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Commando Raids on Dieppe Said To Be Of Limited Success

Crucial Battles Still Raging On Russian Front Before Stalingrad

Even though one-third of Germany's western air force was knocked out and strong fortifications were wrecked, the Allied commando raid on the French coast last Wednesday was today described to have been of "limited success." The event, staged by American volunteers and others of the Allied command, occasioned much talk throughout the world and while it was said to have been of limited success, it revealed many facts and heartened fighting men everywhere. More and larger raids are promised in the future, but for the present the main war effort still rests with the embattled Russians on the eastern front.

Following the raid, the Allies today claimed mastery of the air over Western Europe, and signaled out the effectiveness of American flying fortresses. American planes, renewing an air attack and checking the results of the commando raid, flew over the territory in the Dieppe area today without sighting a single enemy plane.

Losses on both sides in the raid on Dieppe were said to have been substantial, the Germans claiming that 10 per cent of an estimated 10,000 invaders were left, that many wounded were included among those who returned to England after the nine-hour battle.

Resembling a real invasion, the raid was designed to feel out the German defense and determine the value of a combined attack by land, air and sea. It was declared that the use of paratroops and dive bombers would have materially increased the effectiveness of the raid.

Breaking across the Don River on their march toward Stalingrad, a large German bridgehead was wiped out day before yesterday. A second bridgehead forged across the stream at its bend, and gained a toehold, but late reports declare that it is being eliminated rapidly, that the ground inside the bend is running with blood of the Nazis. While the Russians are apparently fighting at least on equal terms on the Stalingrad front, they admit that they are experiencing reverses in the Caucasus where the drive continues towards the Grozny oilfields and toward the Black Sea port of Novorossiisk.

Russia announced to its people today that a second front would be opened, and that it would be opened soon. Over in the Pacific new engagements are being predicted, some observers declaring that battles of importance may already be underway in that arena. Flying fortresses are said to have successfully bombed Japanese ships plying the waters off the Solomon Islands which are apparently tucked safely away for the present at least in the hands of the

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Write Letters To Boys You Know In The Armed Service

A Letter From a Friend Will Do Much To Cheer Up a Man Across the Way

In the correspondence coming from the young men in the armed services, "letters and news from home" are invariably mentioned. That news from home and facts about those people they know are welcomed is reflected in the messages coming in from the young men.

Correspondence between strangers is not to be encouraged, but the Martin County lads have enough friends and acquaintances who could keep them well supplied with letters from day to day. To encourage letter writing, this paper is printing a few names whose addresses are known to it and is offering to forward letters to those addresses. Pick out a name or several names, write your letter and drop it at the Enterprise office for the proper address. The addresses are not open to the general public, but the paper will be glad to forward any letter written by a friend or acquaintance to a boy in the service.

There's one warning to be observed, however. Letter writers, while giving all the local news, should be careful not to divulge any vital war information and depressing statements should not be included in the text.

The young men are scattered just about all over the world. Some of them are still in the country and near home, but friends will be able to pick out most of the names of those who are in foreign service. Relatives of other young men whose names do not appear in the list below are asked to leave the addresses at The Enterprise office so any letters intended for them may be forwarded without delay. Wishing to aid in some way, however small it may be, The Enterprise is still being made available to service men at the rate of \$1 a year, and the fol-

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Native Of County Figures In French Coast Raid Wednesday

If the war were to stop tomorrow, Martin County young men would have already figured in a history of the struggle. From Pearl Harbor on down the list of battles and operations Martin County young men have had an effective part, several of them surrendering their lives for home and country. There were deaths announced in Hawaii, in the Coral Sea scrap and on the high seas along the all-important shipping lanes. That young Martin County men have participated in the fight and with credit, no doubt, in other areas is almost certain, but their daring feats are held in secret and will hardly be known in detail until the young men return.

The latest citation for a daring and effective work goes to Colonel Frank Armstrong, a native of Hamilton and grandson of the late Clerk of Court and Mrs. James A. Hobbs, of this county. A member of the Army Air Corps for about fifteen years, the

former Martin County man, was in one of the twenty-three bombers that moved in on the German air base at Abbeyville and tore it all to pieces while Allied commando forces went into action at nearby Dieppe in France last Wednesday. The colonel also participated in the first all-American raid earlier in the week at Rouen, a key railroad town south of Dieppe where the commando raid followed on Wednesday. The raids were described as unusually successful.

Colonel Armstrong, remembered on his visits here to his grandparents as a friendly but meaningful lad, after leaving this county lived in Hobgood and later to Nashville where his mother makes her home. His wife and son live in Richmond. Following a mission to London more than a year ago, he returned to this country and led a plane squadron over this section in the first test black-

Call More County Men For Service In Army

BLACKOUT

A test blackout, planned by the state office for civilian defense, will plunge this section into darkness between the hours of 8 p. m. and 1 a. m. on the night of August 28. The test will affect several districts, it was announced. In this district it will be operative from Columbia to the southeast on up to Oak City in this county, including the towns of Jamesville, Bear Grass, Williamston, Everett, Oak City, Hamilton.

The test for next Friday night is the last that will be announced. Later ones, and they are to be expected, will come without warning.

Confirm Death Of Ned Laughinghouse In the South Atlantic

The death of Ned Laughinghouse, well-known tobaccoist and at one time connected with the local market, has been officially confirmed, according to information coming from members of the family just a few days ago.

Fatally injured when the ill-fated Egyptian steamer, Zamzam, was shelled by a German raider in the South Atlantic in April of last year, Mr. Laughinghouse, after transferring from the steamer to the raider without assistance, died a few days later and was buried at sea, his murderers arranging for complete burial rites.

Planning to work on the South African tobacco market last year, the popular tobaccoist had been assured that there was no danger in the trip.

A fellow traveler on the Zamzam, learning of Mr. Laughinghouse's death from Dr. Rufail, the ill-fated steamer's doctor, who, in turn, learned it from another passenger who was critically injured in the shelling, recently recalled the tragedy, stating "He (Mr. Laughinghouse) was badly wounded the day of the Zamzam sinking. It was his head which was hurt, by the collapse of the wash-basin in his cabin and the injuries were so great that the brain itself was exposed and damaged. Nobody had words to describe the admiration we all felt for 'Uncle Ned' when, in that condition, he climbed down the ladder of the Zamzam and up the ladder of the Tamesis. In the lifeboat, Miss Lena Reynolds, a nurse missionary, rendered what aid she could, but it was beyond her comprehension how he ever managed those ladders."

With the exception of Mr. Laughinghouse and two others who were

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MEETING

Important business will be discussed in a public meeting of warehousemen, tobaccoists, merchants and other business men in the county courthouse here this evening at 8:00 o'clock. The meeting is being called by Market Supervisors Rogers and Rogers, and warehousemen, tobaccoists, merchants and other business and professional men are urged to attend and the general public is cordially invited to be present. An instructive business program has been planned and it will be to the advantage of every citizen who possibly can do so to attend and take part in the program.

Call Recognized As Largest Received So Far In This County

Colored Men Being Notified To Report for Induction At An "Early" Date

Another call for Martin County colored men, recognized as the largest received so far during the current war, has been received and the unusually large number is being notified today to report for induction at an "early" date.

Many of the men being notified today to report soon for service in the Army have wandered into a number of states, mainly to Virginia and Maryland. They will have about ten days to get back home and answer the roll call.

The names of those scheduled to answer the current call are, as follows:

- John Thomas Williams, RFD 3, Williamston
- Len Best, Robersonville and Adel, Ga.
- Lonnie Woolard, RFD 1, Williamston
- Willie James Roberson, Robersonville
- Morris Estell Riddick, Williamston
- Mit Green Lynch, RFD 1, Oak City
- Harmon Wm. Daniel, RFD 1, Williamston
- Mac Augustus Lee, RFD 2, Williamston
- Jack August Pitt, RFD 1, Bethel
- Joe Henry Lawrence, RFD 3, Williamston
- Willie James Moore, Robersonville
- Charlie Joe Alston, Jamesville
- Leonard Walton, Williamston
- Solmond Hardy, RFD 3, Williamston
- Oscar Rollins, Robersonville
- Thurman Williams, RFD 1, Palmyra
- Annis Davis, Williamston
- Lemon Boston, RFD 1, Jamesville
- Samuel Watts, Williamston
- Leana Bennett, Hamilton and Norfolk
- Rufus Andrews, Robersonville and Baltimore
- Elliott Jordan, RFD 1, Oak City
- Samuel Slade, RFD 1, Robersonville
- Ferdinand Council, RFD 1, Bethel
- Robert Lee Patterson, Jamesville
- David Slade, RFD 1, Robersonville
- Sheppard Purvis, Williamston
- Thomas Ryan, RFD 3, Williamston
- Frank White, Jamesville
- Geo. Leon Moore, RFD 1, Jamesville
- Benjamin White Mitchell, RFD 3, Williamston
- Thomas Columbus Jones, RFD 1, Hobgood
- John Frank Green, Jamesville
- W. T. Coburn, RFD 1, Robersonville

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Sugar Stamps Good Through Tomorrow

Sugar rationing stamps Nos. 6 and 7 will expire tomorrow, meaning that they can't be used in the purchase of sugar after that time. Effective next Sunday, Stamp No. 8 will be good for the purchase of five pounds of sugar, the ration is still based on one-half pound per person per week.

The allotment of sugar for canning will be discontinued after the 31st of this month, according to an unofficial announcement heard here this week.

Those persons holding rationing cards of those who have entered the armed service or of those who have died since the books were issued are directed to turn them into the rationing board. Changes in family status are subject to be checked.



THE 36TH WEEK OF THE WAR

Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Forces, said American airplanes generally are superior to those of the enemy. He said that in the Pacific Theater since the war started 1,110 Army planes have battled with 1,459 Japanese aircraft and shot down 190 with loss of only 104. These figures do not include planes destroyed on the ground, those shot down by anti-aircraft fire, Navy and Marine Corps action, or the work of the American Volunteer Forces in China.

Gen. Arnold said the goal of a 2,000,000-Man Air Force with 185,000 fighting planes would be met. He said the recruitment and training of pilots, bombardiers and navigators is progressing perfectly. There is, however, a growing demand for gunners, various enlisted technicians, radio operators and glider pilots. Gen. Arnold said American planes are arriving in Britain every day in preparation for the aerial offensive against Germany in union with the R.A.F.

Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander of U. S. Army forces in the European theater, said in London that training of U. S. units there must be intensive in all its phases. "This is true," he said, "first, because the time is short; second, because the problems we have demand the ultimate in trained personnel; and, third, because our men must be toughened and hardened physically to stand the most rigorous operations."

The War Front

In the first offensive action by United Nations forces in the Southwest Pacific, U. S. Marines effected landings and then consolidated their positions in the Tulagi Area of the Solomon Islands. At the same time, U. S. Army and allied shore based aircraft from Australia continuously attacked "Japanese Air Bases and ship concentrations in enemy held harbors," in support of the invasion. Commander in Chief of the U. S. Fleet King reported early in the battle that the U. S. appeared to have had at least one cruiser sunk and two destroyers, two destroyers and one transport damaged, while a large number of enemy planes were destroyed and enemy surface units were put out of action. He said the type of operation being undertaken in the Solomons is one of the most difficult in warfare.

The Navy raised the toll of Japanese ships sunk or damaged in the Aleutians to 22 by adding a destroyer to those hit in the surprise attacks of August 8-9 on Kiska Harbor. U. S. headquarters in the European Theater reported Army Air Force fighters participated with the R.A.F. in 31 sorties off the coast

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Peanut Men Name Everett Director

W. R. Everett, Martin County man, was re-elected director of the Peanut Growers' Cooperative at a meeting of the No. 2 district group held in the courthouse here this morning. Officials from the cooperative's home office in Franklin, Va., were here, but representation from the ten counties in the district was small. The counties of Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Dare, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Pamlico and Pitt comprise the district.

The work of the association was reviewed and plans for future operations were briefly outlined by the cooperative's manager, Mr. Parker, of Virginia.

A meeting of the four-state cooperative will be held in Tarboro on Thursday of next week and all farmers are invited to attend. The cooperative is formed by the states of Virginia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina.

Shortage Of County School Bus Drivers

Uncertainty still hangs over the scheduled operation of the schools in this county, according to late reports coming from the office of the superintendent. In addition to the teacher problem, school officials explained today that there was a fairly serious shortage of bus drivers. One school is short five drivers and three others are without a complete force.

Quite a few of the young drivers "flunked" their driving tests given in a special school conducted in the county this week by Mrs. Alice Futrell, of the Highway Safety Division, and in other instances there were not enough applicants to fill the jobs.

Jamesville, Farm Life, Hamilton and Hassell reported openings for drivers this morning and school authorities are searching for applicants. The operating personnel in the other schools is fairly complete.

Farmers Make First Deliveries Of Tobacco From The New Crop To Local Market This Morning

Shortage of Tires Is Gradually Growing From Bad To Worse

Applications for Sixty-three Tires Carried Over Since The Last Meeting

That the tire shortage in this county is going from bad to worse is clearly indicated in the large list of applications piling up in the office of the rationing board. It is estimated that applications now pending before the board call for approximately 350 tires. These applications were filed only by those claiming preferred classifications. Add to that number the need experienced by the common, ordinary motorist who has no rating before the rationing board, and the situation takes on an even more serious atmosphere or outlook. Viewed from the tire-shortage angle, it would seem that the gasoline rationing program should take care of itself. But the gas shortage is a current-day problem, and the applicants apparently are not thinking about the serious tire situation. When nearly 200 preferred applicants can't get tires, it is only reasonable to believe that others with no classification cannot get them.

It is little realized yet, but there may come a time when there won't be enough gas and tires to get the sick to the doctors. Just recently in an application filed with the board it was pointed out that the tires were needed to convey the sick to a doctor. That application is now awaiting consideration.

Since the August 13th meeting of the board, the following applications were filed and carried over at the last meeting for possible consideration in the future:

- H. L. Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel, one tractor tire and tube and two car tires and tube for farm.
- J. E. Parrisher, Robersonville, four recapped tires and one tube for selling fish and collecting clothes.
- Howard H. Hopkins, Williamston, four car tires for farm.
- Herbert Bunting, Robersonville, two car tires for farm.
- Vance L. Peel, RFD 3, Washington, two truck tires and tubes for farm.
- P. C. Edmondson, Hassell, three truck tires and one tube for farm, and one car tire for farm, saw mill and logging.
- Roland Griffin, Williamston, two trailer tires and one tube for farm.
- Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., three truck tires and tubes for hauling lumber.
- W. A. Manning, RFD 1, Williamston, one truck tire and tube for farm.
- Romus Revels, Williamston, two truck tires and tubes for farm.
- E. C. Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, two car tires and one tube for farm and conveying children to doctor.
- Ira Jones, Williamston, one car tire and tube for farm.
- James A. Rawls, Oak City, five car tires for farm.
- John A. Griffin, Williamston, two car tires for hauling defense workers.
- Jesse Lee Hale, Palmyra, two recapped car tires for farm.
- Mrs. T. H. Johnson, Oak City, four car tires and four tubes for farm.
- Charlie Ange, Jamesville, three car tires and one tube for farm.
- S. L. Ellis, Jamesville, five car tires for farm.
- J. E. Stroud, RFD 1, Palmyra, two car tires for farm.
- A. C. Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, two car tires for farm, and for traveling to and from work and as a merchant.
- M. S. Cowan, RFD 1, Robersonville, one car tire for farm and for janitor Bear Grass school.
- W. H. Coburn, Robersonville, two recap car tires for farm.
- Gomer G. Taylor, Williamston, one car tire for farm.

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Draft Board Will Meet Next Monday

The Martin County Draft Board will meet here next Monday evening in what promises to be a long and meaningful session. Anticipating larger demands for manpower from this county, the board will possibly complete the classification of those men in the third registration and a number in the fifth registration. A few reclassifications are to be expected. It is the first time that fifth registration men will have been classified, the group including those youngsters who have become twenty years of age in recent weeks.

The unprecedented call for manpower is keeping the draft board office busy night and day, and even with the extra time the office force is finding it difficult to keep up with the work and meet the calls as they come in.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE

Effective on Tuesday, September 1st, the subscription rate to The Enterprise will be increased twenty-five cents a year. The following schedule of rates will be in effect on and after that date: \$2 per year and \$1.25 for six months inside Martin County; \$2.25 per year and \$1.50 for six months outside the county. The charge for subscriptions going to service men anywhere in the world will continue at \$1 a year.

Announcing the change in rates, the management explains that general revenues have materially decreased while publication costs have gradually increased, that the rate increase will hardly more than half offset the increase in publication costs.

Subscriptions, renewals and new, will be taken at the old rate between now and September 1st.

More Tires Issued In County Thursday By Rationing Board

Small Number of Tires Left For Distribution from the August Allotment

Meeting in regular session here yesterday, the Martin County Rationing Board issued more tires and tubes, leaving only a small number for distribution at the last regular meeting of the month.

Four new automobile tires and four new tubes were issued to keep the mails moving in the county, two tires and tubes going to G. C. James, Parmele, and two tires and tubes to W. L. Brown, Jamesville.

Three applications for recapped automobile tires were approved as follows:

- John Haywood Rogers, RFD 3, Williamston, four tires for farm.
- C. L. Tyson, Oak City, three tires for farm work.

New Truck Tires

New truck tires were issued to the following:

- Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., Williamston, three tires and tubes for hauling logs and lumber.
- Williamston Parts and Metal Co., one tire for hauling scrap metal.
- Marion E. Smith, one tire and tube for hauling hogs and feed. (Possibly the application was intended for Aaron E. Smith.)
- Raymond Wallace, Jamesville, four tires and four tubes for hauling logs and lumber.

Recapped Tires

Recapped tires were allotted for trucks as follows:

- Martin County Transfer Co., Robersonville, two tires for hauling farm produce.
- North Carolina Pulp Co., Plymouth, three tires for hauling equipment and tools for forest fire fighting service.
- J. C. Johnson, Oak City, two tires for farm.
- Herbert Little, RFD 1, Oak City, two tires for farm.
- Mrs. Zeno Beddard, RFD 3, Williamston, two trailer tires for farm use.
- Luther H. Harrison, Jamesville, one tire for conveying timber, buyer and logging foreman.
- Toba Bowen, Williamston, two trailer tires for farm.
- Cedric Burroughs, RFD 1, Oak City, two tires for farm.

Obsolete Tires

Obsolete tires were allotted to the following:

- W. R. Cratt, RFD 2, Williamston, one car tire and tube for farm.
- Mrs. Faye Ellis Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel, two trailer tires and tubes

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WARNING

The annual warning against flim-flammers was issued this week by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck as the section makes ready for the opening of the tobacco markets. The old business of offering something for nothing has been successfully practiced in the county during past years, and while officers have done and will continue to do all they can to stop the practice it is, in the final analysis, up to the individual to stay out of the old "pocket book game."

The flim-flammers usually take a pocketbook find and then sue their victim in for a thorough cleaning. Violators of the law and disturbers of the peace will do well to take a day off next Tuesday because officers can be expected to do their duty.

Anticipate Record Crowd for Opening Here Next Tuesday

Price Outlook Encouraging Even If Quality Is Not Up To Expectations

Preparing for the opening sales next Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock farmers in this section of the State started making deliveries of tobacco from the current crop to local warehouses this morning, the early movement of the leaf indicating that a fairly sizable "break" is to be expected. Joe Purvis, colored farmer of the Oak City community, was the first to deliver tobacco to the local market this season. He was followed by several other farmers, and by early afternoon several thousands pounds of the leaf had been piled on the floor for the first sale. Unconfirmed reports state that much heavier deliveries are scheduled for tomorrow and Monday.

No record "block" is anticipated for the opening since quite a few farmers have hardly completed their harvest work and have not had time to start grading activities. It is expected, however, that a record crowd will be on the local market to observe the sales at first hand. Even with gasoline and tire rationing in effect, the crowds are certain to gather to watch the activities, activities that in a large way give the farmer some idea of his economic status for another year despite war and the uncertainties accompanying war.

The quality of some of the early offerings is fair, but it is apparent that the crop will not measure up to expectations. In addition to the poor quality outlook, the poundage is almost certain to fall considerably below that of last season. Despite these two unfavorable factors, farmers are optimistic over the price outlook. They have been encouraged by price reports coming from the markets to the south, and grade for grade they are keenly anticipating a rise over the prices received last year.

The market here is already reflecting an increased tempo in its activities. Several of the buyers have already reported and various employees are already at their stations. Quite a few farmers milled in and out of the warehouses today inspecting the first deliveries and advancing price estimates.

Farmers and market observers, in general, are a bit hesitant about offering price advance estimates, but the 30-cent figure has been mentioned more often than any other. There are some good crops in those scattered areas where rains fell at opportune times, and the price future will rest to a large extent on the type of the deliveries, naturally.

Alleged Vagrant Is Carried Before the Court Last Monday

Judge Robert L. Coburn Calls Ten Cases For Trial at Regular Session

Allegedly devoting his worldly efforts to undertakings having no standing in the eyes of the law, Leonard Boston, Jamesville Township colored man, was carried into the county recorder's court last Monday on a vagrancy count. No action was taken at the session as the case was continued for the defendant until the last Monday in this month. Following Judge Coburn's ultimatum ruling that all unemployed of able body and mind should either go to work or go to war, Boston was the first man rounded up for judgment in the court.

It was Boston day in the court on Monday, a review of the docket showing that Leonard was a defendant along with Robert in a case charging them with violating the liquor laws and that Luke Boston was in the court for alleged non-support. The liquor case was continued until August 31 along with the one charging vagrancy. Luke Boston pleaded guilty in his case and was sentenced to the roads for a term of four months. The sentence was suspended upon payment of the court costs and under a \$100 bonded agreement that the defendant pay \$3 a week for one year for the benefit of his children. Boston is to reappear at the end of the year for further judgment.

Charged with assaulting a female and larceny, David Bowen pleaded guilty of the first count. The plea was accepted by Solicitor Paul D. Roberson and the defendant was sentenced to the roads for four months; the court suspending the sentence on condition that the de-

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