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ALLIES MAKE CONTACT WITH AXIS IN TUNISIA

Japanese Plan For Invasion Of Australia In Balance

Two Canadian Naval Men Are Awarded D.S.C.

OTTAWA, Nov. 15 —(CP) — Navy Minister MacDonald tonight announced the King has approved the award of one Distinguished Service Cross and one Distinguished Service Medal to an officer and rating serving with the Royal Canadian Navy and the mention in dispatches of 11 other officers and ratings.

Awarded the DSC. is Lieut. Alan H. Easton, R. C. N. V. R., of Lachine, Que. Acting Leading Seaman Kenneth Alleyne [illegible], Montreal, receives the DSM.

Mentioned in despatches are Lieut. Anthony G. Osburn, R. C.N.V.R., Vancouver; Sub-Lt. N. H. Chapman, R.C.N.V.R., Kingston; Stoker Petty Officer J. H. Allison, R.C.N.R., Halifax; Engine Room Artificer R. I. Stuart, R.C.N.V.R., Ottawa; Able Seaman G. J. Saunders, R.C.N.V.R., Montreal; Lieut. W. W. Hackney, Westphal, N. S.; Acting Leading Seaman John B. Bing, R.C.N.V.R., Regina; Lieut. A. G. S. Griffin, R.C.N.V.R., Hamilton and Toronto; Mate J. A. McLeish, R.C.N.V.R.; Signalman P. E. Dallaire, R. C. N. V. R., Montreal, and Chief Engine Room Artificer (now warrant Engineer) S. Clarke, R. C. N. R., Sydney, N. S.

Mr. MacDonald said the honors list reflects successes by ships of the Royal Canadian Navy in the "unceasing war" against enemy submarines.

"Further details to those contained in the official citations," he said, "cannot for operational and security reasons, be given. The war at sea is a grim one, being fought steadily and relentlessly. I think, however, the citations will, in themselves, show some of the aggressive work being undertaken by our ships against the enemy, as well as providing additional cause for pride in our men."

Officers and men of three ships, H.M.C.S. Sackville, Buctouche and Pictou, are listed. Citations covering the awards to men of each ship refer to "The almost certain destruction of one enemy U-boat and the probable damaging of another"; "Great ability in directing attacks on an enemy U-boat"; and "coolness and daring" in carrying out "a most promising depth charge attack."

Two Commanders Had Close Call

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Nov. 15—(AP)—Lt.-Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Admiral Sir Andrew B Cunningham had a close call on a Flying Fortress trip to Algiers, it was disclosed today.

The American commander in North Africa and the British commander of Allied naval covering forces were on their way to the Algerian capital, it was related, when bad weather closed in as their fuel was running low.

The young pilot, Lieut. A. F. Aeschbacker, got the ship through safely and won Eisenhower's commendation.

Coming Events

"Dance Hope River Parish Hall, Wednesday Nov. 18th. 11-16-18

"Zion Church Tea and Bazaar Tuesday, November 24th. 4.30 to 6.30. 11-14-21.

"Dance Lyndale School Monday, November 16th. Good music. Refreshments. 11-16-1i.

"Kinkora Hall, Friday evening Bingo and Dance. Mulligan Orchestra. 11-16-13

"Weighing party and dance at Fred Buchanan's, Churchill, Nov. 18th. Sponsored by W. I. 11-16-11.

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

"The Presbyterian Church hot goose dinner in Marshfield Hall Wednesday, Nov. 18, is an annual event. You will receive courtesy and service. 11-16-1i

"Buying live and dressed chickens and fowl every Wednesday. Paying top market prices. P. J. Noy Hunter River. 9-26-S-M-tf.

"Chicken Supper, Kingston Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 18. Supper served 6 till 10. Aid of Baptist Church. 11-16-1i

"Trucking hogs as usual for the summer months. List your hogs with A C Green, Albany and G C Green Emerald 5-6-7-11-W-T-M-tf

"Public Meeting All Conservative supporters of Southport poll at Southport School Monday, November 16th. 8 P. M. Business to appoint delegates to attend convention. F. S. Reeves, Chairman. 11-14-21.

To Retire

MR. JACKSON DODDS

MONTREAL, Nov. 15 —(CP) — Jackson Dodds of Montreal has decided to retire as joint general manager of the Bank of Montreal, ending a distinguished career of 45 years in the banking world, it was announced tonight by the bank directors.

The announcement, which made no mention of a possible successor, said the directors had acceded to Mr. Dodds' request for retirement from "active service" with "great regret."

8th Army Now Only 180 Miles From Bengasi

CAIRO, Nov. 15—(AP)—R.A.F. fighters shot down at least seven Axis planes and damaged many more between Tunis and Sicily Saturday, raising their bag to 20 in three days of assaults on the enemy's North African transport shuttle route, while British land forces in Libya drove within 180 miles of Bengasi in pursuit of the shattered Africa Corps.

An official announcement said most of the latest Axis ferry planes sent crashing into the Mediterranean were flying north from Tunis, where German airmen and Italian marines are reported to have landed in a frantic effort to challenge the Anglo-American sweep eastward from Algeria.

But the Axis air traffic apparently was two-way as Allied airmen intercepted big formations of enemy transports, bombers and fighters heading both to and from Tunis.

Reach Libyan Hump

Pursuit of Marshal Erwin Rommel's hapless desert troops meanwhile reached the eastern side of the Libyan hump at Tmimi, some 180 airline miles from Bengasi.

Bengasi itself, possible port of escape for some of Rommel's forces was heavily bombed Friday night by four-motored American Consolidated Liberators and again by daylight Saturday. Huge fires were set.

Other Allied fighter-bombers kept up their deadly assaults on the retreating Axis columns. From all the day's operations the R.A.F. lost only two planes.

Tremendous Damage To Italian Port

LONDON, Nov. 15—(AP)— Tremendous new damage was inflicted Friday night on the major Italian port of Genoa by British bombers which flew 1,500 miles through enemy opposition so weak that all returned safely to their home bases.

Two-ton explosives and thousands of fire bombs were showered on the Axis home base for North Africa, rocking the battered city with enormous, pulverizing explosives soon followed by raging fires. Several Canadians with the R. A.F. took part in the raid.

Heavy American bombers backed up the R.A.F. smash at Italy by striking German submarine bases in daylight raids Saturday on the French northern ports of La Pallice and St. Nazaire.

A communique said Flying Fortresses and Liberators attacked these important U-boat nests but gave no details.

Allied fighter planes made supporting and diversionary sweeps over northwestern France during the day. No planes were reported missing.

Naval Minister Gives Warning; Sea Fight Rages

Japanese Make Determined Efforts To Recapture Positions In Solomons.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 15—(CP)—Navy Minister N. J. Makin of Australia warned today that on the outcome of the present Solomons naval battle depends the success or failure of Japanese plan for the invasion of Australia.

He said his warning was based on the latest information.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 — (AP) — United States and Japanese warships thundered away at each other in Solomon Islands areas tonight for the fourth straight night while fighting continued in the skies and on the scarred soil of Guadalcanal in a battle of epic size and scope.

A communique said the current stage of the fighting in the Solomons which opened four days ago was "the result of a determined effort on the part of the Japanese to recapture positions in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi area."

The battle which opened Thursday night (Solomons time) is continuing, the navy said without indicating its present trend.

Supplementing the terse communique, a navy spokesman described the latest fighting as a "hit, run, hide and seek, catch and go engagement."

Explaining that the phrase "numerous enemy surface forces" was used advisedly in the communique. the spokesman said that "wherever we run into them there is a scrap."

The fighting, he said, was not a stand-up engagement between major forces as at Midway.

The communique hinted little of the suspense resulting from Saturday's announcement that a series of naval engagements which began the night of Nov. 12-13 was still in progress and that both sides had suffered some losses.

The previous communique explained that details would be withheld while the battle was in progress because their disclosure would provide the enemy with valuable information.

Russians Splash News From Africa

MOSCOW, Nov. 15 — (A P) — Russian soldiers and workers received by every available channel today the glad news that they have fighting Allies, and that powerful British and American forces in Africa are striking effective blows at the Axis.

The news had been told before, in newspaper accounts and by radio announcements. But today all agencies imparting information — press, radio, factory-announcing systems and club gazettes — combined to tell fully and in detail the story of the arrival of the Americans and the smashing of the Axis African Corps.

More than 30,000,000 copies of Pravda alone went out to the people of Russia on all fronts, its headlines proclaiming the effectiveness of the Anglo-American Soviet alliance.

Army newspapers, which go out to the men in the most advanced fighting fronts, carried enthusiastic accounts, and it was safe to assume that not a Russian soldier was unaware of the second front being created in the Mediterranean.

The Russians pulled no punches when they told of their desire for a second front. Now they pulled no punches in telling of their pleasure.

The impression prevailed that for days Russia had been holding back, waiting to see whether the African operations are a large-scale campaign which will have a decisive influence on the course of the war. Today that reserve was cast aside, and Russia's 200,000,000 citizens were informed fully of the Allied success in Africa and its far-reaching implications.

Four Killed

HALIFAX, Nov. 15 — (C P) — Names of two of the four men killed in the crash of an R.A.F. plane Friday near Debert, N.S., were announced by the Eastern Air Command tonight.

They were:

Sgt. John Barber, R.C.A.F., a wireless air gunner, whose next-of-kin is his mother, Mrs. B. Barber of Shawville, Que.;

Sgt. Hubert Elias LaFrance, also a wireless air gunner, whose next-of-kin is his mother, Mrs. W. LaFrance of (16 Concession St.) Consiston, Ont.

The identities of the other two victims were withheld pending notification of their relatives.

The plane crashed six miles from Debert Camp, where it was based. All aboard were killed instantly. The R.C.A.F. has made no announcement on the cause of the crash.

War Situation Last Night

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

November has shown a bleak face to German hopes in other years and this November is no exception.

November saw the Kaiser's glory dreams burst like a bubble in 1918. His strutting successor as a war lord has admitted that in 1941 the vision of a Nazi-dominated world was close to utter disaster in Russia and saved, not by Hitler, but by Providence.

It was a slightly humbled Hitler who gave credit only a few weeks ago to some more potent force than his own intuitive military genius for that 1941 escape. He capped the admission, however, with assurances to his German listeners that he, not providence, had seen to it that there would be no repetition of that dread winter of 1941 for Nazi Germany.

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Yet this November winter is again upon Hitler's dangerously far-spread armies in an unconquered Russia. Moreover, Anglo-American forces of ever expanding size and power are confronting him from across the Mediterranean. A complete Axis rout in Africa, is, in, the making. Italy, the soft under-belly of the Axis dragon, is exposed to Allied attack.

Hitler's vaunted air power so far has failed him, failed even to protect German cities from a terrible and continuous air drubbing. His U-boats have wrought mightily at sea but not mightily enough. The presence in French Africa of a great and growing Anglo-American army sufficiently shows who still rules the Atlantic.

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To meet an emergency the scope of which he has not yet measured, Axis armies are again on the march in France and the Balkans, not to offensive but defensive assignments. Axis collaborationism in France is dead or dying and colonial France is back in the war as an Allied recruit.

What this may mean to further re-shuffling of the war odds in the Mediterranean still is unclear.

Pacific repercussions of the changed war scene in Europe and the Middle East also are yet to be fully assessed. The effect on India to ease Allied tension cannot yet be appraised, but the hope that the hour for reconquest of Burma from the Japanese has been brought a long stride closer is justified.

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The one outstanding fact in the Pacific war theatre traceable to the new and ominous developments for the Axis in Russia and the Mediterranean this November is that Hitler's Japanese accomplice also has failed him. At the moment when he most needs a Far Eastern diversion—a Japanese assault on Russia in Siberia or a Japanese power thrust at Australia or its ocean life lines—Japan has appeared up to now, too busy with defence herself to answer his pleas. The week-end, however, brought an announcement from Berlin that heads of all Japanese missions to Europe had been assembled in the German capital since Nov. 10. Such a parley at this time suggested Hitler might be renewing pressure on his Japanese ally.

Just what all the swift developments of this November will add up to is beyond conjecture. The war is not over, but it has turned a significant corner. Allied hopes of ultimate and complete victory now are based on things more tangible than an undaunted will to win.

Hand To Hand Battle In Stalingrad Streets

By Eddy Gilmore
Associated Press Staff Writer

MOSCOW, Nov. 15 —(AP)— Breasting bitter winds whipping across the Volga, bayonet-charging Russians have killed thousands more Germans in three days of the greatest hand-to-hand fight of the current Nazi offensive in a factory area of Stalingrad, the Red Army reported today.

The Nazis were reported hurling big forces of tanks and rested infantrymen into virtual non-stop attacks but despite the fury of their assaults and their frightful cost in blood they were declared to have been held to one small gain measured in yards.

"The battle area is only a few hundred yards wide," said Red Star, the Army newspaper. "Into this area the Nazi commanders hurl hundreds of men. Many go down but some manage to crawl forward. The Nazi gain was made over literally mountains of their dead."

Located as it is high on the west bank of the Volga, Stalingrad is exposed to the bitter winds sweeping off the steppes from east to west, making present fighting conditions severe.

This frigid setting was painted by Izvestia as one of stark horror, with the decomposing bodies of more than 100,000 Germans littering the battlefield in and around the city.

Blasted or frozen into impotence, the newspaper said, were 800 stalled and broken tanks and the littered wreckage of more than 1,000 German planes.

In the Caucasus the Russians said they had bettered positions south of Nalchik in a two-sector battle launched by infantry with the aid of artillery and a vast smoke screen. German losses were described as heavy.

MINESWEEPERS' SEAL

A BRITISH PORRT — (CP) — Mascot of a Minesweeper flotilla which makes this its home port is a seal and when the ships return he swims from one to another "barking" for scraps.

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Axis Troops Jam Road

CAIRO, Nov. 15 —(AP)— Marshal Erwin Rommel's fleeing Africa corps is jamming the road between Bengasi and El Aghelia in a desperate attempt to clear the hump of Libya before the advancing British 8th Army cuts off the retreat, it was disclosed tonight.

This became known when it was learned that Allied long-range fighter planes for the last two days have been attacking "heavy enemy road traffic" beyond Bengasi, which is 180 miles from British ground forces pushing across the desert.

Other attacks were made on German columns retreating along the coast road between Barce and Bengasi and inland tracks between Tmimi and Mechili.

The enemy flight was said to be so urgent that truck convoys were travelling at night with their lights on.

Rommel Had Close Call

VICHY (From Vichy Broadcasts), Nov. 15 — (AP) — Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel barely escaped capture near Tobruk last Friday, the Berlin correspondent of the Swedish Telegraphic Bureau said tonight in a broadcast by the Vichy radio.

The correspondent quoted German military authorities as saying Rommel had been directing the rear guard defence personally and had gone back to look over the situation when several British tanks appeared suddenly.

The tanks were near, the correspondent said, and it was only by fleeing with great speed that he managed to escape.

75,000 Axis Troops Captured

LONDON, Nov. 15—(CP)— Prime Minister Churchill announced today that total casualties and captured in Africa now total 75,000 Germans and Italians.

He said 13 U-boats had been sunk off the French North African coast, five of them in the last two days.

"Total enemy loses by casualties and captured to date are now estimated by Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery to have mounted to 75,000 Germans and Italians," said the statement issued from No 10 Downing Street.

The Prime Minister will make further announcements on the progress of the campaign in North Africa soon, it was predicted by political observers today. It is believed he will review developments at the next meeting of Parliament.

Last Wednesday he told Parliament about early phases of the African fighting.

News Briefs

OTTAWA, Nov. 15—(CP)— Defence Minister Ralston announced Saturday that a contingent of Canadian troops has arrived in Bermuda. These Canadians with equipment would form part of the garrison of that base, he said.

LONDON, Nov 15—(CP)—The Vichy radio said today a large number of French troops have arrived to occupy Toulon.

LONDON, Nov. 15—(CP)— The German freedom radio station said today that Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel is "not with his troops. He is in Munich."

LONDON, Nov. 16—(Monday)—(CP)—A Reuters dispatch from Geneva reported today that Croat guerillas had launched an offensive on a 30-mile front and had occupied a town and 32 fortified villages after stubborn fighting.

BERNE, Nov. 15—(AP)—Two air alarms sounded here tonight, indicating the R.A.F. probably was making another raid on Northern Italy.

LONDON, Nov. 15—(CP)—The Allied-controlled Morocco radio reported tonight that a state of siege has been declared at Ajaccio and other towns in Corsica as a result of active opposition by the local garrison and civilian population to Italian landings.

Converge On Jap Beachhead

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 16 —(Monday) — (CP) — American and Australian ground troops, converging on the strong Japanese beachhead at Buna, New Guinea, have joined forces and are continuing their advance, Allied Headquarters reported today.

The Allied forces have been fighting their way toward Buna on the northeast coast of New Guinea—The Australians coming directly over the Owen Stanley mountains the Americans moving in from the south, through the steaming jungles. Having joined forces, they now "are jointly moving in to attack," a communique said.

"The enemy under command of Lt.-Gen. Tomatore Horri now faces the Allies to the west and south, with the jungle and the sea at his back," the communique added.

Italian Fleet In Action ?

LONDON, Nov. 15—(CP)—A Reuters News Agency dispatch from Stockholm today quoted the Madrid correspondent of the German-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau as saying that "a considerable part" of the Italian fleet in cooperation with German and Italian planes had engaged British and American naval forces off North Africa.

FORMER ACTRESS DEAD

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 15— (AP) —Sydney Fox, former screen actress, was found dead in her bed today by her husband, Charles Beahan, theatrical agent.

Detective Captain W. W. White said Beahan told him Miss Fox had been in ill health for some time. They retired about midnight after spending the evening with friends.

Miss Fox, 31, was a wampus baby star of 1931.

Vital Bizerte Naval Base Is Prize At Stake

Axis U-Boats make heavy attacks In Mediterranean but suffer severe Losses.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Nov. 15—(AP)—The large naval force, ranging from trawlers to liners, which carried the Allied Expeditionary Force to North Africa through thousands of miles of submarine-infested waters arrived on time in spite of heavy U-boat and plane attacks, the Allied Force Headquarters announced tonight

A special communique giving full details of the operations reported that the Axis had suffered heavy losses in planes and submarines in attempts to disrupt the convoy movements and, later, to hinder the progress of the operations after the troops landed.

(By E. B. Sullivan, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Nov. 15—(AP)—Veteran troops of the British 1st Army and a smaller companion United States force today ran headlong into German and Italian troops defending the vital naval base of Bizerte in Tunisia.

The Action, marking the first time in the Second Great War that Americans have come to grips with the Germans, was announced by the Allied-controlled Morocco radio at 9 p.m. (3 p.m. E.D.T.—4 p.m. A.D.T.). The German radio picked up the broadcast and followed later with frequent bulletins of its own.

United States Rangers in small number fought the Germans at Dieppe in the August raid but it was not until the contact was made near Bizerte today that a considerable force of United States soldiers and the Germans faced each other in battle in this war.

There was no indication of the size of the American force beyond a statement by Lt.-Gen. K. A. N. Anderson, British commander of the combined operation in Tunisia, that it makes up one-tenth of his striking force and includes special units. The British nine-tenths is made up of veteran, finely-trained soldiers who have fought the Germans before in Europe.

A large-scale battle was in prospect for control of the naval base, the finest harbor on the North African coast.

The opening round of the showdown fight for mastery of Bizerte, which controls all the central Mediterranean, was reported following an announcement by Lt.-Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower that advance elements of the combined force had entered Tunisia from Algeria.

The point of entry was some 80 miles from Bizerte.

Enemy Troops Arrive

"New contingents of German troops are arriving in Tunisia and Italians are arriving by sea," said the British Morocco radio report.

Ahead of the Allied force Axis-hating French garrisons were battling the incoming Axis troops, potting their transport planes sweeping in from over the Mediterranean and shooting them as they came to earth.

Swarms With Subs

Offshore, Eisenhower, said, the blue Mediterranean waters were "swarming with enemy submarines" assembled by the Axis in a frantic effort to disrupt the Allied landing of reinforcements and war stores.

Effective Allied counter-measures have resulted in sinking 13 enemy submarines in North African waters, five of them in two days, Prime Minister Churchill announced in London.

Eisenhower announced the Allied force drove eastward into Tunisia from Algeria and that it is "advancing as fast as possible according to plan."

Italians Captured

The Vichy radio reported that Italian troops landed three days ago at Bone, the Allied jumping off place, and were captured in five minutes.

Allied Headquarters announced that at least 14 enemy planes were shot down in raids on the Bone-Bougie area Friday and Saturday.

ROBBERS GET $750

MONTREAL, Nov. 15— (CP) — Leaving a night watchman and a cleaning woman bound and gagged, two armed men escaped with $750 after an early morning robbery at the Tic Toc Club today.

The men gained entrance after Club members had left for the night. The watchman managed to free himself an hour after the robbery.

Roosevelt Sends Congratulations

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—(AP)— President Roosevelt sent congratulations to Lt.-Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in a message published yesterday by the United States War Department for "the highly successful accomplishement of a most difficult task."

The President referred to the "perfection" of British-American co-operation.

Brig. Vogel Killed In Plane Crash

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, FRENCH NORTH AFRICA, Nov. 15—(AP)—Brigadier Vogel of the British Army, a member of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff, was killed in a plane crash while carrying out a mission, Eisenhower announced today

Killed in the same crash was Capt. F. T. Peters of the Royal Navy, hero of Oran who had been recommended for the American Distinguished Service Cross for commanding one of two former American Coast Guard cutters which were blown to pieces after cutting through the Oran harbor boom.

[illegible] tide this evening [illegible] 5.40 and tomorrow morning at 6.25. Sun sets this afternoon at 5.31 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.56. Full moon Nov. 22, 4.24 p.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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