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## SINGLE FORTRESS ROUTES CONVOY IN NEW GUINEA AREA

### Probably Sinks One Destroyer and Routes Three Others; Another Lone Plane Downs Four Japs; British Get 13 Out of 22 In Attempted Raid

A lone American Flying Fortress, attacking in pitch-black night, was officially credited Wednesday with probably sinking a large Japanese destroyer and putting three others to flight in the waters off northern New Guinea, according to the Associated Press.

"It is believed that any attempt to deliver supplies failed," Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said, referring to the exploit which occurred in the area where Allied fliers destroyed a 22-ship Japanese convoy early in March.

Capt. Fredrick Wesche, of Roselle, N. J., pilot of the Fortress in Tuesday's attack, said the enemy warship suffered a hit on the stern, and later reports of lifeboats spotted in the vicinity indicated that the destroyer had been sunk.

Other Allied warships pounded the Japanese bases at Lae, Salamaua and Finschhafen in New Guinea, and dropped 1,000-pound bombs on the enemy base at Gasmata, New Britain.

A single Allied reconnaissance plane, flying over the Bismarck Sea between New Guinea and New Britain, was reported to have shot down four of nine Japanese planes in a running battle. The Allied plane returned safely to its base.

On the Burma-India front, RAF fighter planes were reported to have damaged 13 of 22 Japanese bombers and fighters attempting to attack an Allied air base in Bengal province, India.

At least five of the enemy planes were listed as "probably" destroyed. RAF bombers flying from India attacked the Japanese along the Bay of Bengal coast, north of the big enemy base at Akyab, a communique said.

## A SUGGESTION!

It has been proposed that the stores start closing on Wednesday afternoons in April of this year so as to enable the employees and merchants to plant and cultivate their Victory Gardens. Please let us have your reaction of this as soon as possible. Notify the office of the Chamber of Commerce.

## Ration-Right



Lovely Hons Massey sets the pace for the modern American woman beset by shortages. Doing her shopping by bicycle to save gasoline, she also wears bright-red, knee high cotton ribbed socks because of their comfort and easy care. These socks, originally designed for sports wear, have been adapted to many uses by busy housewives because of their long-lasting qualities.

## PEANUTS

North Carolina was fourth in peanut production last year, with 402 million pounds. Georgia led with a billion pounds, and then came Alabama and Texas.

"Alfalfa Yellows" can be cured by the application of 80 pounds of borax per acre. The disease is caused by a deficiency of boron.

## WAAC Recruiting Unit To Be Here Week of Apr. 12

The WAAC Recruiting Unit will be stationed in the Farmville Post Office during the week of April 12th for the purpose of enrolling women interested in joining the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Sergeant Mike Lis, the driver for the party, comes from Pittsburg, but can also answer all those numerous questions about the W. A. C. Auxiliary. Emilie Jacobs' home is in Florida. She knows about entrance qualifications, training schools, and uniforms. Lt. Olga B. Taylor, a Californian, wants to meet the Farmville women so she can tell them about her favorite job—the WAAC.

Qualifications are good character, good health, age between 21 and 45, ability to pass the Army Mental Test in lieu of any other educational requirement. Women who are either single or married may join, and if your husband is already in the Army, you would make an especially good WAAC because you would already know Army life. The entire unit is equipped to help you fill out your enrollment blanks and will be glad to answer any question you may wish to ask.

## U. S. Bombers Raid Risks Installations

Washington, March 31.—The Navy announced today that United States Army bombers have again bombed at Kiska in the Aleutian Islands.

Flying Fortresses also attacked Japanese positions at Vila in the central Solomon and Kahl in the Shortland Islands area in the South Pacific, the Navy communique said. All United States planes returned safely from all raids.

As we understand it, the most reliable source will be so liberalized as to include...

## 357,162,300 Qts. N. Carolina's Home-Canning Quota

### Estimate Is Based On Recommendation For Housewives to Put Up 100 Quarts Per Person This Year

North Carolina's essential wartime home-canning goal for 1943 totals 375,162,300 quarts, a leading food distributor estimated today.

This huge job facing the state's 799,694 housewives represents an average of 100 quarts of home-packed food per person, the amount the United States Department of Agriculture has recommended for rural families and which it considers desirable also for urban families, explained Harvey A. Baum, vice president of A & P Tea Company's produce-buying affiliate, the Atlantic Commission Company. Any housewife who meets this goal will assure each member of her family two cups of home-canned food daily for about seven months.

"The need for housewives to meet the goal was emphasized when Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown reported that only 13,000,000 cases of commercially-canned fruits and vegetables would be available to civilians each month this year as compared to 30,000,000 cases a month last year," Baum said. "This means a reduction of 57 per cent, but civilians will get along on it so our armed forces and allies can get the food they need to whip the Axis."

Baum believes many American housewives will fill this gap by purchasing fresh fruit and vegetables for both immediate use and for home canning inasmuch as these perishable foods require no ration points. The War Production Board has promised adequate supplies of covers and rubber rings for home canning.

"Beginning in May our company will furnish through its stores up-to-the-minute information as to when the various fruits and vegetables are available in sufficient quantities to warrant canning," Baum said. "It is a patriotic duty this year to can fruits and vegetables at peak production periods to avoid waste."

## MRS. LULA L. MEWBORN

The funeral of Mrs. Lula Lang Mewborn, 76, widow of William E. Mewborn of Kinston, who died of a heart attack in Burlington early Monday, were held from Saint Mary's Episcopal Church in Kinston at 4 p. m., Tuesday, with burial in Maplewood cemetery there. The Rev. Edwin F. Moseley, rector, officiated. Members of the vestry were pallbearers.

Mrs. Mewborn, a native of Pitt County who had spent most of her life in Kinston was a member of St. Mary's Church. She was a daughter of the late W. G. and Priscilla Moye Lang of Pitt County. Her husband, a prominent Kinstonian, died several years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Carlotta Mewborn of Kinston and Mrs. Duncan MacKenzie of Burlington; one son, Ronald E. Mewborn of Kinston; a sister, Mrs. C. E. Moore of Farmville; seven grandchildren, E. E. Mewborn, Jr., of Kinston, Cadet Ned P. Mewborn, West Point, Cadet Bill Mewborn, Georgia Military Academy, Dick, Constance and Peggy Mewborn of Bordenstown, N. J., and Duncan MacKenzie, Jr., Burlington, and numerous nieces and nephews.

## PROTEINS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has estimated that the supply of protein feeds will be 16 percent greater in 1943, with an increase of 15 percent in livestock. The protein situation is "tight."

Laundry service is now hard to obtain, and that's the rub for the housewife.

## April Is Cancer Control Month

### Local Drive For Funds To Be Made Tuesday, April 13th

The Farmville Woman's Club, the Literary Club and the Junior Women's Club will sponsor the Cancer Control Fund Campaign here on Tuesday, April 13th, when a house to house canvass will be made.

## A Message of Hope

For centuries cancer threatened humanity with its hopeless fear. Today the Women's Field of the American Society for the Control of Cancer carries to every home the message that cancer can be cured if discovered early.

Launched in 1936, the Army today has Divisions of forty-seven states and the District of Columbia. It seeks to form units in every county and community in the United States. It has the approval and support of the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, and the U. S. Public Health Service. It has the cooperation of large national women's organizations, the guidance of state and local medical societies, and the assistance of thousands of individuals. The Congress of the United States, appreciating the importance of the cancer control program, in 1938 set aside the month of April as Cancer Control Month. During April the Women's Field Army appeals to everyone, both men and women, to become a member and to participate in its work.

## The Shoe Is On The Other Foot.

The statement by Dr. C. C. Little, managing director of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, when announcing the seventh annual enrollment campaign of the Women's Field Army, puts responsibility for the control of cancer squarely up to the public. The disease is the second highest cause of death in the United States. It kills 160,000 persons annually.

The slogan that has been selected, "With your aid we shall be victorious," marks a change in philosophy about the cancer problem, said Dr. Little. Until recently the medical field knew comparatively little about the causes and cure of cancer. The public grew to believe the disease was hopeless, and demanded that science do something to improve the chances of cure. It has. Today the situation is changed. In the past few years surgeons, radiologists and research workers have each contributed noteworthy advances to the diagnosis and treatment of this disease. But, continued Dr. Little, no medicine has yet been discovered that will cure cancer. Surgery, x-rays and radium are still the only known means of cure; and cure can be effected only when the disease is discovered and treated in its early stages.

This, he emphasized, places the responsibility on the individual. Each must learn the symptoms of early cancer and go to his physician as soon as he recognizes one of them in his body.

This sounds like common sense to us. Science has apparently greatly increased the chance of being cured if you have cancer. But the first move must be made by the patient. This being the case, the least we can do is to help publicize the early symptoms of cancer so that our own responders need never have occasion to say, "Why, oh why, didn't someone tell me!"

If you have any of the following symptoms, consult your doctor at once. It may be the means of saving your life:

1. A persistent lump or thickening, particularly in the breast.
2. Any irregular bleeding or discharge from any body opening.
3. Any sore that does not heal normally, especially about the tongue, mouth or lips.
4. Any persistent and unexplained indigestion.
5. Any sudden change in the form or rate of growth of a mole or wart.

## JAPS LOVE LIFE, TOO



## Spring Thaw Halts Battle On Red Front

### Minor Clashes Reported In Various Sectors

Moscow, March 31.—The spreading spring thaw has brought still worse weather conditions to the long Russian front and the Soviet midday communique today again opened with its monotonous keynote: "No essential changes occurred on the fronts."

Almost a week has gone by now that no major-scale activities have been waged in the battle areas, although there still are repeated sharp clashes in various sectors.

(The German high command communique stated today that Russian thrusts on the Kuban bridgehead and southwest of Vyazma were repulsed. South of Lake Ladoga successful defensive fighting continued, the communique said. It reported that two Soviet battalions were annihilated and a number of tanks destroyed in this action.)

(It said that "south of Lake Ilmen a German offensive operation made in order to shorten the front reached prearranged objectives in spite of difficult terrain conditions.")

(The communique said that quiet prevailed yesterday on the southern and central sectors of the front.)

Soviet fighters on the western front, pushing slowly into the German positions on the distant approaches about Smolensk, were able in the thick mud and slush to carry out only scouting operations yesterday, it was said, but the Soviet noon communique announced that south of Bely an attack with cold steel and hand grenades won the Russians a series of German trenches, with about a company of the German defenders wiped out.

In the continuing battle for the Dnepr river valley positions east of Kharkov, Russian scouts killed 150 Germans attempting to find a new crossing over the river and captured five loaded supply trucks, the war bulletin declared.

Red Army artillery also was credited with destroying four German tanks and dispersing a battalion of German infantry in a bombardment of enemy forces concentrating in apparent preparation for another river crossing attempt.

It was in this sector, the Russians said, that the Nazis yesterday renewed furious assaults after a comparative lull, and the renewal cost them 500 officers and men killed in land battles, and 15 planes shot down.

The Soviet midnight communique lauded General Simonov as the defensive hero in this sector, with all enemy attacks being repulsed and the Russians lashing out with counterattacks that caused heavy enemy losses, it was asserted.

## Methodist Revival Will Continue Into Next Week

Inspirational messages, splendid singing, and a large receptive audience mark the series of Revival Services being held at the Farmville Methodist Church, which have been extended to go through Wednesday of next week.

The children and young people are especially invited to attend the Services on Saturday morning which will begin at 9:30 o'clock. There will be special music at the eleven o'clock worship hour on Sunday morning and a service for the reception of members. Rev. Paschall will bring the message on Sunday evening. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

## MENDING

Home economists urge regular mending, repairing and altering of the family's clothing. This results in actual money savings through the longer life of garments.

## Allied Armies Are Pressing Offensive

### FARMVILLE BOY WINS AIR AWARD Was Formerly Reported As Missing

London, March 30.—Headquarters of the Eighth Air Force announced yesterday 530 awards for U. S. airmen following a ceremony at the U. S. AAF bomber crews were formally decorated by Col. John H. Hayden of Tampa, Fla.

Among recipients of the Air Medal were: Staff Sgt. Herbert H. Burnette, of Farmville, N. C., and Staff Sgt. Lindwood F. Jones of Greenville.

Sgt. Burnette is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Burnette of near Farmville. He was reported missing in action in the African campaign in February.

In an interview this week, Mrs. Burnette said that the local Red Cross Service Committee is investigating this news for her in an effort to find out if her son received his medal before or after he was reported missing. Since the article gave him as Staff Sgt. and the War Department telegram listed him missing as Technical Sgt., she feels that the award was probably made before his last assignment from which he is reported missing, but is hopeful that the Committee will be able to find otherwise.

## Axis Ships Sunk

London, March 31.—Four British submarines sank six Axis ships and damaged four others on the supply route to Tunisia, the Admiralty announced today.

One of the victims was a medium-sized vessel carrying petroleum, it said. Another was a large, fully-laden ship which was picked off from a strongly escorted convoy off northern Sicily.

## CHICKENS

Nutritional deficiencies in poultry rations may cause "curled toe" paralysis, dermatitis, imperfect egg shells, rickets, or convulsions. Growers should watch closely all feeding rations.

## NUTRITIONIST

After thirteen years of efficient service, Mrs. Sallie Brooks Venters, assistant nutritionist at N. C. State College, will retire to her home in Onslow County on May 1.

## War Board Ready To Issue Permits For Slaughterers

Farmers of Pitt County and all other livestock slaughterers who slaughter meat animals for sale must obtain permits from the County USDA War Board by April 1 in order to continue their operations, according to J. V. Taylor, Chairman of the board.

Livestock dealers who buy animals for resale also must obtain permits by that date, Mr. Taylor said. The dealer permit regulation, however, does not apply to most farmers as livestock dealer is defined as a person who buys animals and sells them in less than 30 days.

The permit orders are a part of a national meat control program recently announced by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard designed to stamp out black market activities and bring all meat into legitimate trade channels.

Chairman Taylor said the County USDA War Board now has permits ready to be issued to farmers, local slaughterers, butchers and livestock dealers who intend to operate after March 31.

"I would like to emphasize that farmers who slaughter animals for home use do not need permits to do so," he said. "A permit is required, however, if they deliver any meat for use by others. All slaughterers, including farmers, are required to keep accurate and complete records of all animals killed. Farmers also are expected to keep records of all animals bought or sold."

Under the anti-black market program, all persons who slaughter animals for sale after March 31 will have a permit number which must be stamped on each carcass cut of meat. Slaughterers who operate under federal, state, county or city inspection will use the same number they now have. Other slaughterers will be given numbers when they obtain their permits, and will be required to use these in stamping carcasses.

Light Douglas bombers with mixed British and American crews escorted by Spitfires and Warhawk squadrons carried out a number of these missions.

## Seek To Prevent Joining of Axis African Forces; British Capture Sedjenane and Oudref as Americans Advance In Midst of Violent Fighting; Allied Air Forces Trying to Close Escape Door

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, March 31.—British Eighth Army veterans, pushing the defeated forces of Marshal Erwin Rommel relentlessly across an open and barren plain under a fiery air attack, have seized Oudref directly in the Gabes Gap, the British First Army in the north has captured Sedjenane and Americans in the center have moved up a notch on the enemy's flank, it was announced today.

Capturing Metouia, eight miles north of Gabes, the Eighth Army, Sir Bernard I. Montgomery swung on to Oudref, four miles farther along the road, and then continued to drive northward with nothing to halt the onrush but hastily erected defenses. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters said.

British infantry and Moroccan goums of Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's First Army took Sedjenane, 40 miles west of Bizerte, after an advance of about seven miles from the Djebel Aboud area.

Meanwhile the forces of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., made a slight advance through dense minefields in the scarred hills east of El Guetar.

The British in taking Oudref and Metouia, however, had seized the junction of the road leading from El Guetar and Gafsa with the main coastal highway, and the Axis position in front of Patton appeared to be wholly untenable.

The fact that the Americans encountered mostly Italians in their advance was taken here as indicating that the Axis chief of staff already had pulled back most of his effectives, in an effort to avoid being nailed on the flank.

The Eighth army's onrush and the American's dogged hammering 45 miles to the northwest was squeezing Rommel's forces further back into a bottleneck between small salt marshes north of the Shott Djerdid and the sea.

Reports from the front said the Americans had finally crossed the German minefields and had captured 200 prisoners.

Montgomery's men, wiping out enemy units in hurriedly thrown up trenches and other defenses, were compelling Rommel to continue his retreat almost entirely to the coastal highway, flanked by the sea at a distance of only about five miles on the east and desert and marshes on the west.

(Algiers radio broadcasts said the British navy was continuing to harass the Axis retreat by pouring shells into the coastal road.)

The first 40 miles of Rommel's route toward Sfax, some 70 miles up the coast, were barren sand, and each mile pushed the beaten Germans and Italians into a narrowing corridor.

There was no information here, however, on reports of an Allied naval landing at Sfax.

Sedjenane, given up by the British a few days ago during an offensive by Col. Gen. Jürgen von Arnim's northern forces which carried them about 24 miles, was retaken in an attack from the south. It is a little railway station only about 12 miles from the coast. The attack was carried through in difficult conditions.

Medium bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters were especially active as the Allied air attack continued at a furious pace, smashing at La Foucauldier airfield, 30 miles northwest of Sfax, and El Maou airbase to the north of Sfax, twice yesterday, attacking many tanks, anti-aircraft machine-gun posts and strafing troops.

(The British and American air forces in North Africa announced yesterday that they were adopting "no-stop" annihilation attacks against the enemy's troops and front line positions as soon as his defenses appeared to be cracking, shifting from their tactics of attacking ports and supply facilities.)

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Allied planes shot down 12 enemy planes during the day, killing seven of their own planes. Eleven of the enemy planes were shot down by Americans.

Western desert air forces sent Montgomery's armor corps to battle between Sfax and Gabes, south of Gabes and between Gabes and Sfax.