

ALLIES OPEN FIERCE ATTACK

AN EDITORIAL

Out Where the West Begins!

RECENTLY The Times Herald caused to be published a page message in the New York Herald Tribune thanking that publication for an editorial highly complimenting Texas and Texans. This newspaper's reply, speaking in behalf of citizens of the Lone Star State, gave credit to descendants and sons and daughters of those in other states of this great America for the magnificent achievements of our people.

The Times Herald also pointed out that Texans, almost as a whole, stand for state sovereignty and local self-government. They are determined to keep Texas Texan and America American while our boys are on the fighting fronts. In this connection, The Times Herald is very happy to publish a comment on its editorial from a citizen, Honorable Amon G. Carter, who lives in a city out where the West begins. Mr. Carter, publisher and president of the Fort Worth Star Telegram, telegraphs us as follows:

"Congratulations on your full page ad which appeared in the New York Herald Tribune Feb. 10, copy of which I have just received. It is a fine patriotic, truthful, constructive tribute to Texas and its folks, an unanswerable one which should be read by all of the uninformed, ignorant individuals and publications which have from time to time maligned and misrepresented the true Texas, and I congratulate you and The Times Herald in this forceful presentation of Texas and its part in fighting for the freedom of America and the sovereignty of our own state. Even though some of us do still eat with our knives we have learned to do it skillfully. And we are quite sure that Texas will 'tote' its share or more in the responsibility of the defense of our country. We challenge any other state to give a better account of its activities in the war program. This is not intended as a boast but a fact which the records bear out. My best regards. Sincerely."

We are grateful to Mr. Carter. He proves what we always have proudly believed about Texans. They are intensely loyal, one to another, and they stand as a solid phalanx in all things that concern the general good of all Texans. Amon G. Carter is also very worthy of an only son who is on the fighting front. Long ago, Mr. Carter stole our admiration along with several of our industrial enterprises, which we are going to get back some dark night when he is out of town. Fort Worth owes much to Mr. Carter, and we of Dallas, with no reluctance, admit that we also owe much to Mr. Carter. He keeps us on the alert, even with all our prized civic possessions nailed down. Yes, Amon

WAVELL FORCE RAIDS VILLAGE HELD BY JAPS

COMMANDO TACTICS USED TO
DESTROY INSTALLATIONS
IN BURMESE CENTER

New Delhi, India, Feb. 25 (AP).—Commando-like raiders from Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's forces carried out an attack on a small Japanese occupied village sixty miles southeast of Akyab in Burma three nights ago and destroyed all installations which had been useful to the enemy, it was announced today.

"On the night of February 22-23 one of our fighting patrols carried out a successful attack on the enemy occupied village of Myebon about sixty miles southeast of Akyab," said the British communique.

"Our troops landed from vessels of the Royal Indian navy coastal forces and remained in possession of the place about five hours.

"All buildings which had been useful to the enemy were burned, the jetty was blown up and a 100-foot river steamer was destroyed.

"The opposition was very slight and quickly overcome."

The raiders suffered no casualties, the communique added.

Attack on Rear.

The raid was, in effect, an attack on the rear of the Japanese defending the small port of Akyab on the Bay of Beangal Coast.

Since Dec. 29 the British have made little progress from their positions near Rathedaung, twenty-five miles north of Akyab, after starting a limited offensive into Burma from the Indian border on Dec. 19.

Formation of RAF Blenheims bombed Rathedaung yesterday, the communique said, and fighter planes an offensive patrol over the Kaladan River and attacked Japanese war transport. Other bombers dropped explosives on the railway station and nearby sidings at



MAJ. GEN. HARRY H. JOHNSON

DIVISION OF NEGRO CAVALRY IS ACTIVATED

FORMER TEXAS GUARD OFFICER
COMMANDS NEW FORT
CLARK UNIT

Del Rio, Tex., Feb. 25 (AP).—The second cavalry division, an all-Negro unit, was reactivated at Fort Clark today under the command of a Texan who is one of the few former national guard officers to achieve general rank, Maj. Gen. Harry H. Johnson.

He rose from the ranks. The division comes back into the army, as a unit, with elements whose military history goes back to 1866. It shares with an infantry outfit the distinction of being one of the two all-Negro divisions in the army. There are, however, smaller units of Negroes.

Spanish War History.

RAF BOMBERS SMASH NAZI NAVAL BASE

WILHELMSHAVEN, WESTERN
GERMANY TARGETS ATTACKED
DURING NIGHT

London, Feb. 25 (AP).—RAF bombers attacked the Nazi naval base at Wilhelmshaven and objectives in Western Germany last night without the loss of a plane, it was announced today.

Allied flyers last hit Wilhelmshaven Friday night. The latest attack was the sixteenth on Germany this month.

The air ministry's terse announcement said:

"Last night a part of the bombing command made another attack on Wilhelmshaven.

"Bombs were also dropped on objectives in Western Germany. None of our aircraft is missing."

New Record for Month.

The blow at Wilhelmshaven appeared to assure the RAF a new record for the number of tons of bombs dropped on Axis targets in a single month.

In a single raid on the submarine base at Lorient earlier this month more than 1,000 tons of explosives were dropped by allied flyers, and other forays promised to raise the monthly average of 6,500 tons maintained in the record period of June and July, last year.

At the same time came the official announcement this morning that "during darkness there has been no enemy activity over Britain."

ALLIED PLANES



GEORGE S. KNAPP

ARMY PRIVATE CHILD KILLER TO BE HANGED

DEATH SENTENCE IN BASTROP
SLAYING CASE CONFIRMED
IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 25 (Special).—Although no official confirmation was forthcoming—and military officials here would neither deny nor affirm the report—it became known here from authoritative sources today that the death sentence given Pvt. George S. Knapp in a general court-martial trial at Bastrop, Texas, last year, has been confirmed.

Knapp, now a prisoner, it was said, in the Fort Sam Houston, Texas, guardhouse, will be hanged there, although the date has not been named.

Knapp was convicted of the murder of 8-year-old Lucy Rivers Maynard at Bastrop, Texas, on or about Oct. 6, her body being found Oct. 7.

TUNISIAN WAR DEVELOPS INTO ROUT OF NAZIS

Marshal Rommel's Battered Army Retreats, Leaving Italian Infantry to Be Captured

By DANIEL DE LUCE

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Feb. 25 (AP). Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, British commander of Allied forces, today swung his American, French and British troops into a fierce counteroffensive in Central Tunisia where they were shaking loose the last grip of Marshal Erwin Rommel's crippled columns on strategic Kasserine Pass and menacing two other strong points at Sbeitla and Ousseltia to the northeast.

Combining a three-pronged attack in the north with armored car advances by the British Eighth Army into the outpost area of the Mareth line in the south, Alexander had the enemy in trouble on two fronts.

As British and American troops swarmed into the Kasserine Pass near the Algerian border for mopping-up operations, the strong American and Royal Air forces spread their assault deep into the enemy's rear, blasting airdromes, roads, railways, and strafing troops, vehicles and gunposts.

As Rommel retreated, he again was leaving Italian infantry behind as a rearguard, as he did in Egypt, and hundreds of crack Italian infantry and mountain troops were taken prisoners.

"A competent source said an Axis salient of about eight miles had been wiped out overnight.

(This apparently meant that the Germans were holding only about one mile of Kasserine Gap at its eastern end. The pass is about six miles long and yesterday the Germans were reported making a stand about three miles outside the western end.)

Unable to bring up sufficient reinforcements, the German army was forced to retreat from the town.

SOVIETS PUSH DRIVE TOWARD DNEIPEP RIVER

SEVERAL MORE TOWNS ARE
TAKEN WITH MANY MORE
GERMANS KILLED

London, Feb. 25 (AP).—Russian troops are driving steadily westward in their push toward the Dnieper, and have taken another town west of Kharkov, the Soviet noon communique announced today.

The war bulletin, recorded by the London Soviet Radio Monitor, said a Red army detachment engaged an enemy vanguard in street fighting, killed more than 200 Germans and took prisoners and materiel when they captured an unidentified town.

is a dear old rascal, but we of Dallas dare any intruding and impudent outlander to say that about him.

—The Editor—

MacArthur's Bombers Blast at Jap Shipping In Two Pacific Isles

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Feb. 25 (AP).—General Douglas MacArthur's bomber and fighter planes dealt heavy punishment to Japanese shipping in the New Britain area and delivered smashing blows at enemy land forces in New Guinea yesterday, an announcement from Allied headquarters said today.

Coupled with dispatches from the front, the bulletin painted this picture of results achieved by Allied airmen:

Canadian Troops Given Promise of Earlier Action

London, Feb. 25 (AP).—War Minister Sir James Grigg told the house of commons today he trusted that impatient Canadian soldiers here "will not have to wait much longer" for a mass attack against the enemy.

His comment came as he introduced a new army appropriation bill.

He said that he noted that the Canadians had been irked by the delay in "engaging themselves in bulk against the enemy."

MOHANDAS GANDHI HAS COMPANY NOW; OBJECTOR ON FAST

Campton, N. H., Feb. 25 (AP).—A conscientious objector today kept pace with Mohandas K. Gandhi in the Indian leader's twenty-one-day fast.

Corbett Bishop, former West New York, N. J., bookseller began his fast sixteen days ago, at the same time Gandhi did, Carleton Mabee, in charge of the West Campton conscientious objector camp, told reporters in response to their inquiries.

"He is fasting in sympathy with Gandhi," Mabee said.

Although Gandhi is reported taking citrus juices and water, Bishop is restricting himself to water alone, Mabee added. He said Bishop had lost some weight, but that he continued to carry on his camp duties, which include the cleaning of buildings.

The objector has the care of a nurse regularly assigned to the camp. A local physician also is following the case.

American Flying Fortresses forced a Japanese warship to run aground off Cape Gazelle in New Britain.

A four-motored Liberator on a reconnaissance mission found itself ringed by thirteen Japanese Zeros near Open Bay on the west coast of New Britain, but fought its way out of the hole, shot down four Zeros in flames and returned to base safely.

Another Liberator, intercepted by three Japanese fighters in the same area, shot down one after attacking a small enemy vessel.

Heavy bombers roared back over Rabaul Harbor before dawn and scored a direct hit "from an extremely low altitude" on a 10,000-ton cargo vessel, and near hits on two small enemy warships.

Enemy shipping also was attacked near Cape St. George, off New Ireland.

The town and harbor of Babo, and the town of Kaukenau, on the northwest coast of New Guinea, were bombed.

Airdromes at Madang, and at Mahalang in the Lae area of New Guinea, the villages of Angari and Yanga, and Lae itself felt the weight of 500-pound and half-ton bombs, which started raging fires.

Attack planes bombed and strafed Japanese ground forces in the Mubo area of New Guinea, south of the enemy base at Salamaua.

A dispatch from the front said that ground activity in the Wau-Mubo sector was light but the Japanese troops were given no rest as allied planes probed for supply and ammunition dumps in villages and jungles and followed up their bombs with sprays of machine-gun fire.

CHURCHILL IS SUFFERING FROM PNEUMONIA ATTACK

London, Feb. 25 (AP).—Prime Minister Churchill, who has been ill with pneumonia, spent a restful night and his condition continued to show general improvement, it was announced today. Friends reported the prime minister was sufficiently well yesterday to set up in bed and smoke one of his favorite cigars.

Thazi and on Akyab). The Japanese sent a mixed force of bombers and fighters against an Allied airdrome in Northeast Assam, India, this morning, but Allied fighters intercepted them and the few bombs that were dropped did little damage, it was stated.

The Japanese also attacked an American air base in the area Tuesday afternoon, it was announced yesterday, causing little damage and few casualties.

(The Berlin radio, in a report from Tokyo recorded by The Associated Press today, said this latter attack was on Tinsukia airport, and bombs dropped on a fuel depot and buildings caused a large fire and "serious damage" to fifteen parked planes.)

This Republican To Toast F. D. R. At All Functions

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 25 (AP).—President Roosevelt will be toasted—with ice water—at all state functions during the term of Republican Gov. Edward Martin.

But the intent will not be cold, Martin, a retired major general in the army said:

"It is the custom in military circles to make the first toast to the president. I will carry that out at all official functions during my administration. He is my president just as he is the president of all the people. I will continue to differ with him on domestic issues, but on other questions he is my leader."

Martin toasted the president, with ice water, at an executive mansion reception Tuesday.

FORMER ATTACHE IN U. S. BECOMES NAZI ENVOY TO SWEDEN

Stockholm, Feb. 25 (AP).—Hans Thomsen, former German charge d'affaires in Washington, has arrived here to assume the post of German minister to Sweden.

He declined to make any statement to newspapermen.

He succeeds Prince Viktor Zu Wied, who is retiring to a farm seventy miles south of Stockholm instead of returning to Germany.

(The prince was recalled, the Berlin radio announced Jan. 2, in a shuffle of diplomatic posts which the broadcast termed "within the ambit of a general retirement of German diplomatic representatives.") The ambassadors to Tokyo and to Madrid were among others recalled and the German announcement said they would be given new posts in the German foreign office.)

Slavs Rout Nazi Force.

London, Feb. 25 (INS).—Jugoslav guerrillas have routed German occupational troops from the town of Konjitz, an Istanbul dispatch to Reuter's reported today. Hundreds of Germans were slain in the battle, the dispatch said.

The second and third will be assigned to the fourth and fifth cavalry brigades, whose members come from all parts of the country. Units with a long fighting history include the ninth and tenth regiments, both of which were organized in 1866. The ninth was the first Negro cavalry regiment and saw service in the Spanish-American War. It served in the Philippines during World War I. The tenth, first formed at Fort Leavenworth, fought in the Indian, Spanish-American and first World Wars.

The other cavalry division of the army also is stationed in Texas. It is the first at Fort Bliss, El Paso.

Uses Many Horses.

Despite motorization and mechanization of the cavalry, the second still uses plenty of horses, Third Army headquarters at San Antonio said in announcing the reactivation, Fort Clark, like Fort Bliss, is situated on the Texas-Mexican border.

General Johnson, only 47, and formerly an oil man in Houston, comes to his new post with a formidable record. Last October the Mexican government presented him its medal of military merit, first class, one of its high decorations.

He is a Texas A&M graduate, class of 1917. He joined the army as a private in 1917 and rose to a second lieutenant the same year. He went to France with the Thirty-Sixth Division.

He served with the Texas National Guard twenty-three years. In 1940 when the guard was called to service he left his post as assistant to the vice-president of the Gulf Oil Corporation in Houston and went to Fort Bliss as a lieutenant colonel.

He took part in the Louisiana maneuvers in September, 1941, under Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger, now commander of the Sixth Army in Australia. Two months later he became a brigadier general. Two weeks ago he rose to major general.

General Johnson, during a tour of duty at Fort McIntosh, Laredo, became widely known in Mexico as a good friend of that republic. The medal he won from Mexico was the first ever granted a foreign officer.

The announcement of reactivation came from Lieut. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, Third Army commander.

ATTACK NAPLES

(By The Associated Press).

The strategic Italian port and naval base of Naples was bombed last night by allied aircraft in a raid which caused damage to civilian buildings and some wounded among the populace, the Italian high command said today in a communique broadcast by the Rome radio and recorded by The Associated Press.

It added that there was slight damage and said two persons were killed and three wounded in isolated machine-gunning actions against places in the provinces of Catanzaro and Trapani.

Allied raids also were carried out against Kairouan and Gabes, in Tunisia, the war bulletin said, causing twelve dead and about thirty wounded "among the Arab population."

Axis planes were announced to have attacked oil depots in Tripoli, Lebanon, and an airdrome at Laodicea, while in Algeria port installations and docked ships were raided at Philippeville.

In Tunisia only local actions were noted but it was stated that German fighters shot down six planes in air duels. Three Axis planes were announced to be missing.

The war bulletin said that seven members of the crew of a four-engined American plane announced to have been hit Tuesday during a raid on Messina, Sicily, had been rescued in the Sicilian Channel.

Ciano to Visit Pope.

London, Feb. 25 (INS).—Count Galeazzo Ciano, Mussolini's envoy to the Vatican, will have an audience with Pope Pius on Saturday, the Spanish radio reported today, according to Reuter's. Persistent reports have said that Ciano was assigned to the Vatican in an effort by Mussolini to gain a separate peace with the allied nations.

Analyzing
Today's War News
By GLENN BABB

A period of ever deeper horror and suffering is promised Europe by Adolf Hitler. In his proclamation yesterday to his Nazi old guard he put into words the threat the world knew was impending, an outline of the tragic times through which his own people and their neighbors must pass before his satanic career is ended.

It was the declaration of a desperate, cornered man, a deadly, dangerous man. That is its first meaning for the powers leagued for his destruction. They must be on guard for something supremely bold, audacious, unscrupulous, something like Rommel's recent lightning stroke in Tunisia, magnified ten or fifty fold in scope and significance. Hitler gave expression to his determination that

if he must fall he will carry with him as great a part of humanity as he can.

He chooses to call what he proposes to put into effect "the mobilization of the spiritual and material values of Europe such as our continent has not seen in its history of several thousand years." But his satellites, the peoples he

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and Knapp were arrested the same day. Knapp was a member of the Ninety-Fifth Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Harry Twaddle, which now is stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

San Antonio, Feb. 25.—Inquiry here at the headquarters of the Ninety-Fifth Division regarding the fate of Pvt. George S. Knapp, held in the Fort Sam Houston guardhouse, brought a "no official" comment.

Bodies of Three Jap Women Found On Guadalcanal

Guadalcanal, Feb. 19 (Delayed) (AP).—Bodies of three Japanese women, supposedly nurses, have been found in the jungle in western Guadalcanal, the first direct proof of the presence of Jap women during six months of fighting on the island, Col. George F. Ferry of Chicago said today.

Since the United States invasion rumors have been prevalent that the army was using women as snipers, nurses, pilots and even ordinary soldiers, but there had been no verification. It still is believed that Japanese women have never been here in large numbers.

The three whose bodies were found evidently died of malaria, not bullets.

About a dozen sick and starved Jap stragglers were rounded up last week, eight others were shot trying to put up a last fight, and seventy more dead were discovered. It is believed only a dozen or so more Japs are left on this island.

Meanwhile there is the almost constant roar of our planes overhead and taking off from Henderson Field, shuttling night and day on raiding trips to northern Jap bases and airfields.

GANDHI SITUATION WILL BE REVIEWED

London, Feb. 25 (AP).—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden promised the House of Commons today that the government would provide a review of the situation caused by the fast of Mohandas K. Gandhi, but he added that "no useful purpose would be served by a debate."

The statement followed a flurry of questions about Gandhi, addressed to L. S. Amery, secretary for India and Burma.

Amery merely rested on Prime Minister Churchill's message yesterday that the British government endorsed the Indian government's policy of detaining Gandhi.

Gandhi Appears Stronger.

Poona, India, Feb. 25 (UP).—Mohandas K. Gandhi appeared stronger today than at any time in the past week, but doctors warned that a new crisis might arise at any time before he ends his 21-day fast March 3.

inforcements because of a distressing barrage of bombs and machine-gun fire from the air, the Axis chief-tain appeared unable to hold the vital Kasserine Pass, 130 miles southwest of Tunis, which he had used to strike northward at the allied communication system.

Last reports there was fighting in the pass itself.

No Axis troops are left on the west side of the pass, a competent source said, and he added that overnight an Axis salient approximately eight miles long had been wiped out.

German gunners also were hard put to stave off the British advance charge penetrating another gap east of Sbiba, which is thirty miles northeast of Kasserine, and threatening Sbeitla, eighteen miles northeast of Kasserine.

Sbeitla, won by Rommel barely a week ago, was along the route he had traversed in his sixty-six-mile dash from Faïd Pass nearly to the Algerian frontier.

French Clean Out Pocket.

French troops, sallying from the mountains on the west side of the Ousseltia Valley, about seventy miles northeast of Kasserine, cleaned up one Axis pocket after another that had been left by an Axis thrust a few days ago, perhaps presaging another determined allied drive in that sector.

Today's allied headquarters communique said a number of Italians, left as rear guards to protect the German withdrawal, were taken prisoners.

Meanwhile, the communique for the first time included mention of ground activity by Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army in the southern sector, and said his armored cars were engaged in active patrol east of the Mareth line.

Eighth Army Worrisome.

There was no indication that this activity on the edge of Rommel's southern defense system meant the Eighth Army was launching a major attack, but its operations were sufficiently costly and worrisome to the enemy to force him to divide

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BIG JAP AIR RAID IN BURMA SMASHED BY U. S. FIGHTERS

New Delhi, Feb. 25 (AP).—United States fighter planes of the Tenth Air Force, rising to challenge thirty Japanese bombers and fighters which thrust across the Burmes Mountains against Assam air fields, shot down six, probably destroyed twelve and damaged others today.

None of the American planes was even damaged and the few bombs which fell exploded harmlessly, a United States headquarters communique said.

The action was one of a series of air and ground operations cutting into Japanese strength in Burma. The raid was the second directed against one major airport in three days, the first also having failed to cause material damage.

It was the second such place taken in the region. The day's early communique told of the capture of a city, likewise unidentified, with 200 German dead counted in the streets after bitter fighting.

Furious counterattacks continued in the Donets Basin and west of Rostov, the Russians declared.

A height beyond Rostov was taken in hand-to-hand fighting, two villages were captured southwest of Voroshilovgrad, and enemy tank and infantry counterattacks were repulsed southwest of Kramatorsk, above Stalino, the communique stated.

More than a battalion of Germans was wiped out in three days of fighting west of Krasnodar, in the Guban Valley of the Caucasus, the Russians said.

North of Kursk, a number of villages were captured and German units were cut down, it was announced.

Both the early war bulletin and the midday communique indicated that the drive west of Kharkov was proceeding apace.

JAPANESE DRIVES IN CHINA NET NO IMPORTANT GAINS

Chungking, Feb. 25 (AP).—Reviewing the military situation in China, a Chinese army spokesman declared today that "on the whole the Japanese have gained nothing recently from their widespread drives."

"It is true," the spokesman said, "that the enemy has succeeded in occupying Kwangchowwan, but in Kwangtung and on the West Hupeh front he has been driven back."

"In North Kiangsi and North Kiangsu he is gradually losing out. In Central Hupeh he has made some gains, but he has paid a good price in casualties. In Western Yunan all his attempts to cross the Salween River have been frustrated."

WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast

Dallas and vicinity: Continued cool and windy Thursday afternoon. Temperatures Thursday night about the same as Wednesday night.

Thursday's temperatures:
2:30 a. m. 44 8:30 a. m. 38
4:30 a. m. 44 10:30 a. m. 45
6:30 a. m. 41

East Texas: Colder Thursday night.

West Texas: Little change in temperature Thursday afternoon and night, except cooler Thursday night in the Del Rio-Eagle Pass area.

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