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More Nazi Planes Shot Down

PRISONERS BAGGED BY YANKS IN TUNISIA



Here are some of the hundreds of Axis prisoners taken by the American forces in the recent Gafsa-Gabes push in Tunisia. They seem happy about being bagged by the Yanks. General Eisenhower, the Allied commander-in-chief in North Africa, announced that in the period since March 16, 4,630 Axis prisoners of whom 150 were Germans, were captured by the Americans alone in Tunisia. (International Radiophoto.)

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TOURS SOUTHEAST

Army Camps, War Plants Are Visited

Trip Started April 13 Carries President Through Six States; Soldiers Found Fit

Aboard Roosevelt Train, April 20—(AP)—President Roosevelt is making a second major inspection of America's expanding war effort and has seen tens of thousands of fit, bronzed troops which, he indicated, will be used to hammer out or maintain a second front in Europe.

Weaving through the southern states by special train and motor, he has visited a Marine Corps base, a WAAC training center, and five Army posts, and reviewed division after division of fit looking fighting men, with months of toughening behind them.

Ahead of them may be glory on the European continent. "The troops you have seen will do a good job in Europe," a reporter asked at a press conference aboard his train.

Mr. Roosevelt replied that he would say so from what he had seen of our troops in north Africa and here back home.

The Chief Executive permitted an announcement today that he had toured Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas as a sequel to the swing which took him from border to border and coast to coast last fall, checking up on military and war production establishments.

He left Washington April 13. The Chief Executive told the press it was hard to pick out what impressed him most, he thought it was the great improvement in troops of all kinds, as compared with what he had seen on his trip last September. He said he thought the country was turning out snappier troops in better physical condition.

Morale in general he described as very, very high, and he asserted the men looked awfully fit. He spoke, too, of the permanent value of the educational and physical training programs in military camps.

The officers and men, he said, are eager to get in the show and get it over with.

Last fall, the Chief Executive said he had found Washington lagging far behind the rest of the nation in war spirit, and he declared he thought exactly the same thing now, after seeing the southeast.

The people away from the national capital, he said, have a much better sense of proportion and perspective.

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Three Stills Discovered In Prison

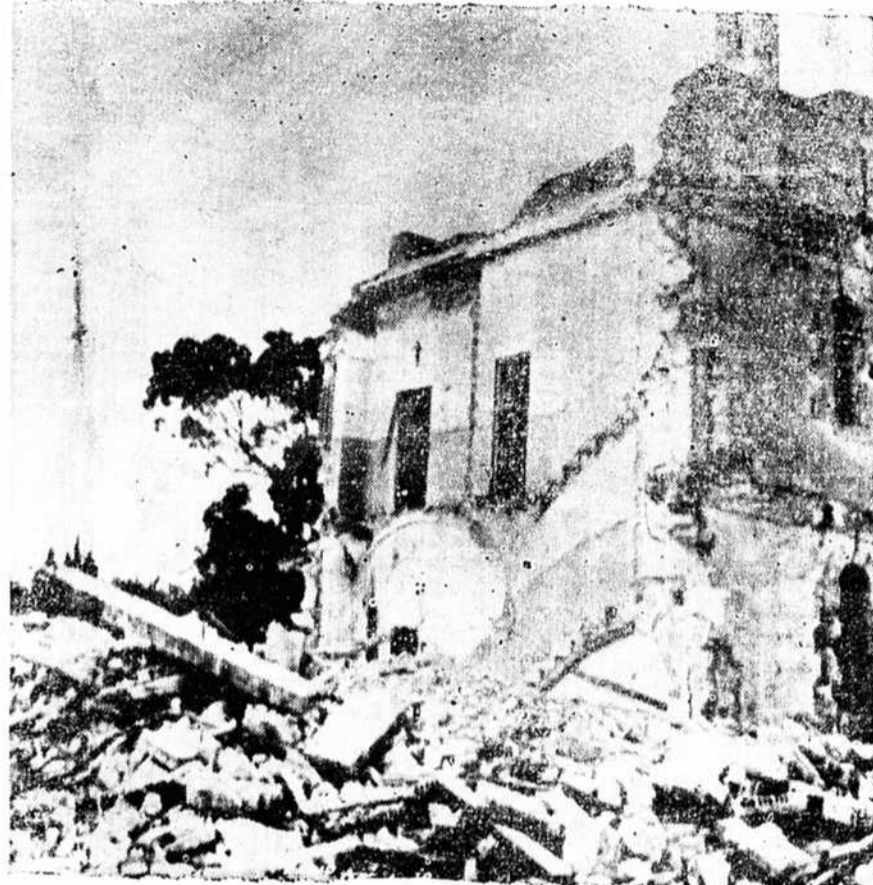
Reidsville, Ga., April 20—(AP)—How three whiskey stills were found in Georgia's state penitentiary prior to the mass escape of 25 of the institution's toughest convicts was revealed today by Warden H. R. DuVall.

DuVall, asked about reports that prisoners had been making whiskey, said one still of 30 gallon capacity was found in the prison canteen plant, in a wing of the main building, and that two smaller ones had been found. The discoveries were made March 16, just after he took over as warden, DuVall said.

One of the smaller liquor plants was found in a tunnel leading from the boiler room to the main building. This disclosure came after DuVall told how convicts planned weeks in advance for last Friday's mass break, working hour after hour to cut through specially hardened bars with steel wire, then put them back in place with soap. Confessions by two recaptured prisoners aided in the revelation.

Eleven of the 25 convicts who fled the prison remained at large today.

ALGERIAN CONVENT IS TARGET FOR NAZI BOMBERS



Fifteen nuns were killed and several others were injured when Nazi bombers blasted this convent in Algeria. The nuns were killed and injured while at prayer. Sixty orphans housed in the convent were safe in a nearby air raid shelter. (Official U. S. Signal Corps Radio-telephoto. (International Soundphoto.)

Raids Mark Anniversary

Luxembourg Radio Goes Off Air Today; Night Raids Made On Nazi Transport

London, April 20—(AP)—The Luxembourg radio went off the air shortly after noon today. Reuters reported, indicating that allied bombers might be observing Adolf Hitler's 54th birthday by a daylight bombing of European targets.

The main Danish radio station at Kalundborg also went off the air about 12:30 p. m.

London, April 20—(AP)—British light bombers and fighters struck again last night at the croaking German transport system over a big stretch of occupied Europe and Germany.

The air commander news services said that the RAF fighter ships ranged against Nazi rail lines and roads from Brittany, through northern France and Holland and into northwestern Germany, and whirlwind bombers attacked shipping in the channel.

Two aircraft were missing from the night missions, the news service said.

The force's big bombers were believed to have remained at their bases during the night.

Britain, meanwhile, enjoyed a raidless night.

PRESIDENT TO MAKE RADIO TALK TONIGHT

Washington, April 20—(AP)—President Roosevelt will address the nation tonight at 11 o'clock EDT in a speech to be broadcast over all radio networks, the White House has announced.

Subject of his talk was not given in the White House announcement, issued late last night.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Continued cool, with slightly lower temperature tonight.

Hitler's Birthday Gives Little Cheer

Ghost Voice Interrupts

London, April 20—(AP)—A powerful ghost voice interrupted the Berlin radio broadcast today by shouting.

The entire German nation courses today the hour that man was born.

The voice continued: "This birthday has been in power much too long. German people awake! The time has come to lower the Nazi flag and to tear down Hitler and his gang. On the day of Hitler's downfall, his flag will be torn."

The ghost had on the same wave length as the Berlin radio and the noise were unable to stifle the voice.

Nazi-Turk Pact Signed

Commercial Treaty Provides Exchange Of Important Goods By Two Countries

Ankara, April 19 (releaved)—(AP)—An official communiqué announced today that Turkey and Germany had signed a new commercial agreement to exchange goods equivalent to about \$20,000,000 each in the next year.

In the words of the communiqué, Turkey will furnish Germany "raw materials to which Germany attaches particular importance" and Germany will send Turkey "industrial goods of particular importance to Turkey."

(One Turkish raw material imported to Germany is chrome, but there was no specific indication that

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70 Junkers, 42 Fighters In New Total

Allied Air Offensive In Northern Tunisia Continues Scorching Pace of Victories

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, April 20—(AP)—The allied aerial offensive, continuing its scorching pace against the axis air ferry route and warplane nests, cut down 24 more enemy planes yesterday, bringing the 48-hour total to 112 of which 70 were Junkers 52 transports, a communiqué from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced today.

Raising its total on the flaming Sunday battle over the Sicilian straits, where troop-laden German transports tumbled out of the sky like leaves in a forest fire, allied headquarters said three more enemy fighting planes had been accounted for by American pilots and their RAF and South African allies from the desert air force. This put the total of enemy losses in that single battle at eight transports and 15 fighters.

The losses, but somewhat slackened offensive was continued yesterday against Marshal Erwin Rommel's aerial ferry route and resulted in the destruction of twelve more Junkers 52s and eight fighters, the communiqué said.

Four more axis planes destroyed in other fighting yesterday, and eleven in scattered actions Sunday brought the two-day toll to 112.

Against these losses, the communiqué said the allied had twelve planes missing yesterday. Eleven were announced missing the day before, a two-day total of 23.

A Malta communiqué said two Junkers 52s and two Juniors 33 bombers were shot down by Malta Spitfires yesterday, and Valletta dispatches said a third Junkers 52 was accounted for by Mosquito bombers from the fortress.

In London, it was assumed these three were in addition to the figures of the allied headquarters communiqué, bringing the two-day total to 72 axis transports or 117 planes.

On the ground, the Germans mounted a counter attack in the central sector against French forces holding Oued Kebir, south of Bon Arada, but the French beat off the assault easily.

The communiqué said there was patrol activity elsewhere, but the fact that news was taken from the land fronts was not taken as an indication.

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Allied Planes Continue Raids On Jap Basis

Washington, April 20—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today that allied warplanes, operating alone despite the enemy's mounting aerial strength, attacked five Japanese bases yesterday in the islands above Australia.

On both sides, the tremendous struggle for control of the southwest Pacific skies had slackened appreciably.

Targets hit by single United Nations planes included enemy airbases in Dutch New Guinea, New Britain, and New Guinea.

A small Japanese ship also was bombed off Trambauer island.

On the Burma front, British headquarters reported that Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's forces ambushed 200 Japanese troops on Mayu ridge, along the Bay of Bengal, killing 25 and wounding "many more."

Otherwise, the situation remained unchanged as the British held strong defensive positions after falling back from the Mayu peninsula, while RAF planes raked Japanese ground forces in low level attacks.

Nazi Attacks Mount In Kuban Delta Area

Russians Declare No Major Success Scored; German Losses are High

Moscow, April 20—(AP)—Large scale German attacks have increased in the Kuban delta area of the Black sea coast, and reports today said the Germans had attained numerical superiority in some places, but despite the weight of their attacks they were reported to have gained neither any major success nor any new territory.

Sharp midnight assaults, supported by a squadron of tanks, gave them a wedge in Soviet positions in an unclassified sector but the Russians said they had thrown the Germans out. The Germans lost 450 dead in one sector, said the midday communiqué.

The Nazi attacks were mounted from near the Sea of Azov to the heights of Novorossisk and the German air force continued to lend the ground troops heavy support. The Germans were met, however, by determined Russian air resistance and effective anti-aircraft fire, which combined to down 17 enemy planes since yesterday.

South of Baskleya the Germans lost 100 dead as they tried to smash into Red army bridgeheads about the northern Donets, and for the first time in a long time a German force, although a small one, attempted to attack on the Smolensk front, the Russians said.

Soviet big guns blasted at German positions on the Volkhov front southeast of Leningrad—activity that might be a prelude to offensive action by either side.

Spirited aviation activity continued all along the front.

Fighters Bomb Kiska

Washington, April 20—(AP)—American fighter planes, doubling as light bombers, dropped 17 tons of explosives on Japanese positions on Kiska in the Aleutians, the Navy reported today.

In the south Pacific American and Japanese planes exchanged bombing attacks on Guadalcanal and Munda.

The Navy communiqué said: "On April 18 Japanese positions on Kiska were attacked nine times by formations of Army Warhawk and Lightning fighters. Hits were scored in the Northhead, Salmon lagoon and main camp areas. Fires were started in the submarine base area."

CIVILIAN SUPPLIES MEASURE IS FAVORED

Washington, April 20—(AP)—The Senate banking committee unanimously approved today legislation to set up an agency to assure production and distribution of needed supplies to civilians.

Strongly opposed by war production board Chairman Donald M. Nelson and war manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt, the bill would empower a civilian supply administration to determine need for rationing. Authoritative persons who withhold the use of their names said, however, it has the backing of economic stabilization Director James F. Byrnes.

Roxobel Hit By Tornado

At Least Five Dead In Storm; Property Damage Estimated Near \$200,000

Rich Square, April 20—(AP)—A tornado that lasted less than two minutes laid waste the heart of Roxobel, Bertie county community of less than 100, killed at least five persons, and wrought property damage estimated at nearly \$200,000.

Harry Hollingsworth, Jr., a newspaperman who visited the scene two hours after the twister struck in mid-afternoon yesterday, said all the dead were Negroes. He identified them as Lenny Bush, 50, and Bethie Bush, 30, fifteen or twenty persons were injured.

Hollingsworth said State highway patrolmen and business men estimated the damage at \$175,000 to \$200,000.

Eastern area and district officials of the American Red Cross in a conference in Charlotte at the time the storm struck, promptly dispatched representatives to provide medical needs, food, clothing and shelter for the victims.

J. B. Weaver, Rich Square lawyer who went to Roxobel after the storm, said it cut a 50-yard swath through the business district, demolishing two two-story buildings, the Methodist church, several other business houses

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