

## AXIS IS ROUTED FROM E. LIBYA

Report U. S. Planes Flowing  
Into Far East; Japs  
Gain in Malaya.

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tion in general, Mr. Attlee asserted that "the Japanese have the most powerful fleet in those waters."

In North Africa, the British offensive smashed the main Axis forces back out of Cyrenaica (Eastern Libya) and into Tripolitania with the crack Cold Stream and Scots Guards in hot pursuit.

The remnants of the Axis armored units which had been holding defense positions at Agedabia, south of Benghazi, attempted to escape during a sandstorm but rear guards were brought to battle at some points by the British.

British advances of 20 to 40 miles were reported in the first phase of the new westward surge, despite enemy mine fields, and hope was expressed that the drive might now carry on through all of Libya. If it does, the allies will be in a position to strike at Italy from close range.

Reports that the Axis was preparing against a possible British invasion of Italy as a result of the trend of the war in North Africa were received in responsible sources in London.

In Russia, the Red army was pounding with increasing fury at the Axis lines from the Crimea to Leningrad and the London Radio said Berlin had decided to make a further withdrawal of the German winter defense line in the Soviet Union.

Russian shock troops made new landings in the Crimea and were fighting 40 miles north of Sebastopol, while the Russians who had been under siege at Sebastopol continued to crash into the German lines. The Russians had hammered to within about 30 miles of Khar'kov in the Ukraine.

On the central front before Moscow, the Red Army was reported developing a wide pincer attack while on the northern front, Russian reinforcements were reported moving into the Leningrad area in what appeared to be another attempt to knock Finland out of the war.

Royal Air Force bombers, meanwhile, struck back from Rangoon against the Japanese-held base of Bangkok, in Thailand, starting a

## Serve Hot Coffee to Chilled Firemen



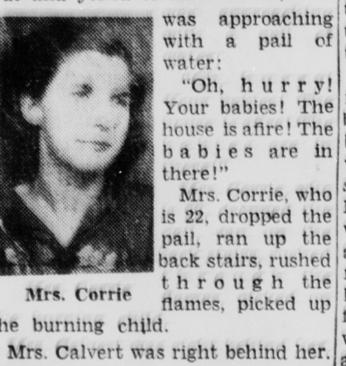
Hot coffee and hospitality flowed freely for firemen at the home of Mrs. Anna Blythe and Mrs. Lena Ulrey, 2036 Singleton St., today. The women, who are sisters, started to boil coffee as soon as they found that firemen were fighting a blaze in sub-zero weather at the plant of the Franklin Pure Milk & Ice Cream Co. nearby. Said Mrs. Blythe (left) to Fireman Walter Gallimore: "I would want someone else to do this for my soldier boys." Her "boys"—Floyd, a son, and Robert, a grandson—are in the Army.

number of fires and apparently causing considerable damage. The Japanese radio acknowledged that the fire burned for some hours.

In China, the armies of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek reported that their counter-offensive in the Changsha sector had encircled 30,000 Japanese troops about 30 miles to the northeast and that the enemy forces were threatened with annihilation. The Chinese estimated that the Japanese had lost some 65,000 men in their unsuccessful drive on Changsha.

### YOUTH STRUCK BY CAR

Lewis Alexander, 19, of 1205 Conner Ave., is in critical condition at City Hospital after being struck by a car early today. Daniel Lawlis, 47, of 2021 Laurel St., said the youth stepped in front of his car as he was driving east on Washington St. near California St. He was not hit.



Mrs. Calvert was right behind her.

back room. Mrs. Calvert rushed out and yelled to Mrs. Corrie, who was approaching with a pail of water:

"Oh, hurry! Your babies! The house is afire! The babies are in there!" Mrs. Corrie, who is 22, dropped the pail, ran up the back stairs, rushed through the flames, picked up the burning child. Robert Corrie

## AWAIT MAJOR LUZON BATTLE

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Skill and Courage,  
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## WEST COAST SHIPPING RETURNS TO NORMAL

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It reported "extremely satisfactory co-ordination" among the forces of British Columbia and the United States.

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