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U. S. TO CALL 800,000 MEN TO ARMS BY JUNE 15

British Smash At French 'Invasion Coast'

Bombardment Shakes Kent; Berthas Roar

British Planes Make Daylight Raid On Nazi-Held Naval Base At Brest

LONDON HAS LET-UP

Long Lulls Between Bombs Mark 41st Consecutive Attack On The City

LONDON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—British bombers knifed through a soupy fog tonight to smash at the French "invasion coast" with a heavy bombardment that shook the Kentish shore on this side of the channel.

The detonations rumbled across the channel like the steady roll of thunder. A light southwesterly wind was blowing across the calm channel waters during the attack.

The Germans opened up early in the night with a bombardment of their own, from coastal batteries in the Dunkerque area.

Brest Bombed

In a rarely accomplished broad-daylight raid, British pilots were declared to have heavily bombed the Nazi-held French naval base of Brest, and from the Dover coast England's big guns made the channel unsafe for German craft.

Two batteries of British artillery erupted against a single German torpedo-carrying E-boat, ringing the vessel with water spouts from falling shells until it sped off for home in a rising shower of spray.

The attack on Brest, made by planes of the coastal command over a now-familiar air trail, caused "extensive damage" to the base's vital power station, the air ministry announced.

It followed the same pattern of night assaults a few hours earlier on the German naval base at Keil where fires were said to have sprung up, and on the ports of Hamburg, Bremen and Cuxhaven—both bombed many times before.

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NAZIS BOAST AIR DEFENSE WEAPON

Reports The Use Of Super Searchlight To Blind Nocturnal British Fliers

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Germany boasted a new air defense weapon—a super searchlight to blind nocturnal British fliers—while reports of havoc wrought by the incessant bombardment of England piled up tonight.

DNB, official German news agency, claimed for the light a sort of candle-and-moth attraction.

So blinding are its rays, DNB said, that the light seems to make an attacking plane fly directly into German defense positions and anti-aircraft guns.

The light was used successfully last night against a British bomb-

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WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

FORECAST

North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia: Generally fair and continued cool Friday and Saturday.

By U. S. Weather Bureau
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday).

Temperature

1:30 a. m. 54; 7:30 a. m. 52; 1:30 p. m. 66; 7:30 p. m. 59; maximum 69; minimum 52; mean 60; normal 65.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 87; 7:30 a. m. 86; 1:30 p. m. 57; 7:30 p. m. 72.

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., none; total since first of the month, 0.13 inches.

Tides For Today

	High	Low
Wilmington	10:59a	5:52a
	11:14p	6:28p
Masonboro Inlet	8:32a	2:29a
	8:48p	2:57p

Sunrise 6:19a; sunset 5:35p; moonrise 7:13p; moonset 8:15a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville, at 8 a. m., October 15, 9.2 feet.

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Russians Keep Watch On The Black Sea

Historically, when trouble brews in the Balkans, Russia sits up and takes notice. So now, Soviet troops and their leaders are alert in the vital Black sea area. Pictured above, in an observation post near the port of Odessa, are left to right, Capt. P. Pavliuchenko, a battalion commander; Marshal S. Budenny, Deputy Commissar for Defense; and Lt. Gen. Kurdiumov.

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39,476 Southeastern N.C. Men Register For Draft

NINE COUNTIES REPORT

H. G. Carney Says Meeting Of Local Board May Be Held Tomorrow

Uncle Sam last night had the names of 39,476 young men between the ages of 21 and 36 from Southeastern North Carolina ready to file for possible call for a year's service in the United States army.

Yesterday final tabulations on, the number of men registered for military service in the nine counties of this section were made. The results were as follows:

New Hanover, 6,173; Brunswick, 1,817; Onslow, 2,105; Columbus, 5,322; Bladen, 2,978; Pender 1,942; Robeson 9,063; Sampson, 5,385; Duplin 4,681.

Smooth Registration

From all counties came reports that the registration went off without a hitch and yesterday the local draft boards in each were making plans for opening permanent offices and preparing to send out call orders immediately folowing the national draft lottery in Washington.

H. G. Carney, chairman of the New Hanover county board of elections, and a member of the Wilmington draft board, said yesterday that a meeting of the board members will probably be held tomorrow morning, at which time a chairman will be elected and a permanent board office set up.

He said that no definite authority on setting up an office has been received so far but that the local board hopes to commence getting its office in operation by Monday.

The local draft boards, appointed by Governor Clyde R. Hoey, are composed of: Board No. 1 for the City of Wilmington—H. G. Carney,

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STRIKE

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Oct. 17.—(AP)—More than 100 longshoremen staged a two-hour sitdown strike on the deck of the Japanese freighter Onoe Maru today because of what they said they considered a slight to the American flag.

Ministers Indicted For Failure To Register

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Less than 18 hours after the close of conscription registration, two Back Bay ministers were indicted by a federal grand jury today on a charge of knowingly failing and neglecting to register in accordance with the provisions of the selective service act.

The indictments were believed to be the first in the country of that nature. Warrants were not issued but U. S. Attorney Edmund J. Brandon said the ministers — the Rev. Keith C. Kanaga, 25, assistant pastor of the Mount Vernon Congregational church, and the Rev. Harry H. Kruener, 24, pastor of the First Baptist church — had assured him they would be available for questioning or summons at the court's convenience.

EUROPEAN RELIEF STUDIED BY F. R.

Big Consignment Of Flour May Be Sent To Non-Belligerent Spain

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt canvassed the problem of American relief for Europe with state department and Red Cross advisers today and it was reported that a large consignment of flour might be sent to non-belligerent Spain.

At the White House conference with the President were Secretary of State Hull, Undersecretary Sumner Welles and Norman Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross. It was described officially as relating to the "refugee" question but complete secrecy was observed as to what phases were discussed or whether any decisions had been reached.

Usually well-informed sources

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VETS' HOSPITAL CEREMONY HELD

New $1,500,000 Facility At Fayetteville Is Dedicated By Officials

FAYETTEVILLE, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The federal government's new $1,500,000 veterans facility, which includes a 307-bed hospital and regional offices of the veterans administration, was dedicated here today with ceremony and a parade.

The principal speaker was Col. George E. Ijams, of Washington, assistant administrator of the Veterans administration, who stressed the need of national unity in suppressing subversive movements.

"We ought to return to their masters abroad," he said, "those representatives of subversive movements who would destroy us from within."

"Our old enemies of 1917," he told the audience of several thousand persons, "the advocates of the theory that might makes right, are attempting once more to impress their will upon those nations who are not strong enough to resist."

Governor Hoey made a brief talk. The personnel of the facility was introduced by J. S. Pittman, the manager. A banquet was held tonight for the visitors. Col. Terry A. Lyon was toastmaster.

A parade which included several units from nearby Fort Bragg preceded the dedication ceremony.

Representatives of veterans organizatoins made brief talks. They included R. Dave Hall of Belmont, American Legion; Bryan Crosby of Hickory, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Norwood S. Westbrook, of Wilmington, Disabled American Veterans; E. J. Sharpe of Kannapolis, Spanish-American Veterans, and C. J. Turpie of Charlotte, Military Order of the World War.

TRUCKS ARRIVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The British Broadcastin gcorporation, in a broadcast picked up here by NBC, said tonight that the first contingent of 200 trucks over the Burma Road was reported to have arrived in Kunming, the capital of Yunnan province after an "uneventful" journey. 2

Turkey Warns Axis Powers Against Push

Says They Will Find Nation 'Resembles Neither Holland Nor France'

NAZIS BOOST PLANES

Nazi Ambassador To Russia Understood To Have Talked With Molotoff

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The official Turkish radio said in a broadcast tonight that if the Axis powers attempt to drive through Turkey or Greece to Egypt and the Suez they will find that Turkey "resembles neither Holland, Belgium nor France."

The commentator accused Germany and Italy of trying to conquer Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Greece by various methods and said they had demanded that Greece give up her British guarantee or "she will be made to regret it."

Receives Ministers

Premier-Dictator John Metaxas of Greece received the German and Italian ministers at Athens today, the broadcast said, but failed to say what happened.

Commenting on the movement of German troops into Rumania, it asserted:

"In case of an Italian attack upon Greece, in which Bulgaria might later join, Germany may wish to have a strategic point of advantage from which to check a Russian move.

"Finally, it may be planned to get to Egypt and the Suez through Greece and Turkey. This last possibility seems to us farfetched, because it is extremely difficult.

"Our resistance in the Dardanelles in the last war is recalled and there is no doubt our resistance this time will be even stronger.

"Want Short War"

"Just as we depend on our army, our terrain also has a special profit for us; for instance, motorized troops can only move with difficulty here. And the Axis powers want a short war, not a long one."

In view of Turkey's defiant stand, considerable significance was seen in a conference planned here shortly by British Balkan diplomats with Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, ambassador to Turkey, their host.

The British minister to Bulgaria already is here and envoys from Yugoslavia and Greece are on the way.

NAZIS BOOST PLANES

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Oct. 17.—German circles said tonight that 150 Nazi bomber and fighter planes already are in Rumania and 150 more are expected tomorrow, accompanied by 800 pilots, mechanics, ground crewmen and instructors.

The disclosure followed closely

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War Interpretive

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON

Climatic factors at both ends of Britain's long battle line, from England to Egypt, are working in her favor as she braces to meet the winter strategy of her Axis foes.

In western Europe, chilly October rains, admittedly hampering aerial warfare for both sides, gave bomb-blasted London a period of relative peace on Wednesday night, although the Germans returned to the attack later.

Rain In Egypt

In Egypt the rains have come. During the next two months, it is not too little but too much water that is apt to complicate Italian hopes of cracking the British blockade at the Suez gateway. Moving mechanized war machines over soggy ground is perhaps a more difficult business than military operations in mid-day temperatures above the 120 degree mark. It may be that having waited this long to wave his army in Egypt

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A Rockefeller Registers

Rich man, poor man — all are leveled in the democracy of America's selective service law. Here's Winthrop Rockefeller, son of John D. Rockefeller, as, with clerks and mechanics, somebodies and nobodies, he registered in New York for the draft.

PRODUCTION BOOST URGED BY WILLKIE

Candidate Says New Deal Contributed To War Rather Than To Peace

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie tonight called production "the only road to peace" and said "we must produce more and more and more" in order to reinforce Great Britain.

He declared in a prepared speech that he agreed with "many of the basic international objectives of this administration at the present time." But, he asserted, the administration has contributed to war rather than to peace by failing to view production as the American role in world affairs.

"War is not the road to peace," he said. "Appeasement is not the road to peace. Production is the road to peace—and the only road to peace."

Describing Britain as "the rim of freedom far out beyond our shores," the republican presidential nominee said the United States could not send an expeditionary force over there because "we have no such force."

"We are not helping the way we ought to help, the way we must help," he said, "if we are not to be left utterly alone in this bloody and barbarous world. . . .

"We must produce more and more. We must produce airplanes. We

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STIMSON SAYS FUTURE RESTS UPON HITLER

START NOVEMBER 16

Says Majority Of Housing Facilities For Army Will Be Ready Dec. 15

DIVISIONS PLANNED

Clarence Dykstra Takes Oath Of Office As Director Of Selective Service

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson disclosed a conscription schedule today which would call 800,000 men to the colors by next June 15 and added that beyond that date "only God and Hitler" know what will be the conditions that govern the rate at which the men will be summoned to service.

The first group of draftees, a contingent of 30,000, will be sent to the training camps about Nov. 18, he said, adding that 60,000, would go on Dec. 2; 60,000 on Jan. 3; 90,000 on Jan. 15, 160,000 on Feb. 10, 00,000 on March 5, and 200,000 on June 15.

At the same time, the cabinet officer said Wendell L. Willkie, the republican presidential nominee,, had been "misled into making statements that were neither fair nor accurate" on the provision of housing for the troops. A "great majority" of the new housing facilities planned for an army of 1,200,000 would be ready by Dec. 15, he added.

New Divisions Planned

Stimson also told of plans for forming two new armored divisions next June, the third and fourth of that type toward an ultimate goal of ten. One will have its headquarters at Pine Camp, N. Y., and the other at Camp Beauregard, La., he said, and each will consist of about 11,500 men. He announced that a $6,000,000 contract had been let for new housing at Pine Camp.

As the conscription program gets into full swing, national guard units not yet mobilized are to be called to active duty.

Stimson said that eight divisions and some other units of guardsmen—about 126,000 officers and men all told—would be mobilized between January 3 and January 19. He did not say which units these were.

Remaining national guardsmen about 4,000 in all, will be called on February 3.

5,700 In Camps

About 5,700 guardsmen already are in camps for a year's training.

Under war department plans, conscripted men will be distributed among regular army and national guard units for training.

Preliminary figures indicated that the total draft registration

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N. C. Health Officials Begin Making Blood Tests Of Registrants

RALEIGH, Oct. 17—(AP)—Truckload after truckload of human blood was brought to the state laboratory of hygiene here today as health officials began the tremendous task of determining the percentage of syphilitics among Tar Heels who registered yesterday for the military daft.

By mid-afternoon, between 40,000 and 50,000 blood specimens had been received, and there were hundreds of other packages at the postoffice still to be delivered.

The blood tests for syphilis were offered on a voluntary basis for all persons registering, in counties which have a public health organization. Indications tonight were that as many as 100,000 men within the draft ages either already had taken tests or intended to take them.

BRITISH LEADERS STAY IN LONDON

Government Not Yet Ready To Order Compulsory Evacuation Of Capital

LONDON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Britain's government is staying in London, informed parliamentary sources disclosed today, and is not yet ready to order compulsory evacuation of the bomb-strafed capital.

The same sources, however, conveyed anew the government's desire that "the more people who can leave London without interfering with their business the better" and, in the house of commons, the minister of health disclosed an "ominous increase" in the wartime spread of cerebro-spinal fever.

Malcolm MacDonald, the minister, said gravely that this "should make us pause in contemplation of the coming winter."

(Cerebro-spinal fever is cerebro-spinal meningitis, also called camp fever. It has been a common military disease. The precise cause of its rise in wartime is not known, but it is presumed to come from crowding, such as in air raid shelters and in other intimate contact. The disease is attributed to an organism in the nose and throat, presumed to be air-borne.)

No reason was given for the semi-official reiteration of the government's determination to stay in London, on this 41st day of unbroken air siege. The parliamentary correspondent of Reuters, the British news gaency, merely wrote: "There is no question of the government leaving London. On the contrary, they intend to stay here."

He added: "There is no question of any compulsory evacuation at present."

The board of trade, which corresponds to the United States department of commerce, announced later that its offices for the regis- to the Grand hotel at Llandudno, Wales.

Dutch Ship Attacked Off Coast Of Spain

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The Dutch freighter Oscilla, 6,341 tons, reported she was "being gunned" within 30 miles of the Spanish coast, near Cape Espichel, a message picked up tonight by Mackay radio, said.

CHINESE TRUCKS USE BURMA ROAD

Traffic Resumed On Highway Despite Threat Of Bombardment

CHUNGKING, Oct. 18.—(Friday)—(AP)—China's trucks of war are rolling again on the Burma road under the threat of imminent Japanese bombardment.

At the stroke of midnight traffic was resumed across the border with British-controlled Burma after a three-month closure by the British in a futile appeasement gesture toward Japan.

Instead of using the three months to seek a settlement of the three-year-old China war—or "China incident" as the Japanese call it—Japan won, with pressure on French Indo China, nearer bases for an aerial offensive against China and the great highway itself.

Now Japanese heavy bombers are only two hours at most from the Burma road at their Hanoi base.

The Japanese have threatened to close the road with bombs.

Facing this possibility, Chinese labor squads were drawn up today at

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Episcopal Church Takes Step Toward Liberalizing Marriage, Divorce Laws

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The Protestant Episcopal church, after more than 15 years of discussion, took its first step today toward liberalizing its stringent marriage and divorce laws.

The house of bishops adopted and sent to the house of deputies a proposed new canon which would permit divorced persons who remarry to receive the church's blessing. This would not be given, however, until one year after the remarriage and then only upon recommendation of ecclesiastical authorities.

The measure still forbids Episcopal ministers to marry divorced persons, thus requiring that such marriages be performed by civil authorities or clerics of another faith.

Under present church law, described by some bishops in the debate which preceded the 6 to 26 vote of approval as "merciless and cruel", only the remarriage of an innocent party in a divorce granted for adultery is sanctioned.

Concurrence in the new canon by the house of deputies was considered unlikely by some delegates who said strong opposition was known to exist in that body among both lay and clerical mambers.

The suggested new canon formally charges the clergy with greater responsibility toward attempting to correct family difficulties.

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Warren, Others Dedicate Coast Guard Air Station

BY HOKE NORRIS

ELIZABETH CITY, Oct. 17.—(AP)—North Carolina's first Coast Guard air station—a 294-acre landing field, cavernous hangar and spotless barracks—was dedicated here today to the peacetime safety of men who go down to the sea in ships and to the wartime defense of America and its institutions.

Thousands of persons flocked to the $2,000,000 base, four miles south of Elizabeth City, for the dedication. They heard the principal address by Rep. Lindsay C. Warren, making his last public speech as a member of congress from the First district, and they watched with wonder the zooming of 16 navy fighting planes which roared across the field just as the Elizabeth City High school band struck up "The Star Spangled Banner."

It was almost as much Lindsay Warren's day as it was the Coast

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