



Leaving behind the wreckage of many German military installations and a badly scared German garrison, tough British Commandos and American Rangers returned to their invasion barges to re-embark for their home port in England. The object of the raid was to test the German defenses on the French coast and to gain vital information. Pictured in this photo are members of the raiding party as they returned to their craft, carrying their wounded with them.

## FIGHTING SPREADS IN DESERT

### Red Troops Retreat Toward Stalingrad; City's Peril Grows

#### TANKS CLASH AS ENGLISH, NAZIS MEET IN EGYPT

U. S. Army Tanks Are Seeing Action

NAZIS BREAK LINES

Soviets Forced to Withdraw To New Positions Before Onslaught

DESPERATE RESISTANCE

Cairo, Sept. 2. — British and German tanks are locked in fierce battle on a widening front which now extends 20 miles up from the Himeimat peak at the southern end of the Alamein line to the Ruweisat ridge at the north-central stretch, a communique revealed today.

British imperial forces took the initiative at the northern end of the line, near the Mediterranean, lashing out in offensive raids which resulted in the capture of numerous German prisoners, the communique said.

In one sector of the front a small force of United States army tanks were in the battle zone, eager to clash with the Germans.

United States army airplanes were fully engaged and the communique said that Monday evening American bombers, along with planes of the Royal and South African Air Forces and of the British Mediterranean fleet, successfully attacked targets in the battle area and Axis landing fields behind the line.

Long-range fighters attacked enemy motor transport along the coastal road running back to Libya.

The communique of the Middle Eastern command of the Royal Air Force indicated that German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was now actually embarked on the supreme offensive which he hoped would take him on to Alexandria, 80 miles to the east.

It was believed that Rommel's powerful tank forces had now clashed directly with the armored corps of General Harold R. L. G. Alexander after two days in which the axis advanced elements had probed out the Imperial defense line.

Moscow, Sept. 2.—Russian dispatches reported today that Soviet forces defending the southwest approaches to Stalingrad have been forced to retreat to a new line — the fourth withdrawal in 48 hours — and that the peril to the vital Volga city was now mounting by the hour.

A large Nazi armored force was reported to have broken through the southwest defense lines despite desperate Soviet efforts to halt its progress.

On the front northwest of Stalingrad, the Nazis were again on the move, dispatches said, and danger of a break-through in that region was admitted.

(The German high command claimed that Nazi troops have reached the Volga River north of Stalingrad.)

"Southwest of Stalingrad, Soviet troops engaged in tense fighting with enemy tanks which have broken through," the Soviet communique said. "One of our units in fierce fighting destroyed 12 enemy tanks and about one company of infantry.

The lyre bird receives its name from the shape of its tail which when spread out resembles the musical instrument — the lyre.

A pumpkin vine ran up a tree in W. Va. and bore a 40 pound pumpkin 13 feet above the ground.

**BOTH GIVE LIVES** Pictured below are the Duke of Kent, left, and RAF Flight Commander Thomas W. Allen, of Louisburg, at a plane base somewhere in England. The Duke visited the base to congratulate Allen and his squadron on sinking a German ship May 20. Since that time Allen, a son of Leslie L. Allen, and an alumnus of N. C. State College, was reported missing after action above the English Channel. And last week news was released of the death of the Duke in the crash of a Sunderland Flying Boat while en route to Iceland. Photo by British Air Ministry.



### Men With Dependents May Not Be Drafted

May Says If At All Will Be 18 Months or More

Washington, Sept. 2.—Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.), of the House military affairs committee said today that on the basis of a selective service survey of man-power requirements married men with dependent wives and children should not be drafted for another year and one-half and "possibly not at all."

"In any event," he said, "married men with wives and children who have no other means of support and have no families to return to should permanently be deferred by draft boards. That is the intent of the draft law and if it is not clear it should be made clear."

May and Chairman Robert R. Reynolds (D-NC), of the Senate military affairs committee joined in cautioning the army against disrupting war production and established homes until absolutely necessary.

May told reporters that he had called Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey and other selective service officials to his office recently after it was reported that the army planned to have every able bodied man between the ages of 18 and 45 in uniform within two years. He said Hershey had given him figures showing that:

1. An army of 6,296,000 men can be raised before draft age is lowered from 20 to 18.
2. After that the armed forces can be increased to 9,000,000 before men with dependent wives and children are called.

Sen. Chan Gurney (R-SD), will introduce a bill in the Senate tomorrow to lower the draft age to 18. He said drafting of 18 and 19 year olds "should have started Dec. 8—24 hours after Pearl Harbor."

May said his committee would start similar legislation in the House "by the end of the year," but that he is determined to prevent drafting 18 and 19 year olds until the army makes it clear that it is necessary.

The smallest Bible in the world is one-third the size of a postage stamp, one-fourth of an inch thick, and can be held on a teaspoon. It took 4 years to complete.

Gopher tails were once used as money in parts of Dakota in the 1860's.

### ELKIN SCHOOLS TO START 7TH; ADD 12TH GRADE

Pupils Must Report Monday At 9:10 A. M.

CLASSES BEGIN TUES.

New Grade to Be Inserted Between Elementary and High Schools

ONLY 2 BUSES ASSIGNED

A twelfth grade will be added to the city schools this year for the first time. The schools will open Monday morning at 9:10 for registration of pupils, collection of book fees and assignment of lessons. Regular classes will get under way Tuesday morning. The schools will operate on the following schedule, according to J. Mark McAdams, superintendent of schools: From 9:10 a. m. until 12 noon and from 1 p. m. until 3:45.

Pupils are requested to go to their respective schools for registration. Book fees in the high school, including the eighth grade will be \$2.40, with a library fee of 60c, making a total of \$3.00. In the elementary school the text books are free, but a fee of \$1.00 for each child for supplementary readers and instructional supplies will be made, together with a library fee of 25c in the primary grades and 40c in the grammar grades.

The twelfth grade will be inserted between the elementary school and the high school, which will make the ninth grade the freshman class in high school. New courses of study in this class will include English and reading, health and physical education, arithmetic, home and family living, North Carolina history and spelling. The class will be held this year at the high school building.

The same post-graduate courses will be offered this year in the high school curriculum as have been offered heretofore.

Only two buses have been assigned to the school this year and the routes have been curtailed. Parents and pupils are asked to cooperate in every way possible in this emergency to work out a satisfactory program.

### Former Yadkinville Lady Dies Saturday

Mrs. Jeanette Alice Crews, 69, former resident of Hamptonville, died at the home of a son in Roanoke, Va., Saturday after a three week's illness. She was the widow of the late Rev. A. H. Crews, Friends minister, and since his death Oct. 6, 1937, has lived among her children.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Prospect Methodist church near Smithtown, with Rev. Ellis Norman and Rev. Mr. Groce in charge. Grandsons were pallbearers. Burial was in the church graveyard.

### Five Cases Are Tried By Hall

The following cases were disposed of before Magistrate J. L. Hall here Monday.

Roy Johnson, Lewellyn Wilkins and James Burgess, colored, public drunkenness, \$2.50 and costs each.

Bill Johnson, public drunkenness, costs.

Earnie Harris, violating prohibition laws, bound over to superior court.

### He Added It Up To Right Answer!

Tyron.—All those questions on the several sheets of selective service questionnaire didn't mean a whole lot to a local Negro youth. He couldn't read very well any more.

In uneven, red pencil strokes he wrote across the front of the questionnaire:

"I'se ready when you's ready."

### LIST THOSE WHO OBTAINED TIRES

Figures for Month of August Announced by Rationing Board

INCLUDES ALL TYPES

Following is the list of new tires and tubes, recapped tires, and obsolete tires and tubes granted by the local rationing board for August:

New truck tires and tubes—Mt. Airy Canning Co., P. E. Burch, Cash & Carry Stores, Inc., A. O. Bryan, Thurman Coe, S. C. Southard, Johnson Brothers, Central Electric & Telephone Co., E. E. Slawter, A. B. Cheek, City Transit Co., V. W. Coe, Chatham Mfg. Co., Hayes & Speas, Grady Lewis, J. F. Royall.

Truck recaps—A. B. Cheek, Chatham Mfg. Co., G. P. Jenkins, S. M. Southard, Richard J. Reynolds, S. C. Southard, Cash & Carry Stores, Inc., S. R. Collins, City Transit Co., T. V. Bauguss, Johnson Bros., Ben H. Guyer, H. G. Harris, Robt. Whitaker, Carolina Ice & Fuel Co., John Nixon.

Passenger car tires and tubes—Dr. J. R. Johnson, N. C. State Highway Patrol, Thurman Steel, Dr. C. E. Nicks, Mary Holland, A. L. Butler, Myrtle Phillips, Dr. J. R. Johnson, J. L. Weatherman, Dr. J. H. Howard, Dr. John W. Jolley.

Passenger car recaps — G. S. Simmons, R. S. Burrus, A. L. Butler, J. W. Park, Mallory Stanley, Myrtle Phillips, Carl DeBorde, Clyde F. Hurt, Rev. George E. Burrus, R. Chap Reynolds, Percy Eldridge, W. W. Calloway, E. J. Collins, G. Buck Wall, Wilson E. Draughn, Thomas & Sam Gunnell, Chatham Mfg. Co.

Grade 2 tires—J. L. Weatherman, A. F. Yarboro, Brady Woodruff, Thurman Steel, Ralph Gentry, C. G. Atkins.

Obsolete tires and tubes—Glenn Lyles, A. E. Stonestreet.

### JOHN E. WOODLE IS FOUND DEAD

Passes of Heart Attack Near His Home Early Sunday Morning

FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

John Ellis Woodle, 70, died suddenly at State Road Sunday morning from a heart attack. He was found dead near his home and Deputy Sheriff W. J. Snow of this city was called to investigate his death but found that an inquest was not necessary. Mr. Woodle had suffered from a heart ailment for a number of years and over exertion from handling a calf was believed to have caused his death. He still had hold of the rope with which the calf was tied when his body was found, but the calf had broken loose.

He was a lifelong resident of Surry county and a son of Duncan and Margaret Cagle Woodle. His wife, Mrs. Pansenia Woodle, died in February.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Dewey Norman of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. John Kennedy of State Road, one son, Ransom Woodle of State Road, and twenty-seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at State Road church, with burial in the church cemetery.

Water is not stored in the camel's hump, but fat. Water is stored in the stomach.

### LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

#### NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. — Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board today confirmed reports that a decision had been made to ration fuel oil and indicated that an announcement would be made later this week. The fuel oil rationing may be imposed upon some midwestern states, Nelson said, as well as the east. Meanwhile a committee set up by the petroleum industry war council to study oil trends and recommend action raised the prospect that gasoline consumption in the east might have to be curtailed even further by reducing the unit value of the ration coupons, which are now good for four gallons.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. — The sudden resignation of Japan's Foreign Minister Shigenori Tojo, as announced by the Tokyo radio today, leaves the military clique headed by Premier Hideki Tojo more than ever in control of imperial policy, free to thrust at Siberia at any moment. As Tojo stepped out, Tokyo reported, Premier Tojo took over his post in addition to the premiership. Coupled with Japanese actions elsewhere, on the continent and in the Aleutians, the withdrawal of a known exponent of a neutral attitude toward the Soviets certainly paves the way for Japanese attack to the north.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. — Draft headquarters today issued orders intended, generally speaking, to call all available single men to the colors before the systematic induction of married men is begun. Heretofore, state selective service directors have called upon local boards for men without regard to the proportion of married and unmarried men in those districts. Consequently the levies on some districts have exceeded the number of unmarried registrants and quotas have been filled out with married men. In other districts, meanwhile, unmarried men were still awaiting call. Today, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, the national draft director, instructed the state directors to arrange their calls for men in a way that will "place the heaviest load right now on boards having the most single men, or men with collateral dependents only."

WILSON, Sept. 1. — North Carolina's Farm Bureau federation prepared today for a meeting here tomorrow night at 8:30 at the county courthouse to discuss the question of the new OPA price ceiling on flue-cured tobacco while at the same time today two North Carolina representatives expressed the hope that a meeting might be arranged between Tar Heel farmers and Leon Henderson, national OPA chief, and Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, to attempt to work out some compromise on the price ceiling situation. At the same time today prices reportedly remained

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