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Little change in temperature tonight with showers in mountains and over extreme north portion.

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Marines Consolidating Footholds in Three Of Solomon Islands Group

Jap Hold On Tulagi Believed To Have Been Broken; Jap Fleet Said To Have Lost Control Of Harbor; Allied Bombers Blast Other Jap Bases

By MURLIN SPENCER
Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Aug. 13. (AP) — Firmly entrenched at three points in the Solomon Islands, United States Marines battled to expand their positions today with the immediate backing of Allied sea forces and long-range air assaults on Japanese communications and reinforcement bases.

There was an unconfirmed Australian report that American parachute troops had been used as shock forces.

A spokesman here, asked for comment, said only that he never knew of such troops being landed from ship-based aircraft before.

A Washington Navy announcement that operations had advanced to the point where the Leathernecks were consolidating their holdings in

New York, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The Japanese hold the Tulagi area in the Solomons is believed to have been broken by American Marines who have been strongly reinforced, Hayden Leonard of the Australian Broadcasting Commission reported today. His analysis of the situation was heard here by CBS.

London, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The Japanese fleet has not yet been seen after the naval action and apparently is being kept clear of the island on which the landings were made.

The Allies have air superiority and are using it, at sea as well as on land, the newspaper's correspondent continued.

the Tulagi area, in the southeastern Solomons, indicated that initial land opposition had been overcome after six days of savage hand-to-hand combat.

The U. S. Navy's communiqué said the Marines landed as scheduled on three islands, whose names it did not disclose, in the Tulagi vicinity. It added that supporting naval craft were meeting with bitter opposition, suggesting that the Japanese had thrown powerful surface and air units into the defense of their ground forces.

Flying Fortresses striking yesterday at Rabaul, New Britain, in the first raid there in five days, knocked out four enemy ships in the harbor of this base, from which Japanese troops and supplies have moved to the Solomons.

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U. S. Carrier

Berlin (From German Broadcast), Aug. 12.—(AP)—The German high command announced today that the United States aircraft carrier Wasp had been set afire by six direct bomb hits and now "is trying to reach Malta" as a result of a running attack on a big Allied Mediterranean convoy by German and Italian air and naval units.

(There is no confirmation of this German claim. The carrier was reported to have been sunk by a submarine attack on the night of an attack on a large convoy which the Germans say has been under way since Tuesday.)

The 14,700-ton carrier, completed April 25, 1940, carries a normal complement of 72 planes, 1,500 men, including flying personnel.

The British aircraft carrier Eagle, 12,500 tons, which the British have acknowledged was the first victim of an attack on a large convoy which the Germans say has been under way since Tuesday.

The Germans said that in addition to the destruction of the Eagle, nine freighters totaling 80,000 tons had been sunk thus far. Damaged along with the Wasp, they said, were the 22,450-ton British aircraft carrier Furious, three cruisers and six large freighters and tankers.

ROME CLAIMS SEA VICTORY

Says Airplanes, Submarine Take Toll British Convoy

Rome (From Italian Broadcast), Aug. 12.—(AP)—A special Italian communiqué tonight declared the Italian navy had sunk one cruiser and three other ships and that Axis forces had sunk another cruiser, a destroyer and three other ships in a battle with an allied convoy in the Mediterranean.

Rome (From Italian Broadcast), Aug. 13.—(AP)—The Italian high command reported today that Axis planes and submarines attacking a big British convoy in the western Mediterranean since Tuesday had inflicted heavy losses "on the convoy, to escorting vessels, above all to aircraft carriers which suffered many hits, and to enemy air forces."

The action still in progress, shows results favorable to us," said the communiqué, which reported the British convoy was escorted "by an imposing number of warships, among which were numerous aircraft carriers."

(The British announced yesterday the loss of the aircraft carrier Eagle.)

The high command said the battle had been in progress since dawn Tuesday when Axis planes and submarines went into action.

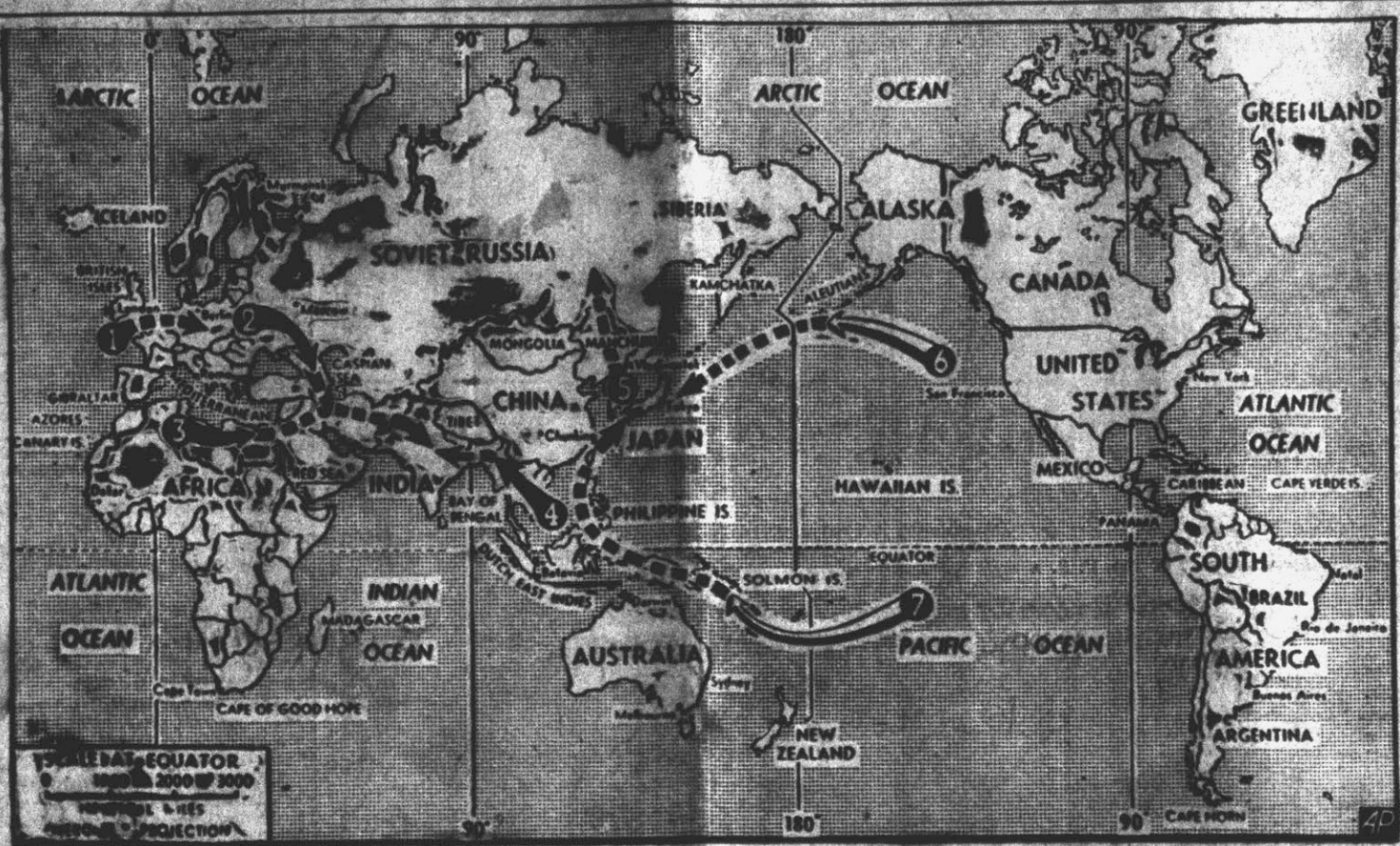
It added that "exact damage" inflicted upon the British would be announced later.

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Pitt County Grows Superior Peaches

A one-pound peach with the coloring of a rainbow, perfectly formed and firm, without a blemish, attracted considerable attention in the window of the Daily Reflector office today. Mrs. Della Cannon of Ayden Route 1, who brought it in, said there was a peach even larger on the tree but somebody "beat her to it" in reaping the harvest.

Germans Believed Driving For Junction With Japs



Military experts regard the over-all Axis strategy as involving plans for a German drive into the Middle East through the Russian Caucasus (2) and from Egypt (3) for a junction with Japs pushing into India (4) when the Monsoons there stop. American submarines are shown attacking the Japanese offensive in the Pacific (5). The projected British-American second front (1) against Germany is also indicated.

BRITISH RAID MAINZ AGAIN

Industrial Center Is Hard Hit Second Night

London, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Powerful British air squadrons rained high explosives and incendiaries on Mainz again last night as Nazi raiders ended London's first freedom from attack by bombing the city of the Moselle.

The attack on Mainz—the second successive night assault on that German industrial center—was accompanied by raids on Nazi airbases in the Low Countries, the Air Ministry said.

Five RAF planes were lost in the overnight operations.

The pre-dawn raid on the greater London area was the first since nuisance raiders unloaded a few bombs before daylight on July 30 and some buildings were wrecked.

By mid-morning authorities said all persons trapped in the debris had been removed. Casualties were reported as seven killed and at least three injured.

The attack set off the air raid sirens for the third successive time during the sleeping hours of most Londoners. The alarm lasted only briefly and it was believed at first that the Nazis had sent a lone plane—perhaps a fast long-range fighter—to turn thousands of fire-watchers out of bed and waken the city's millions.

On the preceding two nights the howl of the sirens had been the only indication of enemy aircraft in the vicinity but anti-aircraft guns peppered the raiders approaching up the Thames last night. Nazi planes also caused some damage and casualties at a southwest port.

DNB said fires were rekindled in Mainz by the British raiders and mentioned damage in residential (Continued on page two)

Salesmen May Lose 'C' Cards

Wilson, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Salesmen in Wilson and six nearby counties faced the probability today that the "C" gasoline rationing books issued them would be revoked.

U. S. Adopts Hands-Off Policy In Indian Crisis

American Forces In India To Carry War To Axis

Washington, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The United States is following a "hands off" policy in the crisis, and American military forces in India have been ordered to "avoid the appearance of participating in the internal strife touched off there by Mohandas K. Gandhi's 'Freedom Now' campaign."

This was made clear in a 4-point statement of policy incorporated in orders to the American forces in India and made public by the State Department last night.

American military units—consisting mainly of air personnel—have been stationed in India for some time, engaged principally in relaying war materials and planes to embattled China by air, or in aerial action against the Japanese in Burma.

The 4-point statement emphasized that the sole purpose of the American forces in India is to carry on the war against the Axis, and that the "primary aim" of the United States in that area is to help China.

It emphasized that the American forces are not to indulge even slightly in other activities, unless India should be attacked by the Axis, "in which event American troops would aid in defending India."

The Americans have been ordered to "exercise scrupulous care" to avoid involvement in the internal conflict and have been warned to resort to defensive measures only when the safety of Americans or the protection of American military equipment is involved.

Should the violence already widespread in India get completely out of hand, events might precipitate Americans into situations where even "scrupulous care" and a purely defensive attitude might not save them from involvement. Indications last night however, were that order was being restored.

Winston Churchill Reported In Egypt

New York, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The Berlin radio which for days past has been circulating unconfirmed rumors that British Prime Minister Churchill had flown to a conference with Premier Stalin at Moscow carried a report today that Churchill had reached Cairo on the return trip.

MASS ESCAPE OF CONVICTS

Seventeen Prisoners Tie Up Guards; Escape

Raleigh, Aug. 13 (AP)—Seventeen convicts, among them a killer and would-be rapist, bound and gagged their guards at the Northampton county prison camp last night, armed themselves and escaped, apparently in a stolen truck.

It was one of the largest break in recent North Carolina prison history.

All available prison department personnel was called out as an extensive search was launched for the men, who apparently split into small groups, soon after they left the camp, which has a normal population of 60.

The penal department here said the mass escapes were not discovered until early this morning when L. E. Wheeler, a steward, found the prison employees securely bound. They were not harmed. Wheeler had received a call from the Weldon police department, which said it had captured one of the fugitives.

Two guards were on duty last night. They were R. S. Ricks and J. L. Dougherty. One went to eat and the prisoners bound the other. When the first guard returned, he, too, was tied up. Joe Adams, a cook, also was trapped and the prisoners locked the doors and left.

Carl Matthews, chief prison inspector, was called back from vacation to handle the case.

Officers throughout northeastern North Carolina and lower Virginia were asked to be on the lookout for the escapees. Some, it was feared, are desperate.

Warships Seek Surface Raider

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Several vessels, which informed sources said may include one or more cruisers, were reported today to be engaged in a search for a surface Axis raider in the south Atlantic, but no word has been received here of contact with the enemy ship.

Heavy Fighting Flares On Russian Battlefront Moscow To Leningrad

U. S. Bombers

Cairo, Aug. 12.—(AP)—American huge bombers, sweeping out of a setting sun, scored great damage on three Axis warships at Fylos on the west coast of Greece making two direct hits on one cruiser, setting a second afire and causing an explosion aboard a third, it was announced today.

A terrific explosion also was caused aboard the cruiser on which the two direct hits were made, and black smoke was seen pouring from the second cruiser as a result of either a direct hit or a near miss.

There also was a terrific explosion aboard a third cruiser after a bomb burst next to it. The raid was delivered in the light of the setting sun on Tuesday.

There were four cruisers, in all, at Fylos—all presumably Italian.

Fylos is a 1,300-mile round trip from the nearest allied territory in the Middle East, that is Egypt, and the American command used big four-engine bombers to span the Mediterranean.

They attacked from high altitude when the last light of day still offered good sight of the targets and returned to base under cover of darkness.

U. S. AIRMEN OVER EUROPE

Take Part In 31 Operations In Two Days

London, Aug. 12.—(AP)—United States Army Air Force fighters have entered the European fray at a large scale for the first time, having engaged in 31 operational sorties during the past 48 hours, United States European headquarters announced today.

U. S. fighter squadrons, flying in conjunction with RAF fighter units, made three such flights over the coast of France.

Twenty of the missions were over the sea, and eight were interception sorties off the coast of England, the communiqué said.

The text of the announcement: "The following United States Army Air Force operations occurred during the 48-hour period from 9 A.M. Aug. 11, to 9 A.M. Aug. 13: "United States Army Air Force fighter squadrons, flying in conjunction with RAF fighter squadrons, made three operational flights over the coast of France. "United States Army Air Force fighter aircraft participated in 20 sea sorties. "United States Army Air Force fighter aircraft participated in 8 interception sorties off the coast of England."

These American formations flying British-made Spitfires thus won a friendly race with the U.S. bomber command to be the first complete all-American units to participate in the air war.

The first four of July raid by American crews in six bombers over the occupied lands was a scattered operation by an incomplete unit.

The 31 operations were carried out in sweeps with units from the RAF.

The American units had been established on fields within easy reach of France for several days (Continued on Page Two)

Lightning Strikes A Tobacco Barn Here

The unexpected happened several days ago when lightning struck and set fire to a tobacco barn on Wool-Harris' place east of the city. Farm workers entered the blazing barn, removed the tobacco being cured and then extinguished the fire.

Nazis Claim Deeper Penetration Into Caucasus But Admit Fighting Defensive North Of Rzhev; Reinforced Nazis Renew Drive In Direction of Stalingrad

By EDDIE GILMORE
Moscow, Aug. 13.—(AP)

Fighting, similar in scope and intensity to the battle of the Caucasus, flared today over Russia's northwestern front—the battle line which loops more than 500 miles northwestward from Moscow to Leningrad.

The Germans, claiming the capture of Elisei, an obviously dangerous thrust at Astrakhan only 175 miles away, acknowledged today that German infantry and armored divisions were engaged "in a heavy defensive struggle" both to the southeast and to the north of Rzhev, 150 miles northwest of Moscow.

Seventy-one Soviet tanks were destroyed there yesterday in what must have been a strong mechanized attack by the Red Army, the Germans said. Fifty-five of these were said to have been accounted for on the front of a single infantry division.

Ankara, Aug. 12 (delayed) (AP)—The Russian Black Sea fleet has reached Batumi, Soviet port on the Caucasian coast, where it apparently is preparing to base its future operations, it was reported here today.

London, Aug. 12 (AP)—The German-controlled Rumanian broadcast a statement today under an Ankara dispatch saying that the Rumanian army had captured a Soviet tank and a Russian Black Sea port and that the cream had been captured.

Southeast of Lake Thess, farther to the north, it was acknowledged also that the Russians were continuing defensive tactics, but it was claimed that all their attacks were repulsed.

On the western shoulder of the huge German salient around deep into the Caucasus, the Germans acknowledged heavy Soviet attacks about Vernik, saying the fighting there "increased in violence." Yesterday and the day before no fewer than 234 Russian tanks were destroyed there, the Germans declared.

The Russians said they still were gaining ground in the Verkhovsk sector where they have made considerable gains in the Caucasus. They said they were attacking the German forces.

A highly new German offensive against the Caucasus was reported to be taking place in the Don basin today as hard-fought Russian forces in the Caucasus battled desperately to halt an enemy thrust toward vital objectives, the Red Guard Oil Fields and the Maikop oil fields (Continued on Page Four)

Schools May Have To Economize Coal

School buildings are centers for community gatherings, especially during the war. School officials and teachers have rallied patriotically to service in the rationing and farm programs, etc., an upstate principal visiting here said. Since oil is being eliminated for coal for heating and the country's transportation problem is becoming more acute use of coal must be practiced economy in every way, he said.

He has been told that public meetings at schools should have been held in the afternoons and help save coal.

The effects of the all-out war are being gradually felt more acutely on the home front with the approach of winter. "We can begin to practice more economy voluntarily now which will be compulsory before spring comes again," the visiting school official said.

The schools already have their winter supply of coal, but frequent night meetings will deplete the winter supply to such an extent that the schools would be handicapped if coal is not readily available late in the winter.

The WAR TODAY

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
Wide-World News Analyst

The Germans continue their advance in the Caucasus, spreading both ways among the rugged northern foothills of the towering Taurus and the towering Caucasus. The Nazi Genghis Khan is headed for those coastal routes which carry him to a great and perhaps decisive victory—if he can travel there. The fighting is fierce and bloody, for the Russians are expected to meet them on the coast at either end of this mighty barricade are compar-

Special Subscription Offer Ends Saturday

The Daily Reflector's special subscription offer whereby new or renewal subscriptions for a two year period may be purchased for \$7.00 will end on Saturday night of this week. Under the special offer you pay for one year at the regular price of \$3.50 and receive a year's extension for an additional dollar. Under this plan subscribers save \$5.00 on the two year subscription. No split subscriptions or subscriptions for shorter than the two year period will be accepted at this special price. All payment of subscriptions under this special offer must be mailed, sent or brought to The Reflector office between now and Saturday night as our outside agents are not permitted to accept payments under this reduced offer. The special offer will positively close Saturday night August 15 after which no subscription will be sold for less than the regular price.

Weather Report

J. A. CLARK
(Atmos. Observer)
TEMPERATURES
High yesterday 90.0
Low yesterday 60.0
At 1:30 p. m. today 78.0
WIND
From S. by E. 15 mph
For 24 hrs. ending 1:30 p.m. 1:30
Total for month 1:30

Social and Personal

Mrs. Ada Ward of Washington, D. C. is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. M. Jones.

Mrs. Mary Anne Westbrook of Dunn is the guest of Mrs. John Adams.

Mrs. M. T. Friselle of Ayden, spent today in Greenville.

Mrs. B. T. Clark has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Johnson in Louisville, Ky. and Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Skinner in Anchorage, Ky.

Miss Evelyn Cox of Chicod, returned yesterday from a visit to Indianapolis, Ind., and Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. George Ingle who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. L. L. Gorton, left yesterday for Belleville, Ill. to visit her husband who is in training at Scott Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quinley and daughter, Mary Darden, of Ayden, were here today.

Second Lieutenant Frank Patrick will arrive tomorrow night from Camp Lee and will leave on Sunday for New Orleans.

In Local Hospital.

Miss Rebecca Williams is in Pitt General Hospital with appendicitis.

Miss Mrs. and Mrs. W. A. Ryan. A group of friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ryan will entertain at open house on Friday evening from 8:30 until 10:30 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Smith.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan in Greenville and members of the Eighth Street Christian Church are invited to call.

Birth Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thompson of Concord, announce the birth of a daughter on Thursday, August 13, 1942.

Miss Thompson was formerly Miss Opal Chase Harris of this city.

To Attend Wedding in Baltimore.

Mrs. S. P. Ficklen, Mrs. James S. Ficklen and Mrs. Ralph Garrett will leave tomorrow for Baltimore to attend the wedding of Miss Cotton of Greenville, to Mr. W. S. Shappard of Raleigh, which will be solemnized at 9 o'clock on Saturday evening in the Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore.

COUNCIL PRAISES WORK OF MR. WAGNER

In accepting the recent resignation of Mr. Wagner as its chairman, the local District Recreation Council sought to express appreciation of his work with the Service Men's Organization in a letter which read in part as follows:

The Executive Council of the Service Men's Organization has accepted your resignation as its chairman with sincere regret at losing you, but with warm and lasting appreciation of the excellent work you have done in this job since your election as executive chairman last winter. We are confident that we express also the appreciation of the entire community for what you have meant to this organization in its efforts to carry on an effective recreational center for the service men who visit Greenville. In addition to the gratitude of your own community, you have also the assurance that scattered in far corners of the world, there are service men who look back with satisfaction on their visits to Greenville and to the social center which your efforts aided to bring to them. Our good wishes go with you as you join the ranks of these service men, while here in your home town we shall endeavor to carry on the work you helped to begin."

The council feels that it is fortunate in having secured William K. Rouse as its new chairman. With Mr. Rouse on the executive board there are now the following members: vice-chairman, Mrs. R. J. Slay; treasurer, Mrs. J. Carroll Waldrop; secretary, Miss Lucy Cherry Crisp; other members: Mrs. J. H. B. Moore, Dave Mosier, A. E. Hobbins, Dave Whitcomb, Mrs. R. C. Darr and Mrs. J. H. Blount.

Grimesland News

Peggy Edwards and Billie Dove White returned yesterday from Norfolk, Va., where they spent the weekend as the guests of Mrs. John Lewis.

Mrs. T. P. Proctor has returned from Rocky Mount and Norfolk, Va., where she has been visiting Mrs. Robert Pollard and Mrs. John Lewis, her daughters.

Mrs. T. R. Rouse and Mrs. Dan White went to Washington Monday on business.

Mr. F. W. Majette was in Compo Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Carr and children, Paul, Jr. and Joy, have returned home after spending the last two months away. Mr. Carr has been with the Inspection Service during the summer. While away, Mrs. Carr and children spent a month with her parents in Cherryville.

Bandit Shot.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—(AP)—A young Negro who appeared at a teller's window, was shot by guards in the lobby of the First National Bank of Chicago today.

He told police he was Capheus Brown. He was removed to a hospital in a serious condition.

Social Calendar

THURSDAY

8:30 a. m.—12:30 p. m.—Red Cross work room open. Ladies of Memorial Baptist Church in charge.

FRIDAY

9:30 a. m.—12:30 p. m.—Red Cross work room open. Ladies of the Christian Church in charge.

6:30 p. m.—Kiwanis Club.

7:30 p. m.—Red Men meet.

8:30-10:30 p. m.—Open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Smith honoring Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ryan. An invitation is extended to their friends in Greenville and members of the Eighth Street Christian Church.

New Exhibit At Library.

Showing at the WPA Art Gallery in Sheppard Memorial Library this week and next is our first exhibition from the American Federation of Arts, of which the local gallery recently became a charter member. Under the title "Modern Painting," this show comprises 15 large color reproductions of the work of modern masters, including four by Van Gogh, two each by Renoir and Cezanne, and one each by Chirico, Daumier, Degas, Gauguin, Manet, Marc and Sisley.

Centered by Van Gogh's vivid "Zouave Militaire," this group of paintings brings to the gallery the glow of light and color characteristic of the artists of the impressionist and post-impressionist schools of painting. By way of sharp contrast, there is Daumier's dark-toned "The Riders," characterized by the mystic, almost somber atmosphere of much of his work. Degas, usually associated with his paintings of ballet girls, is represented in this show by a race-track scene entitled "Jockies." Van Gogh's familiar "Austerlitz Bridge" is here, along with a delicately colored "Seine Landscape," by Sisley, a charming portrait and a Parisian park scene by Renoir; Manet's "In the Hot-House," and Gauguin's decorative portrayal "Contes Babares."

This show is a distinctive one, well worthy of our being first from the American Federation of Arts. It will be on display in the gallery until August 27. Gallery sponsors hope that the general public will take full advantage of it, and that art lovers in our community may find time to visit the gallery often while this exhibition is here. The gallery is open every afternoon, Monday through Friday, from 2 to 6 p. m.

U. S. Airmen . . .

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swallowing only good weather.

The first operations took place only a few hours after Maj. Gen. Carl Spaatz, chief of the U. S. Army Air Force in the European theater, had announced that his men were ready to strike Germany "in the immediate future."

The 20 sea sorties referred to in the communiqué were regular, 2-plane patrols over the channel to intercept sneak raiders or reconnaissance planes of the enemy.

There has been little combat in the last few days, however, and it was unlikely that any Americans on these missions became involved in air fights.

The fact that Americans participated, however, was taken to mean that they have been fitted into Britain's plan of air warfare.

Leaders of the American formations have been in training with the RAF, seven of them taking part in their first sweeps July 26 when one failed to return from attacks on the areas of Gravelines, St. Omer, and Abbeville.

American leaders participating in these first sweeps declared themselves delighted with the British Spitfires. The British-made planes are completely serviced by American crews on American-operated airfields.

British Raid . . .

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areas of the Rhine and rail-river traffic hub and industrial center which was battered with tons of high explosives and incendiaries the night before.

The German broadcast claimed four of the raiders were shot down. Besides, the small German attack on the outskirts of London, a single raider dropped bombs at two points in southeast Scotland and a few aircraft were reported over the East Anglian coast.

At least three persons were injured in a daylight foray on a south coast by German fighter-bombers.

Britons had perhaps a better picture of the havoc sown by the RAF on Maine Tuesday night than of any raid British air forces yet have made, the work of picked crews which circled over the city from start to finish of the attack.

This was a new device by the RAF to check on the effectiveness of its bombers but their machines fell in such profusion that one of the observers said there were more fires at the end "than we were able to count."

Kerch strait, separating the Crimea from the northern Caucasus, unite the Black Sea with the shallow Sea of Azov, venturing to Rostov and the Don River.

When foreign enterprise in 1876 built China's first railroad—a 10-mile, narrow-gauge line from Shanghai to Wusong—it was promptly bought and converted by the government.

Gun And Soldiers Dropped By Parachute



This 15mm gun and the soldiers assembling it were dropped by parachute from a transport plane into a hard high-corn field near Fort Bragg, N. C., during maneuvers. The soldiers are practicing parachute invasion, part of the U. S. Army's big war games in that area.

As Six Saboteurs Were Executed



These pictures tell part of the dramatic story of August 5 in Washington as six of eight captured Nazi saboteurs died in the electric chair. At left: Father D. O'Connor, a Catholic priest, leaves the District of Columbia jail after presumably administering last rites to some of the six Nazis. Center: This is the electric chair in which the saboteurs were executed. Right: Coroner A. Magruder MacDonell leaving the jail just after the execution, which he witnessed.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR August 13, 1902

Winterville High School There is not a better school of its grade in North Carolina than the Winterville high school. The faculty for next session will consist of seven teachers, and new dormitories have been built so a larger number of pupils can be accommodated.

Carl Wilson returned Tuesday evening from a visit to Plymouth. Miss Katie Moore of Washington, who has been visiting Miss Bessey Pattee, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Jennie Buck Died At Grimesland

Mrs. Jennie Buck, 68, died suddenly of a heart attack at her home near Grimesland at 8 a. m., today.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home Friday at 4 p. m., by the Rev. R. L. Vickery, Methodist minister of Grimesland. Burial will follow in the Hardee cemetery near the home.

Mrs. Buck was born in Wayne county. She moved to the Grimesland community when a child and had lived there since. On December 9, 1894, she married Purney Hodges, who died in 1907. Surviving this union are four sons, Ollie, of near Washington, Roy, Sam, and Purney Hodges all of near Grimesland, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Sutton of Winterville. On January 3, 1910, she married Isaac Buck, who died in 1937. Surviving this union are two sons, Thedie and Dewey Buck, both of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Jay Mobley of the home, and Mrs. Richard Mobley of near Grimesland; 16 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; four brothers, S. M. Lee of near Washington, Noah T. Lee of near Grimesland, George and Will Lee of Martin county, and a sister, Mrs. Sam Mills of near Vanceboro.

Woman Who Cut Off Foot Expected to Die

Jacksonville, N. C., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Mrs. O. F. Thompson, who amputated her own foot with a fishing knife after it became entangled in a motor boat drive shaft, remained in a critical condition today at the New River Marine Base hospital. She developed double pneumonia Tuesday night, and Dr. J. C. Drake,

physician in charge, said today her chances of recovery were very slight.

Dr. Drake said there would be a change for better or worse within the next 48 hours.

Mrs. Thompson, 32, amputated her foot with a jagged edged six-inch fishing knife while on a fishing trip in her boat. She was brought to the Marine base hospital, where a second operation was performed.

Bataisk, known as "the town across the river" from Rostov, became important as a crossroads of rail lines.

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BIG MOVEMENT OF JAP TROOPS

U. S. Fliers Bomb Jap-held Base In China

Chungking, Aug. 12.—(AP)—United States bombers attacked the Japanese-occupied town of Yoxang (Yochow) in the northeastern corner of Huhai province Tuesday, the American headquarters announced today.

"Both high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped, all of which landed within the town," the communiqué asserted. "The raid was highly successful and all the American planes returned to their bases."

An army spokesman said today that an intelligence report has been received saying that Japanese transports carrying more than 20,000 troops were sighted in the gulf of Tonkin on August 7.

He said there was no indication, however, where they came from or where they were going.

Southernmost China, Thailand and French Indo-China lie from north to south around the coast of the Gulf of Tonkin. Hainan, Indo-China port on the Gulf of Tonkin, was bombed last Sunday by United States planes based in China.

If the Japanese transports were southbound, as would be reasonable, they might be taking reinforcements into Thailand or Japanese bases in French Indo-China for possible new offensives in southern Asia, perhaps heading towards Burma and the Indian border.

Meanwhile there had been no substantiation of reports heard here yesterday that allied warplanes had bombed Formosa. Japanese troop concentration station across the Gulf of Tonkin, from northern French Indo-China.

Both Chinese and foreign quarters said they had no knowledge of how the report started.

The spokesman said that the Japanese had conscripted Chinese labor to broaden highways in western Hsien province and this was taken as an omen of contemplated Japanese military activity in that region along the upper Yangtze river.

Another report, he said, told of

50,000 Japanese troops moved northward recently through Pangu, in Anhwei province, on the Tientsin-Pukou railroad. This, however, was taken with a grain of salt, he said, since it had neither from what source the troops were supposed to have been drawn or where they were being shifted.

A military spokesman disclosed that in land operations, Chinese troops withdrew from Huhai, which they entered a week earlier. Throughout the fight for the town 12 miles south of the central Kiangsi base of Hsinchuan (Puchow), part of the Japanese advance was said to have held on in a Catholic mission grounds despite repeated attacks.

The spokesman said the Chinese still were pressing their assault upon Hsinchuan, however. He estimated that the invaders had massed 20,000 troops there and said this was 40 per cent of their entire strength in Kiangsi province.

China marked today as the fifth anniversary of the start of the battle of Shanghai with the assurance of the army newspaper, Ta Kung Pao, that the nation "is determined to counter-attack at an early date" and regain the enemy-held city.

Senate Approves Dependents' Bill

Washington, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Legislation permitting the war and navy departments to make immediate payments to dependents of servicemen under the recently-enacted allowance and allotment acts was passed by the House and sent to the Senate today.

The original legislation provided that first payments be made November 1, but benefits started to accrue June 1.

Rep. Rankin (D-Miss), sponsor of the amendment, said it was intended to enable the departments "to take care of the needy cases now." There was no opposition to passage of the bill from among the approximately 30 members present, although previous attempts to consider it had been blocked, and the war department had expressed opposition to it.

Heavy Shelling Across Channel

London, Aug. 13.—(AP)—British and German coastal cannon on opposite sides of the English channel exchanged heavy gunfire today from midnight virtually until dawn.

Observers described the shelling

as one of the hottest in months. The Nazis, whose batteries opened the commanding and drew a quick answer from heavy artillery on this side, apparently had more guns in action than usual, some of their salvoes contained six shells.

There was no immediate indication whether the targets were ashore or afloat but each side often fired on enemy shipping in the narrow strait, the other side answering.

Firemen End Annual Meet

Greensboro, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Chief O. L. Burkett of Salisbury was elected president of the North Carolina Firemen's Association at the closing session of the 55th annual convention here yesterday. He succeeded R. A. Joyner of Farmville.

Chief Frank W. Bennett of Durham was named vice-president, succeeding Burkett.

Chief John L. Miller was re-elected secretary and Ed A. Johnson, assistant Kammappolis chief, was elected treasurer to succeed the late A. B. Horney of High Point.

The association petitioned the War Production Board for materials and supplies necessary to maintain adequate fire protection for North Carolina cities.

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New 'End Use' Plan May Balance War Production

Unbalanced Production Responsible For Pending Slow-up

By JAMES MARLOW and WILLIAM PINKERTON
New York, Aug. 13 (Wide World)—Any plain citizen is a cinch to get dizzy trying to follow the storm of criticism and complaint which has been rolling low over the War Production Board.

The WPB tells him that expenditures for war production in July totaled \$4,794,000,000, a new peak. When he learns the WPB is considering plans to save the drain on scarce materials by closing down for a time plants running ahead of schedule.

This disclosure follows a statement by the WPB's labor policy committee that "as many as 1,000" war plants might be forced to cut production this month and next for lack of materials.

The plain citizen asks: What goes here? What's ahead?

There have been a number of explanations.

The following—which might be challenged by others—is given by Leo M. Chernie, editor of the Research Institute of America, a private organization which keeps business men informed on what the institute believes are trends and developments.

Chernie, who shuttles weekly between New York and Washington on research work for his organization, says:

"The basic causes of the war production shutdown are material shortages, bad planning, faulty distribution of contracts, imperfect

piecemeal industrial mobilization. "Real shortages of some basic materials will be devil us until the last day of the war but these shortages are no adequate explanation for a thousand war plants shutting down.

"More acute is the fact that the shortage has been aggravated by an unequal distribution of the materials, frequent excessive inventories (overstocked supplies), and the absence of a real knowledge of what our stock of materials is and in whose hands they are at any given moment.

"The original priorities system accomplished its function of feeding material into war plants. But there was no effective check on the quantity of the materials the war plants actually needed, the quantity they received or the quantity they used.

"True, we haven't today the amount of steel we'd like to have but, equally true, we are fumbling with infinitely more steel than that with which Germany is waging war.

"So long as idle war materials wait in warehouses, there is little justification for production cuts due to the shortage of the same materials.

"But this is not the complete reason. There is another ironic fact which production has exceeded expectation: our overall supply of completed munitions may be disappointing.

"Record-breaking production is by itself no evidence that all is well. Our production has not been balanced. Nearly completed ships wait on the ways for a handful of small parts; completed tanks wait idly for radio equipment; finished artillery guns wait for firing tables.

"Some war tools have been over-

produced while others, without which the first are ineffective, are in inadequate production.

"Our record of unbalanced production is partly the responsibility of the Army, Navy and the WPB, but largely it is the result of overnight mobilization for world supply of munitions by a nation which had no munitions industry.

"The inevitable future is that many war plants will have to slow down or close if only because they have overproduced in proportion to other war production without which the first factory's production might be useless.

Some others may have to close from time to time because the general war strategy and the inevitable effect on munitions requirements will, in varying stages of the war, say in effect:

"We have enough shells. Now we want planes; or 'we have enough bombers, we now want cargo planes'.

"Substantial improvement will very soon begin to flow from the new methods of practical control employed by the production requirements plan, when the materials will be doled out plant by plant according to the end use (finished product) that will be made of that material, giving a control that the old priorities system would never permit.

"In addition to the end use control: We must accomplish a real lopping off of the materials we now waste by a standardization and simplification of our civilian and military products.

"And, perhaps most important of all, we must really begin concentrating our industry so that 25 plants operate on full time civilian production instead of 100 operating on a quarter of their full production schedule.

"This plan may not keep many businesses open but it will keep war production plants from closing because material has been wasted or inefficiently used elsewhere. The future ahead for small business is not bright.

"No war has ever served as a tonic for small enterprise."



Russian army defenses before the oil fields of Maikop appeared to be cracking August 10 and dispatches told of explosions, indicating the Reds were applying the "scorched earth policy." The black arrows show the course of German drives, including one which Nazis said led to the capture of Pyatigorsk, halfway between the Black sea and the Caspian. Russians were counter-attacking (white arrow) in the Kotel'nikovsk area southwest of Stalingrad.



Gov. R. M. Jeffries of South Carolina administers the oath of office to his son, Richard M. Jeffries, Jr., to become an ensign in the U. S. Navy, reserve, as naval officers look on in Columbia. Left to right: Lieut. Commander Dan Henry, Capt. E. C. Needham, U. S. N. R.; Ensign Jeffries, Gov. Jeffries, Lieut. (JG) E. H. Davis, and Ensign R. E. Matthews, U. S. N.



The United States' first powerful offensive move of the war (arrow) against the Jap-held Solomon Islands entered its fourth day August 10. Allied bombers (plane symbol) hit at Rabaul, Gasmata and Salamaua. Meanwhile Allied ground patrols inflicted casualties on the Japs at Kokoda (A).

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