

by the Fighting French of Brig. Gen. Jacques Le Clerc) in the Libyan Sahara."

Air raid damage was reported in the central districts of Tunis, the Axis-held capital of Tunisia, and at Kairouan.

An Italian naval unit (its type unstated) was reported to have sunk an Allied submarine in the central Mediterranean.

Berlin (From German Broadcasts) — (AP) — Counterattacking Axis forces in Tunisia were declared by the German high command today to have thrown back Allied troops "beyond their former positions."

The German communique today also said "The airdrome of Bone (Algeria) was bombed by day and by night. The enemy lost six planes."

SUPERIOR PAROLEE LEAPS FROM TRAIN

Manacled Prisoner Jumps From Soo Passenger at Stevens Point

Stevens Point — (AP) — Jack Tomlinson, 20, of Superior, leaped today from a moving Soo Line passenger train on which he was being taken to the State Prison as a parole violator.

Deputy Sheriff Henry Anderson, who had the youth in custody, said the train was pulling out of the Stevens Point station when Tomlinson jumped up from his seat, ran to the rear of the coach and leaped from the train. He was handcuffed.

Anderson notified Portage County authorities and a hunt for the fugitive was organized.

RAF BOMBERS SMASH AT BURMA JAPANESE

New Delhi — (AP) — RAF bombers made new attacks yesterday on Japanese positions in the Rathidaung area of Burma, north of Akyab on the Arakan coast, inflicting casualties and causing damage to enemy-occupied buildings, a British communique reported today.

HELD FOR THEFT

Milwaukee — (AP) — Robert E. Coopersmith, 38, Neenah, was arraigned on a charge of mail theft today before U. S. Commissioner

escape detection by the United States planes led to the ship making a wide circle from the normal route; or that it was a submarine supply ship.

MISSING SOLDIER IS DEAD, ARMY SAYS

Sgt. Walter Hoag, Marsh- field, Killed in New Guinea Dec. 19

Sgt. Walter Hoag, 26, reported missing in action in the Southwest Pacific area since Nov. 19, has been listed as killed in action on Dec. 19, according to a War Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hoag, 111 S. Cherry street, late yesterday afternoon.

A Requiem High Mass for Sgt. Hoag will be held at 9 a. m. Saturday at St. John's Catholic Church, where the soldier was a member of the Holy Name Society and the men's choir.

Sgt. Hoag was born in Ashland Feb. 29, 1916, and is a graduate of the local high school. He was inducted April 6, 1941, and went overseas last April. He was known to be in New Guinea and is the fifth Marshfield soldier reported killed in action on that front.

He has two brothers in the Armed Forces, Sgt. Gerald Hoag, a member of the same regiment in New Guinea, and Pfc. Donald Hoag, member of the Marine Corps, who is expected to arrive in Marshfield on leave Friday night. Besides his parents, he is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Larry (Madeline) Yeager, Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. Ray (Catherine) Ezrow, Detroit, and Eileen, at home.

RABAU CONCENTRATION OF JAP SHIPS IMMENSE

Melbourne — (AP) — Air reconnaissance over Japan's big base at Rabaul, New Britain Island, has revealed that the concentration of Japanese shipping there has been augmented since Tuesday, when it was first disclosed by an Australian Government spokesman, it was asserted in Government circles today.

Pilots returning from missions over Rabaul were said to have reported that the amount of warship-protected shipping now gath-

States "a sense of future security which in turn will give content and meaning to the war objectives."

Present Laws Included

Present state laws relating to workmen's compensation, unemployment benefits, old age and other grants would be incorporated under the Federal setup. All wage and salaried workers would be covered, with participation optional to farmers and "self-employers."

Secretary-Treasurer George F. Addes announced the union's proposal, which, in a listing of "fundamental points," called for:

Temporary and permanent disability benefits from illness or accident; "a lump sum paid upon the birth of a child;" funeral benefits; old age benefits beginning at the minimum age of 60 years; death benefits to a worker's widow.

Also, unemployment benefits for
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TRANSPORT SUCCESS IS CALLED VICTORY

Railroad Executive Describes Record as Highly Significant

Chicago — (AP) — L. M. Betts of the Association of American Railroads said today that railroads and shippers, spurred to new heights of performance in the first year of the war, joined to win "one of the greatest of home front victories."

Reviewing the business by the roads and shippers in the heavy movement of both freight and passenger traffic in 1942, Betts termed it a "tremendously significant record," and said "it is an important example of the triumph of the free forces of American enterprise for the preservation of which this war is being fought."

Betts, in a prepared address before the Mid-West Shippers Advisory Board, asserted that "the privately owned railroads and an unregimented body of shippers have voluntarily combined their energy and intelligence to perform a task essential to the preservation of our national institutions."

He said that last year's record of about 41 tons for the average load per car was the direct effect

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