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OUR NEW FRONT IS OPENED IN N. AFRICA

CARRYING scores of thousands of American troops, the greatest Armada the world has ever seen, yesterday launched a second front in North Africa.

Landings were made at several points on the Mediterranean and Atlantic coasts of French North Africa—Algiers and Oran being apparently the main points of attack.

The original landings were made by American troops, assisted by the British Navy and the Royal Air Force.

It has been announced, however, that several British divisions will follow.

Genoa counting its dead

GENOA. Rommel's supply port in Italy, had its heaviest raid of the war on Saturday night.

Crews of the strong force of RAF heavy bombers report great destruction to the port. The raid was the second on the city on successive nights.

And the Italian communique yesterday said that the city is still counting its dead.

Many 4,000lb. bombs were dropped on the city.

Four Bombers Lost

When the bombing became heavy, the gunners ceased to fire and, in the words of a Lancaster pilot, "the attack became the same old piece of cake, only softer."

A wireless operator said it was the most successful attack yet made on Genoa.

"I counted many big fires and numberless small fires all over the port," he said. "Buildings just vanished in a series of violent explosions."

Four of our bombers are missing.

Vichy sources reported that both the French Army and Navy were in action, but there was no confirmation of this from either London or Washington.

Fighting included a revolt by pro-Allied French in Casablanca.

The purpose of the landing is described in an Allied statement from London as helping the French to liberate themselves from Axis aggression.

Roughly the plan of campaign has been for rangers—U.S. equivalent of the commandos—to land in separate parties at strategic points with airborne troops brought up in support of the landing parties.

"INCREDIBLE SUCCESS"

OF THE CONVOY

"There is some hope that the attitude of the civil population may be at least not unhelpful in this cause, so eloquently explained to them in the U.S. President's appeal," says the announcement.

First news of the invasion came in a dramatic Washington statement announcing the landings.

Then, at 10.30 a.m., Vichy radio declared

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GENERAL EISENHOWER

IRON BLOWS MAN N. AFRICAN C-in-C

LIEUT.-GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER is the man in supreme command of the land, sea and air forces, both British and American, engaged in the Allied Nations' operations to liberate North Africa.

General Eisenhower—known as Ike—is 51. His name is a German one meaning "The man who strikes iron blows."

A Washington War Department Communique states that some months ago Allied Force Headquarters were set up in London by the direction of the combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington.

United Staff

General Eisenhower was designated commander-in-chief of the Allied Force, and staff of British and American officers was selected.

When the threat of Axis invasion of North Africa became imminent General Eisenhower and his staff began making plans for the operation that is now under way.

General Eisenhower has concurrently been in command of all the American troops in the European theatre of operations.

8th Army take Mersa Matruh

MERSA MATRUH is in our hands again. Rommel has less than 20,000 men of his once-proud Afrika Korps left.

We have captured or destroyed 500 tanks, taken between 900 and 1,000 guns, between 30,000 and 40,000 prisoners, the Italian Pavia Division and probably all the Italian Generals in Egypt.

The bulk of what once was the German panzer army has reached or passed the Libyan frontier in its non-stop flight from Egypt.

How badly the Germans panicked and left their Italian allies in the lurch is revealed in yesterday's Cairo communique and in a cable from Reuters correspondent.

Up to Daba, halfway between Alamein and Mersa Matruh, the German withdrawal was more or less organised and co-ordinated. From there it became a debacle. The panic-stricken Germans

ITALY'S BACK DOOR

AS this second front develops it should engulf the whole of North Africa except Spanish Morocco.

Vichy will no doubt do its utmost to urge resistance but the hold of Vichy on the loyalty and discipline of the troops in North Africa is not very strong.

Successful landings in Algeria will shorten the route to Tripoli by more than two-thirds and enable the Allies to cut off Rommel's supplies at their main port of entry.

The chances of Germany or Italy getting important reinforcements across to North Africa is slender.

Reconquest of the Mediterranean is the first vital step in the Allies' European strategy.

With secure bases on the North African coast for the Allied Naval and Air Forces the door is open to the invasion of Hitler's Europe through his back door—Italy. The threatened coast would extend from Genoa to Salonika.

It means that they must immediately begin withdrawing their forces from Russia.

Stalin's wish for the diversion of about 60 divisions from the Eastern Front may soon be gratified.—Reuters.

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★ STRATEGIC VISTA! ★

THE big plan begins to unfold.
Montgomery's smashing attack
on the Axis defensive positions at
El Alamein was not a temporary
stroke to counteract the menace to
Egypt. It was the first move in a
great combined operation, the ex-
tent of which cannot even now be
completely discerned.

The American landings on
French territory are the comple-
ment of Montgomery's drive in the
desert. The two movements, taken
together, mean that an attempt is
being made to clear the whole of
North Africa of the enemy. Let
us by all means be cautious. But
once the Afrika Korps has been
turned into the Africa corpse there
is every reason to hope that neither
Axis influence nor the parrot cries
of Vichy will prevent colonial

Frenchmen from co-operating with
the Allied Forces, thus helping to
strike a decisive blow for the free-
dom and integrity of the French
Empire.

If we are granted a fair share of
good fortune it should not be long
before the whole of the North
African coast is in Allied hands.
This would mean the full recovery
of our position in the Mediter-
ranean—which, in turn, would
bring about the collapse of Italy
and open the back door of Hitler's
Germany. Montgomery's attack
was the beginning of all that; noth-
ing less. We must be patient. We
must be prepared for setbacks. But
the fight is on. Now is the time to
sail in with all we have, with all
we know, and at each and every
point at which we can do the

enemy harm. There are signs that
Hitler is going a little groggy. Those
fanatic eyes have started to roll.
The knees are slightly on the sag.
It may indeed be a considerable
time before he takes the count, but
who shall say that his seconds are
not nervously fingering the towel?

As we have suggested, let us touch
wood. We are now too old at the
game to rejoice prematurely. On
the other hand we ought now to
abandon the almost ingrained habit
of refusing to believe good news.
The facts speak for themselves. The
resultant exhilaration; the opti-
mism which makes us brace up for
a new and greater effort! These
things are the final munition of
war. We need not be afraid at
doing a spot of overtime on them.

B. B. B.

Armistice Day ban in Belgium

The German military au-
thorities in Belgium have
prohibited any ceremonies
on Armistice Day. It is for-
bidden to lay flowers on the
graves of the fallen or to
wear badges.

This also applies to Nov-
ember 15, ordinarily kept in
honour of the King, but on
this occasion religious cere-
monies will be allowed.
Those infringing the order
will be severely punished.

War to end trade racket

The war will end cut-throat
competition and chaos, and co-
operation and orderly planning
will take their place.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood,
M.P., leader of the Labour
Party, declared in London
yesterday that this new deal
was implicit in the Atlantic
Charter, the Lend-Lease plan
and the Anglo-Soviet treaty.

"The aim of reconstruction is
to dig deep the foundations of
permanent peace and then to
build on them the pillars of the
four freedoms."

"There will, no doubt, be
vested interest which will seek
to return to the old ways of the
old days. It will prove to be an
idle dream."

Made two Nazi planes crash

Two F.W.190s collided and fell
into the sea off Beachy Head
when tackled by a single Spit-
fire flown by a Fighting French
pilot.

They were flying in to raid
the coast when the Spitfire
came in behind them and
opened fire on the nearer plane.
The Nazi made a sharp turn
to the right and collided with
his companion's tail. One of
them went straight into the sea.
The other tried to pancake on
the water, but his plane sank at
once.

FLEW ATLANTIC 116 TIMES—DIES IN CRASH

Colonel Jack Zimmerman,
control officer of the United
States Ferry Command, who
had flown more than 2,000,000
miles and had crossed the
Atlantic by air 116 times, has
been killed in a plane crash in
the St. Lawrence Gulf.

£25,000 FOR SOVIET
New Zealand has sent £25,000
to provide medical aid for
Russia.

Women must win peace, says Eleanor

WOMEN must win the peace, sharing responsibility equally
with the men, declared Mrs. Roosevelt in a postscript
broadcast to the people of Britain last night.

"Women may have had a feeling in the past that they did
not have an equal responsibility as men in world affairs," she
said.

"But the writing is clear on the wall, that if there is to be
peace in the world, women as well as men will have to decide to
work and sacrifice to achieve it."

"The price of peace in the future may be sacrifices of our
material comforts in the years immediately after the war."

"Men who have fought the war and women, if they have given
all they have to the war effort, may be tired when peace comes,
but we cannot afford to be too tired to win the peace—if our
civilisation is to go on."

Magnificent Job

"Our hope for the future, lies
in the acceptance by women
and young people of their re-
sponsibility."

Mrs. Roosevelt said British
women had assumed war re-
sponsibility in a truly magni-
ficent way, and concluded:—

"I hope that we will be
worthy of the women of Great
Britain, who are a vital factor
in the manpower of the nation."

A GRANDMOTHER— AND SHE'S ONLY 36

Mrs. Phyllis Webb, who is only
36, and one of Britain's youngest
grandmothers, carried her first
grandchild to church for its
christening at Corringham,
Essex, yesterday.

Her husband, George Webb,
is 41.

Mrs. Webb was married at 18,
and her daughter, Joyce, was
only 16 when she married
Howard Knowlden, 23, a Cana-
dian soldier from Quebec.

Mrs. Webb has three other
children still at home.

BELGIAN RAILWAYMEN WARNED BY THEIR P.M.

Warning to Belgian rail-
waymen not to believe Ger-
man promises and go to work
in the Reich, was made last
night by M. Pierlot, the Belgian
Prime Minister, in a broadcast
from London.

"The promises extorted from
the railway company by the
Germans are without value," he
said, "and those chiefs who
have favoured enemy concerns
will have terrible accounts to
render when Belgium is liber-
ated. They know what awaits
them."

GOING TO ALGERIA

Vichy radio stated yesterday
that M. Yves Chatel, Governor-
General of Algeria, had left
Vichy for North Africa.

Workers up for auction

FARMWORKERS, including
boys of 16, put themselves
up for auction at the highest
figures on record at the Cum-
berland winter "hirings" at
Carlisle during the week-end.

Farmers were staggered at
the demands made, but had to
concede them because they are
faced with a heavy ploughing
programme.

Wage agreements made at
the "auctions" provided for
the payment of £100 to men
over 21, and from £60 to £80
for lads of 16 to 20 for a
term of six months.

In the case of single men and
boys, wages really represent
pocket money, as they are
housed and fed on the farms.

ALLIED WHEAT "SAVED TURKEY FROM FAMINE"

Four thousand tons of wheat
have arrived in Turkey from
India says an Istanbul report,
adding that Turkey would have
suffered a bread famine during
the past year but for British
and American shipments.

VICHY MUZZLE

Vichy radio announces that
the French Government has is-
sued an order prohibiting all
meetings throughout France.

SOVIET STOP NAZI PUSH

FIERCE fighting has been
going on for twenty-four
hours in the Nalchik front, east
of Mozdok, where Russian
troops have halted the German
advance.

The Germans lost 3,000 to
4,000 killed and over 300 tanks
in eleven days.

"In the area of Stalingrad

GUNMAN DEFIES POLICE NET

A STRUGGLE by several
police to close in on an
armed man took place at Bever-
ley (Yorks) on Saturday, after
Police Constable Reginald
Boyles, 30, of the East Riding
Constabulary, had been taken
to hospital with gunshot
wounds.

On Saturday Boyles was
called to a bungalow at Seaton,
occupied by Robert Peel, 53, a
joiner and property owner.

People in the neighbourhood
heard a shot and saw the con-
stable collapse.

Near the back door of the
house, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth
Leftly, 75, Peel's mother, was
found with a severe head
wound. Her condition is
serious.

Several police officers sur-
rounded the house.

Later, villagers heard several
shots and saw Peel in a field
near his house with a gun.

Eventually, when the man's
ammunition had run out he was
arrested.

At a special sitting of the
magistrates he was charged
with the attempted murder of
Constable Boyles and remanded
in custody until November 27.

All buses to stop at 9 p.m.

All buses are to stop at 9 p.m.
in every part of the country—
except London.

On Sundays, no buses will
run before 1 p.m.

The curfew will be in opera-
tion by Christmas.
Special arrangements will be
made for essential workers and
civil defence personnel.

RAF OVER FRANCE

Strong formations of planes,
believed to include bombers,
went over the south-east coast
across the sunlit Straits towards
northern France at midday
yesterday.

TODAY'S RADIO

NEWS.—Home
7.0, 8.0, 1.0, 6.0,
9.0, 12.0.
In addition to
the home news
bulletins the
B.B.C. broadcast
European news
in English every
day on 1,500
metres and 373
metres at the fol-
lowing times: 10.0
a.m., 3.30 p.m.,
and 10.45 p.m.

HOME

7.15 Nautical
Moments: 7.30
Exercises: 7.50
Tune for Today:
7.55 Lift Up Your
Hearts: 8.15 Kitch-
en Front: 8.20
Monday Morning
Medley: 9.0 Sext-
et: 9.30 Two
Talks: 9.45 Thea-
tre Organ: 10.5
Schools: 10.15 Ser-
vice: 10.30 Music
While You Work:
11.0 Schools: 12.20
Orchestra: 1.30
Records: 1.50
Schools: 3.0 Music
While You Work:
3.30 Concert: 4.10
Country Calendar:
4.30 Revue
Chorus: 5.0
Welsh: 5.20 Chil-
dren: 5.30 Nor-
wegian: 5.45 Ad-
ventures in Music-
Makers: 7.5 Neph-
olas: Nickleby:
7.35 Westminster
And Beyond: 8.0
Monday Night at
Eight: 8.20 Call-
ing the Factory
Front: 9.25 Or-
chestra: 10.45
Thriller: 10.45
Gaelic: 10.50 Lew-
Stone: 11.25 Read-
ing: 11.30 Piano

FORCES

6.30 Revue:
7.15 Nautical
Moments: 7.30
Rhythm on Re-
cords: 8.15 Mon-
day Morning
Medley: 9.0 Sext-
et: 9.30 Star-
light: 9.45 Thea-
tre Organ: 10.5
Orchestra: 10.30
Music While You
Work: 11.0 Dance
Music: 11.30 Fare-
well Ballade:
11.50 Orchestra:
12.30 Break for
Music: 1.15 Rhy-
thm: 1.50 Neph-
tation: 1.30
Pipes and Drums:
1.50 Love With-
out Tears: 2.20
Band: 3.0 Music
While You Work:
3.30 Concert: 4.10
Sandy Macpher-
son: 4.30 Revue
Chorus: 5.0
Cavendish Three:
5.15 Ack-ack:
6.30 Canadian Cal-
endar: 7.0 Ameri-
can Sport: 7.5
Command Per-
formance: 7.35
Viola: 8.0 Ger-
ald: 8.30 Sandy
Half-Hour: 9.20
Into Battle: 9.30
Private Smith En-
tertains: 10.0
Fables of the
Forties: 10.30
Music While You
Work

First
at-
Nov.
15.

MOONRISE

5.44 a.m.

MOONSET

6.24 p.m.

BLACK-OUT

London

5.51 p.m. to

7.38 a.m.

Birmingham

5.54 p.m. to

7.48 a.m.

Bristol

6.1 p.m. to

7.48 a.m.

Liverpool

5.58 p.m. to

7.56 a.m.

Newcastle

5.45 p.m. to

7.56 a.m.

Glasgow

5.53 p.m. to

8.10 a.m.

Penzance

6.17 p.m. to

7.57 a.m.



The desert song!

Iron Hammer

BECAUSE he was MacArthur's right-hand man in the Philippines, Lieutenant-General Dwight D. Eisenhower has been called the MacArthur type of soldier.

In fact, there could be no greater contrast between the brilliant polished, diplomatic MacArthur, and the "plug-ugly" tough Ike Eisenhower. He is tough and blunt—not only in the physical sense but in his determination.

A scientifically cold-blooded soldier—but with a very human

and sympathetic interest in the officers and men of his command—Eisenhower is the man the American troops wanted to lead them in their big test.

And that will count more with the General than the fact that he, one of the most junior Generals in the American forces, has been chosen by those in authority to lead the attack.

A stockily built, wiry Texan, Ike has no place in his scheme of things. When he calls for action he gets it.

He works and fights with his men. When he was appointed here in charge of the European theatre of operations he instituted a seven-day week and a twelve-hour day for his staff, and he kept to it himself.

He has fought for the best of everything for his men—and he demands the best from them.

THROUGHOUT his Army career he has been in the vanguard of modern military thought. As a second-lieutenant in World War I, he chose the Tank Corps, then only in embryo, as his field. Today, at fifty-two, he is one of the greatest experts in the world on mechanised warfare and organisation.

He knows air warfare, too. Charged with the creation of a Philippine air force, Ike Eisenhower at forty-seven learned flying himself. Now he has hundreds of flying hours to his credit.

The name Eisenhower is German. It means "The man who strikes iron blows" or, more simply, "Iron hammer."

It sums up his military philosophy admirably.

In himself a human, easily approached individual, he knows the stern requirements of war. He has the brain to plan to meet those needs, and the tenacity to carry the plan through.

HE emerged from the last war with the D.S.M., and as the youngest Lieutenant-Colonel in the American Army. He went to the Philippines in 1935 with MacArthur, and it was largely his organisation that made possible the great fight put up there against the Japs.

After the Philippines he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Third Division, then of the 9th Army Corps, and later of the Third Army.

He was assigned head of the Operations Division of the General Staff, and was appointed to the European Theatre in June, 1942.

"Ike" Eisenhower has been "Ike" since his student days. He is "Ike" to all his intimates—except his 81-year-old mother, who still weeds her own garden, and feeds her own chickens back in Kansas.

He was married in 1916—after a resolute courtship, says his wife, during which he scared off all her other beaux. They have one son, now a student at West Point Military Academy.

An ace bridge-player, and an expert also at poker—which appeals to his tough spirit—Ike Eisenhower has one weakness... the collecting of Eastern rugs. He's gone to the right place to get them—but it's our guess that this time he'll get more valuable prizes.

E. H. CHRISTIAN

LIVE LETTERS!

Matrimony

A CORPORAL'S WIFE writes us from Stanmore (Middlesex): DEAR Live Letters.—Four years ago my photograph was printed in Live Letters. A few weeks later I had a letter from a soldier serving in India. We corresponded for two years. When he returned to England we met.

Today we are celebrating the first anniversary of the wedding, so I am writing to thank you for introducing us. Well, blow us down. Eros, even, has nothing on us! We're glad you're pleased with the goods. Otherwise you might have come round chucking bricks instead of bouquets.

Now He's Right!

Master L. WRIGHT is worried to death, puzzling his brain in Major-road, London, E.

Here's his worry. Why the letters No. stand for "number," when number starts with Nu.

But the mother Latin word, young Wright, was numero, and No. is a first and last letter abbreviation.

Penned!

From Eltham, writes R. D. M., a seeker after knowledge:—

Please oblige by telling me the difference between a penknife and a pocketknife.

We'll lay 10 to 1 you've never seen a penknife. It was a contraption on the end of a small shaft and shaped to cut the quills of feathers into the form of a pen nib. We've only seen one ourselves—a reader sent it for us to look at.

60 Years

Drink the health today of two fellow-readers, Mr. and Mrs. G. Beckett, of Mount-street, Aylesbury (Bucks). They are celebrating the diamond anniversary of their wedding.

A Mother's Blessing

Mine was the pleasure and the pain—Of bringing you through childhood's days... I watched you grow into a man—and followed you through every phase.

But now, my son, the time has come—when I must say goodbye to you—for you have found what all men seek—Love, happiness, a partner true.

God keep you through the future years, and bless you both upon this day... I wish you health—the best of fortune—and fair weather all the way. PATIENCE STRONG.

Debut

It seems our reputation depends on whether we can answer four fellows in "W. and W.'s," Tottenham, London.

And what we have to answer is: The origin of Britannia.

The female figure sitting on a globe leaning with one arm on a shield and grasping a spear with the other hand, first appeared on a Roman coin of Antoninus Pius about A.D. 155. (That's given some of you a shock, we guess.) It reappeared on our copper coins in 1665, in Charles II's time. The 1665 model was Miss Stewart, afterwards created Duchess of Richmond.

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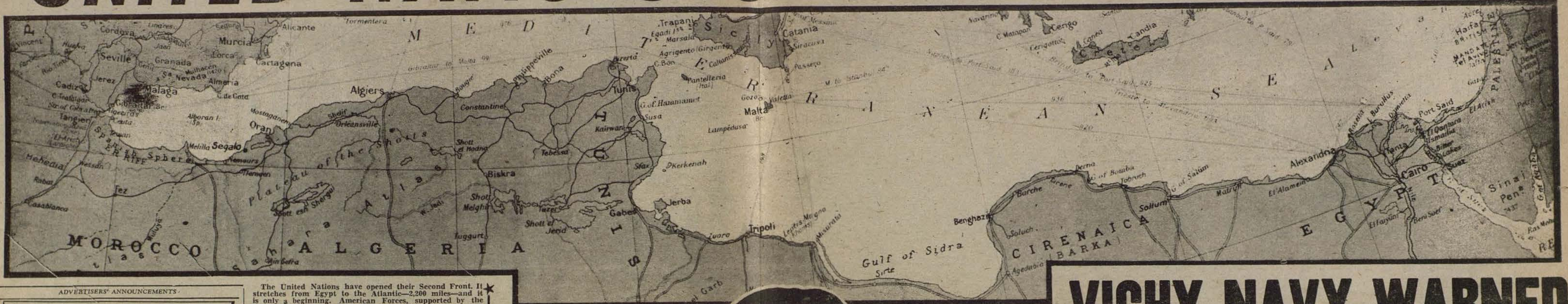
LONDON AMUSEMENTS

CAMBRIDGE—Eves, 5.30 (ex Mon). W. Th. Sat. 2.15. Waltz Without End. SCALA TH.—Chessington Circus Games to Town. 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. daily. WHITEHALL—Whl. 6.30. Cont. 2.9. VENUS COMES TO TOWN. CARLTON—Holiday Inn, u. B. Crosby. P. Astaire. 10.50. 2.0. 5.0. 8.15. DOMINION—The Gay Sisters, a. Coastal Command, u. &c. 11.15-10. EMPIRE, Leic.-sq.—The War Against Mrs. Hadley, u. E. Arnold, F. Bainter. GAUMONT—Haymkt.—Noel Coward's In Which We Serve, u. &c. 11 to 9.40. LONDON PAV.—10.9.50. Went the Day Well? a. with Leslie Banks. MARBLE ARCH PAV.—Noel Coward's In Which We Serve, u. &c. 11 to 10. METROPOLE—Vic. 4673. Cross Roads, a. Are Husbands Necessary? u. NEW GALLERY (G-B)—Walt Disney's BAMBI (colour), u. &c. 11.10-9.30. ODEON, Leic.-sq.—DON AMECHE in THE MAGNIFICENT DOPE (u). PARAMOUNT—Are Husbands Necessary, u. 12.55, 4.5, 7.15. The Fleet's In PLAZA—The Forest Rangers, a. Tech. 12.29, 3.0, 5.33, 8.5. Leningrad Flights. STUDIO ONE—12.45-10. Disney's Fantasia, u. Entree des Artistes, a. (Fr.). WARNER—Ger. 3.423. Cont. 10.9.30. J. Cagney in Yankee Doodle Dandy, u.

PERSONAL

SUPERFLUOUS hair permanently removed by electrolysis. 10/6 each treatment. Experienced specialist. Mrs. H. Nathan, 1, Dallas-rd, W.5. Per. 1771. WANTED, two sisters or friends for house duties. Rowley, St. Neots.

UNITED NATIONS OPEN SECOND FRONT



VICHY NAVY WARNED 'NO SCUTTling' 'WE'LL SHOW 'EM,' SAID U.S.

AS operations started Lieut.-General Eisenhower, C-in-C. of the Allied Expeditionary Force, sent out two messages, one to the armed forces and the other to the people of French North Africa.

One was a broadcast and the other a leaflet distributed by the Army Air Force and the RAF over French North African territory.

The broadcast said: "French of North Africa, the forces which I have the honour to command come as your friends to make war against your enemies. This is a military operation directed against the Italian and German forces in North Africa."

"Our only aim is to destroy the enemy and to liberate France. I do not need to tell you that we have no designs either on North Africa or on any part of the French Empire, we count on your friendship, and we ask for your co-operation."

"I have given strict orders that no offensive action shall be taken against you, and you will thus avoid any chance of a clash which could only serve the interests of our enemies."

"To avoid any possibility of misunderstanding, show the following signals: "By day display the French Tricolor and U.S. flag one above the other, or two—I repeat, two—French Tricolors one above the other. I repeat, by day display French Tricolor and U.S. flag one above the other, or two—I repeat, two—French Tricolors one above the other."

"By night, display search-light beams vertically. I repeat, by night, display search-light beams vertically."

"Besides this, for reasons of military security, we are obliged to give you the following instructions; any refusal to follow them will be interpreted as indicating hostile intent."

"Stay Where You Are"

Instruction to Ship Crews

"Here are the instructions:—To all ships of the Navy and the Merchant Navy: Stay where you are. Do not attempt to scuttle any ships."

"To all coastal defence units: Do not man your batteries or other installations."

"To all units of the Air Force: Do not take off. All aircraft should remain in their normal places."

"Generally speaking, you will obey any order which may be given to you by my officers. We come, I repeat, as friends and not as enemies. We shall not be the ones to fire first. Fol-

low exactly the instructions which I have just given you, and you will thus avoid any chance of a clash which could only serve the interests of our enemies."

"We call you as comrades to the common fight against the invaders of France. The war has entered into the phase of liberation."

Destruction of Enemy Chief Object

General Eisenhower's pamphlet read: "Frenchmen of North Africa: Faithful to the ancient and traditional guardianship of the Government and people of the U.S.A. for France and for French North Africa a great American Army is landing in your country."

"Our immediate purpose is to protect French North Africa against the menace of an invasion by the Germans and the Italians. Our principal object is the same as in 1917, that is to say, the destruction of the enemy and the complete liberation of invaded France."

"The day that the German and Italian threat shall weigh no more on French territories we will leave your country. The sovereignty of France over French territories remains unaffected. We know that we can count on your co-operation to clear the road which leads to victory and to peace."

ANOTHER ROUND-UP

Another round-up by G-men of dangerous enemy aliens in the New York area has netted nine Germans, two Japanese and two Italians.

Moscow tells the Guerrillas

Moscow radio yesterday announced the news of the African landing in a special broadcast to the regions occupied by the Germans and the guerrilla detachments.

The radio repeatedly announced: "American troops have landed at various points in French North Africa, and then quoted a Reuter dispatch saying that British troops will shortly join the Americans."

"Pravda," the only Moscow paper published yesterday, gave the news a prominent position.

Support by British

THE following statement, on the dramatic developments in North Africa, was issued by the British Government:—

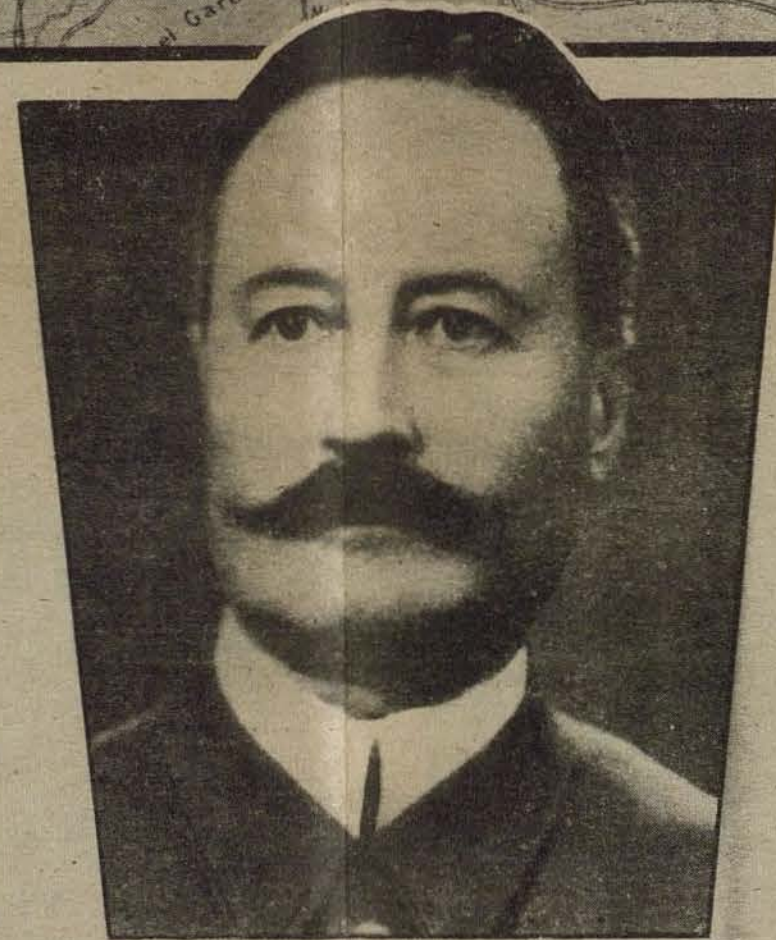
"In a broadcast to Frenchmen the President of the U.S.A. has announced the arrival of American Forces in French North Africa."

"He has explained that their purpose is to free French territory from the threat of occupation by the Axis, and that the United Nations are doing all they can to ensure a sound future as well as the restoration of the ideals, the liberties and the democracy of all those who have lived under the Tricolor."

"He has issued an appeal to all Frenchmen to help towards the execution of this great purpose and to hasten the day of peace."

"The United States action is undertaken with the full support and collaboration of the H.M. Government and the operations of the United States forces are being supported by units of the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force."

"His Majesty's Government have, but one desire in relation to France, and that is to hasten the day when Frenchmen everywhere will join together to restore the independence and greatness of France."



General Giraud.

GIRAUD TELLS FRENCH: "WE WILL FREE YOU"

FRANCE'S most popular military leader, General Giraud, yesterday declared his readiness to lead his countrymen in North Africa in the fight for liberation.

In an appeal to the Vichy forces in North Africa, broadcast by Algiers radio, he said: "For the last two years we have scrupulously observed the terms of the armistice in spite of the repeated violations by our enemies."

"Today Germany and Italy want to occupy North Africa. America forestalls them and assures us of her loyal and disinterested support. This is our chance of revival. We cannot neglect this expected opportunity of recovery."

"I take my action station as one of you. I ask you to trust in me as I trust you. We have but one passion—France, and our only aim is victory."

Vichy radio first described the report of the broadcast as "pure trickery by an unknown sender" and added, triumphantly, that General Giraud was "still in France."

Within an hour or so the radio cancelled its statement that Giraud was in France. General Giraud, commander of the French 9th Army, was captured by the Germans in May, 1940, and imprisoned in Koenigstein prison, near Dresden.

After escaping he crossed into Switzerland and made his way to Vichy where he was reported to have conferred with Marshal Petain.

HOARE GIVES ASSURANCE TO SPAIN

SIR SAMUEL HOARE, British Ambassador in Madrid, gave the Spanish Government an assurance that operations in North Africa would not threaten any Spanish territory or compromise existing treaties.

Vichy Cabinet met under the presidency of Marshal Petain. Laval was in conference all the morning with Jules Brevie, Secretary for the Colonies.

Non-stop broadcasts in French of the Allied announcements concerning the U.S. troop landings were made by the B.B.C. throughout the early hours yesterday.

M. Pietri, Vichy Ambassador to Spain, yesterday saw Senor Graf Jordana, Spanish Foreign Minister, says Berlin radio.

German radio broadcast news of the North Africa landing at 3.45 a.m. yesterday. The broadcast merely gave the Washington and London announcements.

Police detailed to stand guard before the hotels and offices of American correspondents in Vichy were later withdrawn.

News of the American Army's action in French North Africa was cheered by a large gathering of Czechoslovak citizens who met in London yesterday.

Vichy radio reported that Gibraltar was raided early yesterday by Axis planes, which were met by A.A. defences and guns of naval units in the harbour.

General Orgaz, High Commissioner in Spanish Morocco, left Madrid by air yesterday afternoon for Tetuan. Before leaving he conferred with General Jordana, Spanish Foreign Minister, and General Asensio, Minister of War.

The United Nations have opened their Second Front. It stretches from Egypt to the Atlantic—2,200 miles—and it is only a beginning. American Forces, supported by the Royal Navy and the RAF, have, says Washington, landed in Algeria and French Morocco—both on the Mediterranean and Atlantic coasts.

According to Vichy attacks in the Mediterranean have been made at Algiers, Oran, Arzew, and at Cape Figalo, Segala and Feala, west of Oran. On the Atlantic coast Vichy reports that a revolt has broken out at Casablanca, that U.S. attacks have been made on Fidalah and Safi (the latter 125 miles south of Casablanca), and a Commando raid on Mehedia.

Roosevelt's plea 'Don't obstruct'

FOR hours after the first announcement of the move into French North Africa, Frenchmen both at home and abroad were told of the move—and the reasons for it as well as of our intentions—in broadcasts from London and the United States repeated over and over again at intervals of a few minutes.

President Roosevelt, addressing the French people in person appealed to them not to obstruct the move, which he said was the starting point of the return of freedom to France and the whole world.

The President's appeal read: "My friends, who have suffered day and night under the overwhelming yoke of the Nazis, I speak to you as one who was in France in 1918 with your Army and Navy."

"There are no two nations more united in the bonds of history and mutual friendship than the people of France and the United States of America."

"To Destroy Enemies"

"We are coming amongst you to repress the cruel invaders who wish to strip you of every right to govern yourselves, to deprive you of the right to worship God as you wish and to snatch from you the right to live your lives in peace and security."

"We are coming amongst you solely to crush and destroy your enemies. Believe us, we do not wish to do you any harm. We assure you that once the threat of Germany and Italy has been removed from you, we shall immediately leave your territory."

"Do not, I beg of you, hinder this great purpose. Render your assistance, my friends, where you can and you will see the return of the glorious days when freedom and peace will again reign in the world."

"Long live Eternal France."

"I have always declared that we should defend our Empire if it were attacked. You also, which we should defend it against any aggressor, whoever he be. You knew that I should keep my word."

"In our misfortune, I wanted, by asking for an armistice, to save our Empire. And it is you, acting on behalf of a country to which so many memories and ties unite us, who have taken such a cruel initiative."

"France and her honour are at stake. We are attacked. We shall defend ourselves. This is the order which I give."

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The colt was defiant—but Bill won

By
FRED KITCHEN

HE had come in the early spring... a raw, untamed colt.

The white of his eye had held a challenge as the crouper and bits were being fitted on, and he champed the keys that hung in his mouth, defiantly, determined not to barter his freedom for the sake of a few oats that rewarded servitude.

Sulkily he had walked a few paces until he felt the lines tighten on his jaw, when he had bucked and reared, fought the air with his forelegs, and resisted with all his power the pull of the lines that were to bind him a slave to man.

There was something magnificent in this stubborn resistance, as he stood with legs firmly planted, his coat rough and shaggy, his mane and tail all rags and tatters, his neck arched until his nose was between his forelegs.

And Bill just hung on to the lines, talking and coaxing, until the colt came to like the sound of his voice, and began to understand the meaning of "whoa" and "oop, lad."

HIS next step in being tamed was when plough-chains were slung over his back, and coupled to a staid old plough-horse, he took his first lesson in chain work.

The clink of chains filled him with nervous terror, and once again he bucked and reared, trying to escape. But the old plough-horse plodded along—quite indifferent to the mad antics of the colt—holding him back from his headlong rush, and dragging him along when he sulkily hung back.

After letting off steam for a while, he quietened down sufficiently to become aware of Bill's voice somewhere in the background.

His ears began to twitch, the white of his eye took on a less defiant tint, and he began to have an understanding that where Bill's voice was, there was nothing for a colt to get alarmed over.

Then one day it seemed as though he must lose confidence even in Bill. Chains had been startling enough, but now he felt the roller shafts bumping his sides, and nearly went frantic with terror.

He tried to kick, and he tried to bolt, as the roller went over hard clods, causing the shafts to fairly bounce against his ribs, but the old horse in front plodded indifferently on, stopping each mad rush before it could fairly start.

But worse than all else was Bill. Bill—whose voice he had come to rely on as a safeguard against any terror—was now leading him over the roughest clods for the express purpose of making him "feel the bumping shafts."

At last, Bill stopped for a "breather," and the colt, all "used up," stood with muscles quivering and sweat streaming.

He rubbed his sweating nostrils on Bill's sleeve, and listened once again to Bill's voice, calling him "a good fellow."

Now, he is in the potato field—a sober, hard-working plough-horse. And, as he follows behind the pickers along the row he stretches out his neck begging for favours.

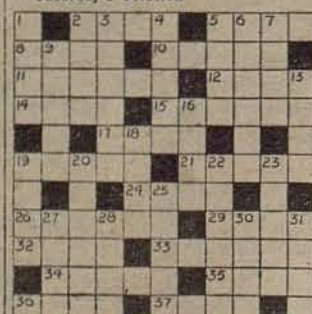
He enjoys this working along with the potato gang. He knows that one or other of the women is sure to offer him a potato, which he takes off their open palm with his soft flexible mouth. And as he grinds the potato, he nods his head in satisfaction.

He loves potatoes, the sound of human voices, and the comfortable feeling of shafts against his broad sides—and only last spring he was a raw untamed colt!

Crossword No. 2784

ACROSS—2. Bell sound; 5. Moist; 8. Egg-shaped; 10. Quit; 11. Roam; 12. Streamlet; 14. Take in; 15. Girl; 17. Notion; 19. Condition; 21. Spot; 24. Resound; 26. On land; 29. Sign; 32. Breakwater; 33. Ferment; 34. Net; 35. Old bird; 36. Ship's timber; 37. Boy.

DOWN—1. Speech symbol; 2. Plug; 3. Though; 4. Land with benches; 5. Venture; 6. Show; 7. Unit; 9. Spring; 13. Bird; 16. Headstrong; 18. Stags; 19. Smack; 20. Stick; 22. Hair-grease; 23. Remedied; 25. Musical instrument; 27. Position; 28. Spoken; 30. English river; 31. Sea distance.



FOR YOU

"I wonder what others would have done in similar circumstances?"

THAT sentence ended a letter—written by a heart-broken husband—which was printed on this page.

He told of how he had discovered that his wife was going to have a baby by another man. Lonely and disillusioned, he had returned from his leave, determined to stick by her—because of the great love he had for her, as well as for the sake of their three children.

Most of the letters we have had from you about this took up the theme—"To err is human, to forgive divine."

But a few of you had harsher words to say.

An Air Force sergeant says that the man is one in a million. "In this war, as in the last, thousands of homes are being ruined through the indiscretions of women whose husbands are in the Forces. These women can only find 'consolation' from your correspondent's letter. If a woman really loves a man she would not practise deceit on him in any shape or form whether he's at home or away."

Sense in many ways—but surely the sergeant is taking a narrow and one-sided view.

What of the thousands of homes that are being ruined by the MEN committing indiscretions? Isn't he being rather smug and self-righteous?

YOU cannot forgive with reservations. That is what one reader thinks.

He—or she—says to this man: "I have read your letter with deep interest and sympathy for you both, and would like to help you in what I know must be an agony of mind."

"You say you realise how

IT'S pretty obvious that the women of Britain are much cleverer in many ways than has been generally realised. Three years of war have proved that.

And the national campaign for using up every bit and piece of old clothes—to save money, labour and coupon-spending—is proving it yet again.

You remember that last week we told you about Mrs. Soden, whose achievement of dressing herself and one small child on a shilling a week, was called by the Board of Trade "inspiring."

Reading it has caused many of you to write in and tell us of your efforts. And they're more than pretty good.

One mother of eight says that if the Board of Trade took a look round the poorer districts, they'd find a lot more to approve.

She has always had to cut

Clothes for next to nothing

bigger clothes down for her children to keep them tidy.

She turns the bottoms of men's pants into vests for them; old jerseys into socks and rompers; and has bought clothes off barrows to cut down for them. She herself had no new coat for eight years.

She is a little indignant, because this cutting down and remaking is the general thing among the poorer people. A necessary thing, too, when they have large families.

"My children are growing up now, but I still have four under fourteen. Before the war, my husband gave me £2 5s. a week. Now I get £2 13s.

Of course, the older children help now, but I would like the poorer people some-

times to have a little of the credit that is due to them."

A woman reader from Bedford—Mrs. Beedle—agrees that Mrs. Soden is a wonderful contriver, but her sister, she says, can beat her hollow.

She (the sister) has three children—aged 4, 3, and nearly 2.

"When she stayed with me recently, Douglas, the eldest boy, was wearing shirts made from his father's, and trousers from a pair of old flannels. Iris, the little girl, was wearing a smart little coat and beret and kilt—made from her mother's wedding 'swagger' coat; and Johnnie, the baby, was wearing little

trousers and dungarees, made from odds and ends.

"I don't know how she manages to find time to make them. She has an eight-roomed house to look after single-handed, as well as my mother—a munitions worker on night shift—and a younger sister."

"Her husband is in the Merchant Service. I can't help feeling proud of her. She's always so busy and happy; so patient with the children—the last person in the world to seek credit, yet she does deserve it."

"I forgot to add that the kiddies had pyjamas made from their daddy's old ones."

We could go on like this for pages—quoting from your letters.

One mother made an overcoat and a pair of knickers for her 7-year-old boy out of an uncle's coat; two pairs of grey knickers from a pair of old flannels; a kilted skirt from a pair of navy trousers—with two holes in the knees—for her little girl.

The daughter's coat—after three years' wear—was a bit short, so she has lengthened it with fur from a pram rug, the back of which will make some substantial knickers for school wear.

What would you do with a pair of old velvet curtains? One reader tells of a friend of hers who used up a pair by turning them into pique hat, a coat and a frock for her little daughter.

We are telling you all this—not only to pay a tribute to the hard-working ingenious women of Britain—but also because YOU may not have thought of some of these ideas.

If you haven't—make a note of them for future use. What other women can do... so can you.

..BY YOU

remember only the love between you that is still real and true.

"It can be done—I've done it."

A MOTHER of three sends the man all her sympathy, because she has been in very much the same position: her husband is the father of another woman's child.

"It is hard to bear, but my husband is, I am sure, sorry for his silly mistake, and I feel that to stay with him and forgive him will do a lot more good to him than if we parted."

"I am sure this man has done the right thing. He has his children's future to think of. He would not like to disgrace his wife to them."

"She, I am sure, is sorry. Whoever the unhappy man is, I hope he will feel better after reading this letter, and I wish them both the best of luck."

A "true wife" has a message for the wife of this particular man and all other wives as well. She says:

"I am a married woman—my husband is serving in the RAF—and I, too, have two beautiful children."

"I quite agree that some men try to take advantage of a lonely wife, but my advice is for the wife to think of her husband and children. Then she will just smile and go on the true road to happiness. Here's hoping that things will turn out O.K. for both of them."

Well—that's what you think about the big problem that has occurred in the life of one of you.

Thank you for writing. We are sure that your sympathy and interest will give this man the strength and comfort he needs.

TRUE LOVE

USELESS EUSTACE



"H'm!—it says 'Shake well and serve at room temperature!'"

She's lost her self-importance

THIS article came in with a covering letter which read like this: "The enclosed is an exact description of what happened to me today. You can publish it if you think it worthwhile. Don't mention my name, though. I'm not feeling quite so full of self-importance as usual."

We did think it worth while publishing. Read it carefully, and then ask yourself seriously whether maybe you are not one of those people who do a very little and think it's a whale of a lot!

I gave a pint of blood today. Me—a woman in her forties, working part-time and running a home. An hour off work, and a rush to be in time. Feel an asset to the community. If only everyone would do as much!

Bed surrounded by young girls in Red Cross uniform, watching the nurse, asking questions.

Swell with comfortable feeling of importance. Smile condescendingly when young girl winces as doctor inserts needle. Didn't feel it myself, but liked her feeling it.

Glance at next bed. White-haired old lady quietly giving her pint. Deflate slightly.

Go through curtains and lie down on stretcher.

Orderly: Would you like sugar in your tea?

Me (decidedly): Yes, please.

Orderly (a little later): Are you all right?

G. L.: Yes. I'm quite all right. Orderly fixes her up with an extra pillow. G. L. smiles her thanks. Deflate a little more.

Through the curtains comes a nurse with a cripple. Another little grey-haired lady, so crippled that she can't lie down on a stretcher. Nurse helps her on to a chair.

Orderly: Would you like sugar in your tea?

Cripple (softly): No. Leave it for the others.

I gave a pint of blood today. A woman, nearly six feet tall and rather hefty, went into that little church hall feeling full-size.

And came out feeling wound down to the size of a half-inch screw.

JANE...



One misty morning shortly after her return to England, Jane follows the stream of war-workers cycling to a hush-hush aircraft factory...



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Your friends smell this decay coming out of your mouth and call it bad breath. Laxatives and mouth washes help a little, but you must get at the cause. Take Carters Little Liver Pills. They get those 2 pints of bile flowing freely and then you feel on the "up and up." Ask for Carters Little Liver Pills by name and get what you ask for. 1/5 and 3/5.

Three Wives



ONE of London's barrage balloons is going up. The Corporal calls an order. She is the wife of an R.A.F. man now in Egypt and one of the many Servicemen's wives who have joined up because they want their husbands back and they know that wishing won't bring them back!

"I HEARD they needed cooks in the army," says this wife of an R.A.F. Flight-Mechanic. "and I thought it was too bad. A man needs good food wherever he is, and he needs the home touch. So I came in. All married women who haven't any ties should come in and cook."

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Go to the nearest Recruiting Centre* or Employment Exchange to get full information—they will

find out, if you are in work, whether you can be released from it. Or send in the coupon (1d. stamp).

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LED VICHY REBELS

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that shelling and machine-gun fire could be heard in the neighbourhood of Algiers.

The landings at Algiers, the radio stated, were made at 7.30 a.m. by American troops from British vessels.

Several attacks were repulsed, but at several points the attackers gained a foothold.

Air raid sirens were sounded in the city although there had so far been hardly any air activity.

The dispatch then gave this picture of the developments:

"As dawn broke the town slowly came to life as on any other Sunday. The noise of shelling and machine-gun fire gradually drew nearer, but the inhabitants remained calm.

"In the streets numbers of motorised troops rapidly passed by. The transport services were suspended but at nine o'clock telephone and telegraph communications were restored inside the town.

"As the morning wore on the sound of firing could be heard in the distance and strategic points in the town were closed to traffic."

VICHY RADIO IN THE AFTERNOON STATED THAT AMERICAN TROOPS HAD INFILTRATED AT SOME POINTS IN THE CITY OF ALGIERS, AND THE CITY ITSELF WAS BEING ATTACKED.

"THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS," IT WAS ADDED. "IT APPEARS THAT MASSIVE LANDINGS ARE IN PREPARATION."

Then came an admission that Oran had been attacked, that landings had been made near Segala and Bousfer, west of Oran, and that a considerable force had been landed at Safi, in Morocco. Fighting is going on inside the town, and on the beach at Nykdiya.

A big attack was reported on Fedhala and a commando raid at Media.

Prisoners were claimed at Oran as well as the sinking of two corvettes.

Rabat radio next reported a revolt in Morocco, under the pretext that the Americans were on the point of landing, but added that it had been quelled without bloodshed.

A Vichy official communique said the revolt was at Casablanca, and that General Bethouard, who had taken part in the rising, was made prisoner.

Casablanca it was added, had been severely attacked by dive bombers and naval units. The attacks were repelled. It is claimed.

"WE WILL REPULSE
THE AGGRESSORS"

Except for one battalion," the communique concluded, "all the troops are faithful to Marshal Petain."

General Nogues, it was added, had taken over command of the defence of the country.

According to Berne messages, the French fleet went into action at Oran.

General Nogues, Resident-General in French Morocco, in a broadcast proclamation said:

"Morocco is defending itself. Morocco will repulse the aggressors.

A violent engagement took place at 10.30 a.m. off Algiers between coastal batteries, a French pinnace and an American destroyer which had forced its way into the port.

The destroyer had landed troops that had attacked the sea-plane base and an electric power station.

After being fired on the destroyer re-embarked the landing force, and again put to sea, exchanging shots with the batteries.

The destroyer, Vichy stated, was hit several times, but, though listing badly, got away under a smoke screen. Several of its shells struck the town and the Admiralty.

Only the British battleship Nelson and a few destroyers were still lying at Gibraltar at midday yesterday, said a La Linea dispatch. There was intense air activity over the Straits.

Several light naval units and transports had left Gibraltar earlier, and fifty-five British planes also flew off from the fortress.

The authorities closed the frontier into Spain.

EISENHOWER DIRECTED
OPERATIONS ALL NIGHT

General Eisenhower worked throughout the night of the landings directing the first American blow at the Axis. In his forces are crack combat troops, Rangers (airborne units) and the cream of American airmen.

It was the longest overwater military operation ever attempted, with hundreds of ships in great convoys coming thousands of miles under the protection of British and American sea and air might.

Fighting fit American soldiers and airmen who did not know their destination until a few hours before scrambling into the assault barges, crowded the ships to the funnels and were guarded by aircraft carriers, cruisers, and destroyers.

The entire operation was carried out with the delicate synchronisation of an expensive watch justifying months of careful planning by General Eisenhower and the British and American command.

Landings were made at numerous places simultaneously, although they were hundreds of miles apart.

Eager young men from every State in the United States took part in the landings.

Their reaction to a man was: "We don't want to fight the French if it can be helped, but, boy! we hope to tangle with those Nazis."

Hunger if Africa lost—Vichy

The serious consequences that the loss of North Africa would have for France were emphasised in a broadcast to foreign countries by Vichy radio yesterday.

"Algeria," said the announcer, "is France's principal overseas territory. The contribution of North Africa to the feeding of the unoccupied zone of France is of capital importance.

"It is thanks to Algeria that the bread ration has been maintained.

"If the territory of North Africa falls into British and American hands the first consequence will be a considerable increase in the suffering of the French population."

A similar announcement stressing the danger to France's food was broadcast by Paris radio to French listeners.

Secret U.S. air troops
hammer
Japanese

GREEN-CLAD U.S. troops, landed in force secretly by air and sea, have so hammered the Japanese in New Guinea that the enemy now only control a small beach head in the Buna-Gona area, Papua. The Japanese also have an area near Oivi in the Kokoda region.

But even here they are being relentlessly attacked by Australian Forces, supported by Allied blows from the air, and many positions have been occupied.

The U.S. sea forces were shipped across the Torres Straits. Allied Forces have occupied Goodenough Island, north-east of New Guinea, it was announced yesterday by General MacArthur's headquarters in the South Pacific.

The U.S. Forces, the first to reach New Guinea by air, began a vast outflanking movement to clear out Japanese.

"Units from Milne Bay have now completed the clearing of the remnant of hostile forces from islands to the north, and have occupied adjacent strategic points," says the communique.

On Guadalcanal, U.S. air forces have been bombing and strafing the enemy, while U.S. Army troops have crossed the Malimbui river on the north coast of Guadalcanal.

Vichy navy
awaits 'go'

A German radio report quoting Vichy sources picked up by the Associated Press stated that the entire French naval forces were under steam in the port of Toulon, awaiting sailing orders.

A British aeroplane flew over Toulon docks yesterday afternoon, said Vichy News Agency. Anti-aircraft guns went into action and the plane flew off to sea.

Berlin radio said Marseilles had been in a state of "preparedness" for two days with troops ordered to remain in barracks.

Montgomery told
staff "read Bible"

Before going to Egypt General Montgomery called all his staff officers together at the headquarters of the South-east Army which he then commanded. Among his final words to them were: "Gentlemen, I read my Bible every day and I recommend you to do the same."

This was stated yesterday by the Rev. A. T. R. Naylor, Assistant Chaplain-General South-Eastern Command.

Fight will
be hard

—Vichy General

Vichy radio yesterday broadcast this telegram sent to Laval by General Nogues, Resident-General of Morocco:

"Please tell Marshal Petain that he can count on us. The fight looks as if it will be a hard one, but all French Moroccans will unflinchingly make the necessary sacrifices to maintain the integrity of the country."

'SHAMELESS'—HUNS

Berlin radio, describing the U.S. landing in North Africa as "a shameless breach of international law," declared:

"Roosevelt now turns against the French Colonial Empire in order to take possession of it for the United States.

FOREIGN LEGION
MOBILISED

Radio Rabat in Morocco broadcast following order to men in Foreign Legion: "All here is a warning. All legionnaires must report to their companies for orders. Families of officers and N.C.O.s at Rabat have been evacuated, radio added. Reut.

LATEST NEWS

ALLIES TELL
PORTUGAL

British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell, called on Dr. Salazar, Portuguese Prime Minister, while U.S. Minister, Mr. Bert Fish, called on President Carvalho to tell them of North Africa invasion—Reuter.

Got him on
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REARGUARD IN
EGYPT CAUGHT

just seized all the transport they could and ran.

"It now seems clear," said the Cairo communique, "that the Germans withdrew without attempting to extricate any of the Italian infantry formations."

The communique also said: "The Eighth Army continued its pursuit of the panzer army in full retreat towards the frontier during Friday night and Saturday.

"Some enemy troops who are fighting a delaying action at Mersa Matruh have been surrounded.

Three H.Q.s Captured

"Rounding up of Italian troops abandoned by their German allies in the Alamein area continues.

"The whole headquarters of three Italian divisions, have already been captured.

With three of their generals already taken prisoner, thousands of Italians are wandering about the desert on foot without food or water. The Germans, guarding the only sure route of retreat along the coast, panicked, grabbed all the available transport, and ran.

General Frattini, commander of the crack Italian Folgore Division of paratroopers, used as front-line infantry, has followed two other Italian divisional generals and the German general, Von Thoma, into captivity.

At Galal, a few miles west of Daba, a big laager was evacuated by the enemy in a hurry. They left hundreds of fully-packed transports and a complete field hospital.

Can't Catch Up

"So fast is the pace of the chase that, try as I might, I have failed to catch up with the fighting," cables Reuter's correspondent.

"Lines of fully packed transport with bedding, clothing and personal belongings in some and small arms and ammunition in others, are silent witnesses to the fact that the Axis owners were surprised in the act of making a get-away and trapped.

"There are even staff cars ready to start. The ignition key of one is still in the lock."

The last German rearguard unit fighting to the east of Halfaya (Hellfire) Pass has been surrounded and overwhelmed a few miles west of Mersa Matruh.

63 Allied
ships seen

Reports from Vichy reaching New York stated that sixty-three Allied vessels, some of them well towards Algeria, were operating from Gibraltar—off the French North African coast.

Among the vessels were stated to be four aircraft-carriers, four battleships, seven cruisers and destroyers, and at least twenty transports.