

News Summarized

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decrees under his own signature with the one exception of "constitutional decrees" and made him in effect his heir presumptive as Chief of State. The Marshal appeared to be going into semi-retirement. [1:4]

British sources expressed the opinion that a serious blow had been struck at Germany's carefully balanced system of economy by the occupation of North Africa. [3:1]

United States heavy bombers returned to attack La Pallice and Lorient, German submarine bases in Western France. One plane was lost. British planes made the customary sweeps over Northern France and Belgium. [6:3]

Moscow reported that the Germans assaulting a factory district in Stalingrad had once again been repulsed with losses. The situation in the Caucasus was little changed.

Tokyo broadcast acknowledgement that one Japanese battleship, a cruiser and three destroyers had been sunk in the recent battle in the Solomons and conceded that another battleship and seven transports had been damaged. [8:1]

United Nations Headquarters in Australia reported that eight Japanese destroyers had appeared off Buna, New Guinea, as United States troops closed in on that Japanese base. [1:5]

The Argentine Government issued instructions to the police to ferret out Axis agents, showing concretely for the first time a tendency to line up with the United Nations. [11:1]

...equipped with half-track trucks and light tanks, the only vehicles that could negotiate the nearly trackless mid-Sahara. Estimates as to the size of the Lake Chad concentration have varied from 10,000 to 40,000 men, most of them Fighting French troops. A number of American technicians and mechanics is included.

Drove Into Tripolitania in March

On last March 7 a Free French column from the Chad Territory, in command of Governor General Leclerc of the Cameroons, swept northward into the southern part of Tripolitania and captured an Axis position in Fezzan Province after violent fighting. The main battle was presumed to have taken place around the oasis of Murzuk, about 500 miles south of Tripoli and 200 miles north of the border of the Chad territory, which had been the site of an Italian fort.

Fortress Routs 30 Nazi Planes Though Riddled in Raid on Lille

By The United Press.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The Flying Fortress returned home from Lille, France, with one motor gone, a wingtip rolled up like a sardine can, half her controls useless and one tire shot flat, but she sat down on a British airdrome with scarcely a bump.

King George told the American crew: "I don't see how you did it."

The hero of the adventure was Staff Sergt. John De John of Ensley, Ala., who won an Air Medal and a citation for the Order of the Purple Heart. Sergt. De John was wounded in the left side when a cannon shell hit his turret and put one of his two guns out of action over Lille, but for ten minutes he continued firing his remaining gun with his one good hand, shooting down a Focke-Wulf-109 fighter in flames.

The pilot, First Lieut. Robert L. Riordan of Houston, Tex., said that

lands, Nov. 9 (Delayed)—Vice Admiral William F. Halsey Jr., making his first visit to what he calls the "first front" in the Pacific, this morning described the naval situation as "fine from our point of view" despite the loss of ships, which must be expected.

Asserting that control of the seas is the key to the situation in the Pacific, he refused to relegate the battleship, in the fight for that control, to the category of obsolete weapons. The carrier is the great offensive weapon, he declared, but the battleship also still retains its role and will continue to play a decisive part in the Pacific warfare.

Admiral Halsey while here decorated thirteen officers and men of the United States Marines and Navy who had distinguished themselves in recent fighting in and over the Solomons. Standing in the early morning sunlight in front

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in military circles here that the British Army's advancing directly on Bizerte along the northern coastal roads and through the mountains and valleys, while a joint United States and British expedition is pushing inland, probably toward Gabès and Sfax on the eastern coast.

The German-controlled Paris radio boasted today that Bizerte, with its great protected basin of 100 square miles of water thirty feet deep, had fallen already to Axis troops rushed in by plane and ship when the force under Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied Commander in Chief in Africa, first threatened it. As far as is known here, the French garrison at the big naval base is still in possession of the town, although it is known that the enemy has landed troops who are believed to be still battling the French in the surrounding area. It was noted that the radio claim was not repeated by the German High Command's official communiqué.

Fighting French Reported On Move

The Algiers radio reported tonight that strong Fighting French forces were moving northward from the Lake Chad region in French Equatorial Africa toward the Libyan and Tunisian borders. The radio gave Cairo as the source of the information, but no such report had been received here directly from Cairo. The purpose of such an expedition, if it is really under way, would appear to be to intercept German General Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's beaten troops and attack them from the flank if they attempted a stand at El Aghella.

While General Eisenhower's headquarters is naturally chary of giving information of the position of Allied troops at this stage of the impending struggle, official and semi-official information was sufficient to justify the presumption that the main body of the invading armies was preparing for a decisive blow. A major battle may flare

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en route home the Fortress was jumped by a formation of Focke-Wulfs.

"They came in like hornets and there must have been thirty of them," Lieut. Riordan said. "When they knocked us out of formation, I knew we were in trouble. When they slammed two cannon shells into our rudder controls, I told the boys to get ready to bail out."

But the Fortress stayed in the sky and ran her score for the afternoon to four enemy fighters shot down and probably four more.

The navigator, Second Lieut. George J. Spellman of Holyoke, Mass., dragged Sergt. De John into the radio room and, without coat or gloves, took over the rear gun, where he fought in a temperature of 20 below zero until his hands were almost frozen. "You should have seen his gun-

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Questions on the Fighting in Various War Zones

Shortly after their arrival in Algeria these U. S. forces moved forward to take the Maison Blanche airdrome, near Algiers

Supplies that from a newsreel.

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EXILED GOVERNMENTS SET UP COMMISSION
Technical Group Will Consider Post-War Problems

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
 LONDON, Nov. 18—A technical commission to consider "questions of special interest to the occupied countries in relation to an eventual armistice" has been established here by eight Allied Governments now in Britain, it was disclosed today. It was explained that the group would devote itself primarily to a definition of the problems, among which will be economic recovery and war guilt. Its findings will not be binding.

Thus far there has been collaboration among the governments without, however, any machinery for pooling the findings and opinions of each one.

Poland initiated the move by a series of luncheons attended by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, United States Ambassador to the governments in exile. The Allied Governments have been in regular consultation with Britain, the United States and Russia.

ROOSEVELT SENDS THANKS
Latin-American Presidents' Notes on African Move Answered

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
 WASHINGTON, Nov. 18—President Roosevelt thanked Presidents of Latin-American countries who had expressed their approval of the American occupation of North Africa in messages made public by the State Department today.

The recipients were Colonel Fulgencio Batista, President of Cuba; General Anastasio Somoza, President of Nicaragua; General Carias Tiburcio Andino, President of Honduras; General Jorge Urico, President of Guatemala; Alfonso Lopez, President of Colombia; Elie Descot, President of Haiti, and Carlos Arroyo del Rio, President of Ecuador.

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RIDDLED FORTRESS ROUTS 30 GERMANS

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barrel," said the co-pilot, First Lieutenant Edward P. Malisewski of Grosse Point, Mich. "It was so hot it was bent."

The top-turret gunner, Staff Sergeant Raleigh W. Holloway of Fredericksburg, Va., said he poured tracers into a yellow-nosed Focke-Wulf and blew it to bits.

A cannon shell blew a hole in the fuselage "as big as a cabbage" beside Staff Sergeant Anthony L. Santoro of Houston, Texas, the engineer and waist gunner. Machine gun fire cut his ammunition belt, but he changed it and caught a German fighter. The lower-turret gunner, Staff Sergeant John E. Owens of Roanoke, Va., sent another enemy spinning down and several others were crippled.

After about forty-five minutes the "Abbeville Kids," as the German coastal squadrons are known, had enough and the Fortress came home. She was found to be a sieve, with sixteen square feet of metal ripped off one wing.

Her nose emblem—a cartoon of Adolf Hitler undergoing a scalping by an Indian yelling "Wahoo!"—was not dented and all of her crew except Sergeant De John were unharmed.

Lieutenant Riordan, Lieutenant Spellman, Sergeant Santoro, Sergeant Holloway and Sergeant Owens received the Air Medal.

Charge Russians Bind Captives

D. N. B., the official German news agency, reported yesterday that the Russians were manacled the "few German prisoners" in their hands, according to a broadcast recorded by The Associated Press.

1,000 GOING TO PALESTINE
Refugees in North Africa Aided by American Occupation

As a result of the occupation of North Africa by American and British forces, 1,000 Jewish refu-

gees who had escaped to North Africa will to Palestine, it was yesterday by Dr. Abba national chairman of Palestine Appeal. Dr. Silver was adv from Jerusalem that



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