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RED STEAMROLLER BLOTS VOLOKONOVKA FROM MAP OF GERMANY'S CONQUESTS

ARMAVIR TAKEN

Russians Now Only 80
Miles West Of Import-
tant Railway

AT VOROSHILOVGRAD

Latest Move May Be At-
tempt To Completely
Encircle Rostov

LONDON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—
Red army troops sweeping
westward to break the Nazi
communication backbone in
southern Russia has captured
Volokonovka, only 50
miles from the big German
base of Belgorod on the
Kursk-Kharkov railway, and
taken 12,000 prisoners for a
total of 64,000 in nine days,
a special Moscow communique
recorded here by the Soviet
monitor said tonight.

Armvir, rail gateway to
the Caucasian oil fields of
Maikop, and 160 miles below
Rostov, also fell to the ad-
vancing Russians, the com-
municue said.

80 Miles From Railway

The Red army, hurling back the
Axis forces over terrain where the
Nazis themselves swept eastward
last summer, now is 80 miles west
of the Moscow-Voronezh-Rostov
railway. It has severed the Yellets-
Valdiki-Kupyanovka line, the first im-
portant north-south network en-
countered in this flow across the
frozen face of Russia, and appar-
ently is aiming for Belgorod, which
is about mid-way between Kurk
and Kharkov on the main trunk-
line.

Volokonovka is about 22 miles
above captured Valukiki and 78
miles northeast of Kharkov.

To the south other Russian units
were encircling Voroshilovgrad,
Donets industrial capital, in an ap-
parent attempt to plant their ban-
ners on the Sea of Azov below to
completely encircle Rostov, feeder
point for all Nazi forces in the
Caucasus.

The Russians now are well on
their way toward wiping out all
the German gains scored last year
in Russia. The communique said
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NEGROES ARRESTED FOR LIQUOR SALES

Four Held After Youths
Purchase Wine And
Beer Here

Four Negroes were arrested Fri-
day night on charges of selling
intoxicating beverages to minors
in what ABC officers described as
the beginning of a drive on the
wide-spread violation of the statute
here.

Elizabeth Bird, Negro employe
of the Blue Bird cafe in Brooklyn,
was fined \$25 and the costs of
court by Recorder H. Winfield
Smith in county court Saturday
morning for selling a pint of wine
and a bottle of beer to Frank
Richards, 15-year-old shipyard
worker.

Clayton C. Holmes, attorney for
the Negroes, contended that the
15-year-old white youth was wear-
ing his shipyard clothes when he
made the purchase and, to all ap-
pearances, was above the legal
age.

"She ought to have her glasses
changed then because anyone can
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Attractive Bride Slain In Pullman Train Berth

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—
Murder in lower berth No. 13
aboard a speeding train. With an
ensuing attractive bride as the
victim, motivated a widespread
search tonight for a dark husky
man described as the slayer.

Mrs. Martha Virginia Brinson
James, 21, wife of Ensign Richard
F. James, was slain aboard the
Southern Pacific's San Francisco
bound West Coast limited, early
today.

Her throat was cut. Her body
slid out of the berth and into the
Pullman aisle. She was dead

Edward Flynn Disclaims Any Dishonorable Action

Recommendations
By Treasury Seen
On Ruml Tax Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—
Belief that the Treasury De-
partment would have their re-
commendations on the pay-as-
you-go income tax collection
proposal ready for presenta-
tion to the House Ways and
Means committee "early next
week" was expressed today by
Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.)

In a letter to Rep. Treadway
(R-Mass.) the committee's
ranking minority member,
Doughton said that he "indi-
vidually" believed that consid-
eration of the pay-as-you-go
plan would have first consid-
eration in the order of the
committee's business.

His letter was in reply to
one from the committee's Re-
publican members demanding
immediate public hearings on
prospective tax legislation in-
cluding the "question of adop-
ting some form of pay-as-you-
go collection of the personal in-
come tax."

CG LIEUTENANTS PRAISED BY ARMY

Frink and Huckins Of Lo-
cal Office Commended
For Rescue Work

Lieut. (jg) S. Bunn Frink and
Lieut. Pembroke Huckins of the
staff of captain of the port's office
here have been commended by
the commanding general of the
Third Army Air Force for their part
in the rescue of 21 Army airmen
who parachuted to safety in the
vicinity of Wilmington when they
were forced to abandon their plane
the night of December 2, Lieut.-
Commander R. W. Thresher, cap-
tain of the port, revealed Saturday.

The commendation was in the
form of a letter from Major Gen-
eral St. Clair Street, commanding
officer of the Third Army Air Force,
to each of the Coast Guard officers
here.

"I desire to express to you my
sincere appreciation of the in-
valuable service which you have
rendered to this command and to
the Army Air Forces," General
Street's letter said in part.

"Your personal actions and
your cooperation with other res-
cuers in locating and aiding in
the successful recovery of all
twenty-one members of the 32nd
Bombardment Group, who, on De-
cember 2, 1942, were forced to
abandon their airplanes and para-
chute into a swampy, uninhabited
and thickly-wooded area in the
vicinity of Wilmington, North
Carolina, cannot be too highly
commended.

"This service, far beyond the
call of normal duty, reflects cred-
it on yourselves and on the Coast
Guard service."

The bombers, apparently on a
routine mission, were abandoned
by their crews after the fuel had
been exhausted during a high wind
storm here. All 21 airmen es-
caped relatively uninjured but sev-
eral were hospitalized briefly for
treatment of minor sprains and
bruises.

Lieut. Frink, executive officer
of the captain of the port's office,
is a well known Southport lawyer
and was a candidate for district
solicitor last spring when he with-
drew to enter the Coast Guard. He
is a veteran of the last world war.

Lieut. Huckins, port security
officer, is from Jacksonville, Fla.

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HEARINGS NOW CLOSED

Committee To Vote Wed-
nesday On Fitness
For The Post

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—
Edward J. Flynn told the Senate
Foreign Relations committee today
that he would never have let Pres-
ident Roosevelt, a "family friend"
for 25 years, nominate him to be
minister to Australia had there been
anything dishonorable in his life.

With this simple declaration from
the 50-year-old former Democratic
National chairman, the hearings on
his fitness for the diplomatic as-
signment were brought to a close.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.)
announced the committee would
meet Wednesday and vote whether to
recommend that the Senate con-
firm or reject the nomination. By
delaying the vote until next week,
he observed, the committee will
have time to study a printed re-
cord of the hearings.

In three days of hearings the
committee listened to 12 witnesses,
winding up today with Flynn, his
law partner, Monroe Goldwater,
Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New
York, and Robert L. Moran, former
Bronx commissioner of public
works.

At the end, Flynn, dapper in a
dark suit with a carnation in his
lapel, appeared confident and smiled
broadly after his earnest statement.
The audience applauded.

LaGuardia was on the stand only
briefly. With a wave of his hand,
he declined to express an opinion
on the minister-designate's fitness
to represent this country in Aus-
tralia.

There was such long-standing
political bitterness between him and
Flynn, LaGuardia said, that he did
not feel himself unprejudiced.

"Do you believe anybody crooked
and corrupt should be employed as
an ambassador to any country?" in-
quired Senator Bridges (R-NH).

"I think your question answers
itself," LaGuardia replied.

"Then you say no?"
"Certainly."

As for work done at Flynn's
country estate in 1941 by New York
city employes, an incident which
largely dominated the hearings, La-
Guardia said he knew nothing about
it except that William E. Herlands,
New York commissioner of investi-
gations, had reported.

Herlands told the committee yes-
terday it was his personal conviction
that Flynn knew while the
work was being done that the
laborers were city employes using
city-owned materials. But Herlands,
said, there was no direct evidence
that Flynn knew this and he doubt-

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Red Cross Executive To Come Here To Aid In Planning Campaign

National Red Cross headquar-
ters will send E. C. Kershaw
here the first week of Febru-
ary to assist Walker Taylor,
chairman of the Red Cross War
Fund campaign, in planning
the 1943 drive, J. Henry Gerdes,
chairman of local chapter,
announced Saturday.

The War Fund drive, com-
bined with the annual Roll Call,
is expected to get underway
here in March.

Red Cross activities greatly
increased last year, Mr. Gerdes
said, and an added in-
crease is expected this year.

Mr. Taylor will appoint eight
or ten sub-committees shortly
to assist this year's campaign.

WEATHER

FORECAST
NORTH CAROLINA: Continued mild
today, colder in afternoon.

Station	High	Low	R/fall
New York	70	50	0.00
Birmingham	78	59	0.00
Buffalo	36	07	0.00
Charlotte	57	45	0.00
Cincinnati	63	31	0.00
Denver	59	41	0.00
Duluth	02	14	0.00
El Paso	69	47	0.00
Fort Worth	88	53	0.00
Kansas City	82	26	0.00
Meridian	80	54	0.00
Miami	80	63	0.00
Mobile	76	52	0.00
New York	64	09	0.00
Pittsburgh	52	33	0.00
Richmond	63	29	0.00
San Antonio	85	48	0.00
Savannah	69	51	0.00
Vicksburg	81	64	0.00
Washington	84	27	0.00

Mareth Line



Mareth, seacoast anchor of Tu-
nisia's "Little Maginot Line," may
be the objective of German General
Rommel's fleeing Axis army. The
Nazis may attempt a stand behind
this line against British forces that
chased them out of Tripoli.

BILLS BULGING SENATE HOPPER

Many Measures Of Prime
Importance Before State
Lawmakers

RALEIGH, Jan. 23.—(AP)—
The Senate hopper bulged today
with new legislation received during
a busy week, many of the bills of
prime importance.

Chief among the new measures
was the nine-months school bill,
a substitute for legislation which
had been previously introduced in
both houses. A companion bill to
the substitute measure also ap-
peared in the House.

Other major bills included: A
proposed revision of the absentee
ballot laws, suggestions for changes
in the law enforcement officers
benefit and retirement fund,
an anticipated measure to set up
21 solicitorial districts, a propos-
al "described as an effort to re-
move the board of trustees of the
Greater University of North Caro-
lina from politics," and a bill to
allow terms of superior court to
be held in cities other than coun-
ty seats.

In addition, the Senate also re-
ceived legislation which if passed,
would fix a ceiling on the fees
charged corporations at the time
of incorporation, would revise the
State Board of Health and would
make 30 changes in the unemploy-
ment compensation laws.

The Senate passed during the
week bills authorizing the govern-
or and Council of State to invest
surplus funds and setting up a
\$20,000,000 reserve fund to be
held for use after the war period.

It also approved a joint resolu-
tion introduced by Sen. Blythe of
Mecklenburg to provide for an in-
vestigation of Caswell Training
school by a legislative committee
appointed by the Governor, with
a specific view of recommending
expansion of facilities for caring
for feeble-minded children, pos-
sibly in more than one school.

A House bill to exempt members
of the armed forces and Merchant
Marine from payment of the poll
tax was passed by the Senate, and
the Joint Finance committee took
action to relieve fighting Tar
Heels further by exempting them
from payment of a state income
tax on the compensation they re-
ceive from the federal govern-
ment.

The Finance committee virtual-
ly completed action during the
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Prominent Navy Officers Missing With Big Plane

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—
The Navy announced today that
Rear Admiral Robert H. English,
commander of the Pacific Fleet
submarine force, was aboard the
Naval air transport plane which
is reported missing on a flight
from Pearl Harbor to San Fran-
cisco.

A widespread search for the sea-
plane is continuing, the Navy said,
but so far no trace has been found
of the craft.

Names of ten Naval officers, in-
cluding Rear Admiral English, and
nine crew members who were not
Naval personnel, who were aboard
were announced by the Navy.

The officers:
Admiral English, whose usual resi-
dence is Warrenton, Ga. His wife,
Mrs. Eloise Walker English, pre-
sently lives at 4445 Lowell street,
N. W., Washington.

Captain Robert Holmes Smith,
commanding officer of a Naval
vessel, whose usual address is 307
Hammond street, Rocky Mount,
N. C. His wife, Mrs. Francis B.
Smith, lives at 120 Memorial drive,
Cambridge, Mass.

Capt. Robert E. Thomas, of the
Naval civil engineer corps, direc-
tor of the Pacific division of the
Bureau of Yards and Docks. His
usual address is 614 Whitman
street, Rockford, Ill. His wife, Mrs.
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MUSSOLINI'S EMPIRE DREAM SHATTERED BY BRITISH 8TH ARMY AS TRIPOLI OCCUPIED

ALEXANDER PICKED

Middle East Commander
Thought Choice For
Allied Chief

ABLE ARMY LEADER

Desert Campaign Basically
His Show; Montgom-
ery Followed

LONDON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—
Lifted to the forefront of
popular acclaim by the fall of
Tripoli and the successful
conclusion of his desert cam-
paign, Gen. Sir Harold Alexan-
der, commander in chief of
Allied forces in the Middle
East, is regarded by many
here as the logical man to
command the next full-blown
offensive of the Allied na-
tions, wherever it may fall.

The quiet, pleasant general,
whose appointment to su-
preme command in the Mid-
dle East last August received
a cool reception from British
press and public, now has won
firm recognition as one of
Britain's most capable strat-
egists.

Has Excellent Record

Throughout the recent desert cam-
paign military authorities stressed
the fact that it basically was Alexan-
der's show, even though Gen. Sir
Bernard L. Montgomery was more
in the limelight as battlefield ex-
ecutor of his chief's grand strategy.

Now the public is remembering
again that the 51-year-old Alexan-
der won fame in the last war and
was the "last man off the beach
at Dunkerque" in the present con-
flict.

Alexander organized the present
realistic battle school training meth-
ods in Britain and directed the
British army's retreat out of Bur-
ma, where the soldiers in the face
of terrific odds were said to have
come out "with their tails up."

An avowed apostle of the of-
fensive, Alexander has told his
junior officers:
"We must not be content to sit
behind concrete fortifications. We
should take every opportunity to
hit back — especially where the
enemy is not expecting us."

He is a prime exponent of air
support for ground troops, and his
expertise in the use of the aerial
army was seen all through the de-
sert campaign.

Many tales are told of Alexan-
der's coolness and courage under
fire. Just before the Dunkerque
evacuation he and two staff offi-
cers and a chauffeur sergeant,
J. A. Wells, were trapped by a
road block 10 miles from the chan-
(Continued on Page 2; Column 1)

61ST FREIGHTER TO BE LAUNCHED

Ephraim Brevard Will Be
Christened Here This
Afternoon

The North Carolina Shipbuilding
company will launch its 61st Lib-
erty Freighter, the S. S. Ephraim
Brevard, from the ways here at
1:15 p. m. Sunday.

The Brevard will be christened
by Mrs. R. L. Harris, wife of
Lieutenant-Governor Harris of
Roxboro.

Her attendants will be Mrs. Ben-
jamin T. Brown and Miss Betsy
Reade Harris, both of Roxboro.

The ship is named for Ephraim
Brevard, Revolutionary patriot and
author of the famous Mecklenberg
declaration of 1775.

Born in 1750, Brevard was gradu-
ated at Princeton in 1768, stud-
ied medicine, and settled at Char-
lotte to practice. He sympathized
with the movement for indepen-
dence, and was secretary of the
famous Mecklenberg convention of
May 31, 1775.

He was one of the committee
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Where MacArthur's Men Hit Japs



From Buna to Rabaul United Nations forces commanded by Gen.
Douglas MacArthur are striking against the Japs and their bases.
American and Australian troops have wiped out the enemy in the Buna-
Salamaua area and have opened a new offensive near Salamaua.
Allied bombers make daily raids on ships and supply dumps at Jap
bases like Lae and Rabaul.

2 More Japanese Vessels Hit By Allies At Rabaul

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Sunday,
Jan. 24.—(AP)—Two more ships have been hit by bombs
at Rabaul, New Guinea, where earlier this week Allied
planes sent four vessels, totalling 24,000 tons, to the bot-
tom, the Allied high command reported today.

At the same time, the noon communique announced
that all fighting in the Papuan peninsula, of New Guinea,
has ceased with 117 Japs taken
prisoner.

Five Jap Zero planes were
downed in dog-fighting which oc-
curred during the latest Rabaul
raid.

"Our heavy bombers attacked
the harbor before dawn," General
Douglas MacArthur's communi-
que stated, "striking at shipping
and airdromes. A fuel dump at
Vanakanau was hit and left burn-
ing furiously with numerous ex-
plosions visible for 75 miles; other
bombs fell in the dispersal areas
and blast bays. Vessels at an-
chor and a convoy approaching
the harbor were bombed but
searchlight glare was such that
results could not be observed.

"During the day, one of our
heavy bombers on armed recon-
naissance over the area seriously
damaged a 12,000 ton transport in
the harbor with a direct hit and
five near misses and scored two
near hits on an 8,000 ton ship north
of Rabaul which came to a stand-
still. Twelve enemy fighters in-
tercepted the bomber in a running
fight lasting one hour and five
minutes five enemies were de-
stroyed and two damaged. Our
bomber returned safely."

(Mention of a convoy in Rabaul's
vicinity could be regarded as in-
(Continued on Page 2; Column 3)

Colonel Potts Named Commanding Officer Of Camp Davis Post

Colonel Adam E. Potts, re-
cently Director of Supply at
Camp Davis, has been ap-
pointed commanding officer of
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partment is closed.

MOVE ON TUNISIA

Allied Troops Trying To
Stop Rommel's Last
Escape Route

AXIS FORCES BOMBED

German Army Pounded In-
cessantly By Allied
Aircraft

(By the Associated Press)
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS
IN NORTH AFRICA,
Jan. 23.—Britain's Eighth
Army captured Tripoli to finally
topple Mussolini's Afri-
can empire early today and
raced on westward toward
Tunisia where Allied troops
were mopping up Nazi para-
chutists trying to widen the
50-mile "bomb alley" of es-
cape left to Marshal Rommel's
Axis forces fleeing into
Tunisia.

General Montgomery's desert
troops at 5 a. m. swept
into Tripoli whose dock de-
pots and installations had
been blasted both by Allied
bombers and Nazi demolition
squad. Capture of this city
was the ultimate triumph of
a three-month push equiva-
lent to the distance from
New York city to the plains
of Nebraska.

Push On Westward
The British then were reported
to have pushed on westward toward
the Tunisian border, 100 miles
of Tripoli, while Allied planes
pounded Rommel's shattered troops
on the coastal highway and inflicted
"great damage" on hostilities of Axis
officials fleeing the port of Zuara,
60 miles from Tripoli.

(The Admiralty in London also
announced that light forces of the
Royal Navy bombarded Zuara early
Saturday. "Good results were
achieved, large fires and explosions

SOLDIERS MEDAL GIVEN DAVIS MAN

Signal Corps Linesman Is
Honored For Saving
Comrade's Life

CAMP DAVIS, Jan. 23.—For
calmly facing electrocution from
a high voltage wire while he res-
cued an unconscious comrade from
death atop a power line pole, Private
Herbert W. Anderson, 36,
Street, Md. (Harford county, near
Baltimore) today received the Sol-
dier's Medal from Maj. Gen. Frederic
H. Smith, commanding gen-
eral of Camp Davis.

Signal Corps linesman Anderson
and George Kincaid were repair-
ing telephone lines disabled De-
cember 2, 1942 by a high gale
lashing the nearby sea coast at
Sears Landing, artillery firing
point for this training center. The
strong wind snapped a huge tree
near the pole on which Kincaid
was working. Kincaid was en-
meshed in the wire, shocked to
unconsciousness and badly burned.

Veteran of 17 years experience
as a linesman, Anderson instantly
and calmly got into action. He
knew that a "breaker" somewhere
along the power line probably had
cut off the voltage temporarily.
But at any minute it might come
alive, he knew.

Kincaid weakly answered ques-
ries as to his condition. Anderson
took a rope, nimbly clambered up
the pole. Working skillfully against
time, he extricated his comrade.
Utilizing his training, he tied up
the now unconscious linesman and
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being observed," the communique
said. No casualties nor damage
was suffered by the British fleet.)

Less than 300 miles separates
General Montgomery's troops and
the Allied Tunisian forces in the
Gafsa area of Tunisia, but the Axis
apparently is firmly entrenched
along the eastern Tunisian coast
where Rommel is withdrawing to
join the Axis troops under Gen.
Jurgen von Arnim.

It also is believed that General
Montgomery's main forces would
have to pause for rest and reorgani-
zation after the long, exhausting
haul across Libya.

In central Tunisia British and
French troops were reported to
have rolled back a German tank
column at least four miles in the
Kebir valley after a counterattack
launched from Robaa toward Pont
du Fals.

Southeast of Robaa heavy and
"very mixed" fighting was raging
in the Ousseltia valley, a spokes-
man said. The German