northwest of Moscow, and after a bloody 12-day battle the Russians have withdrawn toward the capital, a special Soviet communique announced today.

Surprise Bombardment The surprise bombardment caught a mass of small supply ships and swift motor torpedo boats resting at anchor in the harbor. A number were set afire. Great shells from the fleet set huge blazes ashore.

ANKARA, July 13 (AP)—German occupation troops in Greece together with reserves called from the eastern front are being rushed to the aid of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces in Egypt, it was reported here today. The troops were said to be going by way of Crete to Tobruk, a route of more than 500 miles from Greek ports. Convoy and mechanized equipment also were reported en route to the desert battle.

While the slugging power of Australian and South Africa battle groups kept the British Army in possession of its newly-won positions west of El Alamein, the fleet's warships swept in close to shore at Matruh Sunday in the pre-dawn darkness and sent salvo after salvo into the harbor. Dust storms enforced a lull in ground fighting, but the Allies clung firmly to the initiative, consolidating their newly-won gains along the coastal road.

A Nazi push through the Donets-Don gateway to Stalingrad and the Lower Volga would cut them off completely. A vast Russian retreat on the south flank to avert a mass encirclement may already be in progress. That is the implication of Russian surrender of Lischansk.

After the first explosion, he said, "they rang for full speed ahead and believe me they got it." Before long the vessel was plunging along at more than 15 knots and she was turned for shore in a maneuver to escape the attacking U-boat.

CHARLOTTETOWN Men Aboard Craft In Convoy When Axis Torpedo Three Ships.

BREAK THROUGH AT VORONEZH This news came shortly after the regular midnight communique announced a German breakthrough at Voronezh, 300 miles south of Moscow, and admitted German advances at two other Don valley points in their great drive toward the Caucasus.

The fierceness of the fighting in the Rzhew sector, where the Germans had held out all winter despite heavy Russian attacks, was indicated by the terrific losses on both sides.

Had Box Seat At the naval aircraft base within sight of the warships, I had a box seat for the bombing and bombardment.

Drive Japs From Foochow

CHUNGKING, July 13 (AP)—Foochow, one of two Chinese-head minor ports menaced by twin Japanese drives on the Chekiang-Fukien seaboard, has been relieved by counter-attacking Chinese troops who landed from boats and drove the invaders out of nearby islands today.

Mr. George Hardie, Mr. H. C. Burke, and Mr. L. F. Foot, R.A.F., were present and spoke briefly stressing the need for such a shelter on the hotel roof. The Detection Corps is established throughout the province under the R.C. command. Room of the Eastern Air Command, Halifax.

Other matters dealt with by the Council included: zoning, the condition of city streets in the city, and the fish market.

OTTAWA, July 13 (CP)—Elliot M. Little, director of national selective service, predicted today the compulsory closing down of some non-essential industries to help provide 250,000 persons required for the next five months for war industries and the three branches of Canada's armed forces.

HEAVY LOSSES The Soviet communique said 7,000 Russian soldiers were killed and wounded and 5,000 more were missing, but declared the Germans had lost 10,000 killed during the battle which lasted from July 2 through July 13.

SITUATION "GRAVE" The regular Monday midnight Soviet communique, which described the situation on the 200-mile Don front as "grave", made no mention of the drive which might become the northern claw of a pincers move to encircle the capital.

12 Survive 17-Day Ordeal In Lifeboat

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, July 13 (CP)—Wrecked by lack of food and exposure during 17 days they drifted aimlessly in the North Atlantic, 12 survivors of a torpedoed Allied merchant vessel are being conveyed in hospital after being landed at this port.

Artillery roared constantly over much of the desert front, up to 80 miles from Alexandria, and there were sharp attacks, counter-attacks and a local "struggle" as both sides went grimly about the business of consolidating reinforcements and supply for the coming day.

By a vote of 12 to 10, the Council decided to amend the zoning by-law to provide for a shelter in the fish market.

OTTAWA, July 13 (CP)—Members representing nearly all groups in the House of Commons today united in expressions of concern over the increased consumption of liquor and urged federal government action toward its curtailment.

Non-Essential Industries May Be Closed Down

CALL FOR SECOND FRONT Amid calls for the Allies to open a second front in Europe against the Axis, the German drive to the east with its unchecked gathering momentum threatened to do these things:

Firemen Gather At Maritime Convention

PILOT OFFICER PROMOTED LONDON, July 13 (CP Cable)—The promotion of Pilot Officer A. Lambert, Saint John, N.B., to the rank of Flying Officer, was announced tonight at R.C.M.C. Canadian Air Force Headquarters.

France Tense On Eve of Bastille Day (By Mel Most, Associated Press Staff Writer) VICHY, July 13 (AP)—All France was tense tonight on the eve of Bastille Day as Gestapo authorities decided to shoot all adult male relatives of hunted saboteurs, and one of Pierre Laval's own Axis-collaborating friends cried: "Watch out, Pierre Laval, you are terribly alone!"

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60,000 EVACUATED? LONDON, July 13 (CP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation reported today that "news has been received in London that 60,000 German men, women and children evacuated from Cologne, one of the 1,000-bomber targets of the R. A. F., have arrived in Paris."

INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE (By The Canadian Press) RUSSIA — New German offensive drives to within 130 miles of Moscow, other Nazi spearheads break through near Voronezh, advancing within few miles of Don River.

Coming Events

Prairie Crop Prospects Good

WINNIPEG, July 13 (CP)—Present crop prospects on Canadian Prairies are so good western farmers will have to erect additional storerooms for more than 200,000,000 bushels of grain, "even allowing for heavy deterioration between now and harvest," western retail lumbermen's association said in a statement issued today.

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More Hostages Seized

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High tide this morning at 10:52 and tonight at 12:00. Sun sets this evening at 7:45 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:26. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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