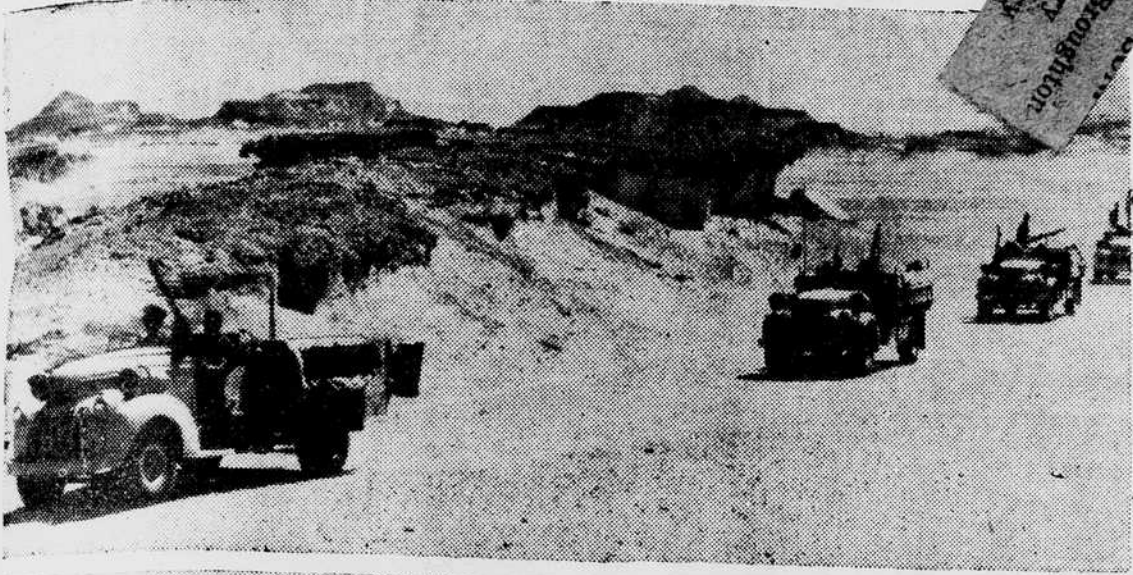


Britain's 'Eyes' In Grim Desert Warfare



Heavily armed trucks of Great Britain's Long Range Desert Group (top) move out past mountains in the hot African desert on a patrol and reconnaissance trip in quest of information about the disposition of Axis forces in Libya.

JAPANESE PLANES ATTACK MIDWAY; DUTCH HARBOR EXPECTS NEW RAIDS; ALLIED FORCES BLAST ENEMY BASE

Bombs Rained On Jap-Held Airdrome At Koepang, In Timor

RABAUL DOCKS HIT

Fires Started And Anti-Aircraft Installations Destroyed

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Friday, June 5.—(AP)—Allied bombers rained explosives on the Japanese-held airdrome at Koepang, Timor, yesterday, and the docks at Rabaul, New Britain, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

Direct hits were scored on both target areas, where fires were started and anti-aircraft installations were destroyed, the communique said.

A Japanese seaplane found afloat near Tulagi in the Solomon Island group also was machine-gunned by Allied reconnaissance airmen.

Timor—Koepang: Our air force attacked the airdrome, encountering heavy anti-aircraft fire. All the bombs dropped in the target area, destroying anti-aircraft installations and starting fires.

New Britain—Rabaul: An Allied flight bombed wharves and adjoining areas. Hits were made on carpenters wharf in the warehouse area, starting numerous fires. Incendiaries hit a military camp. We had no losses.

Solomon—Tulagi: An Allied reconnaissance machine-gunned an enemy float plane on the water.

Japanese Planes Attack Dutch Harbor, Alaska



Dutch Harbor, Alaska (above), location of a United States naval station, was attacked by four Japanese bombing planes and about 15 fighters June 3. The Navy Department in Washington said the attack lasted 15 minutes.

Alaskan Assault Regarded As Feeler For Possible Raid In Force

STIMSON IN WARNING

Public Told To Expect Further Assaults Against United States Territory

By RICHARD L. TURNER

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—Japanese planes attacked tiny Midway island and its tough Marine Corps garrison again today, while far to the north Dutch Harbor, which was raided by enemy bombers yesterday, reported that all was quiet.

The Navy made public only a bare announcement that the enemy planes struck at the stubbornly held mid-Pacific atoll of Midway at nine a. m. local time (2:30 p. m. E.W.T.). Details of fighting were lacking.

The Dutch Harbor episode was regarded by Navy men here as an effort to test American defenses in the Alaskan area, a feeler operation which might forborne a later assault in force.

There were two flights of Jap planes over Dutch Harbor yesterday. The first set fire to warehouses and caused a few casualties, but no bombs were dropped by the second. In addition the House of Commons at Ottawa was told of a report that there was another attack last night. J. J. Ralston, Canada defense minister, mentioned the report, adding that no details were available.

Erroneous Report

Apparently Ralston later received information indicating this report was erroneous as he revised his statement to say there had been only one attack, presumably referring to the first flight of planes which dropped bombs.

The Navy department here said it had received no word of a third flight of enemy planes over the base.

During the day, Secretary of War Stimson frankly warned the public that additional thrusts at American territory were very much to be expected, but would not speculate as to when or where they might come.

Midway was the object of its first attack on the day of Pearl Harbor. Throughout the two weeks that followed its name appeared frequently in the Navy's communiques.

On Dec. 12 and again on Dec. 16, it was announced that both Midway and Wake island, which later fell, were "countering the blows of the enemy." On Dec. 30 the Navy said the "situation in respect to Midway remains unchanged."

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SHIPYARD, DRAFT BOARD COOPERATE

Workers Who Fail To Meet Requirements Are Reported To Authorities

When employees of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company fail to meet the requirements of the position they hold, and are discharged from the company, their local draft board is immediately notified, W. S. MacMahon, assistant to the general manager, revealed yesterday.

Following the first misunderstanding with the Duplin county Draft Boards when the shipyard was charged with promising immunity from the draft to its workers, these charges later being proven false, Mr. MacMahon commented that the draft boards with which the men of the yard were registered were all cooperating.

"If an employee of the shipyard is necessary to the building of ships, we do ask his local board for deferment. Any other industry will do the same for the men it needs," he continued.

"When an employe fails to meet the requirements of his job, we have him in for a conference. If he does not straighten up and handle himself properly, he is naturally discharged."

"Upon his discharge a form is filled in at the shipyard and mailed to his local draft board, establishing the fact that the man is no longer employed by the North Carolina Shipbuilding company."

"This does not constitute a threat to the workers in the yards," he added.

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Congressional Inquiry Hinted As Coastal Sinkings Increase

Five More Losses Reported, Two Of Them U. S. Merchantmen

(By The Associated Press) Intensified Axis submarine warfare adding victims daily in the Atlantic has prompted a Senate Naval Affairs subcommittee to make a preliminary investigation of the Navy's anti-submarine campaign.

"With the loss of five more Allied vessels from enemy action—two of them American merchant ships and one a small patrol boat—officially announced by the Navy yesterday—committee chairman Ellender (D-La.) indicated that naval officers might be called for a public hearing.

"If we are not entirely satisfied that everything possible is being done to halt these sinkings, we are going into the whole matter in a public hearing," Ellender said. United Nations shipping losses in the Atlantic rose to an announced 16 in the last five days and the total lost off the North and South American coasts reached 244 since the war's start.

On the other side of the ledger, Allied headquarters in Australia disclosed that an Allied submarine sank an armed transport of 6,000 tons with the probable loss of all troops, sent two heavily-loaded supply ships to the bottom and damaged a third in a raid on enemy shipping lanes.

It was estimated that the Japanese might have lost as many as 12,000 troops in the sinking and the vessels sunk were said to total 22,000 tons. It was indicated that the Allied submarine, presumably American, made its raid well beyond Australian waters.

At the same time, Japanese submarines sank a small Allied cargo vessel off the East coast of Australia. The two United States merchant vessels, one medium-sized and the other small, whose sinking was

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WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA—Little change in temperature Friday.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday):

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 71; 7:30 a. m. 74; 1:30 p. m. 82; 7:30 p. m. 77; maximum 84; minimum 70; mean 77; normal 75.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 94; 7:30 a. m. 90; 1:30 p. m. 54; 7:30 p. m. 67.

Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.00 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY: (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

Wilmington High 2:46a. Low 5:38a. Masonboro Inlet High 12:45a. Low 7:00a.

Sunrise 5:01a; sunset 7:30p; moonrise 12:15a; moonset 11:52a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Thursday at 8 a. m., 9.50 feet.

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Cash Allowances Voted Dependents

Senate, However, Defers Action On Soldier's Pay

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—The Senate passed today and sent to the House a measure providing cash allowances for the dependents of enlisted men in the armed forces, but delayed at least until Monday a showdown vote on the question of increasing the pay of buck privates and Navy seamen to \$50 monthly.

Under the legislation approved by the Senate without a record vote an additional \$5 for each additional parent and \$5 for each additional brother, sister or grandchild. If the soldier had no wife or children, his contribution would be \$22 in this classification.

In another classification, the enlisted man would contribute \$22 from his pay while the government would contribute \$28. In addition, the government would contribute \$12 monthly to the support of the first child and \$10 monthly for each additional child.

Senator Johnson (D-Colo.), sponsor of the bill, said this would fix the status of the 65 per cent of registrants he said had been deferred because of dependency. Senator Tatt (R-Ohio) added that it ought to result in deferring married men over 30 years old until all other classes had been called.

During consideration of the family allowance measure, the Senate heard angry charges that action on a military pay adjustment bill was being delayed to "chisel a few dollars out of the enlisted man's pay."

Senator LaFollette (ProgWis) served notice he intended to move Monday to discharge the Senate conferees who thus far have refused to accept a House amendment increasing the minimum pay in the armed services to \$50 a month, instead of the \$42 previously approved by the Senate.

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BRITISH BATTER NAZI POSITIONS

Planes, Navy, Commandos See Action Against Continent During Night

By DREW MIDDLETON LONDON, June 4.—(AP)—Britain threw all three of her fighting services against the Nazi continent today in 24 hours of ceaseless assault which clearly paved the way for the great attacking force to come.

While a force of perhaps 200 big bombers battered Bremen in the brief summer darkness, Commandos supported by the Royal Navy landed in the very heart of the invasion coast, between Boulogne and the once-gay gambling resort of Le Touquet.

They brought back valuable information for evaluation by Allied generals here, at a time when far-reaching plans for the future Allied offensive were being discussed in Washington. The Commandos' own chief, Lord Louis Mountbatten, now is in the U. S. capital.

Today, in the wake of the Commandos, fighters and light bombers swarmed across the channel to attack targets in the Pas De Calais region; the Kentish sky was filled this evening with wave after wave of returning squadrons, and a heavy rumble of explosions rumbled across the water from the direction of Boulogne and Calais.

RAF fighters in their afternoon attack ranged from Margdock on the north to Le Touquet and St. Omer on the south without opposition. In their attack on Boulogne, Boston (American-made) bombers left columns of black smoke rising from the docks. All the bombers were brought safely home.

An Air Ministry communique to

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Deferments Opposed For Semi-Skilled Men

NEW YORK, June 4.—(AP)—Col. Arthur V. McDermott, selective service director for New York city, declared today that industry must stop claiming deferments for semi-skilled able-bodied young men and instead replace them with others not immediately subject to Army duty.

"The Army and Navy must have the able-bodied young men," Col. McDermott told a meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce. "They cannot accept substitutes. Industry can and industry must."

Nazi Planes Bomb British North Coast

A NORTHEAST ENGLISH COAST TOWN, Friday, June 5.—(AP)—German planes dropped incendiaries and started a number of fires which were quickly extinguished here early today. There were no casualties.

Flares were dropped on another town in this area, but no bombs followed.

GROUP TO FIGHT GAS RATIONING

Spokesman Says States May Look To U. S. To Guarantee Lost Revenue

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—A group of House members today called a meeting to consider ways of blocking or delaying nationwide gasoline rationing while in the Senate a suggestion was advanced that the states might justifiably ask that their revenue losses due to rationing be made good out of the national treasury.

Representatives Scragham (D.-Nev.), Houston (D.-Kan.) and Johnson (D.-Okla.) made known that all interested members of the House had been invited to meet at 10:30 a. m. (EWT) tomorrow to discuss the gasoline situation.

Houston first told reporters the purpose was to plan some kind of action to keep nationwide gasoline rationing from becoming effective. He later amended this to say an effort would be made to block it at least pending further hearings on the subject.

Gasoline is now rationed in 17 eastern states and the district of Columbia because supplies are short due to transportation difficulties. However, some officials of war agencies have indicated favor for nation-wide rationing in order to conserve tires. The final decision is up to President Roosevelt, and there were reports he might reach one tomorrow after discussion with his cabinet.

Senator Russell (D-Ga.), whose state is one of those rationed, sug-

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Babson Declares Local Expenses Should Be Cut

BABSON PARK, Mass., June 5.—While we are reading and hearing a great deal today about our Federal Income Taxes, we must not lose sight of our state and local tax situations. This is now of vital importance to every property holder and even to those who rent houses or other types of city, suburban, and country property.

Declining Revenues States, counties, cities, and towns will be surprised at the way their income is going to melt away. With nation-wide gas rationing this summer, gasoline taxes will surely decline. This also applies to auto-

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