

BRITISH HOLDING EDGE IN EGYPT

New Zealanders, South Africans Turn Tables On Axis Troops.

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landers' low casualty figure indicates.

Probably the attack has made worse the Italian morale which reportedly is very brittle owing largely to the allies' terrific air attacks.

On Thursday the New Zealanders had taken 370 Italian prisoners with 30 guns and 30 vehicles on the edge of the Quattara depression.

The prisoners stated that they were on a ration of about a pint of water a day, compared with a quart for the Germans.

From the exhausted state of the prisoners when taken it appears that the speed of the enemy advance from the Egyptian frontier was such that the normal exuberance and thrill of the advance never had a chance to come to the surface.

The pace was so terrific the men were too tired to be thrilled by anything, it seems, and their condition was made worse by ceaseless day and night air attacks.

German infantry losses, incidentally, appear to have been very high. German prisoners taken appear tired like the Italians, according to reports of eyewitnesses.

It appears that some of the German reinforcements recently flown from Europe consist of young, inexperienced soldiers.

The war's drain on Hitler's manpower was indicated here a few days ago when two of several German prisoners captured by the South Africans turned out to be Jews aged 31 and 32, but conscripted only last January.

When asked why, being of military age, they were conscripted so late the two Germans replied, "But we are Jews!"

Tremendous Air Support

The allied air effort to stem the enemy continues on a stupendous scale.

Reports from the ground forces at the front indicate that the enthusiasm of the army has never before been so great for what the royal air force, the South African air force and royal Australian air forces are doing to hamper the enemy.

British planes are continually in the air whereas the Luftwaffe is nowhere near as active in the daytime.

British and American air strength is not yet as large as it should be, but fliers these days are operating with an intensity which probably has not been seen since the battle of Britain.

Air Fighters With Beards

Night-time Wellington bombers—now called medium bombers since the bigger Liberators have come to the Middle East—concentrate with use of flares on some targets which the daytime Boston members of the S. A. A. F. and the Baltimore members of the R. A. F. go for: Enemy concentrations at the front.

The Consolidateds of the United States army air corps and the R. A. F. cousin, the Liberators, do their stuff at night and their targets generally are towns and ports. Bombers these days have a habit of coming low and machine-gunning the scene of their bombing.

Fighter pilots now have a pretty good stubble on their chins. Once in a while they are able to swish some sand off their faces and necks but they certainly are not the kind of faces you see on recruiting posters.

Spirit of Elation

Their makeup consists of a young beard, old underwear, top ripped across the back, a pair of slacks held up by suspenders, and goggles. That is the way these pilots look when they fly off into action. The way they feel is evident mostly to the enemy.

A spirit of heady elation seems to dominate these flying, fighting men—maybe something akin to the spirit that existed among the British during the battle of Britain, from the fire fighters on London's rooftops to men fighting in the sky.

Strangely, the enemy air activity is very slight in the daytime except for Stukas at the front lines and increased air activity at Malta.

As Our Bombers Go to Battle in the Aleutians



This first photo of United States action in Alaskan territory shows a fire raging wildly aboard a Japanese transport in the harbor at Kiska in the Aleutian Islands. The fire was started by a U. S. bomber which scored a direct hit and the craft later sunk.

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Lucky Teter Meets Death As He Misses Hardest Act

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ramp, jumped over a truck lengthwise and landed on a second ramp. Last night he just failed to reach the second ramp and his car hurtled under the second ramp knocking loose its supports and causing the heavy timbers to fall on his car.

It required several minutes to cut away the timbers and twisted automobile and Lucky was dead by the time he reached the hospital. His neck was broken.

His assistants said that when Teter's car made the final turn before reaching the ramp it went into a slide, raising a cloud of dust. They said they heard his motor miss, probably because of some dust clogging the carburetor intake.

They explained that at this point Teter could have gone another lap around the track to gather more speed.

Lucky inaugurated this stunt three years ago when he leaped over automobile hoods. The stunt developed until he was jumping over 20 hoods.

Then he jumped a truck turned sideways and one day three years ago in Atlanta he announced he was going to jump a bus-lengthwise.

The first jump was successful, but later he cracked up badly when his car leaped entirely over the ramp and rolled. But Lucky climbed out uninjured.

The Pitman, N. J. crackup was similar to the one yesterday except the leap wasn't so far and the impact less. At that time Lucky received several broken bones.

Generally, Lucky 'had a feeling' when something was going amiss and would have the ambulance moved to a more advantageous spot.

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MACARTHUR CHALKS UP 30 TO 166 SCORE

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEAD-
QUARTERS, Australia, July 6 (U. P.)—Japan definitely has lost 166 planes, with 118 more probably destroyed, in the Australian zone since Gen. Douglas MacArthur started issuing his communiques April 21, an analysis showed today.

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NORSE HOSPITALS CROWDED

STOCKHOLM, July 6 (U. P.)—Galo dispatches reported today that Norway faced a serious shortage of hospital facilities as the result of the importation of thousands of German wounded.



It was in this phase of the leap that Lucky met his death. The car didn't have momentum enough to reach the ramp and crashed into the understructure. The heavy planks of the ramp fell on the car. This photo was taken when Lucky performed at the fairgrounds last year.

SAILING SCHOONERS MAY APPEAR AGAIN

WASHINGTON, July 6 (U. P.)—A fleet of several hundred wooden sailing schooners would be launched in inter-American trade under plans believed nearing completion by the commerce department, Reconstruction Finance Corp., and the office of the co-ordinator of inter-American affairs.

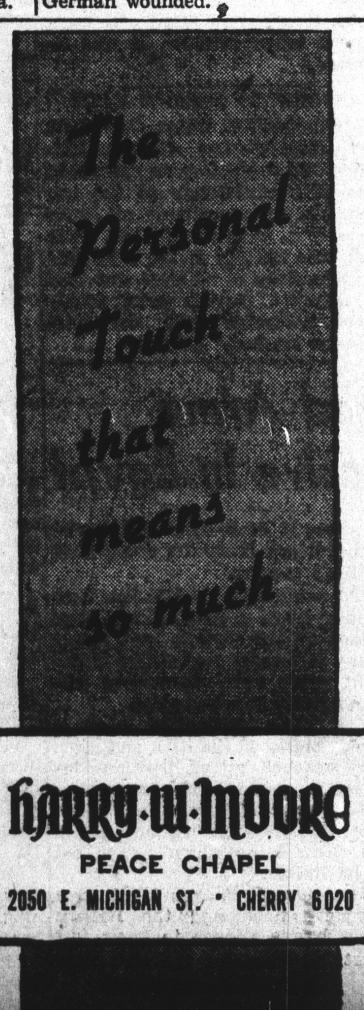
The new fleet would carry chiefly coffee, sugar and cocoa, releasing steel ships for other war-time trade. The little wind ships would increase waning stores of coffee, now being considered for rationing.

FOUR DRIVEN FROM PLANT BY GUNFIRE

CHICAGO, July 6 (U. P.)—Four men who may have been saboteurs were driven away from the grounds of the Link Belt Co., a war production plant, by gunfire before dawn Saturday. Chicago ordnance district officers disclosed today.

The men had dug a hole beneath the high fence surrounding the factory and one of them had crawled inside the enclosure when they were discovered by William Damrill, a guard.

The man inside the fence pushed a package back to his companion, drew a gun and fired three shots. Damrill fired six shots at the intruders, emptying his gun. He said the man inside the grounds screamed and fell and was pulled through the hole by his companion. The four escaped in the dark.



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NORRIS ASSAIS NELSON'S STAND

WPB Chief Defends Self Against Attack on Rubber Policy.

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sential civilian and war needs, he said.

When Mr. Nelson termed the pending legislation "extremely dangerous" and said it would take out of the hands of the president the right to control priorities, Sen. Norris asked:

"What is it that you are afraid this agency we propose to set up will do that is wrong?"

Sees Priority Danger

"It would be dangerous because it would take out of the hands of the president the right to control priorities, among other things," Mr. Nelson replied. "Why do you consider this legislation necessary, Senator?"

"Because you are doing nothing about increasing the rubber supply through use of farm commodities," Sen. Norris said.

Mr. Nelson, who requested an appearance before the subcommittee to deny charges made by a Ft. Worth, Tex., rubber dealer, asserted that "there is only one thing I am jealous of, and that is the integrity of the war production board."

He added that he was "quite shocked" at the charges made by the dealer, Harold Sims, that the rubber branch of the WPB had sought to make "a deal" before authorizing construction of a rubber

reclamation plant by Mr. Sims.

"When such charges are made, they are thoroughly investigated," Mr. Nelson told the subcommittee, adding that no basis was found for Mr. Sims' charges.

Sen. Elmer Thomas (D. Okla.) also criticized Mr. Nelson for his objections to the proposed legislation.

considerable scale along the Kalinin front, northwest of Moscow.

On the Egyptian front, the most powerful American and British air forces ever assembled in the Middle East continued to hammer at the axis columns of Marshal Erwin Rommel on the El Alamein sector, 60 miles from Alexandria, pushing back Nazi bulges on the desert front and destroying many hundreds of enemy fighting and supply vehicles.

British Hang On, Advance!

The British position was definitely better, although officials still declined to claim that the battle was won or that Rommel was definitely halted.

The axis said only that fighting continued and that the Luftwaffe bombed Alexandria and Port Said.

What happened in the last week, however, already had stemmed the threat of immediate and crushing defeat for the allies and opened the possibility that the axis forces could be driven back.

The Germans had advanced to Qibly ridge, five miles south of El Alamein. When the British were driven from that ridge, Rommel believed he had won the battle of El Alamein and the German communiqué said as much.

But again the British didn't know when they were beaten and, as air and land reinforcements arrived, they held their ground and finally recaptured the ridge.

New Zealand troops, charging with bayonets after a dash in trucks across the desert, struck at the German flank on the ridge and won the engagement after British artillery and tanks had hammered at the enemy positions.

On the Army

the "COLONEL"
leads an entire
Regiment!



Colonel is a
commissioned officer
commanding a
regiment.

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