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## SPokesman of RAF Lauds American Daylight Raids

### Wants More American Planes 'Quickly'; War Upon U-Boats More Effective

London, June 3.—An official Royal Air Force spokesman today enthusiastically praised the American air offensive in the European theatre, but urged that the United States send more bombers immediately.

"These American attacks by daylight have tremendous value and effect," he said. "A very important part is being played by the forces of American aircraft now available. All we can say now is that we want more of them—and quickly."

The RAF commander made his appeal at a press conference during the third day of a full in the air war. Britain's big bombers were grounded again last night. Four or five German Focke-Wulf fighter bombers bombed two East Anglian towns early this morning, causing only slight damage and injuring one person. One of the raiders was shot down.

#### Remarkable Results

He reviewed the list of targets raided by the Eighth United States Air Force, commenting after almost every one—"remarkable results."

(The RAF spokesman's comments dovetailed with remarks of Gen. Henry H. Arnold, who told the West Point graduating class yesterday that "we are going to end it (the war) and end it soon by bombing military objectives consistently and with the maximum destructive power we possess. . . . The RAF and the (US) AAF with their bombing are building up a situation which, by all reasoning, should make history repeat itself.")

The British spokesman said the RAF still was increasing its bomber strength and, in view of that, its recent heavy losses could be discounted despite the fact that "the Germans have put their whole soul into this thing and have doubled their night fighter force in Western Europe."

He said reconnaissance photographs and other intelligence indicated that the 7,500 tons of bombs dropped on four main cities of the Ruhr—Dortmund, Düsseldorf, Essen and Wuppertal—during the week ending May 29 put steel works, coal mines and other important installations out of action for months.

#### American Raids

The commentator credited American air forces with two of the four big offensives of May, the greatest air war month of the war. The Eighth Air Force blasting of Germany and occupied territories by day and the American attacks on Italy and the Mediterranean islands from Africa were praised highly. The two other offensives were the dam-busting operation of RAF Lancasters and the Battle of the Ruhr.

He said it was "highly significant" that American heavy and medium bombers had been returning without loss from daylight attacks on Italy.

### Farmers To Receive Service Certificates

Official Certificates of War Service soon will begin moving to North Carolina farm families who have enlisted in the 1943 wartime food production program, according to H. A. Patten, State AAA Executive Assistant.

The certificates are being awarded in recognition of the part farm families are playing in the nation's war effort. More than 200,000 certificates already have been sent to County USDA War Boards for distribution to individual families, and more will be distributed as soon as they are received. Patten estimated approximately 237,000 North Carolina farm families are eligible to receive the certificates.

Printed in red, white, and blue, the 11 by 14 inch certificate carry out a patriotic theme through use of a red border and a large blue "V" on the fact of each. They are signed by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard and the chairman of the Local County USDA War Board. Each certificate bears the seal of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the official food for freedom emblem, both printed in red, white, and blue.

These certificates are being prepared in farm families in preparation of the work they are doing in the growing program. The certificates are being prepared in farm families in preparation of the work they are doing in the growing program.

## Proclamation

To the Citizens of Farmville, Greetings: WHEREAS, June 8 to 14 is designated as Flag Week by the United States Flag Association, which sponsors throughout the Nation this week commemorating the adoption of our Flag, and

Whereas, the observance this year is dedicated to the War Savings Program of the United States Treasury Department with the slogan "SAVE BY SACRIFICE" and the object of selling 100 million dollars worth of War Bonds over and beyond normal purchases for the week.

Now, Therefore, As Mayor of Farmville, I proclaim the week of June 8 to 14 Flag Week; direct that our Flag be displayed on all municipal buildings; and urge that our citizens display the National Emblem at their homes, places of business and elsewhere.

Furthermore, I urge our people to participate in the Flag Week War Bond Campaign so that our city will discharge with honor and distinction its share of responsibility in this campaign of honor to our Flag and aid to the victory for which our brave sons, on the battlefronts of the world, are offering all that they possess.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Farmville to be affixed this 29th day of May in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Forty-three.

GEORGE W. DAVIS, Mayor of the Town of Farmville.

### BOY SCOUTS

The Tuesday night meeting of the Boy Scouts of Troop 26 was called to order by Lath Morris, the Scout Master. Maynard Thorne led the Troop in the Scout Law. Immediately following Neal Howard, the Troop Scribe, called the roll. Four boys were selected to deliver circulars on preserving fats. McDonald Bowling was voted into the Troop to make the 29th member. The Troop then retired outside and entered into drills and games. We were then dismissed by Charles Parker who led the Troop in the Scout benediction.

The French, we are advised, face breadless months. They can thank Der Fuehrer.

## War Ration Book Three

To accomplish the gigantic task of getting War Ration Book Three into the hands of 940,800 North Carolinians Uncle Sam is borrowing an idea from one of the nation's most successful businesses—the mail-order house.

He's making it just as simple as possible for everyone to get the new ration book. He is having the application blank delivered to your home by the postman, where the head of the family can fill it out at his convenience. Once completed, it need only be mailed back between June 1 and 10 to the OPA state mailing center (the card is already pre-addressed) and you can forget all about the whole thing until the postman delivers your family's ration books to your door.

Distribution of the new ration book will be the biggest mailing job in history, but it won't be a difficult one for the Post Office Department or for OPA. Citizens are careful in filling out the application forms. All information is to be typewritten or printed on the form, with the exception of the signature at the bottom of the card which must be written (this protects applicants against forgeries). No books will be issued on unsigned cards.

Space is provided on the blank for the names of 12 members of a family. Should additional space be necessary, another form should be filled in listing the other names and the two cards fastened securely together.

Protection against loss in the mail is afforded by the numbered stub which forms the top part of the application. This stub should be torn off before the form is mailed and stub books are delivered by the postman.

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### CANNED GOODS

The quantities of fruits and vegetables available in the market are being increased by the War Relocation Authority. The quantities of fruits and vegetables available in the market are being increased by the War Relocation Authority.

## Russians Defeat Nazi Air Raiders

### Germans Send 500 Planes Against Kurak and Lose 123; Land Fighting Flares

London, June 3.—Radio Moscow reported today that 500 German planes had raided the Great Russian stronghold of Kurak on the Kharkov-Moscow Railroad in five waves Wednesday and that 123 of them had been shot down in one of the greatest air battles of the war.

Swarming in on the city of 102,500 persons, 120 miles north of Kharkov, which they had looted and ruined during their occupation and whose people they had killed, tortured and enslaved, the Germans met a shattering defense.

The first impact took the German planes to the city approaches and some of them broke through, the Moscow broadcast said as recorded here.

But fighter planes and thunderous gunfire met them and those that pierced the defenses had to jettison their bombs, causing casualties among the people who had remained or had managed to return.

Waves by wave, in separate attacks, the Germans came back, Moscow said, to lose 93 planes to Russian fighter pilots and 30 to anti-aircraft guns. Thirty Russian planes were lost.

#### Another Raid

On Tuesday, another Moscow broadcast said 24 German planes had attempted to raid Shchigry, 50 miles northeast of Kurak on the Voronezh Railroad, an important communication channel to the east, but they were intercepted by Russian fighter pilots who shot down eight of them and forced a ninth to land on Russian-held ground. Only one Russian plane was lost, Moscow said, and its crew parachuted safely.

The Russian midnight communiqué reported that Russian pilots, repelling German air force attacks around Leningrad, also had shot down 22 planes and that anti-aircraft guns had destroyed more.

## ETHIOPIAN WISH

London, June 2.—Belata Ayala Gabre, Ethiopian minister to Britain, today urged that a picked group of Ethiopian "Commandos," equipped fully with long knives and a long-standing vengeance should be allowed to spearhead an Allied invasion of Italy.

"The Fascist blood would turn to water," he said. "The Ethiopians remember the thousands of their comrades who died on the hot desert sands in 1936 and they never will be satisfied until they can rip an Italian's gut," he asserted.

Ethiopia would like nothing better than to lead an Allied invasion, he said, for Comandante-type fighting was old stuff to the average Ethiopian, "who cuts his eye teeth on a spear and learns to undergo hardship at an early age."

"Give us the weapons and we'll lead the invasion," Gabre said. "When they invaded our homeland, many Ethiopians fought and liked the Italian soldiers with only sticks."

Ethiopia would be willing to follow the lead of other United Nations in the matter of disposing of Benito Mussolini as an Axis war criminal.

"But if we had a free hand," he conjectured, "well—in Ethiopia we execute a man for taking another's life."

## WAR IN BRIEF

Reports from the French Riviera via Madrid say that the Italian garrisons on the fortified island of Pantelleria have been ordered to battle stations following bombardments by the British navy and the Allied air fleets. Italy is said to be expecting invasion of Pantelleria at any moment.

Royal Air Force spokesman lauds American air offensive and says more American bombers needed in European area quickly. Maritime, RAF and American bomber fleets continue ground hit.

Russians report 123 500 German planes hurled against their base at Kurak was brought down as fighting grows more intense along the eastern front.

Navy reveals that only four Japanese prisoners were taken in fierce fighting on Attu. At least 1,500 Japanese were killed.

Chinese armies on the central front continue their gains after smashing Japanese drive since Changchun. British messages from Indian battlefronts show the army among others, shot down in the Bay of Bengal by Axis planes.

## TOWN AND FARM IN WAR TIME

### RATION REMINDER

Blue Stamps (For canned, frozen and certain dehydrated foods)

Blue stamps G, H, I remain good through June 7. Blue stamps K, L, M are good until July 7.

Coffee. Stamp No. 24 in War Ration Book One, good for one pound of coffee, became valid May 31 and is good through June.

Gasoline. "A" book coupons No. 5 good for the gallons each and must last till July 31.

Red Stamps. (For meat products, canned fish, most edible oils and cheeses). Red Stamps "J" and "K" good through June.

Shoes. No. 17 Stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair until June 15.

Stamp No. 13, good for 5 pounds, became valid June 1 and is good through August 15.

Stamps Nos. 15 and 16 in War Ration Book One now are valid for 5 pounds of sugar each, for use in home canning. They are good through October 31. Housewives may apply at local boards for supplementary sugar rations for home canning if essential.

May Use Oil Stoves. North Carolina householders may use their oil cooking stoves this summer regardless of the availability of coal or wood-fired stoves. OPA has announced. The present restriction denying fuel oil rations for domestic cooking and water heating, if adequate "stand-by" equipment is available, has been lifted because of the shortage of all fuels, and to encourage home canning.

Food For 3-Day Furlough. A North Carolina serviceman on a leave or furlough of at least 3 days hereafter will be provided with a complete application form for obtaining rationed food before he leaves camp. He will give the application to the person who provides his meals, who will submit it to the local board for food certificates within 15 days after the furlough ends.

Lower Potato Prices Seven Per Cent. Consumers' ceiling prices on potatoes have been decreased about seven per cent according to a recent OPA announcement. At the same time, the price paid growers was increased.

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## Two Killed, Two Injured In Crash Near Farmville

### Fountain and Chocowinity Men Fatally Injured In Truck Collision; Marines Hurt

John Cleveland Redick, well-known Fountain citizen, and John C. Hayes of Chocowinity, driver of a star route mail truck, are dead, and two United States Marines from the New River base injured—one seriously—as the result of a head-on collision between the truck and Redick's car on the Fountain highway near the Farmville line Saturday night at 9 o'clock.

Redick, 52-year-old retired merchant of Fountain, was killed instantly; Hayes, rushed to the Pitt General Hospital at Greenville, died shortly after 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Sgt. Gordon C. Price of New River escaped with a scalp injury, and was discharged from the hospital, but Cpl. H. Abner sustained a fractured skull and the hospital pronounced his condition as serious.

The accident occurred just at nightfall on a curve. Redick was coming to Farmville alone in his car from the Fountain direction, and the mail truck driven by Hayes, with the two Marines as passengers, had just left Farmville. The truck operates the mail route from Washington to Rocky Mount. The machine was heading on and both were reduced to wreckage.

Funeral services for Redick were held Monday afternoon at 4:30 at his home in Fountain, and burial followed in the Fountain cemetery. The Rev. A. A. Lawrence of Falkland conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. B. D. Keller of Fountain.

Redick was a son of the late John and Willie Ann Redick of Fountain. Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Jones of Fountain, and a sister, Mrs. G. C. McIntyre of Hope, with two brothers, W. V. Redick of Washington, and W. C. Redick of Fountain.

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## Only Four Japs Taken Prisoner

### Navy Reveals Suicidal Nature of Attu Resistance; At Least 1,500 Killed

Washington, June 2.—The Navy underscored the suicidal nature of Japanese resistance in the Western Aleutians today with the disclosure that only four prisoners were captured while a minimum of 1,500 Japanese were being killed in the first 20 days of the American drive on Attu Island.

The death toll probably will be increased greatly when final reports are in. The figure is additionally moderate in that it represents only bodies counted and takes no account of Japanese who may have been buried under the snow by their comrades or left unrecognizable by the blasts of great shells and bombs.

It is this stubborn resistance which has prolonged the Attu struggle into its fourth week. American forces were understood to be continuing mopping up operations today, and despite the enemy's heavy casualties, a number of pockets of resistance in the mountainous north-eastern end of the island around Cape Khibikof still had to be cleaned out.

Far Lighter. American casualties thus far announced indicated that American losses on the island were far lighter than those of the Japanese. Secretary of War Stimson said last Thursday that United States forces had lost 127 men killed, 399 wounded and 118 missing.

While this did not cover as long a period as the Navy's report on Japanese losses, authorities said that our proportionate losses would remain on about the same level.

The Navy communiqué announcing the enemy casualties said that as of midnight May 30, the Japanese losses on Attu were "estimated" as 1,500 killed and four captured.

A spokesman declared that the figure of killed was arrived at by an actual count of bodies, but was described as an estimate to cover possible minor errors in field reports.

The communiqué also reported that on May 31, while mopping up operations continued on Attu, formations of Army Liberator heavy bombers, Mitchell medium bombers and Warhawk fighters bombed and strafed Japanese positions on their main Aleutians base on Kiska Island.

"Hits were scored on the runway, North Head and Gertrude Cove," the communiqué said. The last two places are enemy defense locations.

The accounting of Japanese casualties covered the heavy fighting of the latter part of last week. The Navy previously had reported that on Saturday night and Sunday morning more than 400 Japanese were killed in scattered operations conducted as part of the successful American advance on Chichagof Harbor, where three United States columns effected a junction Sunday.

Prior to that an enemy force of undisclosed size had made a counterattack on one of the American columns in the Chichagof valley, lying southwest of the harbor, and had been annihilated.

## The Boll Weevils Threaten Heavy Damage To Cotton

Boll Weevils emergence is much higher than in recent years and the indications are that there will be severe damage during the coming season to the cotton crop, unless the weather is dry, says Dr. E. F. Coon, Assistant Extension Entomologist at N. C. State College.

He suggests that growers keep a careful check on infestation and, as soon as they find one weevil per 500 plants, jump into the fight. Weevils usually appear around the edge of fields and along overgrown ditches and it is here that particular attention should be given the crop. It is best to make counts at about four different points in a field to check it thoroughly.

Coon points out that either the dust or the liquid treatment can be used for pre-spraying. In dusting, equal parts of calcium arsenate and hydrated lime should be thoroughly mixed and applied at the rate of three to four pounds of the mixture per acre, when the air is calm.

For mopping, the 1-1-1 mixture consisting of one pound of calcium arsenate to one gallon of water and one gallon of molasses, is used. The mixture should be stirred frequently while it is being applied and it should be used the same day it is mixed.

Coon said that if rain occurs after the poison is applied, it should be repeated as soon as the weather permits. About three applications of poison, made at 5 to 7 day intervals, should be made to bring down infestation to a proper level.

## ITALY REPORTED AWAITING INVASION OF PANTELLERIA

### CHINESE GAINS

Chungking, China, June 2.—Chinese troops smashing forward all along the Yangtze front in central China were declared officially tonight to have annihilated all Japanese remnants surrounded in a Hupai province sector south of the river and to have launched an attack on the town of Changyang below the main enemy base of Ichang.

Northeast of Ichang, said a Chinese communiqué reporting a series of sharp successes in the counter-offensive against the Japanese invader, a number of points were recaptured.

In north Hunan province, it was added, Chinese forces had regained three towns above the city of Lichang and in this area, too, it was declared that the retreating Japanese had been surrounded and many of them annihilated.

Well to the north of all this action, in Shanxi province west of the Taihang mountains, the Japanese were counterattacking.

The Chinese announced that in fighting between May 11 and May 24, more than 5,000 casualties had been inflicted upon the Japanese in the mountainous regions east of Shantung.

### Warehousemen's Meet Scheduled For June 11

The Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association, made up of warehousemen from all over this belt, will gather in Wilson for its annual meeting on June 11, at the Cherry Hotel. A. W. Fleming, president of the association will preside.

There will be morning and afternoon sessions and a dinner for the tobaccoists. A number of important things will be brought up at this time.

### MARGARINE

Because of the wartime demand for cottonseed oil, the War Food Administration has requested the margarine industry to use corn oil as well as soybean oil in the manufacture of its products.

What has become of the American undertaking to take the profit out of war?

## Navy Recruiter On Duty Here Today

In an effort to save men and women of Pitt County and vicinity much time and trouble in making application for the Navy or the WAVES, Recruiter D. B. Taylor of the New Bern Navy Recruiting Station will open a temporary recruiting station in Farmville on June 4 and will remain here for one day to interview persons interested in any branch of the Navy.

Recruiter Taylor will maintain his office in the Postoffice Building, and his hours will be from 8:00 a. m. until 6:00 p. m.

All quotas have been lifted for Navy enlistments, and an unlimited number of 17-year-olds, WAVES, and Seabees may be enlisted immediately. Also, men between the ages of 28 to 39 may qualify for enlistment with any rating for which they are eligible.

Navy trade schools have been opened wide to the 17-year-old youngsters. In order that a large group of young potential petty officers will be available soon. Never before in the history of the Navy have opportunities for the younger men been so great, and a nation-wide drive has been inaugurated to obtain thousands of youngsters for the training schools.

There are 55 different Navy trades from which the youngsters may choose, and they range from medical training to carpentry. An effort is being made to place the youngsters in the fields they prefer, on the theory that they will do better work in the type of trade they like best.

Hundreds of Top Naval women already have been enlisted in the WAVES, and are now undergoing training at army colleges or universities. A few weeks hence they will be graduated, and will be eligible for forty different ratings—ready for duty at some shore station within the continental limits of the United States.

Men who are registered with Selective Service now are eligible for advancement in the Navy construction battalions, popularly known as the "Seabees." Recruiter Taylor will have complete information on the correct procedure for enlisting and enlisting.

The 17-year-old men are advised not to wait until too near the 18th birthday to apply for the Navy, for once they have become 18, they must register for Selective Service, and therefore must be serving through the draft board.

## Italian Garrisons Said To Have Been Ordered To Action Stations Following Bombardments By British Warships; Allied Planes Continue Blasting Italian Targets

Madrid, June 2.—Rolling reports from the French Riviera said tonight that the Italian garrisons on Pantelleria Island have been ordered to action stations to meet an expected imminent Allied invasion attempt.

Stand-by orders were flashed to the Pantelleria garrison following the sudden British naval bombardment of the island Tuesday afternoon, the second naval attack there in 48 hours.

At the same time, the French reports said that the Italian battle fleet had been put on the alert and is ready to put to sea on an hour's notice to challenge an Allied invasion fleet.

Italian military and naval chiefs, these advisers said, are fearful that the Allies will strike at any moment, possibly in a three-pronged drive against Sardinia and Sicily as well as Pantelleria.

The Pantelleria garrison was reported to have maintained an "urgent alarm" for 48 hours, after which it received orders to hold itself in a permanent state of readiness.

### HUGE LOAD OF BOMBS DROPPED ON ITALY

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, June 2.—Allied North African warplanes heaped a record load of 3,000,000 pounds of bombs in Italian soil last week in the big "softening up" offensive which, with a double bombardment of Pantelleria by British warships, has become a joint air-sea operation, it was revealed tonight.

In seven days climaxed by a heavy Flying Fortress attack Friday on the Italian port of Leghorn, British and American heavy bombers, medium bombers and fighter-bombers kept Italy, Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria shuddering under the impact of the heaviest weight of bombs ever unleashed in a single week by one air command in the Mediterranean war.

In addition, British and American planes of the Middle East and Malta dropped at least 500 tons of Italy and its island outposts in the same period, making a grand total of some 4,000,000 pounds.

Pantelleria Shelled. Earlier it was announced that British warships had stood off Pantelleria twice within 48 hours and pumped hundreds of shells into its weakened defenses without meeting effective opposition.

Steaming into major action for the first time since the Allied Mediterranean aerial push got under way on May 18, the men of war blasted the island Sunday night and then teamed with United States Flying Fortresses and bomb-carrying Lightning fighter planes to smash gun positions and other targets Tuesday afternoon.

Pantelleria, attacked 28 times by air and sea in the past 15 days, reportedly was fortified heavily in recent years at great expense. The lack of major opposition to the double naval assault indicated that the defenses have taken a terrific beating in recent days.

(A United Press Madrid dispatch, quoting reports from France, said Pantelleria was virtually isolated from Italy, with no ships able to enter the harbor and air communications being difficult to maintain. Madrid said Axis submarines no longer were putting in at Pantelleria.)

United States Mitchell and Marauder medium bombers and Lightning and Warhawk fighter-bombers were out again Tuesday, bombing and strafing shipping and other targets on Sardinia and Sicily. Warawks also attacked the seaplane base at Stagnone Island, off the Sicilian west coast, where several anchored flying boats were destroyed or damaged.

Little Opposition. For the first time in many days no Axis planes were shot down by the Americans and, attending to the actual lack of opposition, only one United States plane was lost in all operations.

"HARD TO GET"

The newly-created Office of Civilian Requirements is planning to provide farmers with 50 "hard to get" items from their bills to manufacturers, which are presently required for the food program.

Advice to those who are taking more money than they before, in making some one in the amount of money. Save some of it.