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## Reds Slash Nazis

### Reds Thurst Hitler Force Out of Rzhev

#### Russians Take a Big Fortified Center in Attack

LONDON, Thursday. — Russian troops storming and capturing Rzhev, anchor point of the great German salient northwest of Moscow, have smashed the heart of the enemy's defensive system on the central front and have opened a Red Army gateway to the west, the Moscow radio said today.

Capturing two key railroad cities on the Kursk-Orel front, for a total of three first-rank victories in a single day, the Russians also had put the German Bryansk-Orel salient in imminent danger. Radio Moscow said that practically the whole Kursk region had now been freed, and unconfirmed reports circulated here that the Germans were preparing to evacuate Orel.

The new Russian triumphs, following the capture of the Demons salient south of Lake Ilmen, altered the entire picture on the northern and central fronts, imperilled the fourth big German salient, Vyazmagzhatski, southwest of Moscow, and left the way open for Red Army drives to the west, one of which would be aimed at going into Latvia.

A special Red Army communique, recorded here from the Moscow radio, announced Wednesday night the capture of Rzhev in a battle which had taken the Red Army storm troops through one of the most heavily defended areas of the entire eastern front. Halting the capture as a German defeat of decisive strategic importance, a radio Moscow military commentator said:

"With Rzhev, the heart of the German defensive system on the central front has been broken and one of the best fortified German defensive positions on the whole eastern front has gone."

### Seek Workers Here For the Navy Dept.

Miss Lillian Hogan, recruiting representative for the Civil Service commission, will arrive here Monday to secure stenographers and typists for the Navy Department in Washington, D. C. Salaries range from \$1420 to \$1900 per year.

Miss Hogan will give tests and pass on applicants while here.

### In California



Pvt. Baxter D. Mastin, who entered the army on September 14, 1942, is now stationed at Camp San Luis, Obispo, California. Pvt. Mastin is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Mastin, of North Wilkesboro, and one of six grandchildren of Mrs. T. C. Mastin now in the service. Pvt. Mastin married Miss Irene Smith, of North Wilkesboro, some three.

## JAP FLEET IS DESTROYED

Is Promoted



Master Sergeant Branford Brooks has recently been promoted to his present rank from that of staff sergeant at Camp White, Oregon, where he is now stationed, after being at Camp Young in California for a few months. Sgt. Brooks entered the army with the National Guard company in North Wilkesboro on September 16, 1940. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Brooks, of North Wilkesboro, and he married Miss Lottie Anderson, who makes her home with his parents. Sgt. Brooks has one daughter, Brenda Lee, who was born January 23, 1942.

## Dressings Being Made By Red Cross

### Schedule of Production at Red Cross Room Given

Mrs. J. A. Rousseau, Red Cross chairman of Volunteer Special Services, announces the following schedule for the Red Cross surgical dressings room, located over Tomlinson's Department store:

Monday—7:30 p. m.  
Thursday—9:30 a. m., 1 p. m., 7:30 p. m.  
Friday—9:30 a. m., 1 p. m., 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Rousseau reported that information received this week from National Red Cross Headquarters stressed the importance of rushing surgical dressings production. The army needs 180,000,000 dressings by April 15. For some types of dressings it depends entirely upon Red Cross volunteers.

"This is no made-work program," Mrs. Rousseau said. "It is urgent and we cannot stress too strongly the need for speeding up our production immediately. We urge women to give much time in this activity in the coming weeks."

Workers MUST wear cotton dresses or smocks and MUST bring or buy at the room cotton kerchiefs or caps to wear for head covering while working.

Experienced volunteer instructors are on schedule at the room at all times and women who wish to take part in this essential job are urged to come. The following instructors are scheduled at the room: Mrs. R. P. Casey, chairman, and Miss Evelyn Little, vice chairman, Mesdames J. D. Schaffer, Gordon Finley, J. B. Carter, L. S. Spainhour, A. C. Chamberlain, Mary M. Hix, Carl VanDeeman, H. B. Smith, E. N. Phillips and Miss Norma Stevenson.

## Ruby R. Osborne Enlists in WAAC

A news dispatch from Fort Bragg today to The Journal-Patriot stated that Ruby R. Osborne, of Wilkesboro route one, has been officially accepted as a member of the Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps.

## Japs' Convoy 22 Ships Sent To Bottom

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia.—Allied planes, in the most resounding victory over Japanese naval units ever accomplished in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Southwest Pacific command, have shattered a huge enemy convoy bound for New Guinea, leaving 10 warships and 12 transports sunk or sinking and almost 15,000 enemy troops drowned or killed.

"The Battle of Bismarck Sea now is decided," the noon communique issued at United Nations headquarters said. "We have achieved a complete victory. The completeness was such as to assume the proportions of a major disaster for the enemy. His entire force was practically destroyed."

Fifteen thousand Japanese ground troops on the vessels were reported to have perished. The official announcement said, "and 55 enemy planes were shot out of action Tuesday and yesterday."

"Merciful Providence guided us to this victory," MacArthur commented.

The convoy included 10 warships, described in the communique as cruisers or destroyers, escorting the 12 transports. The entire fleet represented a total of approximately 90,000 tons.

"All are sunk or sinking," the communique reported.

## Use Care In Handling War Ration Books

### Keep Books In Good Shape and Do Not Lose

Too many people are handling their war ration books carelessly, which may cause them grief later on.

Persons who do the shopping for families should carry their war ration books, both 1 and 2, and keep them in good shape. The books should all be folded the same way and should be carried in an envelope of proper size to protect them from wear.

As an added help, the customer should list the things to be purchased and should, if possible, do the shopping when stores are not crowded. Stores find it very difficult to have enough help on the busiest days. Every cooperation with the merchant will be mutually helpful.

## 2,000 Wilkes Boys And Girls Pledging 'Food For Freedom'

Over 2,000 school boys and girls in Wilkes county have pledged to produce "Food For Freedom" this year.

County Agent J. B. Snipes reported the number of pledges to carry out food production projects today

Now Overseas



Cpl. Joe W. Owings is now in service at some undisclosed point in the South Pacific war zone, according to letters received by relatives here. Cpl. Owings is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Owings, of Millers Creek, and has been in service 18 months.

## Board 2 Calls Men To Report

### Many Are Listed For Induction Into the Army

Board number 2 has the following men to report for army induction in the very near future:

- James Dudley Moore, Jr. Dewitt Luffman.
  - Roosevelt Fav.
  - Ernest Monroe Brower.
  - Walter Glenn Williams.
  - Claude Howard Roope.
  - Otha Call.
  - Steward Elisha Brown.
  - Motson Dewitt Blackburn.
  - Clyde Waddell.
  - Crom Olen Sparks.
  - Evan Hampton Staley.
  - David Elmore Harris.
  - Frank Hall Hayes.
  - Ed Nouch Lyall.
  - Charlie Wayne Elledge.
  - Ramond Carl Blackburn.
  - Christy Noris Baldwin.
  - Hal Edwin Church.
  - Thomas Lee Bell.
  - Sanford Wayne Frazier.
  - Clarence Henry Settle.
  - Bynum Talmadge Gambill.
  - Burle Odell Wiles.
  - Hoyle Esha Billings.
  - Charles Junior Dancy.
  - Earl Whittington.
  - Jess Greek Eller.
  - Gernie Jesse Simpson.
  - James Earl Staley.
  - Jim Bentman Myers.
  - Carl Baldwin.
  - Gleqn Carl Bauguess.
  - Bruce Gibson Jaines.
  - Lester Ellis.
  - J. C. Drum (transferred).
  - Warren G. Eller (transfer).
  - Clate Woodie (transfer).
  - Roe Dane Haynes (transfer).
  - Squire Cleary (transfer).
  - James Harding Rash (transfer).
  - Ransom Cleveland Ray, Jr.
  - Herman Howard Sloop.
  - Will Vaughn McGrady.
  - Robert Charles Fancett, Jr.
  - Roy Calloway Browe.
  - James William Benge.
  - Candle Edger Wingler.
  - James Odell Barlow.
  - James Ray Gentry.
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## RED CROSS CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY

### Special Gifts To Red Cross Total \$3,485

The Special Gift Committee on the Red Cross War Fund Campaign who are R. G. Finley, P. W. Eshelman and J. R. Hix, report the following contributions up to noon Thursday.

Meadows Mills Co. \$200.00  
Forest Furniture Co. 200.00  
Coble Dairy Products Company 200.00  
V. Tomlinson 200.00  
American Furniture Co. 200.00  
Bank of North Wilkesboro 200.00  
Carolina Mirror Co. 200.00  
Wilkes Hosiery Mills Co. 200.00  
P. W. Eshelman 100.00  
Grier and Gordon Cotton Mills 100.00  
Reins-Sturdivant 100.00  
Turner White Casket 100.00

Wilkes Tire Company 100.00  
N. B. Smithey 100.00  
Duke Power Company 150.00  
Rhodes-Day Furniture Company 50.00  
Wilkesboro Mfg. Co. 75.00  
Ralph Duncan 10.00  
Yadkin Valley Motor Company 50.00  
Eugene Trivette 25.00  
Carter-Hubbard Publishing Co. 50.00  
Lineberry Foundry 75.00  
Hotel Wilkes 30.00  
E. G. Finley 75.00  
C. & S. Motor Co. 75.00  
Wilkes Transportation Company 50.00  
Forester's Nu-Way Service Stations 25.00  
C. D. Coffey, Jr. 25.00  
Queen Trucking Co. 25.00

## All Asked To Contribute To War Fund

### \$1,800 Given At The Wilkes Hosiery Mills Co.

Red Cross War Fund Campaign in Wilkes county is well under way, Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., campaign chairman, said today.

While response has been very favorable in early reports, Dr. Kincheloe pointed out that the goal for the county is \$10,000 and that contributions in as liberal amounts as possible will be necessary from all the people of the county.

From the Wilkes Hosiery Mills today came a splendid report which showed that the firm and its employes have responded to the call with a total of \$1,800.

Is In Africa



Pfc. Glenn Adams is with U. S. forces in North Africa. He writes his mother, Mrs. Bertha Adams, of Halls Mills, that he was moving around rapidly in North Africa, that it was a nice place, that he couldn't understand a word the native people said, but they were lots of fun.

### Keep Chickens Up

Police Chief J. E. Walker knows it is springtime again even if the mercury did knock the bottom out of the thermometers this morning.

People of the town have been calling the police and saying their neighbors' chickens are scratching up their newly planted gardens.

And as badly as food will be needed, that is serious.

All chicken owners are warned that the city ordinance says chickens must be confined.

## Work Study Of Welfare Dept. Held

### State Officials At All Day Meeting On March 26th

All day "Work Study" Welfare Conference was held in the sample room of Hotel Wilkes, February 26.

The conference was presided over by Chas. C. McNeill, supt. of public welfare. Mrs. W. R. Absher brought greetings from the public welfare department of Wilkes county. Eighteen case workers and county superintendents representing seven counties were present.

The subject chosen for study at the conference was "Administrative Review of Public Assistance Cases by the Bureau of Public Assistance, Social Security Boards."

Round table discussions were led by Miss Ida McCracklin, supervisor of standards and procedures; J. L. Hawkins, supervisor of field work, and Miss Edith Guffey, field social work representative.

Many welfare problems in counties represented, were presented to the state officials present for advice and clearance.

The Social Security Law in North Carolina requires every case of Old Age Assistance to be reviewed once per year, the Aid to Dependent Children cases twice per year.

These reviews are required in order that any change in family or employment can be noted in relation to continued eligibility on the basis of need. All changes are to be recorded immediately and entered in case record as per state requirements.

In Wilkes county the number of Old Age Assistance cases to be reviewed once a year number 230 to date. Many cases are added each month, and it is estimated that children cases to be reviewed twice a year number 190 to date.

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Mr. Eshelman and R. G. Finley were appointed chairmen for the special gifts division of the drive and they are canvassing companies and corporations for large gifts. It is emphasized that if the war fund is to be raised that many special and large gifts from firms, professional men and individuals will be necessary.

Workers in North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and in every township in the county are canvassing the people and the appeal is to contribute as liberally as possible, in order that the American Red Cross may accomplish its alma during the war. A special appeal is made to the rural people. Practically everyone has a relative or friend in the service and to service men the Red Cross is one of the greatest benefactors in time of war.

Dr. Kincheloe is asking ministers throughout the county to make an appeal for people to contribute to the Red Cross war fund and thus aid the great humanitarian work which is being accomplished by the "World's Greatest Mother."

Workers are urged to complete their canvasses within the next few days and deliver their reports. The Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross has office in the Tomlinson Department Store building.

### In Hawaii



Pvt. Chester C. Sparks, who was inducted into the army on Sept. 16, 1941. Pvt. Sparks is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Sparks of Dockery, North Carolina. He was trained at Camp Wheeler, Nevada. He has been in the service since he was 17 years old and is doing the plain work.