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U.S. FLEET SCORES MAJOR SEA VICTORY

British 8th Army Closes In On Bengasi

Political Troubles Loom In North Africa

Fighting French refuse to deal with Darlan; Call Him "No. 2 Traitor" of France.

By Edwin Shanke
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Nov. 16 —(AP) — The Allied campaign in north Africa became fraught with political complexities tonight when the Fighting French balked at negotiations with Admiral Jean Darlan, whom one of their spokesmen called the "No. 2 traitor of France."

Darlan, former Vichy Defence Chief, apparently has emerged in the negotiations with American military authorities as the ranking French leader co-operating with the Allies in North Africa.

A statement issued by Gen. Charles De Gaulle's headquarters said the Fighting French were "taking no part whatsoever in, and assuming no responsibility for negotiations in progress in north Africa with representatives of Vichy.

"Should the negotiations result

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Climax Near In New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIA, Nov. 7—(CP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Commander in Chief in the Southwest Pacific, and Commanders of the Allied land and air forces, Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey and Lt.-Gen. George C. Kenney, have taken to the field in New Guinea as the battle for that Island nears a climax it was announced today.

Allied forces are closing in rapidly on Buna, both from the west and from the south, and the enemy is steadily retreating, the communique said.

Small French Garrison Joins British 1st Army

By WES GALLAGHER
Associated Press Staff Writer

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Nov. 16—(AP)—American mobile units rolled eastward in support of the British-American drive to smash Axis footholds at Bizerte and Tunis today while a small French garrison joined the British 1st Army's advance forces.

The American Consul at Tunis, who escaped capture by the Axis, brought word that French forces near the city had battled and forced back Nazi patrols trying to extend their footholds.

The Consul, who arrived yesterday, said that "as soon as the French heard the Germans were coming they scuttled their ships in the main harbors and took all movable defences such as anti-aircraft guns away from the port, as well as all transport and gasoline so that the Germans and Italians could not find it."

The Consul left Tunisia several days after the Germans arrived, departing by a secret route.

"The French population," he said, is frightened to death and is in no state to put up any resistance.

"There was fighting between the French outside the City and a German reconnaissance unit on Saturday, and the Germans retired after some rifle fire."

The Consul said he believed that the Germans and Italians were just trying to keep the ports open for support of Marshal Rommel, embattled in Libya against the advancing British 8th Army.

Field reports disclosed that French garrisons east of Algiers as well as in Oran are flocking to join the American forces and help in the fight.

Ten Injured In Train Collision

MONCTON, Nov. 6 —(CP)—Ten persons were injured this morning when an eastbound freight train plowed into the rear end of the eastbound Maritime Express as it stood at the station at Jacquet River in northern New Brunswick. None of the injuries are regarded as serious and all passengers are coming to Moncton on the ocean limited this afternoon.

Four of the injured are employees of the Canadian National Railways, six others being passengers. The passengers are John G. Smith and W.D. McLeod, of Moncton, O. Seride, Magdalen Islands, Mrs. B. Densworth, Halifax, George Cruikshank, Halifax, and E. Wilson, of Miscou Island.

The employees are Edward Kelly, Waiter, Halifax, William Powney, Waiter, Halifax, Robert Lund, Dining Car Cook, Halifax, and William Collie, Sleeping Car Porter, Halifax.

The injuries were described by Canadian National Railways officials here as slight, with Collie, suffering considerable from shock said to be the most seriously hurt.

Michaud Found Physically Fit

TORONTO, Nov. 16 — (CP) — Hon. J.E. Michaud, Federal Minister of Transport, has been found to be physically fit after a week's rest in hospital, his physician, Dr. Smirle Lawson said today.

"He suffered only from fatigue," Dr Lawson said. "He left Saturday night to resume his duties in Ottawa."

Coming Events

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"Chicken Supper, Kingston Hall, November 18th. 11-18-1i.

"We require a quantity of well fleshed bologna cattle. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. 9-26-dtf.

"Come to Dance in Hunter River Masonic Hall, Wednesday Nov. 18th in aid of school. 11-17-2i

"Card party and dance, Emerald Hall tonight. Sponsored by Mrs. J. V. Cash. 11-17-1i.

"Collecting hogs every Friday. Please list with Leslie McDowell, Fredericton. 5-19-20-twtf

"Tryon Baptist Bazaar and Supper in Church Hall November 18th. 11-17-1i.

"Box Social and Dance in Tracadie Hall, Thursday, November 19th. 11-17-2i.

"Buying dressed poultry daily. D. M. McKinnon, Murray River. 11-17-2i.

"Woman's Institute dance and social evening at new warehouse, Colville Station, Tuesday, November 17th. If not fine 18th. 11-14-17.

"Now buying live and dressed poultry at old Telephone Office. Annear & Llewellyn, Montague. 11-10-T-T-S-6i.

"Plan to dine at Marshfield Hall Wednesday, Nov. 18, under auspices of Presbyterian Church. A hot goose dinner with plum pudding. Charge 60 cents. 11-17-1i

Soviets Make Slight Gains

MOSCOW, Nov. 17 —(Tuesday)—(AP)— The Russians announced today that approximately 2,000 Germans had been killed in the Red Army's capture and continued control of an important village in the Leningrad siege area, and said that 1,500 more were killed in repulsed attacks at Stalingrad, where the soviets themselves gained slightly.

The Monday midnight communique also told of another slight Russian gain in the mid-Caucasian area southeast of Nalchik, and described a firm Red Army defence of its lines northeast of Tuapse along the Black Sea coast.

Save Bones, Fats For Firing Line

OTTAWA, Nov. 16—(CP)—Mrs. Phyllis Turner, Administrator of Fats and Oils for the Prices Board, said here tonight consideration is being given a plan to provide collection facilities for bones and waste fat in every urban and rural area in Canada within the next two weeks.

Addressing an Ottawa service club (Rotary), Mrs. Turner said that with such a plan in operation "we are hopeful of achieving our goal of 40,000,000 pounds" of these articles.

She asked all Canadians to keep bones and waste fats "out of the fire and put them into the firing line." One of the simplest ways in which to do this was to use butter only as a spread on bread and toast and substitute lard for butter in cooking.

Rommel's Army May Make Stand At El Agheila

Axis Forces So Badly Depleted Halt May Not Be Possible.

By EDWARD KENNEDY
Associated Press Staff Writer

CAIRO, Nov. 16—(AP)—Britain's 8th Army closed in swiftly on Bengasi tonight as the disordered remnants of Marshal Erwin Rommel's beaten forces raced toward the narrow passage at El Agheila for a possible stand to save the face of their Commander—reported by Reuters News Agency to be facing Hitler's wrath at Munich.

The important forward air base of Martuba, south of Derna, was occupied by the 8th Army Sunday. The vanguard of the fleeing Germans and Italians already was beyond Bengasi headed for El Agheila at the base of the Libyan Hump 120 miles southwest of the suppply port.

Casualties Mount

The haggard enemy forces were scattered all along the coastal area from Tocra, just east of Bengasi, to Agegibia, and British and American planes were pounding them without mercy, adding hourly to the 75,000 casualties already listed.

R.A.F. planes from Malta spanned the 200 miles of Mediterranean to Tunis, destroying six large grounded German planes and damaging others in a low-level attack on the airdrome at dusk Saturday. Medium bombers returned that night to attack repair shops and hangars.

The British Command thinks the shattered Africa Corps may attempt a stand at El Agheila, 400 miles east of the chief Libyan supply base of Tripoli. There the geography approximates that of the El Alamein Line in Egypt where the British drive started.

Narrow Passage

Practically impassable salt marshes to the south narrow the manoeuvrable passageway to about 30 miles which Rommel in the past has studded liberally with mine fields. It was at El Agheila that he halted the last British offensive

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Selective Service Regulations Are Aired In Court

OTTAWA, Nov. 16—(CP) —National Selective Service plans to submit to the justice department for consideration of further action today's judgment by Magistrate J.B. Garvin at Kingston, Ont., holding that a section of the Selective Service regulations is ultra vires.

Late today the judgment was not available textually here. When it arrived, said a spokesman for selective service, it will be sent to the justice department for study and decision whether an appeal should be launched or whether order-in-council 7595—the Selective Service regulations—should be amended.

Magistrate Garvin's decision was the second time recently that a wartime government regulation has been ruled ultra vires in an Ontario court decision.

His judgment was handed down in dismissing a charge against W H. Holdcroft, Kingston contractor, of interviewing William Mowat, an applicant for employment, while Mowat did not present in duplicate the written permission of a Selective Service officer to seek or accept employment.

In giving his judgment today Magistrate Garvin said he found section 11 of the Selective Service regulations to be ultra vires on the authority of a judgment last Thursday by Judge James Parker on the Ontario County Court, dismissing a conviction against Earl Holmes, Toronto, on a charge of selling an auto tube in violation of the department of munitions and supply act.

Judge Parker contended the regulations under the act were ultra vires of the controller of supplies, because the act did not confer power on the Governor-in-Council to delegate to a controller, other than in the section mentioned, to make regulations, "and even if it did the penalty section would not apply to the controller's orders."

CITY EMPLOYEES TO QUIT

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16 —(CP) — Robert Skinner, Secretary of the civic employees federation, said today city workers employed on outside jobs had decided to stop work Dec. 2 if their demands for an increased cost-of-living bonus were not met. About 500 men are involved.

War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)

The peril of the Axis army in Africa is real and imminent. The consequences for Hitler if it is quickly and completely liquidated are too grave to assume that he is resigned to the defensive for the war's duration. Some bold if risky Nazi attempt at a military action must be in the making.

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The authors of the North Africa nut-cracker attack, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, make it clear they expect vigorous enemy reaction. They do not believe Hitlerism is yet cracking up or lacks the power to strike back. The Axis still enjoys inestimable advantages. It has a single command and a seasoned staff to execute, as it has before, miracles of military logistics. It has inside communication lines, vulnerable only to long-distance Allied air attack.

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There is some indication that in Nazi war books the Axis-Allied battle now joined in Tunisia is primarily a sacrifice affair, a delaying operation. Whether to permit Rommel to find a short line for a stand or to salvage his shattered corps by sea evacuation, it seems vital that the western jaw of the Allied nut-cracker be slowed up.

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The chances are all against prolonged successful resistance by the Axis in Tunisia. Whatever their number, Axis troops there must lack the heavy fighting equipment of their Anglo-American assailants.

German Troop Trucks Attacked By Fighters

Big Bombers Strike New Destructive Blow At Genoa; Not A Single Plane Lost.

LONDON Nov. 16 — (A.P.) — American fighter planes shot up troop-laden German trucks, military posts and gun emplacements in low level strafing assaults on the continent today after the R.A.F. struck a destructive new blow overnight at Genoa, Italian supply port for battered Axis forces in North Africa.

Hundreds of bombs, from 1,000-pound minimum weight to the two-ton block busters, fell on Genoa for 25 minutes, the air ministry said, starting hundreds of explosions and fires which roared through warehouses bulging with Axis supplies and sending clouds of smoke rolling out over the Gulf of Genoa.

Saw Huge Fires

One pilot of a four-motored Halifax said he saw a "fire start at one end of a line of warehouses on a strip of land jutting into the inner harbor and spread along the whole line."

R.A.F. fighters also made small scale daylight raids on the continent, shooting up and bombing trucks and a locomotive near Le Treport and a factory near Bracby, southeast of Dieppe in France, and barges on the Bruges-Ostend Canal in Belgium.

One of the Americans flew so low over a factory that his plane hit a tree, but he managed to return to base.

The Nazis scattered under the rain of machine-gun and cannon fire turned on them by the Americans. United States air headquarters announced that casualties were inflicted among the Germans and war stores were destroyed.

The air ministry reported that R.A.F. fighters and fighter-bombers also made a number of attacks during the day on railways and other targets along the occupied French and Belgian Coasts, while Mosquito planes of the bomber command attacked objectives in Western Germany.

No Planes Lost

In one of the raids a German

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Two Airmen Awarded D.F.M.

LONDON, Nov. 16—(CP CABLE) —Flt. Sgt. David MacLeod Crozier, member of the R.C.A.F. from Ponoka, Alta., and Walkerton, Ont., and Flt. Sgt. Woodrow Wilson Peck of Port Arthur, Ont., have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, it was announced here today.

Crozier, a navigator, took part in sorties over Le Creusot, Genoa and Milan and, the citation said, he, with other crew members, "displayed a high standard of skill and determination. . . invariably displayed gallantry and devotion to duty worthy of high praise."

Peck, a reargunner, participated in the Le Creusot attack Oct. 17 when engine trouble developed. While flying only 40 feet above the sea, they were attacked by three enemy planes. Peck and an R.A.F. gunner destroyed two and drove off the third before the British plane made its home base.

TO SERVE SENTENCE

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16 —(AP) —William Fox, one-time multi-millionaire motion picture producer, surrendered today to begin serving a year-and-a-day sentence on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice and defraud the United States in connection with his bankruptcy proceedings.

Refuse Extra Free Time For Potato Loading

OTTAWA, Nov. 16 — (CP) — The board of transport commissioners in a judgment made public tonight refused an application by the Prince Edward Island Potato Growers Association for a board order directing allowance of additional free time for loading of potatoes when the prevailing temperature is under 20 degrees.

The application sought extra free time under rule 5 of the Canadian car demurrage rules (weather interference) where the temperature dropped below 20 above and loading was made impractical on that account.

Chief commissioner Cross said in the judgment he was convinced that granting the application would be followed by many others which would be difficult to decline, "with the ultimate result that there would be a serious impairment of the utilization of railway equipment to its fullest possible extent. . ." The judgment was concurred in by commissioners G.A. Stone and Frank M. MacPherson.

Woman's Branch Of Reserve Army Likely

OTTAWA, Nov. 16 — (CP) — Formation of a reserve army branch of the Canadian women's army corps is understood to be a development likely to occur soon.

The C.W.A.C., it is believed, could do somewhat the same job for the reserve as it does for the active — release men from jobs which can be performed by women so more men will be available for the real soldiering jobs.

The proposal now under consideration is that women who are employed in civilian jobs be given the opportunity of doing part-time service with the reserve army, just as men are. A certain number would be attached to each reserve unit.

In all probability their principal work would be office duties in the orderly rooms. Every unit has a good deal of correspondence, records to keep and book-keeping to be done.

Reserve army C.W.A.C. girls would turn out for parades two nights a week like men in the reserve and devote a number of weekends to their duties.

The reserve, it is believed, would also give useful pre-entry training to girls who will later enter the active, full-time C.W.A.C.

No Statement On Dairy Problems

OTTAWA, Nov. 16 — (CP) — J. P. Nadeau, dairy products administrator of the Prices Board, said he had met today with the executive of the dairy farmers association of Canada for a general discussion on problems facing dairy farmers.

He said the question of milk prices was only one of the topics discussed and that future plans for the dairy business also were considered. He had no statement to make as to the outcome of the meeting.

Practice Blackout Is Success

Province - wide Observance of A.R.P. Regulations Reported Excellent.

The practice blackout held last night in Charlottetown was pronounced the most successful yet by officials in charge of the A.R.P. Defense Program. The yellow signal came over at 6:20 and this gave the A.R.P. Wardens and Controllers time to get to their posts before the sirens sounded at 7.20. The blackout lasted 40 minutes.

The fact that this trial blackout was very successful indicated that the organization is functioning well and the Warden system is working smoothly. The training and preparation given to perfecting this important organization augurs well for its effectiveness in case of an air raid emergency. Wardens reported that whole hearted co-operation was given by the public; both pedestrian and car traffic were reduced to a minimum. Most cars moving about the streets when sirens sounded drew up to the curb, the license numbers of the few who did not were taken and reported by the Wardens. On the whole the householders gave splendid co-operation.

Notwithstanding the installation recently of more sirens, a number of citizens complained that they did not hear the signal for last night's blackout. Most houses now have storm windows, which adds to the difficulty of hearing outside noises. On the whole, however, the sirens proved to be "reasonably effective," the officials state. On being notified by the wardens, those who did not hear the signal immediately extinguished their lights.

Chief of Police A. Birtwistle said from the standpoint of his department the observance of regulations by citizens was very, very good. He said in most cases drivers of motor cars pulled over to the curb promptly and put out their lights. No fires occurred and there was no vandalism.

There were two cases where

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Five Candidates Nominate

BAIE ST. PAUL, Que., Nov. 16—(CP)—Five candidates today filed their official nomination papers for the Nov. 30 Federal by-election in Charlevoix-Saguenay constituency and then took to the hustings to seek election as successor to Hon. Pierre F. Casgrain, the former sitting member who is now on the bench.

Here are the five candidates:-

Mrs. Pierre F. Casgrain of Montreal, running as an Independent-Liberal, who seeks to succeed her husband.

J. Emile Boivin, Mayor of this Lower St. Lawrence River town, Independent-Liberal.

Donat Lacroix Giffard, manufacturing agent, Independent-Liberal.

Edouard Gaudreault of La Malbaie, lawyer, Independent-Liberal.

Frederic Dorion of Quebec, lawyer, Independent.

A sixth possible candidate, Mayor Charles Rochette of La Malbaie, did not take out nomination papers, although he had expressed his intention of doing so in previous statements.

None of the five standard-bearers has received any publicly-expressed support from the official Liberal organization.

The candidates will be fighting for a seat which has been in the Liberal Party fold since 1921, when Mr. Casgrain, who was State Secretary before his elevation to the bench seven months ago, first was elected.

Roosevelt To Speak Tonight

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 —(AP) —President Roosevelt will make a radio address tomorrow night at 10:30 p.m. E.D.T. (11.30 p.m. A.D.T.) in connection with the New York Herald Tribune Forum. The President's topic will be "The United Nations—their creed for a free world." It was believed the President might also touch upon recent military and naval events, including the United States victory in the Solomons.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSPRINT

PRETORIA — (CP) — South African newspapers, some with paper consumption already reduced 60 per cent have been notified of a further five per cent cut in newsprint supply.

23 Jap Naval And Invasion Vessels Sunk

Americans Lose Only Eight Ships; Probably 24,000 Enemy Soldiers Went Down With Transports.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16—(CP)—In the greatest naval battle of the war, a powerful Japanese fleet has been routed in the Guadalcanal area with the loss of 23 ships and damage to at least seven others, it was announced today by the United States Navy Department.

American losses in the three-day battle, which may turn out to be the turning point in the Solomon Islands campaign, were confined to eight ships—two light cruisers and six destroyers.

ENEMY LOSSES

When the smoke of the sea and air battle cleared away and the Japanese fleet turned back, routed in its attempt to retake Guadalcanal which has been in United States control since early in August, enemy losses were counted as follows:—

Destroyed—one battleship, three heavy cruisers, two light cruisers, five destroyers, eight loaded troopships, four cargo vessels and perhaps as many as 24,000 troops drowned.

Damaged—one battleship and six destroyers.

The battle, partly fought in darkness and at short range, may develop to be the most important naval engagement since the battle of Jutland in the First Great War. Jutland decided control of the seas at that time and, as far as the southwest Pacific is concerned, the sea and air battle of Guadalcanal may prove to be as decisive.

Just as the British Navy dealt a death blow to the Italian fleet at Taranto by the use of torpedo planes and won control of the Mediterranean so, perhaps, has the American Navy crippled Japanese forces in the southwest Pacific by the use of planes and ships.

From the fragmentary and necessarily incomplete accounts released by the Navy Department, the Japanese plan was to bombard American positions on Guadalcanal from the sea, preliminary to a big-scale landing. This bombardment force arrived off Guadalcanal shortly after midnight, Nov. 13 and a furious night sea battle ensued in which Japanese units became so confused at one time they were firing at each other.

Later, in the daylight of Nov. 13, United States aircraft pounded the Japanese ships remaining in the area. In the late afternoon at least 12 Japanese transports, escorted by naval vessels, headed toward Guadalcanal from the Bougainville area to the north, evidently to repeat the tactics.

EIGHT TRANSPORTS SUNK

During the night of Nov. 13-14, shore positions were bombarded by Japanese warships but when the transports drew near in daylight, preparing for the landing, American aircraft swooped down on them, sinking at least eight. It is likely that as many as 24,000 Japanese troops were lost with the ships.

During the night of Nov. 14-15, another naval surface battle took place but the navy reported "details of this engagement have not yet been received."

On the morning of Nov. 15, four Japanese cargo transports were found beached at Tassafaronga, 7 1-2 miles west of the American lines on Guadalcanal. They were attacked by air, artillery and naval fire and were destroyed but it is possible Japanese troops were landed from them under cover of darkness.

Later that morning the Japanese Fleet, or what was left of it, withdrew to the north, apparently headed for bases in the Rabaul and Buin area.

Clinches U.S. Hold

Only a fraction of the huge force dispatched by the Imperial Japanese Command reached the southeastern Solomons, and it seems a safe assumption that this battle has clinched the American dominance of that area.

Presumably, the enemy could gather another great force and try again, but with such staggering losses to count it was thought unlikely here that the Japs would care to risk what strength they have left in a new attempt to retake the strategic Guadalcanal area.

Even the death of Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan, beloved "Uncle Dan" to many a navy man and former naval aide to President Roosevelt, in the furious night engagement which opened the three-day battle in the early morning of Nov. 13 could not dampen the elation with which naval officers announced the victory.

Preparations Evident

Preparations for a major attempt by the Japanese to recapture the southeastern Solomons became evident early this month, the Navy reported, when aerial reconnaisance revealed a heavy concentration of transports and warships of the enemy fleet in New Britain and the Northeastern Solomons.

The huge expedition got under way the morning of Nov. 10, with Japanese naval forces approaching Guadalcanal from the north, while other detachments, including large

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High tide this morning at 5.25 and tonight at 7.40.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.30 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.

Full moon Nov. 22, 3.24 p.m.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

From Borden—Leave 9.05 a.m., 11.40 a.m. 2.00 p.m., 4.30 p.m. 7.05 p.m..

Leave Cape Tormentine — 10.30 a.m. 1.15 p.m. 3.05 p.m., 5.45 p.m. 8.15 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE (May 3 to Dec. 27 inclusive)

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Leave Caribou Noon and 4.00 p. m

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Leave Charlottetown 8.30 a. m. 12.30 p. m., 4.30 p. m.

Arrive Charlottetown 1 p. m. 5.45 p. m., 7.05 p. m.