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# GERMANS BLOW UP GREAT DNIEPER DAM

## Nazi Factory Wiped Out At Cost 60 Forts

### At Least 104 German Fighters Downed In Perhaps Greatest Air Battle

By HENRY B. JAMESON  
LONDON—(AP)—Photographs revealed today that the giant Nazi ballbearing factory at Schweinfurt was obliterated by the terrific American heavy bomber assault that cost the Eighth Air Force 60 bombers and precipitated perhaps the greatest battle in aerial warfare.

At least 104 German fighters were downed by the Eighth sharpshooters and their Thunderbolt escorts in the attack yesterday. Two U. S. fighters failed also to return from the two-hour battle that forced the way from Europe's coast to the target and back again.

The reconnaissance photographs revealed that Schweinfurt's main plant, where probably 60 per cent of the Nazis' vital ball-bearing output is produced, was wiped out by the precision bombers, who were told in advance that successful blasting of the target might shorten the war by six months.

"The fact that the Germans threw up everything in the line," the British military attaché, indicated, that they considered the factories of the highest importance to this war effort.

Without the slightest hesitation, it would seem, they encountered the stiffest and fiercest opposition in the history of aerial warfare," an Eighth Air Force spokesman said.

ENEMY TO FLEE IT  
"What we did to the Germans yesterday will be felt severely and soon."

"LARGE NUMBER IN RAID  
The number of fortresses that participated in the raid was not disclosed, but it was described officially as "large."

Despite the opposition, the American bombers splattered

## Believe Many Raiders Alive

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Chief of the United States Air Forces, reported officially today that 250 crew members were lost in yesterday's raid on Schweinfurt, but that "at least half" of the crew members "are believed to be alive as prisoners of war in the hands of our captives."

The American bombers, "most of which encountered the most intense fighter opposition" so far met over Europe.

"It is declared in a formal statement, as the payoff on the importance which the Nazi attack in Hitler's ball-bearing industry at Schweinfurt. The more important the target the more fiercely he fights to protect it."

BY MAL BOYLE  
WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY, Gen. Bradley's (AP)—I leave from a war reporter's notebook. The soldiers call Elmer Hood "Tapp"—and with good reason. This 27-year-old corporal from Van Wert, Iowa, has been in the front line for three years. He is a good soldier, a good leader, and a good man. He is a good man. He is a good man.

## Waters Sent Rolling Over Land While Nazis Flee

### Enemy In Flight From Zaporozhe

LONDON—(AP)—The waters of the great Dniester dam—the largest in Europe—were sent rolling over the countryside once more by German troops, the Berlin radio reported today in acknowledging their flight from Zaporozhe, their long-held southern key base and guardian fortress of the Crimea.

News that the \$10,000,000 Dniester dam had been blown up by the enemy, indicated that they had succeeded in repairing it after the Russians destroyed its usefulness themselves, when falling back from

MOSCOW—(AP)—The outer defenses of Kiev, besieged capital of the Ukraine, were falling today before the powerful Russian surge across the Dniester River.

Russian troops have cut behind the Germans, according to the Kiev radio, and are on the west side of the Dniester.

The Dniester in 1941 was called the greatest piece of self-sabotage of all time.

The gigantic dam is situated at the lower end of the Zaporozhe, a few miles north of Zaporozhe, the largest of the outstanding industrial centers of the Soviet Union.

It was built by the Germans in 1930, and it has been said that wherever it contained the whole southwestern Russian industry.

HOPE TO STAY IN  
By blowing up the great dam, five miles north of Zaporozhe, the Germans evidently hoped to force the Russian advance westward and to prevent the shipment of grain to the Crimea.

The dam's destruction, however, would not prevent the shipment of grain to the Crimea, according to the Kiev radio.

The great dam was frequently called the "Barrage of the Dniester," although it is only 40 miles south of that Dniester River city.

German dynamite was used to blow up the dam, according to the Kiev radio, and it is believed that the dam's destruction will prevent the shipment of grain to the Crimea.

Other London commentators said that German forces in Russia were being driven back by the Russian successes and by the necessity for sending reinforcements to the front.

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## Main Invader Forces Cross Volturno River

### British Ambiguous Units Land On North Side of River's Mouth

By NOLAND NORGAARD  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP)—The main forces of the Allied Fifth Army poured across the Volturno River into newly won bridgeheads today, and British infantry and tanks had landed from British quarters said the British and Americans were throwing the enemy back along the entire front from the west coast to the mountain backbone of Italy.

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## Rommel Directs Fight On Slavs

### Patriots Answer German Appointment With Two Major Triumphs

LONDON—(AP)—Yugoslav Patriots have answered Adolf Hitler's reported appointment of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel as commander of operations in Yugoslavia with two important victories in widely separated sections of the country, a communique of the National Army of Liberation announced today.

Partisan columns, driven out of the Croatian coastal strongholds of Zadar and Kraljevica, destroyed German tank formations on Oct. 10, having captured and destroyed the enemy's positions, and finally expelled them from both towns in hand-to-hand fighting, the communique reported. Both are now "firmly held" by the Yugoslavs, added the bulletin, broadcast by the First Yugoslav radio.

More than 150 miles to the east, units of the First Bosnian Corps, fighting under General Drag Tico, liberated Rader, captured the town of Zivota, and destroyed German tank formations in the center of the Bosnian timber industry, the broadcast said.

In Zenica, major industrial town in the area of the "Banat" (Bosnia), 25 miles northwest of Sarajevo, Partisan groups and German troops engaged in a five-hour hand-to-hand fighting, which had been going on for the past three days, the communique reported.

TRAINS DERAILED  
Further south units of the Fourth Croat Brigade were said to have derailed two German military trains near Vuzdo and near Sarajevo.

Patrol bands went near Nazi-occupied railway lines in eastern Bosnia, and destroyed many miles of track, around the town of Vuzdo and near Sarajevo, the communique said. Two bridges were blown up while the fighting raged.

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## CIO Leader Attacks Sales Tax Plans As "Wage Cut" For Labor

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Phillip Murray of the CIO blasted today proposals for a national retail sales tax, bluntly warning that if such a levy became law, labor would be "wage cut" to make up for the unjustified wage cut.

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## Score High Against Japs

### Allies Got 210 Bombers While Losing Eight

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—(AP)—American B-29 Superfortresses have run up a score of 210 against the Japanese since Sunday over two enemy strongholds, according to a British and American communique.

The bulk of this score, 177, was registered Tuesday at Rabaul, New Britain, by heavy B-29 formations of bombers and fighters, and was followed by a single day's operations in the Hottelers-Solomon area, where the B-29s were used to attack the big Kailash airfield and to drop two large enemy ships in the Hottelers-Solomon area.

On Sunday, it was reported, 10 Japanese planes were shot down in the same sector, while the American losses totalled three.

AMAZING SURPRISE  
As more reports trickled in on the big Rabaul raid, it became increasingly evident how amazingly complete was the surprise. Allied aircraft there have been so close to the target that Rabaul's main airfield, the big Kailash, was hit by a B-29, and many of the enemy's fighters were shot down.

Others had their guns turned in and the B-29s had attacked Rabaul from inland.

## Rangoon Raided By Liberators

### By ASSOCIATED PRESS

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