

POWERFUL AMERICAN FORCES LANDING IN FRENCH AFRICA IN NATION'S FIRST BIG-SCALE OFFENSIVE

Americans Kill 5,188 Japs On Solomon Isles

U. S. Losses Are Estimated At One-Fifth Of The Nipponese Total

THREE-MONTH PERIOD Army Advances On Guadalcanal; 369 Jap Planes Downed In October

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—American soldiers and Marines, and their supporting air and naval forces, have killed at least 5,188 Japanese in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi area of the Solomon Islands since the invasion began three months ago today.

MURDER TRIALS SCHEDULED HERE

Cases Of Four Alleged Slayers To Be Called In Superior Court

Four alleged murders, one white and three negro, are scheduled to be placed on trial here during the two-week criminal term of superior court which convenes in the courthouse at 10 a. m. Monday with Judge Leo Carr of Burlington, presiding.

Youth Draft Bill Delay May Affect Married Men

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Congressional delay in enacting the teenage draft bill is causing the induction of 200,000 married men into the armed forces in December, who otherwise might not have been called until late next spring if at all, informed legislators said today.

High-Handed Inspection

(AN EDITORIAL)  
The public health is to be safeguarded as a precious factor of victory in this war. It is never to be disregarded, but in times like these a healthy people are as indispensable as an invincible army and a sufficient supply of the tools of war.

As one means for maintaining a high health standard, the authorities are required to investigate public eating places and close any that are insanitary. The food must be of good quality, carefully prepared and properly cooked; utensils must be clean and spotless, and all equipment in first class order. This is indispensable, and indifference to it cannot be condoned.

There has been in progress here for some days an inquiry into conditions existing at restaurants, cafeterias, drug stores and lunch counters, and many "closed" signs have appeared in doors and windows, usually at peak hours, while hundreds of Wilmingtonians have stood on the sidewalk and wondered where they could go for a meal.

Probably there was good reason for closing some. Certainly there was no reason for other closings. One restaurant is reported to have been barred because the table cloths merely covered the tables and did not hang over the edges. In others the hot water was not hot enough to please the inspectors. These are examples of the dictatorial methods employed by inspectors who, having a little authority, use it bullyingly.

Proprietors of places thus manhandled, reputable men and responsible citizens, whose word is good, say that they have been given no cooperation, no consideration, however insignificant their offense. They have been closed without warning, not only to themselves but to their customers, the number of whom has increased tremendously in these last two years during which available homes have steadily decreased and food supplies at stores have now almost hit bottom.

The state health department, at the request of the county health department, moved in because the local health officer believed an investigation advisable. So far so good. But it is to be asked why the county board of health was not given an adequate staff to do its full duty, when it was first found that it could not keep up with the help it had? Why was the situation allowed to become allegedly acute, when it could have been foreseen that with the influx of new population there would have to be more public eating places needing regular inspection.

We hold no briefs for dirt. But we cannot agree that the health department is serving the best purpose when it allows hotheaded and high-handed inspectors to close food dispensaries whose worse sin is that the water in their boilers is under 170 degrees.

American Troops Menace Japanese Base At Burma

OCCUPY ISLAND Army Penetrates Central And Northern Papua In Vicinity Of Goal

QUARTERS, Australia, Sunday, Nov. 8.—(AP)—American combat troops are in action near Buna, vital Jap base on the north New Guinea coast, Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today. Simultaneously, General MacArthur's headquarters announced that the troops were in action near Buna, vital Jap base on the north New Guinea coast, Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today.

War Chest Drive Opens At Shipyard Tomorrow

The War Chest drive at the North Carolina Shipbuilding company will be launched tomorrow morning, Storer P. Ware, secretary-treasurer of the shipbuilding company and general chairman of the shipyard division of the chest drive, said yesterday.

PRICE HIKES APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Stores got permission today from Price Administrator Leon Henderson to increase the price of potatoes, onions and turkeys.

INVADE ATLANTIC, MEDITERRANEAN COASTS IN STEPS TO TAKE CONTINENT, PROVIDE SECOND FRONT AID FOR REDS

BRITISH WINNING

100,000 Of Rommel's Men Reported Captured Or Trapped In Desert

SMASH SECOND STAND

Allies Tear Into Disorganized Flanks Of Enemy West Of Matruh

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Approximately 100,000 men of Marshal Rommel's Axis army of 140,000 were reported captured or pinned down in pockets far behind the swiftly moving African front today as the British Eighth Army swept on toward the Libyan border after smashing the German armor in its second attempted stand.

MARTIN TO RESIGN AS G. O. P. LEADER

Will Step Down As Committee Head To Give Full Time To Strategy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Increased representation for his party on congressional committees and sharp reductions in non-military government expenditures were listed today by Rep. Martin, Massachusetts, the house minority leader, as prime objectives for the greatly strengthened republican forces in congress.

Roosevelt, Many Others Pay Tribute To Soviets

By HENRY C. CASSIDY  
MOSCOW, Nov. 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and a long list of other Allied notables paid tribute today to the grimly fighting Russians on their 25th anniversary of the Communist revolution.

Leads Invasion



GENERAL EISENHOWER LEADING INVASION

Is Baptism Of Fire For Gen. MacArthur's Former Right Hand Man

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The North African invasion served as a baptism of fire for 52-year-old Lieutenant General Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of the Allied force.

275 RESTAURANTS INSPECTED HERE

Food Establishments Graded By Inspectors From State Health Board

Approximately 275 food handling places in Wilmington and New Hanover county have been inspected and graded in the past two weeks by inspectors from the state board of health in co-operation with the city-county health officer, announced yesterday.

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GREAT ARMADA

Undertakes Invasion Of French North Africa In First Big U. S. Move

FOUR CARRIERS

Nazis Claim That Mighty Fleet Out To Establish Second Front

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 8.—(AP)—Possibly the greatest invasion armada assembled in Europe since the start of the war undertook the invasion of French North Africa today in the first large scale action in the European theater in which the United States has participated.

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Soviet Soldiers Holding Ground Along All Fronts

By EDDY GILMORE  
MOSCOW, Sunday, Nov. 8.—(AP)—The Red army held its ground on all fronts Saturday, the 25th anniversary of the Russian revolution, and killed more than 1,800 Germans in Stalingrad, the Central Caucasus and the Western front, the Soviet midnight communique indicated today.

The Germans continued to attack fiercely on the Nalchik plains at the foot of the 18,000 foot Caucasus mountains, where the Russians threw two armored trains into the battle yesterday, but failed to gain, the communique said.