

# CAPTURE TUNIS AND BIZERTE

## Americans Enter Bizerte and British Occupy Tunis; Driving Enemy to Surrender or The Sea

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 7.—The four-mile-long path which British and American air forces blasted for the British First Army's advance out of the hills with the plain of Tunis involved the most concentrated bombing in support of troops yet undertaken.

As hundreds of planes dropped thousands of bombs just ahead of advancing troops, a new mark was set in coordination of air forces with ground forces. The path was a thousand yards wide. This air barrage had the effect of crushing everything in its way, as a gigantic steamroller might do. As one formation retired, the next one arrived and explosions were planted so close together that there were not many yards of surface unscathed.

Ground troops found craters everywhere, with dead and wounded, and smashed and burning vehicles around them.

Teams of RAF and American fliers of the tactical air force that did the job had their biggest day on record.

### "What A Show"

An RAF officer who watched a lane blown open from a hill three miles west of Maccabult said "ground troops unable to contain their enthusiasm came running across from their trucks to shake me by the hand and say, 'By God, what a show!'"

"From the first light to 9:30 in the morning the sky was densely dotted with bombers, each formation with tremendous fighter escort," said the officer.

Tunis, May 7.—(Delayed)—Hysterically happy inhabitants by the tens of thousands welcomed the Allied armies into Tunis late today, even as British armored cars and tanks broke down German resistance in hot street fighting at the historical gateway to the Kasbah—native quarter.

In more than two hours of skirmishing through narrow, crowded alleys, British advance guards rounded up approximately 1,500 dazed and bewildered German prisoners and a smaller number of Italians.

Four hundred Tommies captured in the offensive last week and awaiting transportation to Italy suddenly were liberalized from a prison yard inside Tunis.

By only one day, another 250 British prisoners missed regaining their freedom. They were shipped from Tunis yesterday by the Germans.

Tunis fell almost exactly 48 hours after the first barrage was fired in the new Allied offensive, which concentrated the armor of the First and Eighth armies in Medjerda Valley and broke through the enemy line for more than 20 miles.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 7.—Tunis and Bizerte were captured in mid-afternoon today by triumphant Allied troops striking in overwhelming force by land and by air.

The naval base in the north fell to the American doughboys at 4:15 p. m., and the capital was conquered five minutes later by British First Army troops in the blasting coordinated drives climaxing two days of fierce battle.

Roads from both cities were choked tonight with German and Italian troops, tanks and trucks fleeing to the coastal hills below Bizerte, and to Cap Bon peninsula.

Allied warplanes pounded and slashed relentlessly at the retreating columns.

Rear-guard troops still were fighting in the capital, but fierce struggles on the outskirts of the cities failed to halt the Allied drive to destroy the Axis in Africa.

The Axis armies thus were crushed in their two main African bases six months after the Allies swarmed ashore in North Africa and on the eve of "Joan of Arc Day."

Thus collapsed the Axis defenses throughout North Tunisia except for strong elements still entrenched in the hills between the plain of Tunis and Enfidaville in positions menaced already by the British Eighth Army.

The two cities were conquered in the mightiest offensive of the African war, in a shattering final drive that raged through crumbling German positions.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 8.—Remnants of the beaten Axis African army, devoid of supply bases and air support, were herded along the bomb-ridden roads skirting the Gulf of Tunis today toward Cap Bon Peninsula, with Allied armor and

infantry in a relentless pursuit which will end only when the last Axis soldier in Africa is dead or captured.

Dawn found stubborn Axis pockets of resistance still fighting on isolated hill positions, after the streets of Tunis and Bizerte had been cleared, but the enemy was not expected to be able to put up any real delaying action except possibly in the mountains and at the base of Cap Bon Peninsula.

As other Allied troops chased the shattered enemy forces into the peninsula, American armored units smashed to the Gulf of Tunis to cut off all escape for Axis forces in northernmost Tunisia, and prisoners were counted by the thousands.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Gen. Henri Gerard participated in a ceremony marking the formal presentation of American lend-lease equipment to the French today and the Allied commander-in-chief said:

### Waves of Prisoners

"Now that the only Axis soldiers left on African soil soon will be in their graves or in prison camps, let us set our hearts and minds on complete victory so that we may march with this equipment up the Champ Elysees to the Arc de Triomphe where lies the Unknown Soldier's symbol of French heroism."

## From Gold Sand

In connection with the agricultural work in the Gold Sand High School this year, the following accomplishments were outstanding.

To the school, cabinets, book space, and book cases were added to provide for 180 students.

A new shop was built, having a floor space of 1800 square feet—also \$600.00 worth of tools were purchased for the shop. The new structure is valued at not less than one thousand dollars.

In building the new shop, the agricultural boys, under the supervision of their teacher, cut the logs, carried them to the mill, dressed the lumber, hauled the lumber to the school, and erected the structure.

Four War Productive Training Courses have been carried on with a total enrollment of sixty-seven men and women. Of course, the value of the courses to the individual is unknown at this time. This work was under the supervision of Henry F. Marshall, Teacher of Agriculture.

Clyde Perdue received the Gold Sand F. P. A. Star Farmer award and a prize of \$5.00 for the highest scoring individual. Mr. Marshall, his teacher, was the donor of the prize, which was presented at the Future Farmer's Banquet held in the New Vocational Shop Friday night, April 30. At that time the new shop was formally dedicated.

The shop will be open every Wednesday afternoon from one until seven o'clock during the summer. Any and every farmer may use the shop and its equipment during those hours free of charge.

MISS GATTIS, LIEUT. LOWE WED IN TEXAS

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Viola Gattis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Gattis, to Lieut. Guy Elliott Lowe, United States Army Air Force, of Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Lowe, of Hopewell, formerly of Norfolk. The ceremony took place at the Post Chapel, at Bergstrom Field, with Capt. H. M. K. Fahnestrom, chaplain, United States Army, officiating. The chapel was decorated with palms and lighted candles.

The bride wore a salute blue dressmaker suit, matching accessories and a corsage of orchids. She had as her maid of honor and only attendant Miss Alice Blake, of Austin, Texas.

Arthur R. Husk, of Austin, was best man for Lieutenant Lowe. The couple is residing at 8 Colonial Court in Austin, Texas.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

The bride is a niece of our town and County man Mr. C. H. Gattis.

On January 1, 1942 there were 60,377,000 hogs on U. S. farms. It is estimated that the 1943 pig crop may total 125,000,000 as compared with 105,000,000 last year. Some body better grow some extra feed.

S. B. Randolph of Yancey County saved enough orchard grass seed to plant his needed acreage and threshed about 400 pounds of lespezea seed from one medium sized stack.

## Louisburg College News

### Sergeant Taff Returns To Campus

Sgt. L. R. Taff, head of the English department, on leave, returned to the campus during the week-end for a brief visit. Sgt. Taff is now stationed at Scott Field, Illinois, where he has the responsibility of looking after the financial standing of all men shipped out of Scott Field.

### Home Economics Presents Style Show

The Home Economics department, under the direction of Mrs. I. D. Moon, gave a style show during the chapel hour on Tuesday, May 12.

The girls modeled dresses and they had jackets they had made during the year, including those worn at the recent fashion show at State College.

The students who participated were Catherine Rowe, Aberdeen; Suddie Mae Kirkman, Vanceboro; Virginia Leonard, Jane Moon, Helen Harris, all of Louisburg; Sallie Gardner, Macon.

### Student Government Members Installed

Newly-elected student government members were given the oath of office and officially installed during the chapel hour on Friday morning, May 7.

Melvin Smiley, Macon, outgoing president of the men's association, gave a talk on the aims and purposes of the association. Later he invited Jack Rascoe, Burlington, with the robe of office; Muriel Whitehurst, South Mills, invested Annie Louise Sherlock, Elizabeth City, with her robe.

Other members who took the oath and received a robe were, of the men, Ed Gentry, Roxboro, vice-president; Billy Lewis, Rocky Mount, secretary; of the women, Mary Elizabeth Midgett, Middleton, vice-president; Frances Rice, Jonesboro, treasurer; Cella Barrett, Roxboro, secretary; Ruth Pegram, Winston-Salem, president of the Young Women's Christian Association.

### Intramural Tennis Tournament Held

A boys' intramural tennis tournament has been in progress during the past two weeks. Matches were played off on the college court and on the local high school court. The tournament is now in the final stage. In the semi-finals Bryant won over Andrews 6-3, 6-3; and Hardwick defeated Bowers 6-1, 6-1.

The girls' tournament is in the beginning stage.

The doubles for both boys' and girls' tournament will begin next week.

### Stunt Night Program Presented

Several clubs of the campus presented a stunt program in the college auditorium Saturday evening, May 8. This program was in answer to a similar stunt program given by the faculty several weeks ago.

Alpha Phi Epsilon gave a short play presenting the shortcomings of two job-seeking secretaries. Their mistakes and inability afforded fun and laughter. Members of the cast included Barbara Thorson, Elizabeth City; King Moore Willis, Sealeville; Annie Louise Sherlock, Elizabeth City; and Bobbie Ivey, Goldsboro.

The Physical Education department gave a series of tumbling stunts, which displayed their ability and coordination.

The Dramatic Club presented Mae Jo Walker and Christine Creekmore, who entertained the audience with several songs.

The high light of the program was a "style" show supposedly in a fashionable New York dress shop, given by Phi Theta Kappa. The grace and poise of the boys who modeled amazed and delighted the audience. Those taking part in this final stunt were Eleanor Beasley, Louisburg, as shopkeeper; Martha Ann Strowd,

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## Sugar for Canning

Detailed announcement of the procedure by which housewives will obtain sugar for home canning of this year's fruit crop was made today by County chairman of the Franklin County War Price and Rationing Board.

As previously announced, home canning sugar is going to be allotted on virtually the same basis as last year—that is, one pound for each four quarts (or eight pounds) of finished fruit, and essentially the same procedure—written application to the local board.

A top limit of 25 pounds of sugar per person per year is established in the new regulations. Johnson emphasized, however, that the 25-pound figure is a maximum, to be granted only in the relatively few cases where a large amount of fruit will be put up.

Departing from last year's provisions, any family—under the new regulation—can apply for sugar to put up jams, jellies, and preserves in amounts up to five pounds per person for this purpose. (Last year's preserving allotment was one pound per person.) However, Johnson emphasized, any sugar obtained for preserving purposes must be deducted from the total maximum

## From where I sit.....



by Joe Marsh

All this talk about people over 40 being too old for a new job? Well, you ought to meet Pop Graham, the new foreman at the iron works. Pop must be over seventy—yet soon as the war broke out he started out on a brand new career.

"I reckon Uncle Sam can use me now," he says—and pitches in with both hands, making armor plate.

Yes, there's a lesson for the young folks in Pop Graham's spirit. And when the hard day's work is over, you'll find Pop relaxing and having a cool refreshing glass of beer.

From where I sit that's still another lesson we can learn from older people—moderation. Moderation in enjoying good beer...tolerance for others who enjoy this friendly, wholesome beverage of moderation.

Joe Marsh

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E. E. EVANS

Franklinton.—E. E. Evans, 51, died Friday night at his home on Franklinton, Route 1.

Surviving are his wife; three children, Josephine, Garland and Edith Evans; and one brother, Wade Evans of Raleigh.

Funeral services were held from Mount Carmel Church in Granville County Sunday at 3 p. m., conducted by the Pastor, the Rev. S. E. Mercer. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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