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ROMMEL DRIVE AT STANDSTILL

Gives Nine Children to War Effort



Mrs. Emma Van Couteren, 58, (above) of New York has nine children in the armed forces. Of her 12 children, six sons are in the navy, one in the army and two daughters are in the WAACS.

Fund Nears \$1,800 for Memorial to Five Brothers Lost in Country's Service

Closing the second week of nationwide campaign for the "Fighting Sullivans Memorial" fund neared the \$1,800 mark Tuesday, with an additional six contributions sent to the Waterloo Daily Courier, sponsor.

FIGHTING SULLIVANS MEMORIAL FUND.	
Previously reported	\$1,753.23
Rath's Assembly room	\$ 10.96
P. H. Finger	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Van Poisel	1.00
Clarkville, Ia.	25.00
R. Schultz	1.00
J. L. Hanrahan, Fort Dodge, Ia.	1.00
Sullivan's train and engine crew	6.00
Total to date	\$1,799.13

From Orange City, Ia., Tuesday came a copy of De Volksvriend, a Dutch language newspaper, which carried an announcement and appeal for contribution for the "Fighting Sullivans Memorial."

Meanwhile, the parents and sister of the five boys set out on a tour of west coast centers after Mrs. Sullivan's christening of the navy tug, Tawasa, and a Washington's birthday banquet in Portland, Ore., Monday.

The launching at the Commercial Iron Works, went smoothly Monday, the tug sliding seaward into the Willamette river.

In her brief talk to workers, the Waterloo mother urged that ships be built faster so that the kind of loss she had suffered would not be repeated needlessly.

"I feel satisfied that if more ships had been out there, the Juneau (light cruiser on which the five sons were serving) would be afloat today and my boys would be on board."

As their escort on a navy-sponsored tour of eastern war plants and now conducting the Sullivan's trip down the west coast, Lieut. Kenneth I. Taylor of the navy commented at Portland:

"This wasn't the Sullivan boys' war. They didn't start it. But they knew somebody had to end it. I came here to ask you to pick up where the Sullivan boys left off."

Woman Cuts Out Her Tongue Because She Blasphemed the Lord
Denver, Colo.—(INS)—Physicians at Denver General hospital battled Tuesday to save the life of a 38-year-old woman who cut out her tongue with a razor because she had "blasphemed the Lord."

The woman, Mrs. Thelma Jerreanu, was reported to be near death from loss of blood.

Mrs. Jerreanu returned from Oklahoma City Friday to the home of her father, Pearl Allison, of Denver. He said she apparently was despondent.

Monday afternoon she went to an outbuilding at Allison's home and in a few moments, came streaming into the house, blood streaming from her mouth. On the back of an envelope she wrote: "I love my country, God bless it. But I have blasphemed the Lord and cannot save myself from the devil."

Navy Reports 2 Enemy Subs Sunk

NAZI AND JAP SENT DOWN IN NIGHT BATTLES

Destroyer Blasts U-Boat and Merchantman's Guns Wreck Nip.

KNOX REVEALS FIGHT TO HALT SUBMARINE PERIL

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—The navy announced Tuesday the sinking of a German submarine in the Atlantic and a Japanese submarine in the Pacific and Secretary Knox said that every available weapon is being used to bring the Atlantic U-boat menace under control.

Knox told a press conference that generally speaking losses of United Nations merchantships in the Atlantic have been much lower in the last three months but the submarine, he declared, "most emphatically still is a very grave menace."

Evidence of this menace was plain in the navy's announcement Monday of the torpedo-sinking of two passenger-cargo ships in the north Atlantic early this month with more than 830 persons dead or missing.

Most of the casualties were army and navy officers and men, or members of the marine corps and coast guard.

It was the worst loss-of-life disaster for America in the war.

The two sinkings announced Tuesday, the secretary said, are not isolated cases but of other subs believed to have been successfully attacked at least a percentage would have to be classified only as "probably sunk."

Total Sunk Still Secret.
The navy still declines to issue the total number of enemy subs destroyed or believed to be destroyed, for security reasons.

The secretary said he is sure that despite the U-boats being destroyed the Germans are still building them faster than they are losing them.

In the present situation, he added, "there is nothing on which to predicate any sanguine hopes for early stoppage or cure of the menace."

"We need to press just as hard as ever for construction of destroyers and escort vessels," he said.

The secretary also said that the cooperative use of planes and surface ships is proving very effective against submarines and that "no measures that we are familiar with which would help reduce the submarine menace are not being used—there is no foolish feeling of complacency about this situation."

Both Actions at Night.
Of the two enemy submarines announced Tuesday as having been destroyed, the German U-boat was sunk in a fight with a destroyer in the Atlantic while the Japanese was wrecked by the armed guard crew of an American merchant vessel which it had torpedoed.

Troops Will Help Pick Cotton Crop

Washington, D. C.—(UP)—Troop units have been assigned to assist in the harvest of long staple cotton near Phoenix, Ariz., the war department announced Tuesday.

This was the first assignment of troops to farms in this war and was carried out under a new policy disclosed last Friday to be approved by President Roosevelt.

The announcement was made as Lieut. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, army deputy chief of state, was discussing before the senate agriculture committee the general plan to release troop units to aid farmers with their 1943 crops.

Chairman Ellison D. Smith, (D-SC), a farmer himself, asserted the plan was inadequate to meet the problem of farm labor shortages.

The army's brief announcement said: "Troop units have been assigned to relieve an emergency situation arising from the shortage of farm labor for harvesting the long staple cotton crop in the area near Phoenix, Ariz."

"The importance of this crop as an indispensable war material impelled war department action as a matter of military necessity."

"Units from nearby military installations will be employed in the emergency work."

The areas concerned are in Pinal and Maricopa counties. Both white and Negro troops will be employed.

Allies Seek More French Warships

Washington, D. C.—(UP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said Tuesday that negotiations were in progress under which the French fleet demilitarized at Alexandria, Egypt, might join the allied cause.

He told reporters that "negotiations or discussions" had been going on between the British and French Admiral Godfrey, who commands the demilitarized fleet, which have been berthed as neutrals at Alexandria since the collapse of France in June, 1940.

The battleship Lorraine, four cruisers, five destroyers and at least two submarines are at Alexandria.

Cancels Wheat Acreage Quotas

Washington, D. C.—(INS)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard Tuesday ordered the suspension of all wheat acreage quotas and other restrictions.

Under regulations which were suspended all wheat growers were restricted by the AAA on the amount of wheat and other crops they were penalized 49 cents a bushel on all that they produced over their quotas.

OPEN SEASON ON PHEASANTS MARCH 15-22

Commission Says Surplus of Birds Perils Crops in Some Areas.

LISTS 11 COUNTIES IN NORTH CENTRAL IOWA

Des Moines—(AP)—An unprecedented late winter, early spring pheasant hunting season with the most liberal bag limits in the state's history was announced Tuesday by the conservation commission for March 15-22, inclusive, in 11 north central Iowa counties.

The "extra ration" season was ordered as one step in the drive to reduce surplus bird populations in areas where heavy concentrations threaten crop damage.

Open counties are Worth, Cerro, Cordo, Franklin, Wright, Hancock, Winnebago, Kossuth, Humboldt, Palo Alto, Emmet and Pocahontas north of highways 221 and 10.

The daily bag limit will be five birds and the possession limit 10. Two hen pheasants may be taken in any one day. The hen possession ceiling is four. Shooting hours will be 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

In past seasons hunters were limited to three birds in one day, to a possession limit of six and to noon-to-5 p. m. shooting hours.

Have Large Surplus.
"In spite of the fact that Iowans enjoyed their longest pheasant season, 21 half-days, last year and in spite of the fact that the season was open in 59 counties, the difficulties of transportation, the shell shortage and the absence of many hunters in the armed services prevented the taking of surplus birds in many localities," a commission statement said.

"After careful investigation, the commission has found that counties open to spring shooting do have a large surplus of pheasants."

"During the investigation the commission recognized the fact that the farmer raises and feeds the game and that when game populations jeopardize his welfare he is entitled to protection from such game."

"The first spring pheasant season in the state's history is designed only to reduce pheasant populations in territories where heavy concentrations of birds are causing serious loss of crops. It is not designed as a sporting measure."

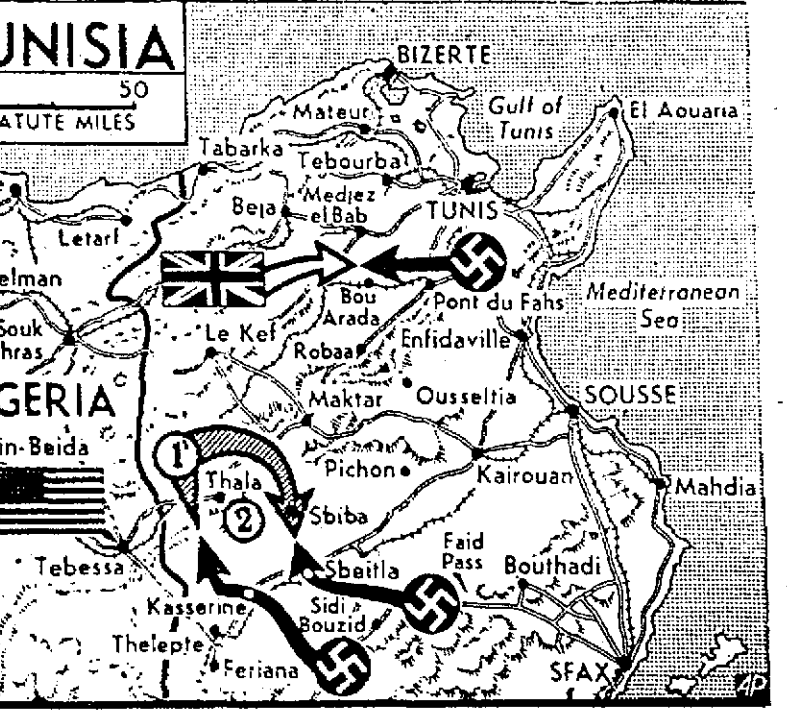
Fear for Seed Corn.
"Although many farmers in areas of greatest concentration agree for the most part that crop damage to date has been minor, they express fear that at spring planting time pheasants will pull germinating seed corn."

"And this at a time when seed corn is at a premium, labor short and the government asking for increased crop production."

"Plans are being made whereby farmers in the affected areas may notify central agencies, possibly the county agent, asking that hunters be directed to their farms to help eliminate surplus birds."

"Other farmers in the same areas who do not need control measures on their property are encouraged to post no hunting signs."

Where Tunisian Tank Battle Rages



American troops (1) battled to stop a German tank column which was approaching Thala (2) as Rommel hurled infantry thru Kasserine pass toward the American base of Tebessa in Algeria. A third German column struck toward Sbilba. In the north British and German troops battled near Medez el Bab (white and black arrows).

Charges Wooden Guns, Dummies Guard Congress

Washington, D. C.—(UP)—Rep. Cooley (D-NC) said on the house floor Thursday that anti-aircraft "guns" mounted on the roof of congressional office buildings are made of wood and that the sailors stationed there are "dummies."

"We are being protected by wooden guns and decoy soldiers," he declared after telling the house that he made a personal inspection tour of the rooftops to check up on the "protection" provided for members of congress.

Cooley took the floor while the house was considering a billion dollar naval shore construction bill.

Believe Finland Ready for Peace

Stockholm, Sweden—(AP)—Finland, wearied by a war she was ill-prepared to support, is believed by reliable sources here to be about ready to make peace with Soviet Russia—but only on terms which would guarantee her people the freedom and independence they have enjoyed since the first world war.

Cafe Man Loses at Russian Poker

Cincinnati, O.—(AP)—Theodore M. Smith, 37, entertained friends Tuesday with a game known to police as "Russian poker," and died at 5 to 1 odds.

Sergt. Walter Kuhlman said Smith, a cafe owner, inserted a bullet into one of six chambers of an old revolver, spun the cylinder, put the weapon to his temple and commented: "See, this won't hurt anybody."

CHUNGKING HAS FIRST ALERT IN 4 MONTHS

Chungking—(INS)—A preliminary air alert was sounded Tuesday for the first time in four months in this Chinese provisional capital. Shops were closed and streets cleared of pedestrians, but enemy planes failed to appear over the city.

20 Calls From This Ad!
VERY Lovely Parlor Suite, Good condition. \$50. 418 E. Mullan. Ph. 8435.

Trick Traps Black Market Gang Leader

New York—(AP)—Soft music came from a radio as police quizzed the suspected leader of a gasoline black market gang about theft of coupons for 11,000,000 gallons.

The strains were interrupted by the voice of a news commentator. It was faked news report broadcast by a police officer in another room.

Horrible news. A terrible slaughter of American troops in Africa."

Captain Richard Kennelly said Louis Mongno sat at the table. The report continued. Men were ambushed and slain because of insufficient gasoline to bring up relief troops and supplies. The prisoner and police listened intently.

Mongno suddenly jumped to his feet. Fennelly said, and shouted: "I did not realize this when I stole those stamps. I'm a traitor. I'll take you where the stamps are."

"Come with me. Give me my coat. Shut that off. I can't stand it."

Fennelly said Mongno led police to a well-furnished apartment on West Eighteenth street and from a closet produced three potato sacks filled with thousands of ration coupons—including the complete set taken from OPA offices in Long Island city five weeks ago.

Build Great Wooden Factory in Chicago to Make Airplanes

Chicago—(AP)—The last timber truss was hoisted into place Monday to complete the framework of a factory built of wood where four-engine army cargo transport planes soon will be coming off the production line.

Newsman and officials of Douglas Aircraft corporation, which will build the huge Skymasters, or C54's, were among those who watched workmen ease the last 70-ton truss into place.

Designing engineers went back some 40 years from the modern steel, concrete and glass construction to work out the plans for building this plant of timber in order to save some 30,000 tons of steel, copper and aluminum.

ALLIES BLOCK TANK ADVANCE AT ALL POINTS

Axis Armor Being Destroyed and Prisoners Taken by Combat Teams.

BRITISH USE CHURCHILL TANKS IN FRONT LINES

Allied Headquarters in North Africa—(INS)—Battleworn American and British troops brought Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's latest tank drive into Tunisia to a standstill "at all points" in bloody fighting Tuesday.

Simultaneously, the British rushed up for the first time on this front, the British Churchill tanks which performed such yeoman service in the Middle East.

Destruction of enemy armor major aim in mechanized fighting—apparently was being carried out effectively by the allies.

The official communique said that "a considerable number" of enemy tanks had been wiped out and many others damaged.

The phrase "at all points" served to emphasize the tenacity with which the British and Americans were not only slowing up but actually halting the German armies in their desperate drive to roll back the allied troops before the British Eighth army can exert its full pressure on the Mareth line.

Take Axis Prisoners.
Ground troops, tank units and low-flying allied planes that strafed German columns debouching from Kasserine pass were thrown into the battle which, despite the setback administered the enemy, continued to rage with bloody fury Tuesday.

Axis forces have not only suffered heavy casualties but also have lost many prisoners to the American-British combat teams.

A communique said: "Heavy fighting continued throughout the day in the area north and northwest of Kasserine.

"The enemy made heavy infantry and tank attacks. "British and American tank and infantry units successfully held the enemy at all points, inflicting heavy casualties and taking prisoners."

American bombers and fighting planes in 20 separate missions struck devastating blows at a German advanced column sweeping out of Kasserine pass and attempting to force its way thru the hill gap toward Tebessa.

Nazis Use 40 Tanks.
The Germans employed 40 tanks with supporting infantry and artillery.

American and British bombers and fighters swept along the Tunisian coast and attacked a convoy of troop and supply ships escorted by navy vessels and aircraft.

One supply ship was sunk and three enemy aircraft destroyed. Eleven allied planes are missing.

Reconnaissance established that a large supply ship hit and disabled by allied bombers on Sunday later was sunk within 10 miles of Sicily by aircraft based on Malta.

Among the German planes destroyed in recent activity was a large troop-carrying Junkers 87.

During the last few days, the communique said, a considerable number of enemy tanks were destroyed and many others damaged.

In all sectors, allied patrols were active and successfully repulsed the enemy wherever encountered. Prisoners were taken "in several places."

Mess Up Tank Column.
A German troop, truck and tank column was caught by a large formation of Lockheed Lightning fighters Monday afternoon in Kasserine pass as it moved up for a thrust toward Tebessa.

The Lightnings disorganized the column, and Douglas bombers then moved in.

Tanks were destroyed and trucks laden with troops smashed up.

The Nazi attack was met west of the pass by American artillery, armor and infantry, which finished off the job and compelled the Germans to retire.

Bell Airacobras also carried out numerous strafing missions. One Stuka was shot down in these operations.

Tank units of Nazi General Field Marshal Erwin Rommel were soundly repulsed in two or three armored clashes in the central battle area and in the third were reported firmly held by determined British and American troops.

A minor attack by the Germans on the northern sector in the hills

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