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# R.A.F. ATTACKS 15-SHIP ENEMY CONVOY

## Allied Armies Prepare Final Assault In Tunisia

### 6 Axis Ships 38 Planes Are Destroyed

### Ground Forces Get In- to Position For All- Out Offensive.

By WES GALLAGHER  
(Associated Press Staff  
Writer)

### ALLIED HEAD- QUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 18—(AP)

Six more Axis ships have been sunk or damaged and 38 planes destroyed in the ceaseless war of attrition in the Mediterranean area, Allied headquarters announced today. Aground, Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's forces prepared for the assault on the mountain-rimmed defenses of Tunis and Bizerte.

Although the Italian communique received here in broadcasts asserted that "intense and prolonged artillery duels" were taking place, with massed guns sweeping the heights and detours the Allied communique mentioned only patrol activity along the 140-mile front. A French headquarters announcement said operations continued in the mountain region south of Point Du Pâle and 70 prisoners were captured in local engagements. The Royal Navy and United States heavy bombers combined in an

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### Nazis Continue Conferences

LONDON, April 18—(CP)—Admiral Nikolaus Horthy, Regent of Hungary, has concluded a two-day visit to Hitler at the German Dictator's headquarters and British quarters tonight interpreted the conference as a continued Nazi effort to build military and political fences against a possible Allied invasion of the Balkans. The fourth recent conference of his kind, First King Boris of Bulgaria was summoned before the Fuehrer. A four-day conference of Hitler and Mussolini last week was followed by a pilgrimage of the Rumanian dictator, Marshal Ion Antonescu, to Germany and Rome. British circles said the obvious propaganda aim of all the meetings was to create an impression of solidarity and unity of purpose within the Axis.

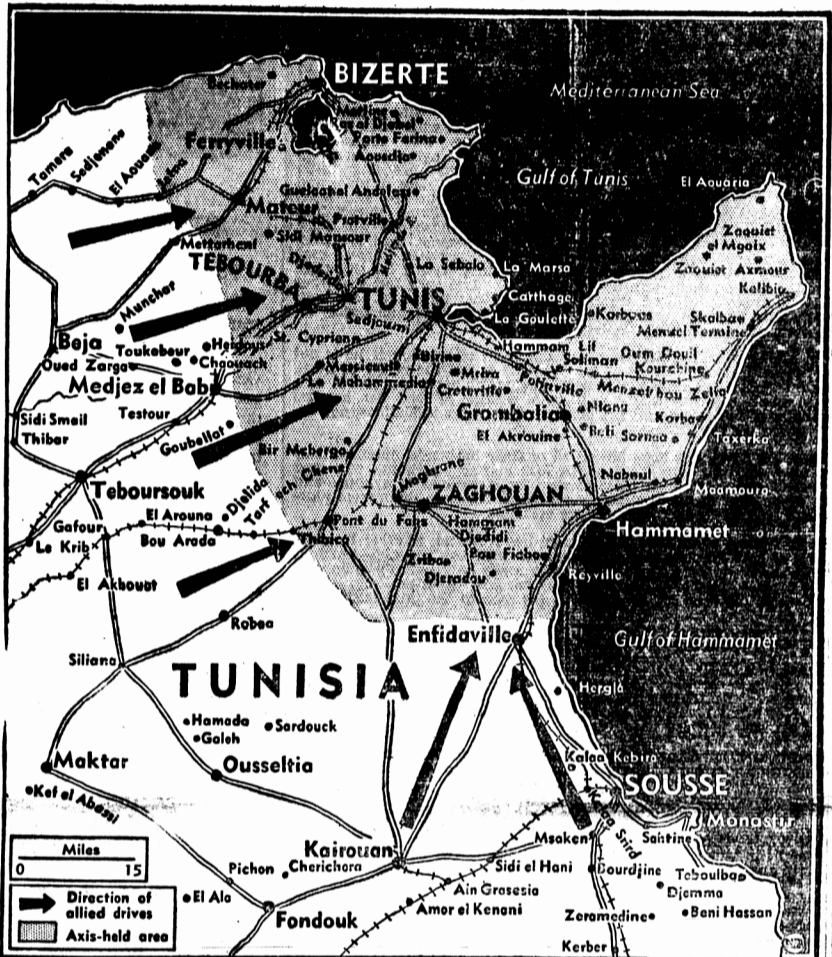
### French Guerillas Continue Active

LONDON, April 18—(CP)—Fighting French Headquarters said today French guerillas and partisans killed more than 50 Germans, wounded hundreds and destroyed such Nazi equipment as 14 rail-way coaches, seven locomotives and 26 trucks and 4,225 gallons of gasoline during the first two weeks in February. Related reports from France told of 11 grenade attacks upon German-occupied premises in that period.

### Coming Events

- Notice—Motion Pictures and Programs at Cross Roads School, April 21st, at 8 P. M. 4-17-21.
- Corran Bann Players present their Comedy Drama, Easter Monday, Corran Bann Hall, Dance after.
- Loading Hogs for Davis and Fraser at Mt. Herbert until train time Wednesday April 21st. Kenneth Jenkins. 4-17-11.
- National Film Board Movies—Kennington, Monday; Preetown, Tuesday; Brackabane, Wednesday; New Wilshire, Thursday. 4-19-41
- Special meeting of the rate payers Central Royalty School, Tuesday, April 20th, 7 P. M. Eugene Gullen, Secretary Trustees. 4-19-21.
- Garden Seeds All the latest and best varieties. Send for free 1943 catalogue. Arthur Vasey. 1-18-M-14.

'Forward to Tunis! Drive the Enemy Into the Sea!'



This battle cry from Gen. Bernard Montgomery is spurring the British Eighth Army on in the advance up the Tunisian coast. Meanwhile American, French forces and the British First Army are thrusting toward Bizerte and Tunis from positions in the interior of Tunisia. Map spots key towns, roads and railways in the area where the last battles for Tunisia may be fought.

## Four Airmen Are Rescued

### Drifted 30 Hours Off Coast Of Cape Breton After Plane Was Forced Down.

SYDNEY, N.S., April 18—(CP)—After nearly 30 hours adrift in a rubber dingy and on a crumbling ice-cake in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, two Canadians and two Britons of the crew of an aircraft from an Eastern Canada R.A.F. Station were rescued by a government vessel Saturday morning about 15 miles off the west coast of Cape Breton Island.

The aircraft was reported missing about 4:30 a.m. Friday, while on a "routine flight." It was first sighted just before dusk that evening, but the rescue vessel was unable to reach it before morning.

Air Force officials gave no indication whether or not the plane was searching for another aircraft from the station that has been missing since April 8 with four Britons aboard.

**MEMBERS OF CREW**  
The members of the crew, all whom suffered no ill effects from their night in the open, are: Pilot, Sgt. J. A. Beer, R.A.F., Northampton, England; First Navigator, P.O. G. N. Kilgour, R.C.A.F., Shawville, Que.; Second Navigator, P.O. O. H. Mennie, R. C. A. F., Timmins, Ont.

Wireless Operator, LAC. E. A. Naah, K. A. F., Saunderton, South Wales.  
Forced down by engine trouble, the plane pancaked on the sea just in sight of land and sank in 40 minutes. The fliers loaded their rubber dingy with rations and supplies and launched it before the plane disappeared.

**PADDLE TO ICE FLOE**  
They paddled to a nearby ice floe, and hauled the dingy up on the ice. A searching aircraft passed in the distance, but failed to see the very light they fired.  
The Wireless Operator was bruised about the head in the landing, but outside of that they escaped injury.  
Their clothes were soaked, so they removed their shoes and stockings, tore their parachutes into strips and wrapped them about their legs and necks to provide warmth.  
They decided to try to reach the Cape Breton coast, so launched the dingy.

**SINK 21 AXIS SHIPS**  
LONDON, April 18—(CP)—British submarines have destroyed 21 enemy ships in the Mediterranean, exclusive of a number of small enemy craft, from the time of the preparation of the Mareh Line offensive, the Admiralty said in a statement tonight.  
Five were large supply vessels and three were tankers.

### British Highway Casualties Heavy

BLACKBURN, England, April 18—(CP)—Britain suffered more highway casualties in 1942 than she did among the armed forces during the first two years of the war. Leslie Hore-Belisha told an accident prevention meeting here tonight.  
Hore-Belisha, former Air Minister and a one-time minister of transport who had charge of highways, said the highway casualties in 1942 totalled 147,544, while the armed service suffered 145,012 casualties during the first two years of the war.

### Crete Next On Schedule?

BERNE, April 18—(AP)—A dispatch from Gibraltar to the Tribune de Geneve today reported military activity at the fortress which it said was believed to be in preparation for an attack against Crete after the eventual success in Tunisia.  
It reported heavy movement of troops, materials, and warships, and arrival at Gibraltar of a large number of planes. More than 25,000 troops have left Gibraltar for an unspecified destination, it added, with daily departures both toward the Mediterranean and the Atlantic.  
"One of the first actions expected after Tunisia is an attack 'to neutralize the power of the German fortress established on the Isle of Crete,' the dispatch said.

### Send Wheat, Flour To North Africa

ALGIERS, April 18—(AP)—The Allies have landed approximately 1,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour in North Africa to meet the food crisis caused by last year's poor crops, it was announced today.  
More shipments are on the way, the announcement said, adding that "while the Allies have been landing grain and flour for civil population since their arrival, Axis-occupied Tunisia is being denied of its grain stocks."

### War Situation Last Night

By Carl C. Cranmer, Associated Press War Analyst

The battle impending on the Carthaginian Peninsula for Tunis and Bizerte may well be a preview of other battles that must be fought on the European continent before Rome and Berlin are brought to unconditional surrender.

The north African battleground which has served as a bloody laboratory for development of Allied technique in mobile tank warfare and in aerial co-operation with troops may be the third phase—the scientific attack on modern systems of fixed fortifications under conditions of siege.

All the indications are that Hitler has ordered his forces in Tunisia to emulate the 6th army at Stalingrad, to duplicate the sacrifices exacted of the attacking forces at Odessa and Sevastopol and, if possible, to equal the performances of Allied forces in such areas as Leningrad and Tobruk. If the Allies are successful in blasting open and capturing this bustling bridgehead with comparatively small casualties the result will be far more decisive than appears on the surface.

It would pretty well demolish Hitler's last dream—a successful defence of the fortress of Europe and its system of forts within a fort.

On the other hand if they win all Tunisia but at terrific cost, Axis hopes will soar and for the Allies the red flag of danger will be raised along with the banners of victory.

At this time the chances are good that the Allies will win in Tunisia their greatest victory of the war next to Stalingrad and will capture or otherwise eliminate close to 200,000 German and Italian troops.

But if the victory is at high cost it will raise the question as to whether United Nations manpower is equal to the drain of a succession of sieges all the way from the beaches of Dieppe or Marseille to the heart of Hitlerland.

Except for the British 8th army, which successfully attacked strong lines of field fortifications at El Alamein and El Agheila and a stronger system of pre-war forts and defenses at Mareh, the western Allies have had practically no experience against modern belts of prepared defence.

The Germans, on the other hand, have learned the strengths and weaknesses of all the systems of defence evolved by European military science. They captured the secrets of the Czech-Slovak defence system intact. They have had an opportunity to study at first hand the advantages and disadvantages of the Mannerheim line in Finland, the Maginot line of France and the Mareh line of Tunisia are well known to them.

They have learned much from the Russian system of defence, and they understand by now the heretofore unsuspected resistant qualities of a battered city whose every street, building and pile of masonry must be taken in a separate bloody operation.

Their own ingenuity taught them the weakness of the bunkers of Poland, the "water line" of Holland and Fort Eben Emael of Belgium. They can be relied upon to put all these lessons to use and try new methods of their own in preparing their defenses.

It remains to be seen what plans the Allies have thought up to reduce steel and concrete forts and bunkers, protected by belts of mines, barbed wire, trenches, tank traps and other obstructions.

### Soviets Repulse Seven Nazi Counter-Attacks

LONDON, April 18—(CP)—Russian troops beat off seven German counter-attacks in the northwest-Caucasus today and killed 1,400 of the enemy to boost the Nazi death toll to 6,200 in three days, Moscow announced tonight.

The seven German counter-attacks were launched in an effort to regain an important height seized by the Russians several days ago when they renewed their attempt to oust the Germans from their foothold at Novorossiisk and the Taman Peninsula opposite the Crimea, the midnight communique said.

Increased aerial activity was general along the Russian front, and the Russians declared their air force had the upper hand both in combat and in the renewed long-range raids on East Prussian ports and German air fields.

In the week ending Saturday the Russians said their planes destroyed 302 German planes compared to 103 Soviet aircraft lost, and during today's operations destroyed 25 in the Caucasus and eight on the approaches to Leningrad in the north.

Russian slashes at German air-dromes also destroyed or damaged 30 more enemy planes, the communique said.

### Blind Voyage

LONDON, April 18—(CP Cable)—The British submarine H.M.S. Ursula has reached her home port after a voyage which included six days of "blind" travel in the Mediterranean after an enemy destroyer sheared away her periscope, the Admiralty disclosed tonight.

The Ursula, one of a class of small submarines, had its periscope and much of its bridge carried away by a charging destroyer soon after she reached the Mediterranean on patrol, the Admiralty said, but she managed to limp home, depending entirely on instruments for direction when she was submerged.

### Relatives Of Soldiers Victims Of Hoax

HALIFAX, April 18—(CP)—relatives in Halifax of some Canadian Army men have been hoodwinked into believing they have been killed in action, headquarters of military district No. 6 disclosed tonight.

Women with husbands or sons on active service have been victims of the hoax. They have been telephoned by a person purporting to represent cable or telephone companies, who tell them the relative has been reported killed.

"Investigation in every instance has shown the message to be false," the army added.

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## Score Hits On Several Axis Vessels

### Night Raid On Italy Indicated; London Has Three Alerts.

### BULLETIN

LONDON, April 19—(Monday)—(CP)—R.A.F. planes pounded at German shipping lashed at an enemy convoy of 15 ships off the Netherlands coast, and raided the docks at Dieppe Sunday, while air raid warnings early today in western Switzerland indicated that heavy British Bombers again might be en route to Italy.

London, meanwhile, had three alerts within 12 hours, one a false alarm, and the other two set off by nuisance raiders. One German plane approached the city last night and a small force penetrated to the city's outskirts early today before being chased back. No bombs were dropped, but London's defenses set up a terrific fire.

Beaflights of the coastal command, escorted by Spitfires, struck at the convoy off the Netherlands coast, laying hits on several vessels and leaving the largest one on fire and listing.

While the Spitfires watched for enemy aircraft, the leading Beau-fighter, raked the ships with gunfire. Then a fresh wave plunged in with torpedoes.

The Air Ministry said the largest ship, a medium-sized merchant vessel, was struck by two torpedoes. Returning pilots said other ships "certainly" were torpedoed.

Dispatches from Zurich reported air raid warnings in western Switzerland late last night, indicating that allied bombers might be en route to northern Italy.

Ventura bombers escorted by fighters attacked the docks at Dieppe yesterday afternoon, carrying on the non-stop aerial offensive in which R.A.F. fighters and fighter-bombers shot up railways and power stations in northern Germany, France and Holland.

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### Potato Shortage In Niagara Falls

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., April 18—No potatoes have been shipped to Niagara Falls for a month, E. W. Dickson, manager of a wholesale sale firm, said today.

Mr. Dickson said the shortage was occasioned by the lack of refrigerator cars for use in bringing potatoes from Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

HAMILTON, Ont., April 18—(CP)—It was learned today that potato stocks in retail stores throughout Hamilton virtually were depleted during the weekend.

Supplies on sale at Saturday's farm market were not sufficient to meet the city's needs.

### INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

By The Canadian Press

**WESTERN FRONT**—R. A. F. planes attack enemy convoy of 15 ships off Netherlands, hitting several bomb docks at Dieppe; Axis stages two nuisance raids on London which are turned back without damage to the capital.

**TUNISIA**—Allied aircraft and sea forces disperse six Axis vessels, shoot down 38 planes in unceasing assaults on enemy communications, while 8th Army prepares for assault on mountain chain barring way to Tunis and Bizerte.

**RUSSIA**—Red troops beat off seven counter-attacks in northwest-Caucasus, killing 1,400 of enemy and bringing three-day total of Axis dead to 6,200.

**SOUTHWEST PACIFIC**—American heavy bomber on reconnaissance hit 10,000-ton Japanese ship in Kavieng Harbor, New Ireland, while other aircraft bomb air-drome at Kupang, Capital of Netherlands Timor.

**TO MEET WINDSOR**  
OTTAWA, April 18—(CP)—Morrising Sailors, winners of the eastern Canada semi-final basketball series, will meet Windsor in the eastern finals, a best-of-three series, at Windsor, starting Wednesday night, it was learned here tonight.

The second game will be played Thursday night and if a third game is necessary it will be next Saturday.



High tide this morning at 11:04 a.m. and tonight at 11:34.  
Sun sets this evening at 7:50 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:08.  
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