

# **U.S. FORCES SLASH AT MIDWAY ATTACKERS** Rommel Moves Reinforcements Into African Battle

### Axis Tanks Repulsed Second Time

British Mechanized Forces Smash at Troops Attacking Bir El Hacheim in Bloody Eleven-Day Battle of North Africa.

(B. The Associated Press) al Erwin Rommel was moving strong axis rements into the bloody tev old battle of North today as the British an-Atrie they had smashed an ank assault on bir el axis Hachelm for the second time in INCO DELVS

Bir El Hacheim, a desert waterhole, is the southern anof a 50-mile British deline stretched across the hot sands to the Mediterranean

British headquarters said British and Indian troops struck from the rear to relieve the Free French and Indian garrison at Bir El Hacheim after the defenders had twice rejected Ger-man demands that they surrender the key stronghold.

ding fresh troops and tanks, attle sector around Tobrul mpt to relieve pressure on ide corridor which axis id driven into the British nse line.

British mechanized forces were reported slashing at axis tanks holding the beach, while

Widow Does Bit to Beat Axis

Mrs. Evelyn Casola, widowed by the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, is getting back at the Nipponese by helping to build bombing planes at a big aircraft plant. She is shown drilling rivet holes in the gue door of a U. S. bomber. (Control Press)



#### JAPANESE LOSSES HEAVY IN CHEKIANG

Chungking, June 5.---(AP)---The Chinese high command announced tonight that about 8.-000 Japanese were killed or wounded yesterday in fighting around Chuhsien, rail center in wesern Cheklang province. That increased the number of Japanese casualties reported in two days of fighting for the important walled town to 10.000.

### Great Battle **Tests** Power In Pacific

American and Japanese Naval Units Believed Engaged in Climactic Encounter as Result of A tack on Midway Island.

Washington, June 5-(AP7 -American and Japanese flees units apparently were engaged today in one of the greatest batthes of the Pacific as a result of the enemy's attempt vesterday to raid the strongly garrisoned United States outpost on Midway island.

Commenting on the communique issued at Pearl Haroor early today by Admiral thester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet. naval experts here emphasized that Nimitz had said "attacks on the enemy are continuing.

This seemed to indicate, it was said, that the fight which started at Michway y 22 2rduy morning had continued for many hours with both American and enemy units maneuvering for advantage in what may be a crucial engagement determining the enemy's ability to strike at more vital points, including Pearl Harbor, the United States west coast. Alaska and even the Panama Canal.

The action off Midw y involved nly Japan

Two More

Ships Sunk

Torpedoings in Atlan-

tic Raise Two - Day

Toll to Six Cargo

Ships and Patrol Boat.

(By The Associated Press)

ships have been torpedoed in the

Atlantic, the Navy disclosed to-

day, bringing the announced

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merchant vessels and a Navy

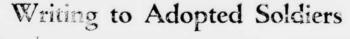
4 survive, Twenty-four hours later

the Dutch ship of t a similar tate

patrol boat.

Two more United Nations

here.





More than two hundred children who attend St. Michael's Parochial School in Chicago have adopted U. S. soldiers for the duration of the war. They pray for the troops and write to them regularly just as the three youngsters in the foreground above are using, act stand are: Mary Ann Kelbus, Anna Mae Zvonek and Paul Stahul (Centra sters in the foreground above are doing. Left to right, they (Contral Press)

## At Least 21 Dead In Arsenal Blast

More Than a Score In- 14 ARMY FLIERS jured in Explosion at Mammoth Elwood, Ill., Ordnance Shell Loading Plant; Inves-

### **Jap Assault** Driven Off With Losses

Only Minor Damage and No Casualties Inflicted on Defenders as Surprise Attack is Turned Into Staggering Defeat.

(By The Associated Press) American battle forces were reported slashing anew at a powerful Japanese naval squadcon off Midway island in the Pacific today after beating off a dawn attack yesterday by battleships, aircraft carriers and cruisers with heavy losses for he enemy.

"Our allacks on the enemy are continuing," said a bulletin rom the headquarters of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific leet.

Only minor damage and no casualties were inflicted on defenders of the tiny Us S. outpost, 1.149 miles northwest of Hawaii and 2.600 miles southeast of Tokyo, a communique said.

Turning the surprise attack into a staggering defeat. American fighters including Harines, sea and air forces were officially credited with damaging a Japanese battleship, an aircraft carrier and possibly other warships, as well as taking a heavy toll of planes.

Thousands of miles to the west,

other naval actions marked the

growing struggle for control of the

Australia-General Douglas Mac-

Arthur's headquarters announced

that allied planes guarding the vital lanes in which U. S. war supplies

re flowing to Australia have sunk

wo more Japanese submarines and

probably a third off the east coast

The new successes made a total

of six and possibly seven Japanese

underseas raiders destroyed in the

Australian theatre in the last five days. Four midget submarines were

unk in an unsuccessful raid on Syd-

Madagascar-Imperial Tokyo head-

iev harbor on Sunday.

f the "down under" continent.

Gar num dive bombers pounded furiously at British positions blocking Rommel's advance toward Egypt.

European war develop-

opply route -- two blows Germany's attempt to disrupt far north sealanes to Rusgian quarters in London said

obers had scored several dion the 35,000-ton nazi bat-Turpitz and on the heavy Admiral Hipper in an attack dheim, Norway.

dispatches reported that planes, fighting to safeguard n route for war materials tain and the United States ed home three sharp attack from which German bonu been ranging the seaway ust 40 nazi planes were redestroyed and nazi airfield avily damaged.

artare-RAF bombers omlteks on Germany overnight first time this month, centerblows instead on the chanion port of Dieppe, France iduates in nazi-occupied Hot-

fature sumrise, RAF fighter squadacced on the offensive with along the French coast.

ton campaign—Soviet headand smashed a German atat to drive a wedge into the Red on the Bryansk front, 210

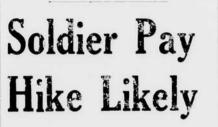
The long battle line as a whole appeared quiet.

### Senate Offers Compromise On Pay Boost

Washington, June 5.-(AP)-Senate conferees on the military pay increase bill proposed a compromise to the House committeemen today calling for \$46 a month for buck privates and \$52 for first class privates.

The House group took the proposal under advisement and another conference may be held later in the day.

The compromise offer compares with Senate-approved figares of \$42 for buck privates and \$48 for first class privates and House-approved figures of \$50 and sal, respectively.



Service Men With **Dependents** Probably Will Be Required to Contribute to Them.

Washington, June 5 .- (AP)-Early congressional approval of 850 monthly minimum pay for the armed forces appeared likely today, with the probability that soldiers, sailors and marines having dependents would be required to contribute \$20 to \$22 a month toward the support of their families.

The pay increase measure reported that Russian are the laps of a re-tive Senate smart-

> The House arranged meanwhile to take up on Monday a family allowance bill passed by the Senate vesterday under which wives of military men recei \$18 a month or less would be paid \$50 monthly for their support, the first child \$12

grandchild. bill would authorize the selective service under the President's direcervice.

Hershey, selective service director, order

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-President Roosevelt told today of official into mation that Japan was using poison gas against China and grimly declared that if the Japanese persisted in this form of warfare, the Unsted

States would mete out "retaliation in kind and in full measure.' The reports that Japan on severa ceasions had resorted to gas war are were described by the Chie

President Roosevelt

Discloses Official In-

formation That Japan-

ese Have Used Poison

Gas Against China.

Washington, June 5.-(AP)

executive to his press confernece authoritative. He read a brief form statement, which he said the Stat department had prepared, making i anequivocally clear that the Unite States would consider the use of ga gainst China or any other United ation as an action against the nited States.

Just where or in what manner his retribution might be carried out vas, of course, a matter of continu-ing secrecy. But the American bombing attack on key Japanese aties and military objectives in April ame readily to the minds of Mr

Roosevelt's hearers. However, the Unit'd States appar ently would stand ready to use gas artare, on the basis of Mr. Rooseveit's statement, against Japanese ighting forces anywhere in the

To questions whether he had any ing under charges that it was being reports on the use of poison gases niggardly in not accepting imme-diately a House proposal to boost the Chief Executive responded that he southwest of Mo cow, throw-salary of buck privates to \$50, in- had had reports but that they were stead of the \$42 it had voted pre- not yet authoritative ones.



would require the call ted must to Washington, June 5.—(AP)—War ship went down and there were contribute \$22 on this amount, the Production Board Chairman Donald to we members were rescued. As the Navy reported yest to more, to which the rest of contribute to contribute to contribute to contribute to which the rest of the contribute to contrelation. to which the government chairmanship of Secretary of Agri-5 more, to which the governmentic chairmanship of Secretary of Agri-vould add \$15 for a dependent page culture Wickard to control the pro-Pacific, Chairman Ellender, Demoent, \$25 for two parents and \$5 for duction and allocation of all civilian each additional brother, sister or and military food supplies.

Establishment of the new nine-Another provision of the Senate member committee, within the war production board, is expected to be followed in a few days by announcetrants would be called for active ment of a combined British-American food board, with Wickard as

Senator Taft, Republican. Ohio, aid Brigadier General Lewis B. the top American representative. The new committee will determine civilian, military and foreign had indicated that men would be food requirements. Nelson announclassified and called in the following ed. and have authority to speed up or curtail domestic output of foods 1. Registrants unmarried or mar- "as well as the importation of foods and sericultural materials from which foods are derived."

ut battleships and heavy cruisers As great as this force appeared to e, however, there remained a poss llity that it was engaged in a diersionary operation and a main arce was developing an attack else

#### Joliet, Ill., June 5.-(AP)-An

explosion rocked the mammoth Flwood arsenal, one of the largest in the nation, early today, leaving at least "21 known dead." Captain David Tunstall, Army press relations officer, announced.

More than a score were injured, and 28 others working in the shipping building escaped unhurt.

Three of the dead were identified.

Three of the dead were identified, but Tonstall did not announce the names of any of the 40 casualties. The blast, heard for a radius of 50 miles at 2:45 a.m. CWT, destroy-ed the shipping building of group 2 at the Elward ordnance shell load-ing plant, which had been described by its director as the largest in the world

Captain Turnstall, and there was no inf of substage, but that its possi-lity would be investigated by a and of housing. Lieutenaa, Colonel Don M. Hoff-

man, commending other, probably will convene the board of inquiry, but Transtall said the time and place had not been set. Tunstall emphasized that opera-

tions in the one group would be in-terrupted only a short time. The plant was designed with the view of preventing and minimizing explos-ions and was centered over a large Two youthful British survivors of area of southern Will county south latest sinking said their Norweian ship was sunk in the Atlantic of Joilet.

The two plants were in production some time before Pearl Harbor. May 20 and they spent five days in pen boats until they were "seund y a Dutch merchantman. Of the 43 Under censorship, there was no tu-

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nd the boys spent three more days n a lifeboat before they were res ued. More than 15 Chinese crew nembers were killed when the Dutch House Refuses Rubber-Gas ued. More than 15 Chinese crew indication how many of the 60 other

Plea For CCC Parley Held As the Navy reported yesterday the recent loss of the patrol boat and tour merchantmen in the Atlanti crat. Louisiana, of a Senate naval affairs subcommittee said in Washington that naval officers might be

called in a public hearing. "If we are not entirely satisfied that everything possible is being that everything possible is being done to halt these sinkings." Ellend-the rejected an amendment by One of the participants said flatly Representative Tarver, Democrat, no decisions were made and he did the participants said flatly the surgeon allegedly caused his permanent injury through an oper declared, "we are going into the whole matter in public."



northeast portion.

the Army said today tigation Pending.

Flames consumed the wreckage when the plane hit a hilltop as the pilot circled for an emergency landing.

KILLED IN CRASH

San Rafael, Cal., June 5 .---

(AP)—Fourteen Army fliers died in the crash of a heavy

bomber near here last night,

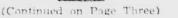


#### Unloaded as Japanese Drive to Within 45 Miles of Frontier.

New Delhi, June 5.-(AP)-As Japanese forces pressed to a point 45 miles east of India's Burma frontier, the British announced today that the largest convoy of reinforcements ever to come to the defense of India had been unloaded at eastern India ports.

The reinforcements included light and heavy anti-aircraft guns, British and American light and heavy tanks, and a large number of both fighting and technical personnel.

The convoy put into Indian ports early in May and was so big it could not be hand! d at any one port. board the Norwegian ship, at least formation about the total number of came through without loss. Among the troops were some Indian soldiers



#### special" (two-man) submarines had orpedoed and seriously damaged a 10,600-ton British battleship of the Queen Elizabeth class and a 5,220on British light cruiser of the Arethusa class in a surprise dawn attack on Diego Suarez naval base, Madagascar.

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Tokyo's claim met a swift denial y the British admiralty, which said Japanese submarines attacked the British-occupied base on May 30 aut there were no casualties in his najesty's ships.

British sea-borne forces captured he French colonial base, off the outheast coast of Africa, on May 7.

Baldwin Loses Appeal

Raleigh, June 5.---(AP)-The State supreme court today upheld the conviction of John S. Baldwin for slaying a Duke hospital surgeon, and found no error in the conviction of six men charged with armed robbery Washington. June  $5 \rightarrow (AP) \rightarrow$  and burning of a tractor, trailer and

White House today but apparently torney general docketed the case.

Baldwin tatally shot Dr. Raldolph eration. He was overpowered in a 660 supply bill for the Labor de- But, Archibald MacLeish, director hospital corridor a few seconds after serted a statement would be issued Jones' body. He later told officers

The opinion automatically fixed d the elimination of all of the CCC days," and said the statement would the execution of Baldwin, a Columbus county farmer, for June 26.

basis during the war.

sindred federal agencies. The appropriations committee, by "in the nearish future." He inter- he did not regret the act. a three-vote margin, had recommend- preted that to mean "a matter of

Louise from the White House.

Washington, June 5.--(AP)---Supporting a recommendation from its Washington. June  $5 \rightarrow (AP) \rightarrow$  and burning of a tractor, the appropriations committee, the House President Roosevelt and eleven gov- cargo in Guilford county. refused today to vote funds to keep ernment officials who are searching The court, in handing down 23 the depression-born Civilian Con- for a solution to the rubber and opinions, said that Baldwin failed servation Corps going on a reduced gasoline problems conferred at the to perfect his appeal and that the at-By teller vote of 158 to 121 the reached no definite conclusion.

Georgia, to add a \$75,818,000 allot- not know when any might be ex- his permanent injury through an opment for the CCC to the \$1,058,451.- pected.

partment, social security board and of the office of facts and figures, as- he pumped several bullets into Dr.