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## TUNISIA TAKEN

### Nazi Commander, 11 Other Generals and 150,000 Prisoners.

#### Few Isolated Pockets of Axis Soldiers Still Are Fighting, But Allied Headquarters Say Battle Officially at End; Vast Quantities of War Material Also Taken

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 12.—All organized Axis resistance in Tunisia ceased at 8:15 p. m., tonight after the capture of the German commander in chief, Col. Gen. Jürgen von Arnim, 11 other generals, and 150,000 enemy troops.

A special communique declared that isolated pockets of resistance still were active, but that the battle officially was considered ended.

Captured today with von Arnim 54-year-old tank expert who succeeded Marshal Erwin Rommel, were Maj.-Gen. Graf Von Sponeck, commander of the 90th light division, and Maj.-Gen. P. Roich, commander of the 10th panzer division.

Von Arnim and most of his staff were taken by British armored units in a quick cleanup of the Cape Bon peninsula.

"It is estimated that the total of prisoners captured since May 5 is about 150,000," said the special bulletin announcing von Arnim's seizure.

**Vast Quantities**  
"Vast quantities of guns and war material of all kinds have been captured, including guns and aircraft in a serviceable condition."

Thus, six months and four days after the Allied landing in North Africa, the Battle of Tunisia had ended in a complete triumph—clearing the way for an Allied invasion of Europe.

A nine-mile-wide circle of Axis resistance was reported holding out in the Zaghouan mountains southwest of Cap Bon peninsula, but the enemy was in a hopeless spot there and was expected to surrender or be wiped out quickly.

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The capture of 150,000 prisoners in the final eight days of the campaign brought to 400,000 the number of Axis soldiers taken since the fighting began in Africa nearly three years ago.

This represents 11 German and 26 Italian divisions, and does not include dead and wounded.

In addition to von Arnim, Von Sponeck and Roich, the French reported the capture today of two other German generals, one named Yelich, who had taken over command of the Italian Superba division and other Italian remnants, and the other named Pfeiffer, commanding a group bearing his own name.

**Revenge For French**  
The French captured 25,000 men in exacting unconditional surrender of all German and Italian forces fighting between Zaghouan and Soutouf.

This was particularly sweet revenge to the French, who remembered Hitler's little dance of joy in the Compiègne forest nearly three years ago when Marshal Pétain's regime signed an armistice.

Maj.-Gen. Von Sponeck, the commander of the 90th light division, surrendered to Lieut.-Gen. Sir Bernard Freyberg, New Zealand commander, on the British Eighth Army front north of Enfidaville today.

General Freyberg during the morning demanded the surrender of the 90th division, but von Sponeck refused and said his troops would follow his orders to fight until the last cartridge.

Later in the day, however, he preferred his unconditional surrender and his former elite troops were put behind barbed wire cages, where thousands of their comrades had preceded them.

**Prisoners**  
Allied Headquarters, North Africa, May 12.—Most of the 150,000 prisoners in Allied hands when the Tunisian campaign ended probably will be working in the wheat fields of the United States and Canada or doing other public work in North America in a month or two, it was understood today.

Such an arrangement would solve the question of feeding and clothing them in a theater already so overcrowded with Allied troops that transportation of supplies is an acute problem. At the same time it would constitute a major step in the solution of the manpower problem across the Atlantic.

Final plans are not yet complete, according to well-informed quarters, but some German prisoners already have been shipped to the United States and Canada.

In general, it is assumed that prisoners taken by the Americans will go to the United States and those taken by the British to Canada or some other part of the empire.

**Interested in America**  
Most of the prisoners with whom the writer has talked during the past two weeks show interest in the prospect of a trip to America, news of which has gotten around very thoroughly in the Axis ranks.

During the First World War the Germans used hundreds of thousands of Russian prisoners on the German farmlands which were hit by the exhausting demands of the war machine. In many cases the Russians actually were boarded with farmers whose fields they worked. The same has been done in this war.

England followed suit when the first thousands of Italians taken early in the Libyan campaign led by Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell flowed into the prison cages. Many of them now are at work in British fields and thousands of others were sent to Australia. Throughout the war Canada has been taking a steady stream.

## Memorial Committee Meets

### Discuss Plans For Memorial Day, May 30th

The Franklin County Memorial Association held a business meeting Saturday afternoon in the Court house. Plans were discussed and arrangements made for the annual Memorial service to be held May 30th.

Present at the meeting, appointed T. K. Stockard, Chairman and Mrs. J. E. Malone and Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, nominating committee.

This same committee was also appointed to investigate necessary arrangements when bodies are returned to Franklin County during this war, and discuss same with the executive committee.

Due to the gasoline shortage and transportation difficulties, the following resolution was passed:

That the Township Chairman personally see or contact all ministers, and Sunday School Superintendents in their respective communities and cooperate with them in having a Memorial service either at Church, where there is church service on May 30th, and if no church service, then at Sunday School on May 30th.

The Township Chairman are further asked to contact their committees and make some special person responsible for each grave in his or her district and see that same is decorated on Sunday May 30th.

This is done to eliminate the necessity of bringing flowers to Louisburg and then carrying them back to the graves during the time when it is so hard to get gasoline, but it is urged that no grave be forgotten on this Memorial Day, and it is up to the Township Committees to see that their graves are looked after.

The central county meeting will be held in Louisburg as usual and everyone in the County who can attend is urged to do so as the various committees and officers responsible are planning to make this a service appropriate and well worth attending.

**On Pay Day, Buy Bonds**  
**PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE**

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, May 15th:

**Saturday**—"Wild Bill" Elliott in "Calling Wild Bill Elliott" and Helen Parrish in "X Marks The Spot", also chap. 13 'G Men vs. The Black Dragon.'

**Sunday Only**—Van Heflin and Kathryn Grayson in "Seven Sweethearts."

**Monday-Tuesday**—All colored cast, Ethel Waters, Rochester Rex Ingram, Louis Armstrong and Lena Horne in "Cabin in the Sky" Serial "Smilin' Jack" Tuesday only.

**Wednesday**—Richard Carlson and Martha O'Driscoll in "My Heart Belongs to Daddy."

**Thursday-Friday**—Dick Powell, Mary Martin, and Rudy Vallee in "Happy Go Lucky."

## FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR



J. LINWOOD GUPTON Flight Instructor

Who completed his training at Bennettsville, S. C. the past week and received his appointment as Army Flight Instructor and was assigned to duty with the 55th Army Air Force, Flight Training Detachment, at Bennettsville, S. C. Instructor Gupton spent the past week-end with his family in Louisburg.

## Marriage Plans Announced

### Miss Eunice Patten Weds Mr. J. Kempton Jones, at Methodist Church Tonight

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Patten of Louisburg College are announcing the plans for the marriage of their daughter, Eunice, to Mr. J. Kempton Jones, of the United States Navy, which will take place tonight, (Friday), at 8:00 o'clock at the Louisburg Methodist Church. The vows will be spoken to the father of the bride, who will be assisted by the Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, pastor of the church.

The bride's attendants will be her sister, Mrs. William Coleman Scott, of Richmond, as dame-of-honor, and Miss Julia Booker, of Chapel Hill, and Miss Harriet Louise Strayhorn, of Durham, as bridesmaids. The bride will be escorted by her brother, Paul R. Patten, of Mount Olive, N. C.

The groom will have as best man his father, Mr. C. Irving Jones, of Salisbury, N. C. His groomsmen are to be Mr. George Kempston, Jr., of Winston-Salem, Mr. Herman L. Earnhardt, of Salisbury, Mr. Grover Poole, of Raleigh, and Mr. Graham Carlton, of Salisbury.

Music for the occasion will be rendered by Mrs. O. Y. Yarborough of Louisburg, organist of the Louisburg Methodist Church, assisted at the organ by Mr. Frank Ruark, of Duke University. The soloist will be Mr. Harry Weir of Duke University, who, as Mr. Ruark, is a fraternity brother of the groom.

Immediately following the ceremony, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Patten, there will be an informal reception and cutting of the bride's cake, to which the bride, the groom, the bridesmaids, and members of the families of the bride and groom, out-of-town guests and the members of the faculty of Louisburg College have been invited.

The bride-elect, the younger daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Patten, was educated at Salem College and the University of North Carolina, where she received her A. B. degree with a major in art. After a year of graduate work in the School for Medical Record Librarians at Duke Hospital, she became the cataloguer of the medical records of that institution. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi social sorority and the Spinners Club of Durham.

Mr. Jones, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Jones of Salisbury, completed his undergraduate and pre-medical course at Duke University in January, and is now in the medical school there. Among his activities as an undergraduate at Duke were the Y. M. C. A., debating and intra-mural athletic sports. He was elected President of the Duke Student Body in his senior year and also to the honorary groups of O. D. K., Red Friars, Tau Kappa Alpha, and German and physics fraternities. His social fraternity is Pi Kappa Alpha. In 1941-1942, he was the president of the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Although no formal invitations to the marriage have been issued, local friends are cordially invited to the ceremony.

North Carolina leads all states in textile manufacturing and in the manufacture of tobacco products. North Carolina farms also lead the nation in tobacco production.

## GASOLINE SERIOUS

The pressing war needs for limited gasoline supplies in the East demand that all applications for supplemental and special rations be granted on the basis of bare necessity, A. F. Johnson, of the Franklin County War Price and Rationing Board reported here today following a conference in Raleigh yesterday with representatives of the Office of Price Administration.

The importance of examining these applications closely and of adhering strictly to the mileage rationing regulations in issuing all gasoline rations was emphasized at the meeting, said Mr. Johnson. The meeting was one of a series arranged by the state OPA office to discuss with rationing board members the various provisions of the regulations.

"It was made very clear," said Mr. Johnson, "that every gallon of gasoline we give one man is taken away from someone else. It's up to us to see that the fellow who needs the gasoline most gets it. That's the whole idea of rationing."

The Eastern gasoline situation as depicted at the meeting offers little hope of increased supplies for civilian use this summer. The gasoline shortage developed in the East, it was pointed out, because tankers which normally brought in 95 per cent of the East's petroleum were withdrawn for military service. In the last year overland facilities—tank cars, barges, pipelines—have been increased until at present it is possible to bring in more than 1,000,000 barrels a day. Completion of more pipelines, and other facilities may raise this rate to an average of more than 1,500,000 barrels a day—approximately our normal rate of consumption—by the end of this year.

But this does not mean "driving as usual." OPA spokesmen emphasized, because war demands have greatly increased our gasoline requirements.

Tremendous quantities of gasoline are needed for the battle fronts abroad, and for running war plants and operating food producing farms at home, it was stated.

Right now large shipments of gasoline are being withdrawn from East Coast ports to supply Allied fighting forces in North Africa. These withdrawals are vital to victory in Tunisia, since the same number of ships sailing from the more distant Gulf ports would be able to transport one-third less petroleum.

"We were assured these demands—the military, industrial and agricultural demands—have been met, and will continue to be met," said Mr. Johnson. Particular emphasis was laid on the importance of making available the spring and summer thousands of barrels of gasoline a day for farm use. Vital crops are now under cultivation and gasoline must be supplied not only for tractors and other farm engines, but also for transporting the harvested crops to market.

"But to do these things all civilian uses must be restricted to bare necessities as provided by the rationing regulations. Applications for supplemental rations for occupational driving will be scrutinized to make sure that mileage requests are accurate and that the applicant has done all he can to share his car with others, and to use other means of transportation."

"Applicants for special rations must remember that the regulations give us authority to grant extra gasoline allowances in only a few emergencies involving life and health. Some motorists forget that they already hold a basic "A" ration book for family and personal necessity driving.

"Knowing the seriousness of the situation, every motorist in Franklin County, we feel, will cooperate with their ration board by not asking for one coupon's worth of gasoline they don't absolutely need."

## Roosevelt and Churchill Meet For Fifth Time

Washington, May 12.—Principal purposes of Prime Minister Winston Churchill's current meeting with President Roosevelt is to plot an early Allied offensive against Japan, it appeared tonight on the basis of White House disclosures that Churchill was accompanied here by his top military officers in India.

There seemed no doubt that they would renew discussion of all phases of the global war, including previously-drawn plans for an invasion of Europe. But this fifth wartime Roosevelt-Churchill conference apparently is connected chiefly with the Pacific theater.

This theory was strengthened by the views of one military observer who said plans for invading Europe "undoubtedly were settled finally at Casablanca and would need, at most, a few finishing 'pats before being set off.'" He said this conference was designed to "place some flesh on the bones of the Allied Pacific strategy formulated" last January at Casablanca, where principal and more detailed consideration was given to the European theater.

## Deliver Own Men To Allied Prison

With the British First Army in North Africa (Delayed)—German and Italian truck driver here have organized a shuttle service to deliver their own men to Allied prison pens.

They came in loaded to capacity with shouting, waving Axis troops, dump them and go back for more. This is the measure of the debacle which has overtaken a once proud enemy army.

The First Army has taken thousands of prisoners. Thousands more eagerly await the chance to be counted, fed and housed.

Fifteen hours ago this was a front. Now it is a chaos. The Axis army just came to pieces in the First Army's hands.

Nobody here has even seen anything like this. It is an astonishing, bewildering, almost unbelievable collapse. British armored cars and tanks are racing along the coastal roads, slashing through from side to side along the lateral peninsula roads.

## ODT Attacks Black Market

Raleigh, May 10.—Moving to aid in eliminating a source of black market gasoline, the Office of Defense Transportation has begun rounding up excess T coupons of motor vehicle operators whose mileage has been cut.

North Carolina ODT officials said the entire district will be surveyed as rapidly as possible and all excess T coupons collected and destroyed.

Under the new procedure a commercial vehicle operator whose gasoline allotment is reduced will be required to surrender his excess T coupons to the ODT. When his operations are reviewed or when his revised certificate of war necessity is issued, this procedure will eliminate the time lag between the revision of an operator's certificate and the recall of his excess coupons.

Formerly, an ODT district office which adjusted an operator's certificate had to notify the state OPA rationing administrator of the action and he, in turn, notified the operator's war price and rationing board, and the board notified the operator to surrender his excess T coupons.

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church School will begin promptly at 9:45 A. M. Sunday, May 16th, and will last for one hour. Mr. Will Yarborough, Bible Class teacher.

These services will close in ample time for members to attend church services elsewhere.

## LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. J. Allen Easley, of the Bible Department of Wake Forest College, will preach at the morning hour. The pastor is holding a meeting at the Immanuel Church, Greenville. There will be no evening worship. Sunday School will be at 9:45 as usual. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

## LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"Making Life Count" is the sermon subject for the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday morning. Sunday night service 8:00 P. M. The Church School convenes at 9:45 A. M., led by Prof. I. D. Moon.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship groups meet in their respective places at 7:00 P. M.

## NUTRITION COURSE

All persons interested in a short course in Nutrition will meet in the Home Economics room Mills School, Friday, May 14th, at 2:00 o'clock for organization of class.

## WEBB SPEAKS TO LIONS CLUB

The Louisburg Lions Club held its regular meeting at Mrs. Beasley's Dining Room, Tuesday, May 11, at 7:00 P. M.

Lion C. W. Webb, new scout executive, of Henderson, gave one of the best addresses on the "Ideals of Lionism" ever heard by the local club. Lion Webb has been connected with Lions International for 16 years and has worked in 44 of the 48 states of the Union. He served as liaison officer out of Secretary General Melvin Jones' office in Chicago for a good many years, contacting District Governors.

Edgar Fuller was welcomed into the Club as a new member. Lee Bell was a guest of the Club for the meeting.

## Golden Wedding Reception

The most outstanding social event in Louisburg in many years was when Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stephen Meadows celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at an informal reception Monday evening. This is the second such occasion in Mrs. Meadows' family, as her parents observed their golden anniversary at a similar event in 1908.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Alex W. Wilson, married in 1853. Large numbers of friends at home and from a distance were present to join in the felicitation of the evening.

Mrs. Meadows is the former Miss Sallie Eugenia Wilson. Members of the wedding party that attended the couple fifty years ago received with Mr. and Mrs. Meadows. Mrs. J. R. Earle and Blair Tucker greeted guests at the door; Misses Susie and Lonie Meadows introduced them to the receiving line; Mr. and Mrs. Meadows, their bridesmaids who were Mrs. E. A. Kemp, Mrs. Irene Terrell, Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt, Miss Lizzie Wilder, and Mrs. Mattie Williams, nee Mattie Egerton; the flower girl, Mrs. George Blount Egerton, nee Mary Macon; and one of the groomsmen, S. J. Parham.

Mrs. Frank W. Wheelers, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Wilson, and Miss Jessie Taylor Harris served punch to guests who then entered the dining room where Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilson received. The dining table was centered with an arrangement of golden flowers. The bridal motif prevailed in all floral decorations throughout the home.

Misses Eleanor Beasley, Frances Anne Earle, Virginia and Mildred Howard served ices and cakes. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Howard invited guests into the living room where Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Word presided over the guest register. Attracting the attention of all was the guest register of Mrs. Meadows' parents, with signatures of those who attended their reception in 1908.

Mrs. W. L. Beasley and Miss Ida Male Yow bade callers goodbye.

## Miss Freeman Joins Waacs

Daytona Beach, Florida, May 8.—Life in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps began for Auxiliary Mary H. Freeman of 508 Kennore Ave., Louisburg, N. C., when she arrived at the Second WAAC training Center to begin her basic military training.

Her first three days were spent in "Tent City", a settlement of 30 canvas tops bordering the Halifax river. During this period she was given a physical examination, issued her uniform and equipment, and interviewed and classified for her assignment to the army job that will release a soldier for combat duty.

Auxiliary Freeman was then transferred to the cantonment area, a 600-acre tract developed for the initial training of WAAC troops. Assigned to a training company which numbers 150 women, she is billeted in a fine barracks and is getting accustomed to sleeping on a canvas army cot.

A WAAC's day begins with reveille call at 5:45 a. m. From 8 to 4:30 each day she attends classes where she is acquainted with army methods and procedures which she will need to know before she replaces a man in a military job. Not all the emphasis is on books, however; close order drill and physical training have their place in the daily schedule.

For most WAACs the high spots of the day come with mess call and mail call. Biggest thrill of the week is the formal review on Saturday mornings when the troops pass before distinguished guests.

Auxiliary Freeman is the daughter of Mrs. Vell H. Freeman.

## LOUISBURG GETS STILL

Officer K. E. Joyner reports the seizure of a 60 gallon copper still outfit in Cypress Creek township on Sunday and destroyed about one hundred gallons of mash. He was assisted by G. S. Gilliam and D. C. Swanson.

On Monday he reports the seizure of a 35 gallon copper still outfit in Franklinton township. He was assisted by officers R. E. Neal and M. H. Brynum.

Farmers are asked to raise an extra 200,000,000 chickens in 1943. Some one has figured that these chickens will require about 20 billion tons of extra feed, if they are made to weigh 3 pounds each.

## NEW TOWN BOARD MEETS

### All Officers Sworn In But Barrow

#### Commissioners Buy Car For Police Department, And Authorizes Sale of Old Car; Others Matters Routine

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session at 7 P. M. Friday night.

Honorable W. C. Webb who had previously taken the oath of office administered to him by Hon. J. L. Palmer, J. P., administered the oath of office to the members of the newly elected Board of Commissioners. All members of the Board were present except W. B. Barrow.

The minutes of previous meetings were approved by the Board. The monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Chief of Police, Tax Collector and Supt. of Lights, Water, and Streets, were approved by the Board.

Commissioner W. J. Shearin made the following motion which was seconded by W. G. Lancaster: "That the Town of Louisburg purchase the 1940 Ford Coach which is offered to the Town by Mrs. Gertrude Foster Boone, for use by the Police Dept.," This motion was carried.

The Board adopted a motion authorizing the purchase of 100 bags of cement.

Attorney J. E. Malone, Jr., informed the Board that a release of the second floor of the Opera House Building, had been signed jointly by the Town of Louisburg, and Mr. F. W. Wheelers.

The Board authorized the sale of the old Police car for the best possible price. Commissioners Beck, Shearin and Allen were appointed as a special committee with authority to sell this car.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

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