

## RADIOS NEEDED ON U. S. TANKS

British in 'Honeys' on Libyan Front Also Prefer Bigger Guns.

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With the British Eighth Army outside Agedabia on the Libyan Coast, Jan. 9 (U. P.)—British soldiers who have been fighting in American-built tanks for several weeks praised them today as wonderfully efficient but said they need bigger guns and a mechanically-operated turret.

Another important need, they said, was for radio aboard the tanks. Battle commands now are shouted by the tank commander who, in the roar of fighting, sometimes can't be heard.

Chatting with these tankmen, members of a Hussars regiment which has been fighting the Axis since the British offensive began Nov. 18, I learned that they greatly admire the maneuverability of the American tanks, which have stood up well in operations against German Mark III's and IV's fitted with 4½-pound guns.

### Call Them Honeys

The 12-ton American tanks were nicknamed "honeys" by the United States military attache at Cairo, Col. Bonner Fellers, when he visited the Hussars in the desert. The name has stuck.

One of the tankmen told me of being surrounded by the Germans in the desert outside Agedabia after three days of being shelled by the German artillery, bombed by Stukas and pounded by tank guns.

About 10 a. m. on Dec. 30, he related, the British tanks were attacked by two regiments of German tanks, one on each flank.

"We were told to take up our positions as well as we could," he said, "and prepare to fight. By then Jerry was about 700 yards away. My tank got a direct hit on one Jerry tank, and then on four more, but we had to withdraw when he got three direct hits on us, the last one in the motor, which burst into flames. With smoke and flames belching from our tail, we made a run for it.

### Gunner Blown to Pieces

"My gunner leaped out and tried to get into another tank nearby but he was hit in the neck by an armor piercing shell which blew him to pieces.

The remaining three of us scrambled onto the back of another American tank and hung on like limpets with the battle still raging.

"Every time the tank turned around in maneuvering for position we had to run around to the front. We finally got out of it."

A senior officer told me that altogether 50 German Mark III's and IV's had been destroyed, against a loss of 10 for the British on Dec. 28 alone.

"Thirty German tanks were seen blazing that day so we know that number was destroyed," he said. "We shot them at 400 yards with tank guns had anti-tank guns."

## CUT NON-DEFENSE COSTS, C. OF C. ASKS

The Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has adopted a resolution urging Congress to make all possible reductions in non-defense Government spending.

Because of the tremendous war program, calling for the largest budget in the history of the world, the resolution stated that "it is most essential in this undertaking that our Government, as well as individuals, bend every effort to allow no room for non-essentials."

The resolution urged that Congress accept the recommendations indicated in the first report of the Congressional Joint Committee on Reduction of Non-essential Federal Expenditures and to give favorable considerations to subsequent economic reports of the Committee.

The Chamber of Commerce directors also urged that Congress consider the findings of the Brookings Institute, the United States Chamber of Commerce and other recognized associations which have studied Federal budgets."

## Philip Willkie Leaves for Naval School



Philip Willkie presents his credentials to U. S. Navy guard Lawrence Daley preparatory to leaving New York for the reserve midshipman school at Annapolis. Looking on are his father, Wendell Willkie, (right) and Yeoman Leane.

## REDS LIFT SIEGE OF SEVASTOPOL

### 31 Days of High Adventure, Then Yank in China Is Safe

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#### Stalin Hurls Vast Fresh Armies at Hitler on All Fronts.

LONDON, Dec. 9 (U. P.)—The siege of Sevastopol was lifted today, and Premier Joseph Stalin was reported to have thrown great, new armies into the offensive along the entire front to hurl the faltering, freezing Germans out of Russia.

On the northern front, according to Leningrad reports, Red Army forces swept through to strike at the German rear lines before the reserve officers training corps at the University of Wisconsin.

During his journey of 200 air line miles from Shanghai, Mr. Hawkins passed through the Japanese lines time after time, escaping sometimes by yards.

Chinese peasants, villagers and guerrillas fed, housed and clothed him and helped him to avoid the common enemy.

#### Grens Through Beard

Grinning through his beard, Mr. Hawkins told how he had slept fully clothed for a month and how he had lived with Chinese farmers and guerrillas, making himself understood with the aid of his hands as he knew only a few words of Chinese. He had waded or swum more than 20 streams.

Mr. Hawkins, who was a clerk in the National City Bank at Shanghai, was asleep when the Japanese struck.

German forces in the Mozhaisk sector, southwest of Moscow, were in a desperate plight.

The Russians, it was reported, plan to shove the Germans into headlong flight from one end of the 1100-mile front to the other, giving them no time to dig in or rest, so Generalissimo Adolf Hitler will not be able to borrow from one army to help another.

New Russian landings were reported in the Crimea, and the Sevastopol garrison was attacking its former besiegers, who had been weakened to reinforce the hard-pressed Germans on the Kerch Peninsula.

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The British Broadcasting Corp. quoted its Kuibyshev observer that "Russia's new armies now coming into action are real armies and not just collections of raw recruits. He said Russia's Far Eastern force was "absolutely intact and has not been drawn upon to reinforce the western front."

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