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REPORT MOST OF TUNISIA IN ALLIED CONTROL

Jap Base On Timor New Threat To Australia

To Call B-1, B-2 Men Order Becomes Effective At Once

By Frank Flaherty
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA, Nov. 20—(CP)—The Defence Department has decided to call for compulsory military service in Canada and its territories. The decision, effective immediately, marks the first time the Army has reached out under the National Resources Mobilization Act for men who are less physically than those who fall in category "A".

Hitherto "B" men have been accepted as volunteers when they applied for enlistment but there has been no drafting of them. One of any number of eight defects may cause a man to be placed in "B-1" or "B-2". The men so placed are generally of a fairly high degree of physical fitness and are considered suitable for line-of-communication duty but not front-line work.

Between 60,000 and 65,000 men in the classes now liable to compulsory military service—over 10 to 40 years old and single or childless widowers as of July 15, 1941, have been reported "B-1" or "B-2" on medical examination.

Some of these now are made available for call. Some will be engaged in other essential war work.

Enemy Makes Strong Base On Island

Could Become Spring-board For Invasion Of Australia.

CANBERRA, Australia, Nov. 20—(CP)—Facing defeat in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea, to the north and northeast of Australia, Japanese forces are strengthening their positions methodically on the island of Timor to the northwest, it was stated officially today.

Nine anchorages on the north shore of Portuguese Timor have been occupied, and the Japanese have moved in much equipment, including many motor vehicles.

Australia consequently is still menaced by invasion, Australian spokesmen said, and Prime Minister John Curtin expressed the belief that an action similar to the long and tedious campaigning in the Solomons and New Guinea region will have to be fought to resist an invasion from the northwest.

Timor was being consolidated, it was believed, as a Japanese spring-board for projected operations against Australia. It was thought the Japanese were obliged to concentrate there because their footholds in New Guinea, and the Solomons were slipping away under the relentless pounding of Allied sea, air and land forces.

In New Guinea American and Australian jungle fighters were pushing the Japanese into an even more restricted strip of territory along the coast between Buna and Gona.

Even on this beachhead their position became more precarious after American Flying Fortresses made an effective surprise raid on enemy naval vessels off Gona. A cruiser and a destroyer were sunk, and an operation in which the warships were meeting landing barges from the shore was thrown into confusion. Whether the landing barges were evacuating men or bringing reinforcements could not be ascertained.

War Situation Last Night

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

The cry of a Rome broadcaster that "Italy's hour has come" finds its own echo in Berlin's announcement of the Axis evacuation of Bengasi.

With the fall of that town, an Axis grip on the south shore of the Mediterranean, that once reached from Tunisia to within 80 miles of Alexandria, a crow-flight span of nearly 1,200 miles, has been shriveled to a meagre 600-mile long coastal corridor. Allied power in apparently overwhelming force is closing in for the kill. By air, land and sea the net is swiftly tightening. Decisive results that seemed destined to leave not Italy alone, but the whole Axis Mediterranean flank from the Pyrenees to Turkey, exposed to attack cannot be long delayed.

The abandonment of Bengasi was obviously a desperate attempt to escape the British trap squeezing upon it before it was too late. Whether it has succeeded, or another substantial segment of Rommel's shattered army has been destroyed remains to be disclosed.

British forces were already on the sea coast south of Bengasi barring the only escape route. They stood between the Axis rearguard fleeing Bengasi and the El Agheila bottleneck at the depths of the Gulf of Sirte that offers the foe his only hope of halting the eastern jaw of the vast Allied nut-cracker.

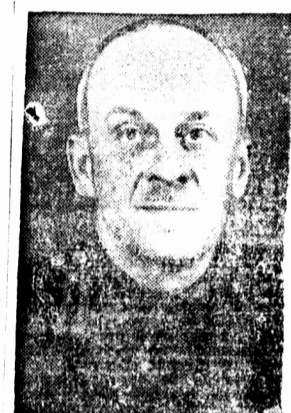
Just how close the southern spearhead of the Anglo-American army in Tunisia may be is uncertain. A clash between Free French and Axis forces at Gaves, 100 miles from the Tripoli-Tunis border and less than 200 miles from Tripoli, is reported. That Tunisian port would be on General Eisenhower's shortest line of advance to cut Rommel's communications behind him and catch him in the closing Allied vise. Once Eisenhower's speeding forward elements reach it, they should be in Tripoli-Tunis at Rommel's back within days or even hours.

There has been no further word of the Fighting French reported moving up from Lake Chad to complete the circle hemming the Axis forces in against the sea. The long desert distances the French must travel to reach the scene in time are a formidable obstacle. By air-line they are about 1,000 miles away, but the circuitous road route they must follow is nearer 2,000.

There are American forces in many parts of Equatorial Africa. Their exact whereabouts and functions are military secrets still; but by every sign they are busy with establishing and maintaining air-ways and other communications across Africa for the combat armies surging in from east and west to clear the Mediterranean coast of the foe and pave the way for ultimate invasion of the European continent.

Sound reasons underscore the predictions of military observers on both sides of the Atlantic that the first crux of the final battle in Africa will be in the air. Air power offers Hitler his only hope of delaying, let alone halting, the impending complete destruction of his African army.

"Events may be moving (in the Mediterranean) towards what may soon develop into the greatest air campaign yet fought in this war," General Sewell, commentator of the British Information Service, observes. "The best hope the Germans have for their troops in Tunisia and Tripoli-Tunis is by reinforcement and support from the air. We know the Luftwaffe is being concentrated in the Mediterranean area, and in Sicily they have many well-organized airfields."



MAJ. GEN. M. A. POPE M. C., Major-General M. A. Pope, M.C., representative of the war committee of the Cabinet on the Canadian Legation at W. S.ington, was among a group of Canadian Army officers decorated by the Belgian Government with the Croix militaire Beige. General Pope was unable to have his duties in the U. S. Capital to attend the brief ceremony at the Belgian Legation.

Nazi Forces Hold Tunis And Bizerte

Axis Troops Abandon Bengasi; Remnants of Rommel's Army Continue Retreat.

LONDON, Nov. 20—(CP)—The Fighting French radio at Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa, said tonight that "all Tunisian territory with the exception of the Tunis-Bizerte stretch now is in the hands of the Allies."

Brazzaville said Allied troops had made contact with Axis forces 25 miles southeast of Tunis, the capital where the Nazis are entrenched.

LONDON, Nov. 20—(CP)—Radio Algiers announced tonight that "important Allied forces" were deployed near Lake Chad, 1,000 miles below the Italian Libyan base of Tripoli, and that it was probable an army was moving northward to cut the Axis Mediterranean road of retreat between Tripoli and El Agheila.

(By E. C. Daniel, Associated Press Staff Writer)

Nascopic Back From Arctic Trip

OTTAWA, Nov. 20—(CP)—Safe return of the Canadian Government Vessel Nascopic from its annual expedition to the eastern Arctic was made known tonight with the arrival in Ottawa of Maj. J. D. McKean, leader of the voyage.

The Nascopic left Montreal July 8 and docked at Port Alfred, Que., yesterday, after a voyage of more than four months.

Maj. McKean said the expedition covered between 10,000 and 12,000 miles and that members found the Eskimo "exceptionally well." He said the Nascopic was five weeks later than usual in returning, due to pressure of work.

C.N.R. To Drill 50 Oil Wells

EDMONTON, Nov. 20—(CP)—Provincial authorities revealed here today that the Canadian National Railways will undertake the drilling of 50 wells in Alberta's Vermilion Oil Field and the arrangement is expected to result in the reopening of the oil cleaning plant which closed down there some weeks ago.

The oil cleaning plant closed when its operators protested they were operating at a loss under current oil prices.

According to official figures, the Vermilion field produced from 14 wells a total of 2,472 barrels of crude during September this year, an output which ranks it high among the oil producing fields of the Dominion.

Canadian National Railways get a major portion of its oil requirements from the Vermilion field, located 125 miles east of Edmonton.

Win First Round

Striking swiftly across Tunisia to clear the way for the main body of Lt.-Gen. Kenneth Anderson's British 1st army pouring in from Algeria and to lock the retreating Axis forces in the northern tip of the French protectorate, the Allied spearheads clearly won the first round of heavy fighting.

A spokesman at Allied headquarters, after recounting the first tank battle on the provincial garrison perimeter, in which 17 Axis armoured vehicles, including 11 tanks, were destroyed and "heavy casualties" inflicted on German troops, predicted the light would increase in fury and scope now that heavy Allied units had reached the main Nazi defence positions.

He said Allied casualties had been "minor" in the opening clashes.

As the Germans and Italians retreated stubbornly into Bizerte and Tunis to make their final stand on the extreme western end of the long northwest African battle.

BULLETIN

MONTREAL, Nov. 20—(CP)—Mare Carriere, chief organizer for Jean Drapeau in the Nov. 30 by-election in Outremont federal riding, was taken into custody late tonight by Royal Canadian Mounted Police on orders from the Federal Minister of Justice.

Carriere was notified of the order at the centre committee room of Mr. Drapeau, and police said he faced charges under the War Measures Act.

The detention order was believed to be based on statements made by Carriere at a campaign meeting for Mr. Drapeau here Wednesday night, Mr. Drapeau, self-styled "candidate of the draftees" is opposing Maj.-Gen. LaFlèche, Minister of National War Services in the by-election.

Japs More Active In Alaskan Area

HEADQUARTERS, Alaska defence Command, Nov. 20—(AP)—United States army aerial reconnaissance substantiates recent reports of apparently renewed Jap activity at Attu Island, near the end of the Aleutian chain. The island was occupied once this summer by the invaders and later abandoned.

Japanese planes were near the island on Nov. 12-13, and abandoned two months ago when Kiska apparently was reinforced.



High tide this morning at 10:55 and tonight at 12:48. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:26 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:06.

Full moon Nov. 22, 4:24 p.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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. 7:00 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)
Leave Borden 9:00 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Leave Tormentine 10:15 a.m., 8:00 p.m.

P.E.I.-N.S. FERRY SERVICE
Leave Wood Islands 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Leave Carleton Place and 4:00 a.m. Moncton

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)
Charlottetown—Summerside—Moncton
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.

Civic Efforts Made To Obtain Suitable Site For Dehydration Plant

As reported previously, a site has been selected in Summerside for a dehydration plant for Prince Edward Island, and work will commence immediately on the construction of the building. The contractors are Messrs. Morrison and McRae, Summerside. The building, located on land formerly owned by the late J. B. Macdonald, Ltd., off Water Street East, will be 130 feet by 64 feet, of frame construction and one and a half stories high, and will contain a dehydrator, a plant will process vegetables and perhaps other commodities for the Agricultural Supplies Board, Ottawa. The Board supplies part of the machinery required and retains title to it. Responsible for construction of the building, boiler and heating equipment, for general supervision and handling of goods are the Associated Shippers and others, who are the promoters.

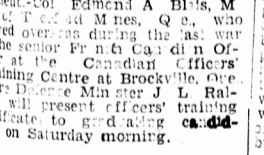
Two shifts daily

It is expected that the plant will be in operation early in 1943. The shift will consist of approximately eighteen men and twenty-five women per shift, and will operate two shifts a day.

The question of location of the plant caused a great deal of interest, and speculation in both Charlottetown and Summerside, these centres, on account of the electrical power requirements, being the only ones in the Province which could be considered. It was necessary to provide for a 60-horse power electrical motor, other factors affecting the location are proximity to railway sidings, and to a harbor front where waste could be disposed of, and firm ground on which to build.

These conditions made the selection of the site quite difficult. In the negotiation which followed one site was thought to be available in Charlottetown to fill the requirements, but a title to part of the land could not be obtained. The Summerside site, part of the Robertson estate in which a clear

Senior Officer



Lt.-Col. Edmund A. Blin, M.C., served over 20 years in the army as the senior British Canadian Officer at the Canadian Officers' Training Centre at Brockville, Ont. He is now Major J. L. Ralston will present officers' training certificate to graduating candidates on Saturday morning.

Coming Events

- Rummage Sale Trinity Social Hall this afternoon 3.30. 11-21-42.
- Remember sale of Togs. C.W.L. War Fund today. 11-21-42.
- Reserve Wednesday, December 9th for Auction and Bridge, Saint Joseph's Sodality Hall. 11-21-42.
- Dance New Perth Monday, Nov. 23. Webster's Orchestra. 11-21-42.
- Farmers wishing to ship dressed hogs advise McGuigan and Boyle. 11-21-42.
- We require a quantity of well finished bobbin cattle. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. 9-28-42f.
- Now buying live and dressed poultry at old Telephone Office. Anheer & Llewellyn, Montague. 11-10-T-5-61.
- Burning live and dressed chickens and fowl every Wednesday. Paving Market prices. P. J. Nov. Hunter River. 9-28-53-M-4f.
- Sale of plain and fancy breads, rolls, etc., by ladies of Christian Church, Saturday, November 21st, Fennell & Chandler's Store. 11-20-21.

Twelve Naval Ratings Leave

Twelve members of the R.C.N.V. left this morning for other training centers on the mainland to receive further instruction as communication ratings. Four of the men are from the Province and the remainder from Ontario principally.

The Island sailors include: L. N. Darrach, Charlottetown; R. Hechen, Fredericton; J. Gamble, Wood Islands; and M. J. Bruce, Summerside.

The Ontario sailors include: A. G. McGill, R. I. Petnick, A. Non-Brown, L. W. St. L. Brown, E. Rumball, J. W. Gilbert, P. G. Brown.

Red Offensive Gaining Speed

MOSCOW, Nov. 20—(AP)—News of Russian counter-attacks came from all sectors of the Eastern Front today, while in the Central Caucasus the German withdrawals from Ordzhonikidz struck a quickening pace.

Battered Stalingrad resumed a bitter dispute with the Russians announcing they had captured the city's south of the city. At the conclusion of an action in which 400 Germans were killed and machine guns and trench mortars captured the Soviet forces entrenched themselves in new advanced positions.

When the City the Germans attacked several times. The Russians reported all these assaults were repulsed and that Soviet positions were strengthened.

Curtin Urges One Command

SYDNEY, Nov. 20—(CP CABLE)—Prime Minister Curtin told his press conference today that one army under one command is a military necessity in the southwest Pacific because a serious handicap would be exposed by factors hindering military mobility.

He was explaining the proposal he made this week to an inter-service conference of the Labor Party seeking to widen the area in which the Australian militia may be used.

Mr. Curtin said Australia is presently defended by an outer screen of islands including New Guinea, the Solomons, Timor, the New Hebrides, New Caledonia, and Fiji. Under his proposal, which has been referred to the State Labor Party, the conscripted militia could be used in any part of this area as needed. Hitherto all Australian troops outside Australian territory have been volunteers in the Australian Imperial force.

Four Dead 31 Injured In Collapse Of Roof

WELLAND, ONT., Nov. 20—(CP)—Officials of the Piggot Construction Company of Hamilton said tonight that four men were killed, two seriously injured and 29 others injured when the roof of an Atlas Steel Company Building collapsed here today.

All the men were employees of the Piggot Company which was constructing the building for Atlas Steel.

The dead: Hornikudas Groulx, 5158 St. Henri St., Montreal; Alex Leubetter, Welland; George Dudich, 445 Salisbury St., London, Ont.; Koiman Mozog, 23 Van Allen Ave., Toronto.

Mike Pelinsky of Welland, previously listed as killed, is still alive and is in hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Nineteen of the injured were Welland men, seven others came from Ontario cities while the home-towns of three were not immediately available. Likewise the name of one of the injured men was not known immediately.

There were reports in Welland that other two other men still were buried in the debris but official statements were that all workers accounted for.

At Ottawa the Department of Munitions and Supply issued a statement quoting D.W. Lathrop, vice president of Atlas Steel, as saying that the concrete slab six inches thick, 20 feet wide and 60 feet long—poured yesterday—had caved in, crushing the men underneath.

It was estimated here that 300 tons of concrete fell on the workers on the main floor of the building which was of reinforced concrete construction and was three stories high. The concrete slab which fell was to form a part of the roof of the building.

Big Battle Raging In New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Nov. 21—(Saturday)—(CP)—Heavy fighting is in progress for the northeast New Guinea ports of Gona and Buna as Australians and Americans, who reached the outskirts yesterday, strive to push the Japs into the sea. The high command announced today.

The tempo of battle rose to high pitch all along the coastal strip between Buna and Gona, where the Japs are being forced back toward the shore.

Japanese planes, whose appearances in the sector have been infrequent, have entered the engagement in an attempt to forestall what appears to be a growing disaster for the enemy.

Willkie Praises British Spirit

NEW YORK, Nov. 20—(CP)—Wendell L. Willkie today told the British War Relief Society that "no one could have had the experience I had on my visit to England during the blitz of 1940 and 1941 and ever forget not alone the courage but the infinite patience of the British people under circumstances which seemed almost beyond human endurance."

Willkie speaking at a luncheon of the society of which he is a director, credited British authorities with "deliberately playing down their own contribution" in North Africa "in order to give an extra lift to America and also so that the world will have a visible demonstration that America is fully in this war with actual fighting troops."

"When the war is over, he said, the story of Britain's part in North Africa yesterday and today will be one of the noble sagas of history."

Bomber Crashes

CALLEDONIA, N.S., Nov. 20—(CP)—Bodies of several men were found tonight in the wreckage of a large bomber that crashed and exploded in heavily wooded country five miles from here this evening. It was reported there were five in the aircraft, but late tonight no accurate count of the bodies had been made.

Eastern Air Command at Halifax said it had no announcement to make about the crash, and it is not known whether the men belonged to the R.C.A.F. or the R.A.F. However, an announcement from the command was expected tomorrow.

Laval May Be Planning Entente With German Reich

VICHY, (From French Broadcasts), Nov. 20—(AP)—Pierre Laval told the French people in a broadcast tonight that "an entente with the Reich is the only guarantee for peace in Europe" and said "nothing justifies American hostility toward us."

"Co-operation with Germany is the only guaranty."

"I was always certain Germany would be the victor."

"I like liberty but I will never accept for my country a parliamentary government as we had before."

(Laval's speech was another strong indication that he is preparing a peace with the Axis and perhaps then draw up a treaty of alliance against the United Nations.)

He scoffed at Allied promises of returning the seized portions of the French Empire in the future, and recalled how Britain took French Canada and parts of the West Indies long ago.

"On the other side of the world," Laval continued, "Japan, an old nation by its history and a young one by its dynamism, has just taken from Britain and the United States immense territories, treasures, and raw materials."

"The Anglo-Saxons are seeking the (French) Empire and seeking compensations for the losses they know are irreparable."

(Japan's early seizure of French Indo-China opened the way for her quick conquest of the Philippines, and Netherlands and British territories in the Far East.)