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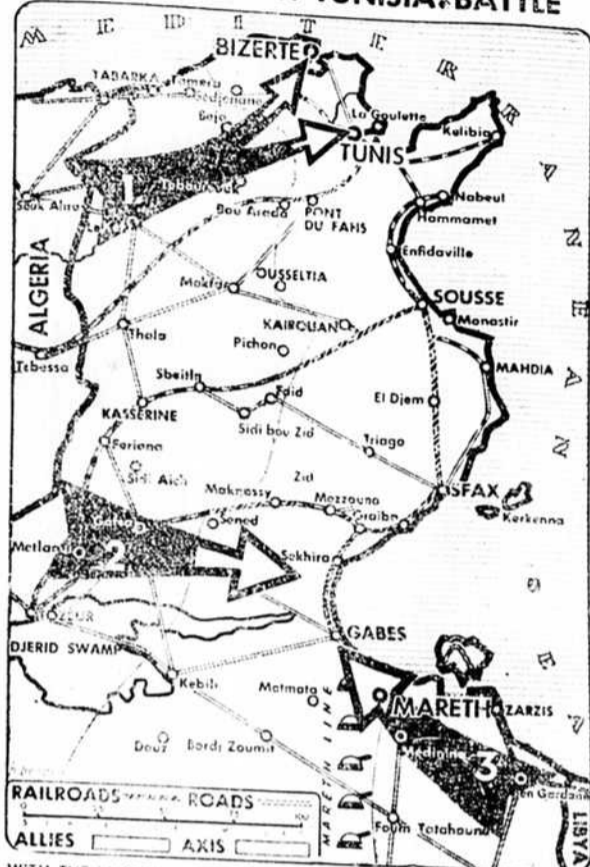
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BRITISH WIN NEW GROUND IN MARETH LINE

ALLIES LAUNCH TUNISIA BATTLE



WITH THE LAUNCHING of the Tunisia offensive, the Allied drive to force the Axis out of the area seemed at last under way. In the northern area (1), Allied movements foreshadowed a thrust at the twin goals of Tunisia and Sicily, and the ultimate aim of the Axis. Thundering past Gafsa (2), the ultimate aim of the Franco-American force appeared to be the coastal town of Sfax, at the narrowest portion of German-occupied Tunisia. Meanwhile, from beneath the Mareth Line (3), the British launched a push toward Gabes.

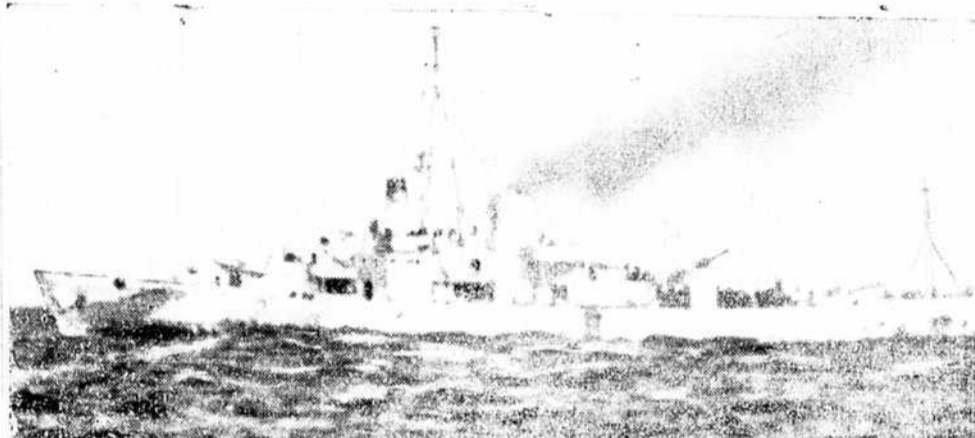
British Warships Bombard Burma

Large Fires Are Started At Donbaik

Ground Troops Make Progress; Allied Bombers Continue Hammering of Japs

(By The Associated Press) — British warships laid down a heavy bombardment on Japanese positions at Donbaik in the Donbaik area in Burma, communications said today, and vanguards of Field Marshal Sir Alexander Wavell's force driving down the coast "make progress" toward the town of Donbaik itself.

VICTOR IN 12-HOUR RUNNING FIGHT WITH U-BOAT PACK



Depth-charging five German submarines, the Coast Guard cutter Campbell rammed, shelled and sank a sixth undersea raider in an encounter with a wolf pack in the North Atlantic. Top photo shows the cutter, her plates sprung a tow line after the battle. In the lower picture, crew members are shown aboard the Polish destroyer Grom, to which they were transferred when it became necessary to lighten the Campbell. The Polish ship is a remnant of the Dunkirk evacuation. Coast Guard photos. (After Atlanta)

Rains Slow U. S. Troops In Tunisia

General Giraud Sees Capture of Gafsa As Starting Drive To End in Berlin

(By The Associated Press) — Rain-saturated troops of General Sir B. L. Montgomery's British eighth army were reported today to have won new ground in the Mareth line zone, while on the central Tunisian front the Americans slogged ahead through torrential rains and mud from their bloodless capture of El Guejar.

Optimistic Crop Report Shows Increased Acreage

Concern Is Eased Over Food Situation; Eden's Conferences Stir Speculation

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—An optimistic crop report today eased concern over the food situation in the United States. The report, issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, showed that the 1943 crop of wheat is expected to be 10 percent larger than the 1942 crop.

Casualties Announced

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—The navy announced today 24 casualties in Navy forces, including 10 killed, 10 wounded, and 4 missing.

On the Arab front, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's conferences with United Nations officials have aroused speculation over the possibility of improved relations between Moscow and the western democracies.

Ruml Plan Criticized

House Committee Report Indicates Bitter Floor Fight On Tax Collection

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—The House ways and means committee in a majority report today criticized the Ruml plan for collecting 1942 taxes as "the only plan to pay a dime to the IRS."

Broughton Denies Rumor Of Candidacy

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—Broughton today denied a rumor that he would run for the U. S. House of Representatives in the 1944 election.

Final Report Sets Ginnings At High Levels

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—The final report of the 1942 crop year, released today by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, shows that the 1942 crop of wheat was 10 percent larger than the 1941 crop.

End Of Job Deferments Indicated By Draft Head

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—The end of job deferments for men in essential industries is indicated today by the draft board.

Sabotage Is Charged

William L. Hansel Of Gastonia Arrested By FBI for Sabotage Of Gastonia Mill

Charlotte, March 20.—(AP)—The first case of alleged sabotage in the area since the start of the war was reported today by the FBI.

Lewis Offers Extension

Mine Workers Would Extend Negotiations With Any Agreement To Be Retroactive

New York, March 20.—(AP)—The mine workers' union today offered to extend negotiations with any agreement to be retroactive to April 1.

Meat Quotas Are Extended

Atlanta, March 20.—(AP)—Meat quotas for the additional week of the 1943 season were extended today by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Stocks Regain Equilibrium

New York, March 20.—(AP)—The stock market today regained equilibrium after a volatile session yesterday.

Jap Bases Are Bombed

Kiska and Munda Attacked by Planes; All Planes Return To Their Bases

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—New aerial attacks on the Japanese bases at Kiska in the North Pacific and Munda in the South Pacific were reported today by the Navy.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Colder tonight, with possible thundershowers this afternoon and tonight.