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Speedy Advance Beyond Benghazi TANKS BRING VICTORY Barren Desert Crossed At Amazing Speed

When the Cyrenaican campaign is reviewed the astonishing role played by tanks becomes clear. They have charged forward hundreds of miles, taking one point after another completely by surprise.

The capture of Benghazi was a masterpiece of strategy comparable with Sidi Barrani. The Italians expected an attack from the coastal road through most difficult country but, instead, the tanks swept across the barren and waterless desert from Mekeil along tracks only used by an occasional caravan.

The capture of Benghazi was announced in a communique issued by British General Headquarters in Cairo. It stated: "Benghazi has surrendered. By brilliant operations, British armoured forces, moving south of Jebel el Akdar, established themselves astride the Italian lines of communication leading southwards from Benghazi."

The capture of Benghazi ends the first phase of General Wavell's campaign. A complete scheme for re-organizing the territory is already in operation.

Friday's Italian communique, although it does not specially admit the fall of Benghazi, states that in Cyrenaica a violent battle between Italian troops and enemy forces is proceeding in the southern part of the Benghazi district.

With the capture of Benghazi, the province of Cyrenaica may be said to be in British hands. This was the opinion expressed by competent commentators. They pointed out that this town was in all respects the capital of the province, as well as the chief naval and air base.

It is not yet two months since Sidi Barrani fell, and the rapid campaign, it is believed, will be regarded in the future as a classic example of the supreme value of sea power coupled with an ably-led and fully-equipped army.

GERMAN COMMENT RECALLED Benghazi Victory Would Be Decisive

It is recalled here that, commenting on the collapse of Sidi Barrani, the German newspapers, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" remarked: "The British cannot speak of this as a decisive action. Before using the word 'decisive' they would have to have advanced as far as Benghazi and to have secured an air base for an attack upon Italy itself."

ITALIANS FLEE IN DISORDER COUNTER-ATTACK FAILS MOUNTAIN BATTLE

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received February 9, 11.10 p.m.) ATHENS, Feb. 8. Heavy losses were inflicted on the Italians when Blackshirts attempted to counter-attack on the central front and suffered one of the most complete defeats so far, leaving the battlefield strewn with dead and wounded.

The counter attack sought to break through the Greeks closing in on a certain point in a mountain pass near Klisura. The Greeks stopped the Blackshirts even before they had time to deploy for the engagement and the counter-attack was smashed after a short fight.

The success has brought the Greeks near to major objectives where the Italian defence positions are concentrated.

GENOA HEAVILY SHELLED PROOF OF BRITISH SEA POWER IMPORTANT PORT

Genoa was bombarded by naval forces at dawn on Sunday, says an Admiralty announcement. This provides the most striking evidence perhaps of the power of Britain's command of the Mediterranean.

Willkie Reaches Trinidad A RECORD HOP

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received Feb. 9, 8.10 p.m.) MIAMI, Feb. 8. Pan-American Airways announced today that the Dixie Clipper, with Mr. Wendell Willkie aboard, landed at Port of Spain, Trinidad, at 9.51 a.m., completing a 3120 miles non-stop flight from Bolama, in Portuguese Guinea, Africa, 21 hours 32 minutes.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN BRITISH CABINET

Mr Malcolm MacDonald Going To Canada; Lord Moyne Succeeds Late Lord Lloyd

The Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, at present Minister of Health, has been appointed to fill the post of High Commissioner to Canada. Authority will be sought to enable him to retain his seat in Parliament during his term of office.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade: Captain Charles Waterhouse. A Lord Commissioner of the Treasury: Major Thomas Dugdale. Lord Moyne will be Leader of the House of Lords. He took the oath of office as Colonial Secretary at a Privy Council held by the King this morning.

Bewildering Series Of Surprises Leave Italians At Wits' End

The skill with which General Sir Archibald Wavell has been able to make use of the weapon of surprise throughout the Libyan campaign is commented upon by military experts here. They recall Marshal Graziani's original dispatch in which he said that when the Army of the Nile made its first attack there had been no element of surprise, as everybody foresaw its probability.

Tobruk provided a different task with its much wider perimeter, but here again the blow fell from an unexpected direction and the town was taken.

REPEATED BLOWS DELIVERED ITALIAN AERODROMES SCARRED AFRICAN FRONTS

Practical comment on the "wishful thinking" in which the Nazis indulged before the war to the effect that the Empire would not support Britain, is afforded in a summary of the South African Air Force's operations in the past six months.

BALLOT ON MARCH 4 Names drawn in the second Overseas Ballot will be Gazetted on March 4. (Official statement on Page 5)

Spectacular Attacks. "One of the most ambitious raids during August was when simultaneous offensive reconnaissances were made against all the Italian aerodromes within striking distance of Kenya. Nine days later a most spectacular attack was carried out by waves of S.A.A.F. bombers, which dived on the main transport yard at Mogadiscio and set fire to more than 800 vehicles. A bomber squadron also carried out many night raids over this difficult country.

Helping the Army. "Impressive as are the records of the fighters and bombers, an outstanding feature has been the work of the bombing raids which the Italians have ventured to make over the vast northern frontier district. On October 25 three S.81's were engaged and shot down by three S.A.A.F. fighters and a month later three Capronis were intercepted and two shot down and a third believed to be damaged.

Plans for Trapping Saboteurs G-Men in Factories

PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE Danger to Defence

SUGGESTED EXILING OF LINDBURGH Reduction in Military Rank Advised

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received February 9, 11.50 p.m.) NEW YORK, Feb. 8. The Attorney-General (Mr. Jackson) revealed today that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has surveyed 1200 plants working on defence orders and had established systems for trapping saboteurs before damage was done.

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TEN JAPANESE KILLED AEROPLANE CRASHES ON MOUNTAIN

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received February 9, 8.35 p.m.) TOKYO, Feb. 8. A War Councillor and former Navy Minister, Admiral Mineo Osumi, was apparently killed in an aeroplane crash in south China on Wednesday during an inspection tour. The Navy Department announces that searching planes on Thursday discovered the plane crashed on Fungyanshan Mountain, near the Sinking River.

Chief Of South Seas Fleet CHINESE STATEMENT

Documents revealing that Admiral Osumi, accompanied by his staff, was proceeding to Hainan to assume the post of commander in chief of the joint South Seas Fleet were seized by the Chinese when the aeroplane was shot down by Chinese guerrillas near Chungshan.

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GERMANS REPORT RIOTING AT VICHY May Be Attempt To Create An Opportunity For Interference

A German Radio report received in London to-night stated that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan had flown to Africa and added that rioting and shooting were occurring in Vichy. The report was stated to come from Berne.

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CASH FOR INDIAN STOCKS STERLING BALANCES AVAILABLE SURPRISE MOVE New Treasury Order Issued

THE R.A.F. SWOOPS DOWN DANGEROUS DAYS IN BERLIN MANY CASUALTIES Call Issued For Civilian Fire-Fighters

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State Theatre advertisement for 'Anne Shirley As "Anne Of Windy Poplars"' featuring Anne Shirley and James Ellison.

Regent Theatre advertisement for 'Florian' starring Robert Young and Helen Gilbert.

Cosy Theatre advertisement for 'The Crooked Road' starring Edmund Lowe and Irene Hervey.

PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR: IYA Auckland, 2YA Wellington, 3YA Christchurch, 4YA Dunedin, 2YH Napier, B.B.C. listings for various times.

State Theatre

POPULAR BOOK NOW ON THE SCREEN. Anne Shirley As "Anne Of Windy Poplars". The efforts of a young lady determined to succeed as a small-town school teacher...

Regent Theatre advertisement for 'Florian' is fine romance. Starring Robert Young and Helen Gilbert.

Cosy Theatre advertisement for 'The Crooked Road' with Edmund Lowe and Irene Hervey.

PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR: 4YA Dunedin, 2YH Napier, B.B.C. listings for various times.

NAPIER THEATRES

State Theatre advertisement for 'The Blue Bird' in Technicolor, starring Shirley Temple and Spring Byington.

Regent Theatre advertisement for 'The Doctor Takes A Wife' starring Loretta Young and Ray Milland.

Mayfair Theatre advertisement for 'The Mummy's Hand' and 'The Hit Parade'.

COMFORTS FOR THE SOLDIERS: Waipukurau Plans. Arrangements are well in hand for the dispatch of a further complement of parcels to Waipukurau soldiers overseas.

State Theatre

"THE BLUE BIRD" A GREAT FILM. Shirley Temple Has Fine Role. When 20th Century-Fox decided to bring Maurice Maeterlinck's "The Blue Bird" to the screen...

Regent Theatre advertisement for 'The Doctor Takes A Wife' starring Loretta Young and Ray Milland.

MAYFAIR TO-DAY AT 2 & 7.30 P.M. Plans at Theatre - Phone 3332.

R.N.Z.A.F. TRAINEES ANNOUNCED: Hawke's Bay-Gisborne Recruits. The latest list of recruits instructed to report to the Royal New Zealand Air Force Station at Levin...

Relief from PILES advertisement featuring Rexona Ointment and a testimonial from a man.

HEADACHE BACKACHE SCIATICA LUMBAGO advertisement for S. L. LUXFORD CHIROPRACTOR.

INTER-ISLAND FREIGHT SERVICE RAILWAYS THROUGH BOOKING SYSTEM advertisement.

CONCRETE ON THE FARM advertisement for AWATOTO SHINGLE COY. LTD.

BETTLES COUGH CURE advertisement for CAMFOSA PREVENTS BODY ODOUR.

EXTRA QUALITY IN TIMBER advertisement for McLEOD & GARDNER LTD.

Get the world's good news through THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR advertisement.

DON'T LET THAT OLD PIECE OF FURNITURE, BICYCLE OR CLOTHING LIE AROUND UNTIL IT'S USELESS. WHEN A CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT IN THE DAILY MAIL WILL QUICKLY SELL IT.

Religious Address At Hastings. "Man, mortal and dependent on resurrection for future life," formed the theme of the address given in the United Hall, Hastings, last evening.

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