



REDS OPEN NEW DRIVE; ALSO CLOSER TO PRUT

More than 1,000 German Soldiers Killed in Single Battle in One Area; Several Hundred Were Drowned As They Fled Across Bug River

London, March 23rd.—The German high command said Thursday that fighting was going on inside Kovel and northwest of that center below the Pripiet marshes in the eastern part of Poland—approximately 50 miles beyond the announced positions of the Red army.

"The German garrison at Kovel repelled renewed Russian attacks," a broadcast communique said, "and shot up six out of ten enemy tanks which had broken into the town."

"Northwest of Kovel German troops stopped the advancing enemy after fierce fighting."

A new Russian offensive southeast of Vitebsk on the other side of the marshes also was reported by the Germans.

Spearheads of the Red army have driven to within 25 miles of the Prut River border of Rumania below the fallen German bastion of Mogilev Podolski, Moscow dispatches indicated Thursday and Berlin reported the opening of a new Soviet offensive from the Tarnopol-Proskurov sector apparently aimed at trapping large Nazi forces in the Vinnitsa area.

Increased Threat

An increased threat to Rumania developed as Marshal Ivan S. Konev's second Ukrainian Army widened its Diester river bridgehead below Mogilev Podolski in a smashing drive which the Russians said carried the town of Nadushta, 18 miles north of the important rail junction of Byelsti and 20 miles west of the Diester river.

Other Soviet forces, meanwhile, Moscow announced, captured Yarishov and Kurlivsky-Murovany, respectively 10 and 24 miles northwest of Mogilev Podolski, while Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's first Ukrainian army continued its slow but steady push southwest of Kremenets toward the large industrial center of Lwow. More than 1,000 Germans were killed, many prisoners and much booty captured in a single battle in this area, a Soviet bulletin asserted.

500-Mile Front

On the southeastern end of the 500-mile-long Ukrainian front, Gen. Rodon Y. Malinovsky's forces staggered the German line by capturing the important fortified railway junction of Pervonaisk, driving to the approaches of Vosnesensk, 85 miles northeast of Odessa, and reaching a point eight miles from Nikolaev on the Bug River estuary, Moscow announced.

Hundreds of German soldiers were said to have drowned in the swirling waters of the Bug River as they fled Pervonaisk when Malinovsky's troops stormed the city's defenses after a two-day battle. Huge stocks of war material and great numbers of prisoners fell to the Red army forces, the Soviet communique declared.

U. S. Now Preparing To Break With Finland

Washington, March 23.—A break between the United States and Finland appeared Thursday all but inevitable.

The only thing believed capable of preventing final diplomatic rupture would be some official word that peace negotiations between the Finns and Russia have not collapsed completely.

Hope that such word would be forthcoming was very slight in informed quarters here. None the less there was some reluctance to abandon all hope.

The Finnish government was notified several days ago that the United States was reconsidering its relations with Finland. A break was not openly threatened at that time but it was clearly implied since it is about the only diplomatic measure left to Washington.

MRS. IDA OWENS

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Owens, 68, wife of J. B. Owens of Farmville, who died Monday afternoon in a Veterans hospital of bronchial pneumonia, were conducted from the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Hart of Farmville, Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. W. L. Hart of Farmville. Burial was in the rural cemetery.

Survivors are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. R. L. Galt of Farmville; three sons, W. W. and A. C. Owens of Farmville, and C. B. Owens of Greenville; and one sister, Mrs. J. B. Owens of Farmville.

C. L. Beaman, Sr. Laid to Rest Here

Funeral services for Carl L. Beaman, Sr., prominent citizen of Farmville, who died suddenly from a heart attack, Wednesday, March 15th, were conducted at the home on East Wilson Street, Friday morning, by Rev. E. C. Chambliss, pastor of the Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. J. M. Duncan, Baptist minister at Murfreesboro. Interment was in Hollywood cemetery.

A quartet including Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Holmes, and J. R. Shearin sang "Lead Kindly Light," "The Touch of His Hand on Mine" and "The Home Overthere." Mr. Holmes rendered "Crossing the Bar" as a solo.

Mr. Beaman was 53 years old and had lived in Farmville since 1910. He was a native of Greene County. In 1915, he married Miss Nell Taylor of Greene County who survives, and from this union were born three children who also survive. Carl L. Beaman, Jr., with the Armed Forces in England, Mrs. Horace Lewis and Nell Beaman of this city.

Mr. Beaman had been connected with the Farmville Oil and Fertilizer Co., since 1917. He had been a member of the local Baptist Church since 1916 and was one of its active members, having served as a member of the Board of Deacons, Clerk of the Church and purchasing agent for the past several years. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Places of business were closed during the funeral.

The deacons of the Baptist Church served as active pallbearers.

Among those from out-of-town attending the funeral were: Snow Hill—Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Christman, Mrs. Albritton, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Albritton, Mrs. Percy Holden, Mrs. Oscar Miller, Mrs. George Edwards, Mrs. Roy Mewborn, Mrs. Roscoe Bunn, Fred Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mewborn, Miss Mary Katherine Albritton, Miss Martha Ann Albritton, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Joyner, Mr. Ralph Bynum, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Herring, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Taylor, Miss Lela Mae Taylor, Mrs. Fred Beaman, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Beaman, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beaman, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Eason, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Beaman.

Miss Mamie Ruth Joyner, LaGrange; Mrs. Sam Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Herring, Walstonburg; Mrs. David Golin, Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Shackelford, Kinston; Miss Ava Taylor Albritton, Tarboro; Miss Marjorie Albritton, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Parham Taylor, Goldsboro.

Active pallbearers were: H. W. Kemp, A. J. Melton, Ben Lewis, Walter Jones, Raymond Shearin, Manly Liles, Geo. W. Davis, J. W. Holmes, Dr. J. M. Whelless.

Honorary pallbearers were: R. C. Copenhaver, E. L. Barrett, J. W. Bass, Leroy Ellis, C. W. Blackwood, Alton Bobbitt, Hadley Bryan, Jack B. Briley, Lewis Creech, F. A. Darden, F. M. Davis, Jr., John D. Dixon, M. L. Eason, W. D. Fields, R. R. Newton, L. N. Freeman, J. H. Harris, E. C. Holmes, H. D. Johnson, Dr. P. E. Jones, Robert Joyner, Arthur Joyner, J. B. Joyner, R. A. Joyner, T. E. Joyner, W. E. Joyner, R. H. Knott, R. O. Lang, Gordon Lee, John B. Lewis, L. T. Lucas, Andy Martin, Dr. J. M. Mewborn, Dr. R. T. Williams, J. Y. Monk, A. B. Moore, J. H. Moore, Will Moore, Jr., J. I. Morgan, Sr., J. I. Morgan, Jr., W. A. McAdams, T. H. Nichols, Josh Dixon, R. A. Parker, C. M. Payler, W. A. Pollard, Jr., W. J. Raeburn, J. E. Roberts, S. A. Roebuck, LeRoy Rollins, G. A. Rouse, B. S. Smith, R. L. Smith, J. M. Stansell, L. E. Walston, L. P. Thomas, M. G. Thorne, E. O. Turnage, T. C. Turnage, A. C. Monk, Sr., L. E. Turnage, J. T. Thorne, A. B. Tyson, C. A. Tyson, Ed Nash Warren, Dr. W. M. Williams, J. M. Whelless, Jr., Leon Eason, M. V. Horton, W. S. Royster, R. D. Rouse, Loyd Smith, J. B. Taylor, F. W. Satterthwaite, Harry Dixon, Joe Flake, Lynn Eason.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. MARY L. SAVAGE

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Savage, 93, widow of John Lawrence Savage, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Vivrette, in Battleboro, Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were conducted at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon from Grace Chapel at Lawrence by the Rev. Edward Spencer, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Gray Temple, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rocky Mount, and the Rev. Mr. Kessler, Presbyterian minister of Laurens.

Surviving are four sons: B. C. and L. M. Savage of Greenville, Frank Savage of Tarboro and Lester Savage of Gainesville, Ga.; three daughters, Mrs. J. A. Vivrette, Mrs. Minnie Warren and Miss Edith Savage, all of Battleboro; 13 grandchildren, among them, Ed Nash Warren of Farmville, and six great grandchildren.

RED CROSS DRIVE

Although reports are incomplete as we go to press, indications are that Farmville and surrounding community are falling short in reaching their RED CROSS WAR FUND Goal. You are asked to consider again the splendid work of this organization, to read the editorial in this week's issue and if possible to increase your donation, that we may come out on top in this great cause.

Students Urge Governor To Act in Meadows Case

Greenville, March 22.—The student body of East Carolina Teachers College, holding a called meeting tonight, adopted a resolution calling upon Governor Broughton to refer the matter of "alleged mishandling of college funds by Dr. Leon Meadows" to a body of State officials "higher than the board of trustees or the college, and if necessary to the State courts for a just decision."

The student body, headed by Dorothy Lewis of Farmville, met after a petition had been circulated and signed today asking that the meeting be called "because of the dissatisfaction among students and the spirit of unrest on the campus because of the manner in which the entire matter has been handled."

The board of trustees of the college yesterday adopted a resolution exonerating Dr. Meadows, head of the college, of any charges made in a report from the State Auditor's Office that he had "not satisfactorily accounted for \$18,636.34 of disbursements of college and student funds handled by him through his personal bank account."

A motion to call a holiday strike "and fly the flag halfmast on the campus flagpole until this matter has been cleared up to the satisfaction of the student body," was withdrawn after the resolution was adopted.

The meeting started at 6:30 p. m., and lasted for three hours.

The resolution adopted by the students follows:

"Resolved: That we the student body of East Carolina Teachers College will hereby submit this resolution to the Governor of North Carolina:

"We the students of ECTC feel that the matter concerning Dr. Meadows' mishandling of the student funds has not been conducted to our satisfaction. We feel that some members of the board of trustees have not acted as a jury should. Certain ones of the board have shown themselves partial, which we feel is a violation of the qualifications of a jury. We feel that those members of the board were prejudiced in their opinion and that they have not exercised the proper judgment in considering the case. Of all people concerned, we feel that this is up to us, the students, to make known our opinion, since it is our money concerned.

"We request, therefore, in consideration of this, that the Governor of North Carolina refer the matter to a body of State officials higher in rank than the board of trustees, and, if necessary, to the State courts for a just decision."

Revival Services At Baptist Church

You are invited to attend a week of Revival Services which begin this evening at the Baptist Church, with services each morning, except Saturday and Sunday, at 10:00 o'clock and each evening at 7:45.

Rev. Charles B. Howard, pastor of the Buies Creek Baptist Church and member of the Campbell College faculty, will be the preacher.

JOINS HONOR SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Copenhaver spent Wednesday and Thursday in Winston-Salem, where Mrs. Copenhaver attended the organization meeting and inaugural ceremonies of the Honor Society of Salem College.

Mrs. Copenhaver accepted an invitation, issued by the College, to become an honorary member of the Honor Society, which bases the list of honorary members for the present on Alumnae, who graduated with college honor standing in the classes of 1931 to 1943 inclusive.

An address by Dr. Winfield H. Rogers, of Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, featured the program. All members were honored guests of the College at luncheon served in Corbin Hall.

Mrs. Copenhaver, who was graduated in the class of '32 with an A. B. degree, was a member of the Alpha Phi Kappa sorority. She has been a member of English in both the Winston-Salem and Farmville high schools since graduation.

Richard Garris Is An Experienced Veteran

Farmville and community have been doing honor this week to one of its war heroes, Richard Garris, Gunner Mate, Second Class, United States Navy, who is at present assigned to the Motor Torpedo Boat Com. Detail, New York.

The young sailor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Garris, Route one, and his young bride, formerly Miss Alder Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cox, of Maury, are visiting his parents. They were married on the 17th of January, this year.

Young Garris enlisted in the Navy in 1941 at the age of 19, and was assigned to the U. S. S. Hornet when it went in commission and served on her for more than a year, the entire length of time she stayed afloat. He was in four engagements, Tokyo Raid, Coral Sea, Midway, Santa Cruz, the capture and defense of Guadalcanal, the Rendova and Munda battles and was among the survivors when the Hornet went down. Following this, he was assigned to a survivor's camp for a time.

The sailor wears three bars and rates a citation bar also. His silver star and three bronze stars signify that he has seen service in eight major engagements. His ribbons are Asiatic, American Defense and American Theatre.

He laughingly said that after the Hornet went out from under him, General McArthur needed him "to ride his PT boats around Guadalcanal and while serving there his squadron was credited with 13 ships and 1 sub. He "rode the boats" in the Guadalcanal and Russell's area until they were secured.

His toughest experience came in the New Georgia campaign, during which he lost 20 pounds. Following the sinking of his boat by Jap dive bombers, Garris was sent to the States and has had furloughs of 67 days, intermittently, since.

In one area the sailor saw continuous action for 21 nights. He claims an estimated total of 240 Japs killed by him during a desperate effort made by the enemy to reinforce Munda. Six barges, 40 feet long, and carrying 40 to 60 men each, were reported as destroyed by Garris and his skipper is said to have confirmed this action.

When his PT boat was sunk, Garris sustained an injury to his foot, but he stated he improvised some crutches which he used for three weeks, and never even reported his accident.

He spent 19 1-2 months out of the States. After report of the Hornet's sinking was made public, Garris' family wired inquiries to Washington concerning their son, but no trace of him was found for a period of three months. Strange to relate, he was receiving mail from home during that time and continued to write his folks, but they didn't receive his letters.

Just 21 in point of years, Garris is a seasoned veteran from the standpoint of military service and experience.

NEW ADDRESSES

Joe Butts, RT 2/c, U.S.N.R. Co. 5131, Barracks 323, United States Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Md.

Ensign R. D. Rouse, Jr., U.S.N.R., U.S.N.A.T.B., Solomons Branch, Washington, D. C.

Lt. (jg) C. R. Thorne, U. S. N., A. T. C., Camp Bradford, N. O. B., Building No. 7, Norfolk, 11, Va.

S/Sgt. John A. Butts, A. S. N., 20488578, Cannon Co., 117th Inf., APO 20, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Roland Butts, M 2/c, A. B. S. D., (2), Sec. 20, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

Corp. James R. Jones (34173803), 805th Chemical Co. (AO)-D, APO 9732, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Ivan L. Lovis, S. S. Richard Rush, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Cpt. Jesse A. Smith, 4th Separate Wire Platoon, First Corp., Signal Battalion, First M. A. C., c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

ELI GARNER

Elm City.—Funeral services for Eli Garner, 66, retired merchant of Elm City, who died at his home Wednesday morning following an illness of several years, were held from the home Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

Mr. Garner had been inactive in business for the last five years, but during the last 40 years was a leader in local civic affairs. He was a steward in the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Garner; three sons, Neelham E. Garner of Asheville, and Marvin E. Garner of New River; one daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Fitzgerald of Portland; two sisters, Mrs. S. C. Weaver of Wilson and Mrs. Maggie Benson of Durham; two grandsons, and one granddaughter.

UNCLE SAM'S BOMBERS CONTINUE BLASTING TARGETS OF THE REICH

The Fifth Army Repulses Attacks

Allied Headquarters, March 23.—Fifth Army forces doggedly flung back German attacks on their Cassino positions while in the air war Allied bombers struck sharply at enemy supply lines in northern Italy, Allied headquarters announced Thursday.

In the southern section of the town of Cassino, New Zealanders still were engaged the enemy at close quarters. Allied artillery knocked out a German tank emplaced in one wrecked building, raising to five the total destroyed in the week of fighting for possession of the town.

Westward along the lower slopes of Monastery Hill Allied forces kept up their attacks along a north-south axis. The Germans counter-attacked against Hill 193, a key height, just northwest of the town, but were thrown back, leaving thirty prisoners in Allied hands.

In New Sector

The Germans also lunged forward in two strong attacks in a new sector—near Monte Castellone, three miles northwest of Cassino, but French troops broke up and repulsed their formation with artillery fire.

Allied Headquarters, Naples.—RAF Liberators and Wellingtons lugged 4,000-pound blockbusters to Padua on Wednesday night and battered the rail yards there with one of the most devastating attacks of the Italian campaign, the crews reported.

Flames visible 95 miles away were left by the attack and one entire block of administration buildings near the airfield was ablaze.

It was the third major assault in recent weeks on Padua, a junction connecting lines running to Trieste, Milan and the Brenner Pass route through Bologna. The Wellingtons have delivered two night attacks and American Fortresses one.

Airmen said one blockbuster tore squarely into the center of the yards and a large number of explosions, apparently in cars laden with ammunition, occurred when the freight cars were tossed around like toys.

American Flying Fortresses and Liberators also hit Verona and Bologna, on the route south from the Brenner Pass, as well as Rimini, important junction point on the Adriatic midway between Venice and Ancona.

Medium and light bombers also joined in the railway attacks with blows against bridges at Poggionesi and Arezzo, south of Florence, and Popoli, in front of the Eighth Army line.

Rules Announced On Canning Sugar

Application Blanks To Be Available Soon At Local Rationing Boards

Raleigh, March 20.—Sugar for home canning will be made available this year "at the same rate as last year and in much the same way," it was announced last night by Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh District OPA director.

Johnson said five pounds of canning sugar may be bought with Sugar Stamp No. 40 and the remainder—a maximum of 20 pounds per person—will be granted on application to local war price and rationing boards soon after March 23. There will be no restrictions on the amount of sugar for each quart of finished fruit, as was a provision in former years.

Applications will be made to local boards on new and simplified forms, which will be available from the 64 local rationing boards in the Raleigh OPA District before April 1. The entire transaction can be handled by mail, Johnson said, and a single application may be filed for all persons living at the same address.

Johnson pointed out that in order to make it unnecessary to send ration books by mail, OPA has arranged for the use of "Spares" Stamp No. 87 as an identifying check. This stamp should be attached to the application form, one "Spares" Stamp No. 87 for each person applying for canning sugar.

The complete canning-sugar program will be in operation in time to take care of the needs arising from the strawberry season in North Carolina.

Because of the sugar supply shortage, the food rationing section of OPA said that it is probable that the maximum allowance will not be available at any one time.

Set Great Fires Raging In Industrial Metropolis of Frankfurt; Allies Lose 33 Aircraft In its 1,000-plane Attack

London, March 23rd.—Another big Allied daylight force thundered over Europe today, hard on the heels of more than 1,000 RAF planes which Wednesday night set great fires raging in the German chemical and industrial metropolis of Frankfurt, the main target of their attack.

The first reports of the daylight aerial invasion came from the Germans who said in their broadcast that bombers, presumably American Fortresses and Liberators, were following up their big attack on Berlin with blows at the western, central and the northwestern Reich.

Berlin, attacked Wednesday by 600 or more Flying Fortresses and Liberators, and at least an equal number of fighters and with a bomb load of about 1,500 tons, was harassed again last night by Mosquitos which also hit other objectives in western Germany.

33 Aircraft Missing

Altogether, the RAF announced 33 aircraft were missing in the night operations. This was 11 more than in the last 1,000-plane attack when the city of Frankfurt also was the main target on Saturday.

The attack on Frankfurt, the 48th of the war and the 11th heavy bombardment the city has undergone, left large fires burning and smoke rising to a great height, the air ministry stated.

It was the third time in a week that the RAF has sent out a force of over 1,000 planes.

Probably well over 3,000 tons of bombs fell on Frankfurt, and this, with the tonnage dropped on Berlin by Americans, brought the bomb load tossed on the Reich in the past 24 hours close to 5,000 tons.

Wednesday night's attack probably was not as big, however, as the one on Stuttgart on February 15, when more than 1,000 heavy bombers centered their whole force on that city.

The RAF hit Frankfurt unusually early, around 10:45 P. M., and unloaded showers of blockbusters for about half an hour.

An hour after it was over Mosquitos saw huge expanses of fire—into which they unloaded more high explosives—and columns of smoke soaring a mile high.

Pre-Easter Meeting At Christian Church

Time for another pre-Easter meeting. It will begin on Palm Sunday and close Easter Sunday night. Rev. Howard James of A. C. College will lead us in singing the old gospel hymns. Come and help us. Services will begin at 8:00 P. M. each evening.

Also Sunrise Prayer meeting will be held with us under the leadership of the Ministerial Association.

You are cordially invited to all the services.

Rev. C. B. Mashburn.

WIN MEDALS

Maxwell Field, Ala.—Aviation Cadet David E. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Leslie Smith of Farmville, was recently awarded a Sharpshooter's medal for proficiency in firing the .45 Caliber Automatic Pistol at Maxwell Field, Ala., an installation of the AAF Training Command.

Here he is completing nine weeks of intensive pre-flight training in military, physical fitness and academic subjects.

Fort McClellan, Ala.—Private LeVerne A. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Green, of Farmville, shot one of the highest scores in his company to qualify for the expert's medal on the rifle range at the Infantry Replacement Training Center here.

Before induction last December, he worked at Newport News, Va. Private Green is stationed at the training center, which gives a thorough course in the care and use of the many Infantry weapons which the modern foot-soldier employs when he goes into combat as a first-class fighting man.

LARD

There is more lard on the market than cold storage warehouses can accommodate and it is suggested that housewives stock a small amount of extra lard in their refrigerators.

CALCIUM ARSENATE

Cotton growers are asked to buy calcium arsenate for boll-weevil control this summer. Officials fear that labor and transportation shortages may delay other crops when the pest is needed.