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## Allied Bombers Hit Two More Ships In Large Jap Convoy

### ROUNDUP OF WAR

Monday, March 15  
German broadcast claims fall of Kharkov; Russians report heavy fighting continuing in Kharkov area.

Allied planes hammer Axis defense areas near Tunisia as ground forces repulse infantry attack at northern sector. Marshal Rommel's artillery activity increasing in south.

Anthony Eden confers with Secretaries Knox and Stimson, lending emphasis to his statement that military as well as political talks are object of his visit.

General Giraud embraces principles of Atlantic Charter; offers Gen. de Gaulle a union on basis of mutual pledge that French choose own government when free again.

American Flying Fortresses continue search for Japanese convoy of eight ships on which they scored direct hit on 8,000-ton transport yesterday. Convoy en route to New Guinea.

American fighter planes raid Kiska in Aleutian Islands.

R. A. F. continues to batter Nazi occupied France. Italian harbor of Naples feels force of American Liberator bomber attack.

Saturday, March 13  
Russian troops pushed back to west of Kharkov as fierce fighting for the Ukraine metropolis continues. Vyazma, major deterrent in drive on Smolensk, retaken by Reds, costing Nazis 9,000 lives, considerable booty.

Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, in Washington to confer with Roosevelt on plans for a war planning conference of Allied nation leaders also to get first hand view of U. S. war efforts.

Rouen attacked for second time this week by U. S. planes in 45-mile thrust into France following R.A.F. night attack on Stuttgart. Nazi planes smashing at London suburbs take several lives.

Guerrilla bands in French Alps growing as Germany pushes labor draft. Well-armed groups organized by "superior officers" of former French army.

Jap bases at Burma and in the Aleutians still under attack by Allied planes.

Unconfirmed report to State Department saying Hitler is in state of nervous collapse disclosed by Sumner Welles.

Friday, March 12  
Crisis in great Kharkov battle arrives as superior German forces wheel up still more reserves, but Russians report repulsing violent attacks west of city; Moscow hints appeal for second front; Red advances elsewhere continued.

Rommel, fearing outflanking attacks southwest of Mareth line but suffers heavy casualties against savage force of British army; Fighting French and Giraud French forces make contact in flanking move at southern end of line.

British planes, sowing bombs at rate of 12,000 tons a month, wreck 2,000 German factories and make 1,500,000 workers homeless, House of Commons told.

Hitler demands total war effort of Axis countries in Balkans, insisting upon more soldiers, more workers and more economic aid.

Japanese throwing up big air bases in China to attack airfields from which Allies may bomb Japan.

U. S. bombers continue to raid Japs in Aleutians and Solomons.

French guerrillas kill more than

### Growing Concentration of Enemy Sea Forces Reported North of Australia

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Monday, March 15.—Two more Japanese ships in the eight-vessel convoy off Wewak in Northern New Guinea have been hit, including a destroyer, a communique said today.  
"Our air reconnaissance shows a large concentration of enemy transports and cargo ships in the Ambon-Dobo area to the northwest of Australia," the communique said. "The enemy's ground forces there are being reinforced, and new air fields are being constructed."  
The hitting of two more ships near Wewak raised to four the number struck since the running attack began late Saturday when an 8,000-ton transport was left in flames and a direct hit also was scored on a 4,000-ton cargo ship.

### Fly Long Distances

The enemy convoy originally consisted of three destroyers and five merchantmen, and the Allied airmen were fling long distances in an effort to wipe it out.  
The convoy was sighted Saturday, moving southward behind a storm front. Despite the unfavorable flying weather and the distance from the Allied bases at Port Moresby, Flying Fortresses sped to the attack. They reached the scene just at dusk and blasted two of the ships before darkness closed in.

In the Solomons, today's communique disclosed, medium bombers carried out a four-night harassing raid on the airfield in Buna, an island at the northern tip of the archipelago. The raid was made under bad weather conditions, but hits were scored on the runway and in dispersal bays. Results were not observed.

Heavy units of the air force bombed the airfield at Gasmata, New Britain, and strafed aircraft positions at Cape Gloucester.

Telling of the attack on the eight-ship convoy, the communique said: "Our heavy bombers, in low level attacks on an enemy convoy, scored a direct hit with a 500-pound bomb near the bow of a large destroyer, strafing the decks during the bombing run. A 7,000-ton cargo vessel also was hit. An 8,000-ton transport, previously reported hit and on fire, was seen to explode on both sides and when last seen was blazing from stem to stern."

"A 4,000-ton cargo ship previously reported hit was later ascertained to be a tanker and was not subsequently seen and is believed to have sunk."

"Co-ordinated with the attacks on shipping, other heavy bombers attacked the airfield and town area (of Wewak). Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered from ships and shore, but there was no attempt at interception. All our planes returned."

Thousand-pound bombs were unloaded on the airfield runway and adjacent installations at Madang, northwest of Lae, New Guinea.

## ARMY TO TAKE 9,900 DOCTORS

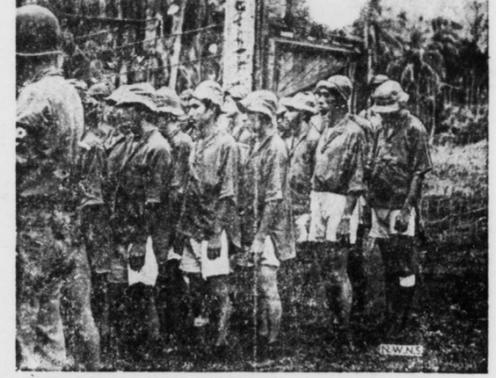
Washington, March 15.—Announcing army plans to commission 9,900 physicians from civil life during 1943, Secretary of War Stimson said today that none of these would be taken until the War Man-Power Commission has certified that he is available and that his commissioning would not cause hardship in his area.

### CPL. PAYNE PROMOTED

Cpl. John F. Payne, son of Mrs. J. F. Payne, of Alexis, N. C., has been advanced to the grade of sergeant at the Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico. This promotion is the result of his capable work in the training camp of the Army Air Forces.

250 Germans by blasting troop train and carry out 300 attacks within month.

## Japanese Prisoners Captured by Marines



These Japanese prisoners, captured on one of the outer islands of the Solomons group, are being lined up by their marine captors as preparations are made to turn over the area to the regular army. The marines took the Japs with them. (Official Marine Corps Photo.)

## Miss Jane Lohr Wins A. Legion Oratorical Contest Friday Night

### LEND LEASE AID OVER 9 BILLION

Washington, March 13.—Overwhelmingly approved by the House, the bill to extend the lend-lease program for another year reached the Senate today along with a report that this help to other nations fighting the Axis now totals \$9,632,000,000.

The report, by Administrator E. B. Stettinius, Jr., said this figure was attained by the transfer of \$1,077,000,000 worth of lend-lease goods in the quarter ended March 1.

"Almost as much aid was provided in the last six months as in the previous eighteen months," he said, adding: "In the last twelve months we shipped to our Allies, under lend-lease or in fulfillment of previous direct purchase contracts, thirty out of every one hundred bombs we produced, thirty-eight out of every one hundred fighter planes, twenty-eight out of every one hundred light tanks and thirty-three out of every one hundred medium tanks."

On the basis of the 407 to 6 vote by which it swept through the House yesterday, the bill appeared likely that it would be ready for the President's signature within a week.

The House action came after the Democratic majority, and approximately a score of Republicans combined to block a move to give Congress the final say on what this nation will seek as payment for the wartime aid.

Stettinius said four-fifths of the total aid was provided in the year to lend-lease, which began March 11, 1941.

### WARTIME RATIONING GUIDE

March 22. Temporary "T" coupons will be issued directly by ration boards for a period of not more than 30 days. Boards will use original ODT certificates only for checking tire inspection.

TIRES—Holders of Ration A coupons must have tires inspected by OPA on or before March 31. Owners of passenger cars and commercial vehicles using tires smaller than 7.50 by 20 do not require certificates for recapping.

SHOES—Coupon 17 in the sugar and coffee ration book entitles each holder to one pair of shoes until June 15, when a new stamp will be designated.

WAR RATION BOOKS—Ration Book 1 is being currently used for purchase of sugar and coffee. War Ration Book No. 2 is being used in purchase of commercially canned fruits and juices, frozen fruits, dried and dehydrated fruits, dried vegetables, certain vegetables or vegetable juices and certain types and varieties of soups.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 11 in War Ration Book 1 is good for three pounds of sugar through March 15. Stamp No. 12 will be good for five pounds from March 16 through May 11.

COFFEE—Stamp No. 25 good for one pound through March 21.

FUEL OIL—Number 5 coupons become valid March 7, and will be good for ten gallons until September 30. Number 4 coupons, good for nine gallons, will be valid on April 6.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 4 in A book good for three gallons until year.

### Al Stone of Union High School Wins Second Place In Contest

Miss Jane Lohr, high school pupil and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lohr, was winner of first place in the American Legion oratorical contest which was held in the Lincoln county court house last Friday night. Al Stone of the Union high school, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stone, won second place. The subject was "The Freedoms of the United States Constitution."

Miss Lohr will represent Lincoln county in the district contest, which will be held in the Lincoln county court house Monday night, March 22. Five counties, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Cleveland, Gaston and Catawba, are included in the district. D. Herbert Miller, legion chairman of the contest, will preside at the district meeting.

The winner of the district contest will go to Hickory to compete in the area contest and the winner there will go to Asheville to take part in the State finals.

### ARMY REJECTIONS REPORTED HIGH

Washington, March 10.—If you're a male American, aged 65, there are only three chances out of 20 that you can pass the army physical.

At 36 years, the chance is six out of 20; at 21, it's 14 in 20, and at 18 and 19 years, 15 out of 20.

The senate found the figures today in publication of testimony on the first deficiency bill of the session, a \$6,280,000,000 measure which includes \$3,182,000 for the high school victory corps.

Speaking in favor of the appropriation to give American youths pre-induction training, physical and mental, Col. Leonard G. Ruontee, director of medical services for the selectivity service system, disputed the theory "that we have the healthiest and most rugged youth in the world."

Out of the first 2,000,000 draft registrants examined, he said, 1,000,000 were rejected for physical defects, disorders, deficiencies and diseases.

"Those accepted were, as a group, soft and flabby," he testified, adding that this applied to the current 19 and 19 year old groups as well.

He said standards of physical fitness had now been lowered materially, because "we are at the bottom of the barrel."

Flabby oldsters and youngsters can take cheer from one point of the colonel's testimony. He said the Germans have set their standards so low that "they will take virtually anybody who can serve in any capacity in the armed services."

Ruontee said what selective service wants is "prehabilitation"—getting men ready in advance of their call to service.

### GEORGE KIZER PROMOTED

George W. Kizer, formerly of this city, has recently been promoted to the grade of Corporal in the army air corps.

## BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

The March Court of Honor was held at the Presbyterian Church on March 11. The meeting was opened with prayer and the Scout oath, after which Mr. Schiele spoke concerning Scout work at the present time. The meeting was well attended by Boy Scouts and men. Judge S. M. Roper presided and R. M. Schiele, Jake Burgin, C. R. Little, S. A. Lockman, J. A. Burris, Z. B. Burris, Berlie Dellinger, Rev. A. B. McClure, W. M. Nicholson, Mr. Brady and Fred Rudisill assisted in conducting the business of the Court. The following advancements were made:

Tenderfoot Rank—John Ray Sigmon, Caleb Rhyne, Jr., Route 4 Lincoln.

Second Class Rank—Buddy Ramseur, Tr. No. 2, Lincoln; Irwin Cohen, John McLean, Robert Wise, Tr. No. 4, Lincoln; Marion Brown, Tr. No. 1, Long Shoals.

First Class Rank—Julian Heavener, Tr. No. 4, Lincoln; Merit Badge.

Animal Industry—Ralph Carpenter, Louis Cobb, Jimmie McGinnis, Charles Randall, Tr. No. 2, Lincoln; Fred Ritter, Tr. No. 4, Lincoln.

Book Binding—Robert Hallman, Tr. No. 5, Lincoln.

Bugling—Eugene Sigmon, Robert Hallman, Tr. No. 5, Lincoln.

Firemanship—Buddy Conner, Tr. No. 2, Lincoln; Billy Tucker, Tr. No. 5, Lincoln.

Handicraft—Charles Goodson, Tr. No. 2, Lincoln; Miles Beam, Jack Harris, William Ingle, Bill Nicholson, Tr. No. 4, Lincoln; Hubert Lee Gilbert, S. A. Kendrick, Tr. No. 5, Lincoln; Jack Harwell, Tr. No. 1, Long Shoals.

Leathercraft—Dickie Harris Tr. No. 2, Lincoln.

Music—William Wyckoff, Tr. No. 4, Lincoln; Eugene Sigmon, Tr. No. 5, Lincoln.

Pathfinding—Ralph Carpenter, Louis Cobb, Charles Goodson, Jimmie McGinnis, Charles Randall, Tr. No. 2, Lincoln.

Personal Health—Bill Proctor, Clement Reynolds, Billy Rhyne, Tr. No. 1, Boger City.

Physical Development—Jack Harwell, Tr. No. 1, Lincoln.

Pioneering—Frank Rudisill, Tr. No. 4, Lincoln.

Safety—Ed Ramseur, Tr. No. 2, Lincoln.

Charter was presented to Troop No. 1, of Laboratory. Presentations were made for awards from last Court of Honor. Plans were made to hold the next Court of Honor at the Methodist hut at Boger City. The time of this meeting will be 8 o'clock.

Short closing talks were given by R. M. Schiele, Fred Rudisill and Jake Burgin.

All Scouts are urged to be present at the next Court of Honor.

## PRESBYTERIANS DISCUSS WORK

### Kings Mountain Group Will Install Rev. W. C. Cooper In Gastonia

Belmont, March 13.—King's Mountain Presbytery met Tuesday at 2 p. m. in adjourned session in the hut of Gastonia. First Presbyterian Church, with 15 ministers and three ruling elders present, as reported by the stated clerk, Rev. R. T. Baker, of Belmont. Rev. J. Hector Smith, the last moderator present, presided.

Rev. W. C. Cooper was received and signified his acceptance of the call to the pastorate of Armstrong Memorial Church of Gastonia. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Cooper as pastor of Armstrong Memorial Church on Sunday, March 28, at 4 p. m.; Rev. W. W. Akers to preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. I. M. Ellis to charge the pastor, Rev. W. C. Neal to preach the sermon, Rev. T. G. Tate, alternate; Elder J. H. Kennedy to charge the congregation and Alder Eli Linberger, alternate. Rev. W. W. Akers was received from Mecklenburg Presbytery.

## Burgin Rather Have A Bankrupt America Than Hitler or Tojo

Washington, March 15.—Representative Burgin (D-N.C.) prefers a bankrupt but free America to subservience to Tojo or Hitler.

## Next Blackout Will Be Held Thursday Night, March 18th

### First Ladies



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of our Chief Executive, and Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, wife of China's generalissimo, are pictured as they posed for the cameras and spoke with reporters on the lawn of the White House. China's first lady came here to seek aid for the warriors of her war-torn country.

### Date Announced In Thursday's Times Error; Correction Is Gladly Made

The next scheduled blackout in Lincoln and Lincoln county will be held Thursday evening, March 18, and Civilian Defense Chairman W. E. Garrison announced today that everything is in readiness for a one hundred per cent test.

The first "blue" alarm will be sounded at 8:50 p. m. The "red" will be sounded at 9 p. m., and the second "blue" at 9:10. No siren will blow for the all clear, but the signal will be given over the radio and the turning on of the street lights.

When the first "blue alarm" sounds all lights are to be turned out instantly—except that traffic can continue to move very slowly with car lights cut down to dim. When the "red" sounds several minutes later all traffic must stop. The second "blue," following the "red," will come as a final warning. That will be the last signal sounded on the siren. The all-clear will come by radio.

## MEAT AND BUTTER RATIONING SET

### Cheese, Canned Fish, Oils Included In Order Effective On Or Before April 1

Washington, March 13.—Rationing of meat, butter, cheese, canned fish, and edible oils was ordered tonight effective "on or before April 1." In other rationing changes, the coffee allowance was increased and the cost in points of dried prunes, raisins, beans, peas and lentils was reduced.

Food Administrator Wickard estimated that the amount of meat available would average "in the neighborhood of two pounds, more or less," per week per person. Customers will not have to surrender coupons for meat eaten in restaurants.

Details of this program will be announced tomorrow by the Office of Price Administration. It was indicated, however, that meat, cheese, butter, canned fish and the edible oils will be lumped together as one group of foods purchasable by using the red stamps in the No. 2 ration book.

This would mean some persons would purchase more than two pounds of meat by holding down on butter purchases, for instance. Point allowances are expected to be large enough to permit purchase of two pounds of meat per week plus some of all the other foods.

OPA ordered the point cost of prunes and raisins reduced from 20 to 12 per pound and halved the point values of dry beans, peas and lentils, cutting them from 8 to 4 points a pound. It also reduced dates and figs from the list of rationed foods—unless they are in cans or sealed jars.

Another order put the coffee ration back at one pound for five weeks, beginning March 22, when stamp No. 26 in ration book No. 1 becomes valid for purchase of one pound. The current ration is one pound every six weeks.

### Explains Action

Explaining the reductions in point values for beans, peas and lentils and the increase in the coffee ration, Price Administrator Prentiss Brown said supplies had increased.

In the case of coffee, he said, February imports exceeded estimates by more than 20 per cent. Large imports of beans from Mexico figured in the cut in point values for them.

It was a basic principle of OPA policy, Brown emphasized, to relax rationing restrictions "wherever and just as soon as circumstances permit."

The point values of prunes and raisins were reduced because stores hold large stocks, and it was feared

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### CORRECTION

Due to a misunderstanding, it was announced in last Thursday's Times that the date for the next blackout in Lincoln and Lincoln county had been changed to March 16. This was an error. The blackout is due here on Thursday evening, March 18, as originally planned, and NOT on March 16. The confusion came about when the office of civilian defense in Raleigh announced a change in the date for the blackout in the Asheville district.

As the schedule now stands the blackout will be held this week as follows:

Asheville District, Tuesday, March 16.

Wilmington District (including Lincoln county), Thursday, March 18.

Norfolk District, Friday, November 19.

## FALLSTON FLIER AMONG MISSING

### Lieut. Robert Webb Martin Missing In North Africa Fighting

(Shelby Star)

Lieut. Robert Webb Martin, 23, of Fallston, a flier attached to the army air force, has been missing in action since February 23 in the North Africa area, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Martin, of near Fallston, have been advised by the war department.

Lieut. Martin was flying a B-19 bomber which was evidently shot down in the course of the North African fighting. The war department message said any additional information obtained concerning him would be conveyed promptly.

The missing airman entered the army air corps in 1941 following graduation from Lees-McRae college. He attended Fallston high school, graduating there in 1938, and he is a member of Friendship Methodist church.

## S. BEAM GANTT FINISHES COURSE

S. Beam Gantt, S. 2/C, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gantt, of Vale, enlisted in the U. S. Navy October 12, 1942, and completed his course in Navy Training School at Norfolk, Va., March 3, 1943. He now ranks as Torpedoman's Mate, 3d Class, Seaman. He is stationed at Boston, Mass.

## 2,000 German Factories Are Destroyed By RAF Bombers

London, March 15.—The RAF's ceaseless bombing offensive, now showering German Europe with fire and explosives at the rate of more than 10,000 tons a month, has already wrecked more than 2,000 German factories and left more than 1,000,000 Germans homeless, Air Minister Archibald Sinclair told the House of Commons today.

Declaring that photographic reconnaissance showed that the raid on

Essen, home of the Krupp arsenals, on the night of March 5-6 "probably was the heaviest blow struck at German war industry in the whole of the bomber offensive," Sinclair disclosed that already 4,000 tons of bombs have been dropped on the Reich this month.

The devastation at Essen, he said, was comparable only to that caused at Cologne last May in the first of the RAF's 1,000 bomb raids.

## Special Red Cross War Fund Reaches \$9,900; Short \$1,100

The Red Cross War Fund in Lincoln county has reached a total of \$9,900, which is still \$1,100 short of the goal, it was announced this morning from campaign headquarters.

An intensive drive will be made this week to bring the amount up to \$11,000 allotted this county. And because of the tremendous need for funds to carry on the widespread work of the Red Cross, it is hoped that final figures will go even beyond that amount.

Every person in Lincoln county, it is urged to not already done so, is urged to make a contribution to the fund within the next day or two. This

can be done by contacting one of the workers in your specific community or by leaving your donation at Red Cross headquarters in the Reinhardt building. Every donation, large or small, will help now to bring the drive to a close.

Dr. S. H. Steelman, war fund chairman, reported today that a donation had been received from Cpl. George W. Kizer, of the 317th Bombardment Sq. A. A. F., who is stationed at Walla Walla Army Air Base in Washington State.

Other contributions received during the past few days were \$50 from the Long Shoals industrial units and \$400 from the D. E. Rhyne Mill.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS TODAY!