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WAR NEWS

Washington, July 1.—The United States aircraft carrier Wasp has run the bristling gauntlet of the Mediterranean at least twice, delivered plane reinforcements at Malta, and returned unharmed. On one trip it arrived just in time for the British planes it carried to surprise and inflict considerable losses upon an attacking enemy air force.

The Navy made this announcement today, and authorities disclosed that the ferrying voyages occurred some weeks ago, before the present grim battle in Egypt began. Whether the aerial reinforcements might have any effect on the current struggle to save Egypt was not stated.

Surprised Nazis
"So far as events could be pieced together from the Navy's laconic communiqué, the deliveries occurred at about the time the Nazis were pouring troops and supplies into North Africa in preparation for Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's recent offensive. At that time the air force based on Malta had been decimated by repeated Axis attacks.

"Reinforcements in the form of airplanes were recently carried through the Mediterranean to Malta to aid the British in their defense of the embattled island," the Navy's communiqué said.

"These trips were accomplished by the aircraft carrier Wasp and were completed without damage either to the escort or the Wasp. "During one of these ferry trips after British aircraft, manned by RAF pilots, had been launched from the Wasp and were in flight over the island of Malta, the enemy attacked the island. Completely surprised by the increased number of defending fighters, the enemy suffered considerable losses.

Moscow, Thursday, July 2.—German and Russian troops were locked in a fierce hand-to-hand struggle for possession of Sevastopol where the Nazis 'at the cost of enormous losses succeeded in advancing a little,' the Soviets announced officially early today.

The titanic struggle for the Crimean seaport-fortress city (which the Germans announced they had captured at noon Wednesday) flamed through the 27th day of heavy siege yesterday while far to the north the Red Army was reported beating off constant waves of German tank-supported infantrymen in the Kursk area 300 miles south of Moscow.

A supplement to the regular communiqué said of the grim Sevastopol struggle: "Regardless of enormous losses the enemy continues his fierce storming of Sevastopol. The gallant defenders of the city are fighting with self-sacrifice against superior forces of Hitlerites."

Sevastopol is a key to naval control of the Black Sea lanes leading to the oil of the Caucasian mainland to the east, and is the only part of the Crimean Peninsula not yet fully conquered by the Nazis.

Rising time and again from the stone rubble of the battered city the Red Army and Navy garrison there has beaten off the Nazis tide, but Soviet newspapers have acknowledged their outnumbered troops were in an increasingly grave position. The defenders have been handicapped by lack of aircraft because of the narrow corner they held on the peninsula.

Berlin (From German Broadcasts) July 1.—The capture of Sevastopol, great Soviet stronghold hailed by the German besiegers as "the most powerful land and sea fortress in the world," was announced tonight by the German high command after a siege of nearly a month.

The entire waterfront at Sevastopol is in flames from a fire started by Nazi bombers, the German radio said. Docks were reported blazing fiercely and the harbor region was obscured by smoke.

A special communiqué broadcast from the eastern front headquarters of Adolf Hitler with the customary fanfare of trumpets declared that the Soviet port, which in effect has been under siege since last November 7, fell to German and Rumanian troops at noon today.

Russians Flee
"The number of prisoners taken and the amount of war ma-

Japs Are Opening New China Drive

Chinese Acknowledge Enemy Advances in Kiangsi; Both Lose Many Men

Chungking, June 30.—Japanese invaders of Kiangsi province, slowed in their twin drives against the nearly 50 miles of the Hangchow-Nanchang railway still in Chinese hands, may swing southward into coastal Fukien province to keep the Allies from using it as a base for bombing Japan, an army spokesman said tonight.

(The Tokyo radio claimed that only 30-odd miles of the railway remained to be taken. The east-bound spearhead, surprising the Chinese in a torrential downpour on Monday, occupied Iyang, nearly 14 miles east of Kweiki, previous advance point, it asserted. It was expected to join soon with the westbound drive, which early on Tuesday renewed operations from a point west of Shangjao. Shangjao is less than 35 miles east of Iyang.)

Off the coast of Fukien, where several enemy landing attempts have been crushed in recent months, the spokesman said that from 50,000 to 60,000 Japanese veterans of the Philippine campaign were massed on the big island of Formosa for further training.

He confirmed this concentration, originally reported several weeks ago, after denying that large Japanese garrisons have been shifted from China proper to Manchuria for a possible invasion of Siberia. The future assignment of the forces on Formosa was not known, he admitted, but said observers believed that if they were not destined for Manchuria they might be used for a new coastal thrust into Fukien.

Today's war communiqué affirmed that the Japanese below the railway in Kiangsi province were pressing close to the Fukien border. There was heavy fighting near the angles of a triangle formed by the enemy-held highway centers of Yihwang, Linchwan (Fuchow) and Nancheng. Southeast of Yihwang, which is less than 50 miles from the Kiangsi-Fukien frontier, the Chinese were trying to stem an enemy column which had occupied the villages of Tungyuan and Nanyuan on Sunday.

At Linchwan, 30 miles north of Lihwang and 50 miles southeast of the big enemy base at Nanchang, Chinese besiegers repulsed a number of desperate attacks throughout Saturday night and Sunday.

At the other angle of the triangle, the Japanese under siege in Nancheng were counter-attacking the Chinese in sanguinary fighting in the outskirts of the town.

Japanese raiders caused heavy casualties in dumping about 100 bombs on Changteh, the news agency said.

In north China, battles continued on the fringe of the Honan-Shansi border area. The communiqué said that both sides were suffering considerable casualties in heavy fighting which had been in full swing since Thursday around Lingchwan.

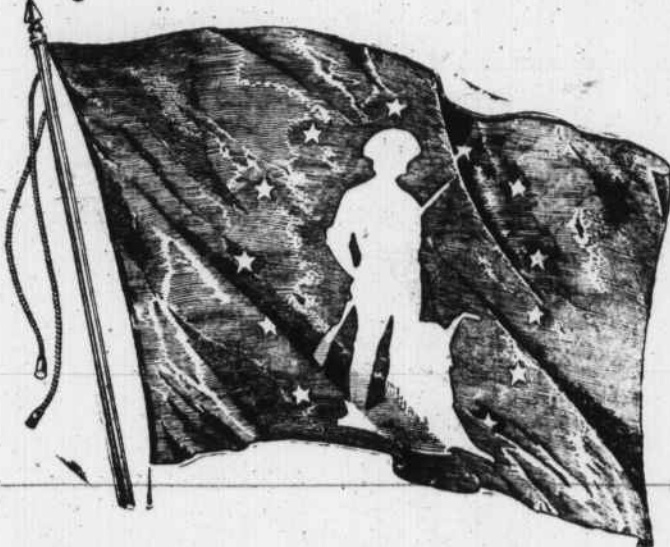
It's better to make new mistakes than to repeat the old ones over and over again.

Government Will Confiscate Scrap Iron

Mr. G. M. Beam, Chairman Franklin County Salvage Committee, has been notified by the State Committee that any holders of large quantities of scrap iron, who have not disposed of same, will be promptly notified that unless they turn this iron into the proper channels—so that it can be used in the war effort—it will be necessary for the government to take the iron from the parties holding it.

Some names of persons in Franklin County have already been turned over to the Committee and action is expected to be taken soon unless these parties voluntarily dispose of this scrap iron.

SYMBOL OF PATRIOTISM



MINUTE MAN FLIES HIGH.—This is the new Minute Man War Bond Flag, designed by the Treasury Department for firms and organizations which attain more than 90 percent participation in War Savings Bonds purchases by their employees or members through a systematic purchase plan. The Minute Man is emblazoned in white on a blue background, surrounded by thirteen stars, representing the Nation's thirteen founding States. Then companies, labor unions, and other organizations top the 90-percent figure, they will receive a special Minute Man Certificate of Award signed by Secretary Morgenthau, the State Administrator, and the State Chairman of the War Savings Staff, the Treasury Department announced. This certificate entitles the recipient to fly the flag, which is being manufactured in various sizes and is sold by licensed suppliers at a nominal price.

BRITISH MAKING SUPREME EFFORT TO HALT ROMMEL

Enemy Only 62 Miles From Alexandria; Allied Reinforcements Pour Into Battle

Cairo, July 1.—The crucial battle for Egypt broke out early today when an Axis tank army drove to within 62 miles of the Alexandria naval base and fanned out toward a network of desert trails transsecting the Nile delta to Cairo and Suez.

A dispatch from the front said the British had stopped their systematic withdrawals and had joined the main battle near El Alamein, which Marshal Erwin Rommel's Africa Corps reached after a 32-mile lunge along the Egyptian coastal road overnight.

British Reinforced
A heavy flow of British Imperial reinforcements, apparently coming from the Middle East, clogged the roads leading up to the battle line and Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, British Middle Eastern commander, issued an order of the day calling for a "supreme effort." He warned that "We are fighting the battle of Egypt in which the enemy must be destroyed. . . . The battle is not yet over and will not be over until we have defeated him and we will defeat him."

A crisis was at hand for the whole eastern Mediterranean and Middle Eastern areas.

(Axis planes appeared over Haifa, Palestine, causing an alarm of more than two hours Tuesday afternoon. The Berlin radio broadcast an Ankara report that a bomb exploded at the home of Iraq's Premier Gen. Nuro Pasha Es-Said, killing 10, police guards although the Premier escaped unhurt.)

(The Vichy radio said all airdromes in Arabia had been placed at the disposal of British and American authorities and that Americans had taken over the telephone system. Berlin also claimed that the British fleet had left Alexandria and passed through Suez to the Red Sea, and that a German submarine had sunk a 13,000-ton troop transport in an attack on a convoy off Alexandria.)

Axis air raids on Cairo and Alexandria, largely for the purpose of alarming the civilian population, were regarded in some quarters as a likely offshoot of the battle of Egypt. However, authorities said the bombers would be able to run the gauntlet of the entire force of Imperial fighters.

Cairo is a holy city of the Moslems, and it was recalled that Prime Minister Winston Churchill once said that if Cairo were bombed, the Allies would retaliate with raids on Rome.

British troops were still holding El Alamein, 32 miles east of El Daba and 62 west of Alexandria, at last reports today but in addition to making contact with the British there, Rommel had sent two more strong columns fanning out through the desert to the south. One of these columns was a few miles below El Alamein and another was skirting the northern edge of the great Qattara salt bog, 35 miles south. The battle arena reaches a bottleneck in this sector where the Mediterranean and the salt depression make their nearest approach to each other.

JOSEPH R. LASSITER

Funeral services for Joseph Robert Lassiter, 75, who died at his home near Epsom Monday morning after an illness of two years were conducted at Liberty Church at Epsom Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Rev. J. E. McCauley was assisted in conducting the services by the Rev. J. F. Apple, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Lassiter was a well known farmer, having lived in the Epsom community for 50 years. He was a native of Wake County, the son of the late J. R. and Rebecca Brown Lassiter. His wife, the former Miss Lula Ayscue died some time ago.

Surviving are the following children, J. Lee, H. C., S. W., W. H. Lassiter and Mrs. D. Hamm, and 19 grandchildren.

The active pallbearers were: N. H. Ayscue, William Foster, W. S. Ayscue, Orborn Garrett, J. F. Lassiter, Robert Lassiter.

HELD FOR INVESTIGATION

Sheriff John P. Moore and Deputies R. E. Neal and K. E. Joyner brought Walter Davis, colored, to Louisburg from Camp Butner Wednesday, and placed him in jail. He is being held for investigation in connection with the killing of a policeman in Virginia recently. At present no charge has been made against Davis as officers have not arrived to identify him.

CURING TOBACCO

That the tobacco crop in Franklin County is much ahead of previous years is evidenced in that so many tobacco growers in each section of the County are putting in their first curings this week. The reports coming in show the crop pretty evenly advanced in all sections.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

Notice Gasoline Registrants!

Registration for gasoline coupon books will be held July 9th, 10th and 11th. Residents of Louisburg District will register at the Armory in Louisburg from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. on the 9th. From 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. on the 10th. These hours on Friday will give Camp Butner people and others who cannot get off during the day a chance to register at night. Saturday 11th, the hours are from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. On the 9th the letters will run ABCDEFGH. On the 10th IJKLMNOP. On the 11th QRSTUVWXYZ. Bring registration cards of all registered vehicles. In case of tractors which are not registered, make and model must be furnished to the registrar.

The \$5.00 Federal Tax Stamp, or the Serial number on your stamp must be furnished to the registrar before a coupon book can be issued.

A place will be provided for the colored folks in the rear of the Armory, same dates and hours.

To Observe July 4th

The Banks at Louisburg and Franklinton will be closed on Saturday to observe July 4th.

The Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Henderson, will be closed on Saturday in observance of July 4th.

G. W. Murphy & Son will be among the merchants in Louisburg that will close on Monday instead of Saturday in observance of July 4th.

Chairman W. Blair Tucker of the local Rationing Board, announces that the sugar, tire and gas rationing departments will be closed Saturday in observance of July 4th.

A petition circulated by Chief of Police C. F. Cash for the Chamber of Commerce indicates that practically all the Stores and business houses in Louisburg will close on Monday, July 6th in observance of July 4th. Instead of on Saturday, except the hardware stores. Those affected by these closings will keep this in mind and do their necessary shopping on Saturday.

WEAVER-HARRIS

Mrs. Margaret Harris and Mr. John W. Weaver were happily married on Thursday of last week at the home of Rev. Joan Edwards, who performed the ceremony, in the presence of a few intimate friends.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Adrian T. Harris, one of Franklin County's substantial planters.

The groom is one of Louisburg's popular citizens and a former Rural Mail Carrier on Route No. 4.

Their many friends extend congratulations.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. F. L. Gibbs, head of the Young Adult Work of the Methodist Church, will preach the sermon at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning.

Dr. Kent, the Episcopal minister, will bring the message at the Vesper hour, 7:45, on the college campus.

Church School will convene at 9:45 led by Professor I. D. Moon. You are welcome to these services.

Cotton Blooms

Cotton blooms were sent in the past week by the following:

William Alston, colored, of near Pearce's Store, red bloom on Thursday of last week.

S. T. Delbridge, of Cedar Rock, three red blooms on Friday.

Percy Williams, colored, Route 2 Louisburg, brought in a white bloom Tuesday.

C. H. Harper, of Cedar Rock brought in a red bloom Tuesday.

Isaac Hicks, of Route 2, Louisburg, sent in a red bloom Tuesday.

Ed Brodie, colored, of near Louisburg, sent in a red bloom Wednesday.

Mayland Cooke, of near Louisburg, sent in a white bloom Wednesday.

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PIER WILLIAMSON

Pier Williamson, Franklin County's very efficient County Accountant, made a hole in one on the 215 yard fourth hole of the Green Hill Country Club Golf Course Sunday afternoon. His score going out was 37 and coming in was 38, making a score of 75 on the 70-par course.

He was playing in a foursome with Dr. J. B. Wheelless, Arch N. Wilson and Coy Cox. There were a number of witnesses to this magnificent shot there being another foursome playing the fifth hole along side of the fourth.

This is the first hole-in-one ever made on this hole. Three others have been made on this course before, but were on the short seventh hole.

HUGGINS AND T. ROYSTER TIE FOR LOW SCORE

In the triple golf tournament between Oxford, Roxboro and Louisburg, played on the par 72 Oxford course Wednesday afternoon last, Bill Huggins continued his splendid golf playing by tying T. Royster, who was playing on his home course, with the low score of 75. Runners-up were Buddy Beam, of Louisburg, and Parham, of Oxford, with a score of 79.

Forty-five golfers took part in this tournament, fifteen from each city. The rain delayed play for more than an hour and caused the final score not to be posted before the Louisburg players left—so the ultimate outcome of the tournament was not known but it appeared from the scores already posted that Louisburg had defeated Roxboro and would be very close to Oxford.

Those representing Louisburg were Bill Huggins, W. B. Barrow, Jr., Buddy Beam, B. N. Williamson, Jr., Joe Barrow, John Tucker, L. W. Henderson, V. E. Owens, Coy Cox, W. C. Boyce, Dr. R. L. Eagles, Ed Cobb, Billy Moon, I. D. Moon, and Gaither Beam, Sr.

Louisburg plays in Warrenton next Wednesday afternoon, July 8th.

PROMOTED

Word has been received by Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Johnson that their son, Robert P. (Bob) Johnson, who is stationed at Tripler General Hospital in Hawaii; has been promoted to Corporal with a Technical rating in the Medical Corps.

Corporal Johnson enlisted in the U. S. Army Feb. 2nd, 1940 and for 5 months was stationed at Charleston, S. C., before sailing for Hawaii on June 17, 1940. Since enlisting he has had three ratings.

In his letter he states that morale is high and that everybody is very busy.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, July 4th:

Saturday—Will Bild Elliott and Tex Ritter in "The Devils Trail" also "Murder In The Big House" and Chapter No. 7 "Spy Smasher."

Sunday-Monday—Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine in "Suspicion."

Tuesday—Dorothy Lamour, Henry Fonda and Linda Darnell in "Chad Hanna."

Wednesday—Van Heflin and Marsha Hunt in "Kid Glove Killer."

Thursday-Friday—Robert Taylor, Norma Shearer and George Sanders in "Her Carboard Lover."

RALPH BEASLEY SAVED

Boy Scouts Return From Camp; Four Receive Life Saving Merit Badges

Twelve members of the Louisburg Boy Scout Troop returned Saturday from a vacation trip at Camp Flaming Arrow, between Henderson and Oxford. Among those were Howard Baggett, John Perry, Bill Herman, Jack Cooper, Larry Lewis, Julian Lewis, Carl Watkins, Fenner Spivey, Nick Perry, Garland Mustian.

At this meeting a course in life saving was given the boys and Bud Grainger, Carl Watkins, John Perry and Howard Baggett were awarded Life Saving Merit Badges.

The Boy Scouts just released the information that Ralph Beasley, while swimming at the swimming hole in Tar River above the dam, came near drowning while attempting to swim across the river, and was saved by the timely observance and assistance of Scout Bud Grainger, who went to his aid and successfully carried him back to shore. It seems that young Beasley gave out about midway the river in water ten feet or more deep and had gone under twice when young Grainger arrived to give assistance.

MOVES TO LOUISBURG

The District offices of the U. S. Government Soil Conservation Departments formerly located at Littleton and Franklinton have been moved to Louisburg and consolidated with the local offices.

Mr. P. H. Massey, who was Director of the District office at Franklinton, has been given the Consolidated Directorship, and moved to Louisburg Wednesday and is busy setting up his offices over Moon Mullin's Billiard Parlors on Nash Street. Mr. Massey will be assisted by Mr. W. O. Lambeth, who has been in charge of the Louisburg work for some time, and Miss Ruth Bagenhart, who comes from the Area office at Salisbury.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday and disposed of the following cases:

Henry Tisdale plead guilty to driving drunk, no license, and was given 6 months on roads, suspended upon payment of fine of \$100.00 and costs, and not to violate any of the liquor laws of N. C. for 12 months.

A nolle pro with leave was taken in the case of reckless driving and damage to personal property.

Zollie Grice, abandonment and non-support was continued. W. S. Pearce was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated, judgment suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, drivers license revoked.

James Alston plead guilty to unlawful possession of whiskey, and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of costs.

Ernest Weaver, was found guilty of unlawful possession of whiskey, sale of whiskey.

Victory Rides On Rubber

On account of the importance of getting all scrap rubber, of every kind and description, into the filling stations—so that it may be used for making tanks, trucks, automobiles, and other war materials, which are absolutely essential for the protection of our boys—President Roosevelt has extended the rubber campaign for ten days, in the hopes that not a single piece of scrap rubber, regardless of how small, will be left in the homes and on the plantations of this country.

James B. Vogler, Executive State Secretary for the North Carolina Bureau of Industrial Conservation, says that it is the patriotic duty of every citizen to see that there is no scrap rubber left on his plantation and that his neighbor turns in all of his scrap rubber.

It is hoped that Franklin County will prove itself 100% PATRIOTIC in this campaign.

What about you, Mr. Citizen, have you turned in all of your scrap rubber? If you haven't, why not do it now?