

ALLIES CAPTURE MANY PRISONERS

Axis Forces Isolated on Peninsula and in Tunisian Hills.

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Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, personally directed the final phases of the lightning 36-hour offensive that engulfed both Tunis and Bizerte within five minutes of one another yesterday. Eisenhower has now returned to allied headquarters.

Simultaneously, it was disclosed that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., tank expert and commander of the 2d U. S. corps, has been transferred to another important command and replaced by Maj. Gen. Omar N. Bradley of Missouri.

Bradley took over the command of the 2d corps following its transfer from southwestern Tunisia to the northern front and directed the successful assault on the great naval base of Bizerte.

Air Power Evident

(Patton, known to his troops as "Old Blood and Guts" because of his toughness and daring tactics, presumably played a leading role in coming Mediterranean landing operations. He is one of the ablest and experienced American field commanders.)

Hundreds of allied bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters were mercilessly bombing and strafing Italo-German troops and vehicles clogged with troops, destroying many vehicles and starting numerous fires. Eisenhower's communique reported the allies were enjoying "complete mastery of the air" and were meeting no effective opposition.

Ranging ahead of the British 1st army, allied bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters sank 17 ships set fire to a destroyer, scored hits on several other vessels and blasted dock installations in the gulf and harbor of Tunis yesterday.

Sicily Bombed

Other planes swept northward to the Sicilian ports of Trapani and Marsala to bomb docks and shipping.

The axis made no attempt to defend either Tunis or Bizerte once the allies had pierced their outer defenses, despite earlier claims that the Germans would make a "Tunisdrift" stand to the bitter end.

Front dispatches told of dispirited Italian and German soldiers waiting in the streets of both cities to surrender. Some protested that they were sick of the war and said: "We're not Nazis."

Acknowledge Defeat

(The Italian communique today acknowledged the fall of Tunis and Bizerte. The German communique said Bizerte had been evacuated but street fighting continued in Tunis.)

Allied authorities said overwhelming allied air and naval superiority would make it impossible for the axis to evacuate more than a few of the men from their rapidly shrinking toehold on the African continent.

Thus, except for what appeared to be primarily a mopping-up operation, the allies had won the battle of Tunisia exactly six months after American troops first went ashore on the coasts of Algeria and Morocco.

German and Italian prisoners were

Your Health in War-Time

Splint Is Demanded

If Fracture Is Suspected

First aid knowledge comes into practical and maximum use nowadays because of the scarcity of doctors.

In the case of fractures, the real function of the first aider is to prepare the injured person for transportation to the hospital, and protect him in so doing.

First aid best serves its purpose in simple fractures. Compound fractures require more elaborate care.

Simple fractures mean broken bones without perforation of the skin. When the skin is intact, the danger of infection is eliminated, and this fact greatly simplifies the problem of treatment.

There are no symptoms common to all fractures. Many fractures do not immediately cause a loss of function of the broken part.

"Useless" Theory Wrong

The erroneous belief that a fracture prevents the use of a part has often resulted in delayed care and impaired healing.

Occasionally there is little pain or swelling. Typically, the pain is considerable at the site of the break, and even gentle pressure sharply aggravates it.

Swelling develops rapidly, and as blood is released from the point of fracture, discoloration beneath the skin, becomes evident.

When the fracture breaks the bone in two parts, a deformity as compared with the similar structure on the opposite side of the body may be observed.

Occasionally the patient has heard the bone crack. Other he

makes the diagnosis himself.

When a fracture is suspected, the function of the first aider is to immobilize the part affected with a splint. This may be a board, a pillow, or not to be forgotten—an ambulance stretcher.

The advice of the patient is valuable in splinting with the maximum of comfort and the minimum of harm.

"Once of Prevention"

Only rarely do people with simple fractures have to be treated for shock. Such splinting prevents further damage and contributes immeasurably to the patient's comfort.

When a hospital is reachable, the patient should be taken there. Modern care necessitates the use of X-ray equipment and apparatus usually available only in hospitals.

If the arm is involved, the patient may be taken in a private car.

Those who are now trained to first aid measures may well devote some thought to prevention. Most accidents are preventable, and a continuous barrage of propaganda against carelessness brings continued good results.

Three to ten weeks are ordinarily required for fractures to heal, with the very best of first aid and subsequent treatment. It takes only a second or two to remove toys from stairways, turn on the light, and fasten small rugs securely.

"Mother's Day" Sunday, May 9th

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'DEAD' BIZERTE GREET'S YANKS

Axis Troops and Civilians Gone as U. S. Troops Enter 'Stronghold.'

By C. R. CUNNINGHAM

United Press Staff Correspondent

BIZERTE, May 7 (U. P.)—The first Americans entered this supposed last stronghold of the axis in Tunisia at 4:15 p. m. today. There was little resistance, the preliminary aerial and artillery bombardment apparently having done the work of saturating the vaulted German defenses.

The city apparently had been deserted by its civilian population and by its defenders as well because there was only a scattering of enemy fire.

The American commanders believed that the German rear guard, knowing the show was over, were saving their ammunition.

German 88's barked a few times. American detachments moved out at once to silence them.

The first Americans to enter was a reconnaissance company. I accompanied it.

Then at dusk, came the American tanks and their 75's soon mopped up what little was left in the way of resistance in this key naval base and beautiful Mediterranean city which normally has a population of 20,000 persons.

Six months ago tonight I watched Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower direct the start of this campaign, the American landing in French North Africa, that now has culminated with the capture of this strategic city only a couple of hours by bomber from Rome.

To all intents and purposes, the African campaign is over.

Cunningham's dispatch indicated the thoroughness with which allied aerial might, aided in the latter stages, softened Bizerte for easy capture by ground forces.

It was, at the start of the campaign, the most strongly fortified harbor in Africa, its land approaches guarded by hills honey-combed with defense works and equipped with huge coastal guns commanding both the sea and the land behind.

The best fortification experts of France had constructed its defenses before the war with the idea of making it impregnable.

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cigars with \$58.30, by all three shifts of department 359, Allison division, General Motors Corp., and 22,800 cigarettes with \$57, by the vibrator and yaky department of P. R. Mallory Co., Inc.

Also, 22,000 cigarettes with \$55, by all three shifts in departments 356 and 357, and the first shift of department 319B at Allison division, General Motors Corp., and 20,500 cigarettes with \$51.25, by Allison's department 372.

Employees of the Railway Service & Supply Corp. and employees of the Doddridge-Beck Co. at Milton, Ind., each contributed \$50 to buy 20,000 cigarettes.

The cigarette fund was started when Ernie Pyle wrote from Africa citing the need for cigarettes in the battle areas. Readers demanded that some action be taken so The Times co-operated.

Here is how the plan works:

The Times has arranged with major cigarette companies to purchase cigarettes for shipments overseas at 5 cents a pack. They will be sent to any theater of war outside continental United States.

In place of the federal stamp, there will be a sticker on each package reading: "The Indianapolis Times Ernie Pyle Cigarette Fund."

If any firm, group or group of employees contributes \$50 or more, their names also will be placed on the sticker.

If you desire to contribute, anything from a nickel up, mail or bring your contribution to The Indianapolis Times Ernie Pyle Cigarette Fund, 214 W. Maryland st.

Total To Date.....\$1752.256 \$4,180.84

Legion to Hold Big Bond Drive Parade Sunday

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sions will move south from the starting point, Pennsylvania and St. Clair sts. at 2 p. m. A reviewing stand will be on the west steps of the federal building with ranking army and marine officers and Legion high officials invited to watch the parade from there.

A contingent of Indiana state police on white bicycles, forming the famous "I" to break a path for the marchers, will be in the first division.

Describing the parade as one which will "far exceed any Legion convention or world war II parade," Indianapolis has witnessed the parade marshal, James C. Ahern, pointed out that the band of the Canadian Legion will travel hundreds of miles to be a part of it.

The Indiana State band, representing about 50 communities and led by Carl Preble, New Castle, will march. Legionnaires in this band, professionals in some of the most widely-known AEF bands of world war I, played with Sousa and other famous leaders.

Others entered included uniformed color guards from Muncie post 19, Marion post 10, Tipton post 45, Whiting post 80, Gary post 17, Crown Point post 20, Columbus City post 98, Brownsburg post, Hartford City, Richmond, Shelbyville, East Chicago post 78 and Gary posts 214 and 270. About 900 will come from Lake county, and 40 and 8 box cars will be included.

The usual route for parade in downtown Indianapolis will be followed, south on Pennsylvania st. to Washington st., west on Washington to Illinois st., north on Illinois to Market st., east on Market to the Circle, and around the Circle to North Meridian and disbandment at Meridian and St. Clair sts.

Bring Your Own Girdles—or Else!

WASHINGTON, May 7 (U. P.)—The war department is not buying girdles and brassieres for the WAACs any more, so new recruits have to bring their own or go without, WAAC officers said tonight.

Showing complete indifference to apparel usually considered "essential," the department is not even furnishing allowances for these items.

One WAAC said she understood that the elastic was even being taken out of their panties to be replaced by "some substitute," but said she had not seen any of the new ones and could not say whether they were satisfactory.

WAACs will don their summer uniforms May 15.

REPORT 5 HOOSIERS KILLED IN ACTION

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Otto Schultheis, was killed in the line of duty. He was last reported on subchaser duty in the South Pacific.

Prisoners

PERSONS listening to a Berlin short wave broadcast have notified Mr. and Mrs. Harry James O. Smith, that their son, Pvt. Harry O. Smith, was among American prisoners "interviewed."

Pvt. Smith referred to a fellow prisoner, believed to be Vaughn Dearford, Mooreland, in his broadcast. The parents have been advised by the war department that their son is missing.

The war department has notified Mrs. Ruby Austin, New Albany, that her husband, Sgt. Frank Austin, is a German prisoner. He was last reported in North Africa.

Honored

Capt. William H. Wenner, husband of Mrs. Marie Wenner, 5260 N. Meridian st., has been awarded the Purple Heart for service with the U. S. army air forces.

Capt. Wenner, who is 41, entered the air forces in May, 1942, as a first lieutenant. He was advanced to his present rank several months ago. He serves in a specialist position with the flying personnel.

Prior to his entry into the armed forces he practiced law with his associates, John G. Rauch and James E. Chase, in the Fletcher Trust building.

Capt. and Mrs. Wenner have three daughters, Hildegard, Barbara and Gretchen, all of whom live at home.

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FOOD PRICE CUT ORDERED BY OPA

10 Per Cent Slash Made in Meat, Coffee, Butter Retail Costs.

WASHINGTON, May 8 (U. P.)—The government today began meeting labor's demands for a lower cost of living by ordering a 10 per cent cut in the retail prices of beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton, butter and coffee, and indicating that a roll-back ranging to 30 and 40 per cent in the price of canned and fresh vegetables would follow.

The 10 per cent price cuts on seven major food items will become effective June 1. But once machinery for rolling back prices is set in motion, an OPA spokesman said, it can be used on any item within a few days.

The present objective of Price Administrator Prentiss Brown, who announced the roll-back program last night, is said to be return of the cost of living to the Sept. 15, 1942, level by July 1. The cost of living has increased 2.6 per cent since last September and OPA hopes to reduce it by 2.5 per cent during the next two months.

Food Affected Most

"The greatest increases are present in the food line," an OPA spokesman said. "That is where OPA will strike and strike hard. We expect to knock the price of fresh vegetables down 30 per cent, and in some cases, 40 per cent."

Reductions in many prices will be effected next Monday by imposition of new dollars-and-cents ceilings. The roll back in June is expected to make these additional savings to consumers: Beef and veal, 3 cents a pound; pork, 4 cents a pound; butter between 4 and 5 cents a pound; coffee, about 3 cents a pound.

Washington Calling

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Something stronger than the Connally anti-strike bill will pass the house. House members, sore at the senate for pigeon-holing the Smith anti-strike bill and other labor-control measures, may get even by substituting the Smith bill for the Connally bill.

House military affairs committee is expected to act Tuesday. Meanwhile, house labor committee, long inactive, begins hearings next week on Landis bill requiring labor unions to make semi-annual financial reports to the government and on the Woodruff bill barring aliens from becoming union officials. Latter is aimed at Harry Bridges.

Price ceilings on meat and gradings on which they are based may be wiped out if OPA Administrator Brown accedes to request from house interstate and foreign commerce committee, which wants all grade labeling and standardization orders, issued or about to be issued, suspended till after hearings scheduled for May 24. Request wasn't aimed at that—but may apply, officials say.

Paper Drive to Start Again

WASTE PAPER collection drive will start again soon, though officials dread it. Paper shortage is due mostly to manpower shortage, and salvaged material won't meet all needs.

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Meanwhile, certain officials are chagrined that they made unnecessary explanations about visiting the Monroe mansion, since committee is giving social life on R. st. the once-over-lightly, and is protecting big names.

And committee members say they'd have done it more lightly still if Monroe hadn't made himself into a mystery man by refusing to talk.

Colleagues say Rep. Everett M. Dirksen's trip to Chicago to attend anti-isolationist gathering was the start of his 1944 campaign to unseat Senator Scott Lucas (D. Ill.). Republican Dirksen has become a leader of the house G. O. P. strategy board.

But his vote was missed on the Ruml tax plan for which G. O. P. leadership was plugging. Three more votes would have put it over.

Add politics: Some American Legionnaires see National Commander Roane Waring as a Democratic dark horse for the South for the 1944 presidential or vice presidential nomination. Since returning from a sight-seeing tour of the African front he has been making numerous speeches on the war—and on John L. Lewis.

Sentiment grows in congress for government subsidies to hold down prices. Some members of the house Republican committee to investigate food problems have been converted. G. O. P. has, so far, favored the farm-bloc-farm-bureau plan for puncturing price ceilings, instead. Coal crisis helps change their minds.

Anti-Poll Tax Fight Again

HOUSE IS SURE to pass the anti-poll tax bill again, when it comes up May 24 under discharge petition. But in the senate there'll be another filibuster by Southerners (similar to strategy which licked the bill in 1942.)

Tolan committee on war migration is about to get a new lease on life, but with admonition to narrow its operations, bring in no more recommendations for over-all revision of the war production set-up.

Meanwhile, senate is displaying new interest in the Pepper-Kilgore bill—to set up the same office of war mobilization the Tolan committee recommended. Disappointment is mounting at the way production set-up has been functioning (row over civilian supplies, row over high octane gas-rubber priorities, and half a dozen others.)

Last year administration fought the Kilgore-Pepper bill, wanted nothing to do with its super-administrator over all other war agencies. But signs point to a change here, also, if Maloney civilian-supplies bill passes. Complete shakeup of war agencies, particularly WPB, might be the way out.

G. O. P. congressmen are gathering data in home districts on NYA training for war industries; hope to make a case with it to abolish NYA or drastically cut its funds.

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