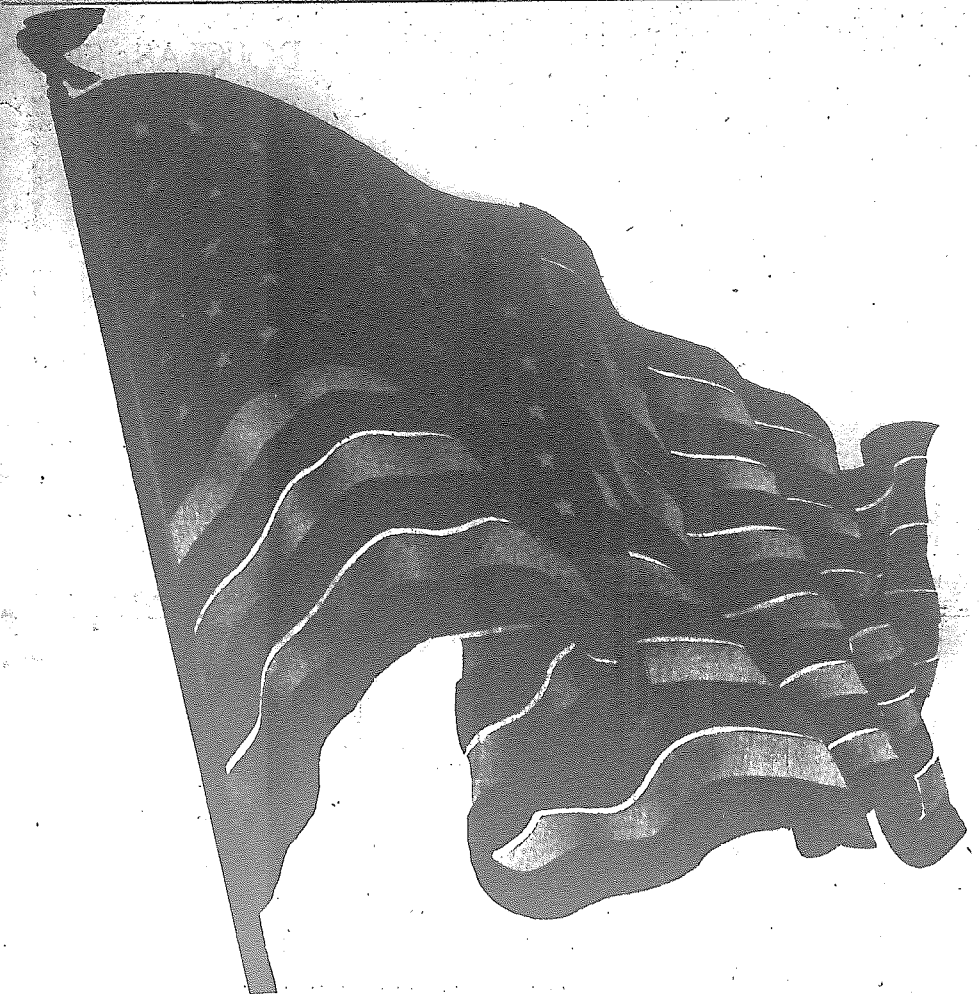


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AMERICAN NAVAL FORCES DRIVE OFF JAP WARSHIPS IN SOLOMONS BATTLE



Nearly 100 U.S. Planes Sweep At South Italy

Biggest Liberator Raid In Sector

By STEPHEN BARBER
CAIRO — (AP) — Nearly 100 U. S. Liberators smashed at three air fields in Southern Italy yesterday in the biggest offensive action yet staged by these four-engined craft from the Middle East, dropping more than 400,000 pounds of bombs on the Italian bases at Lecce, Grottaglie and San Pancrazio. Lecce and Grottaglie are on the head of the Italian boot. San Pancrazio is 35 miles north of Rome.

The lethal loads included high explosive, fragmentation and incendiary bombs, a U. S. communiqué said. The Liberator, the command ship, was damaged.

THREE PLANES LOST

Three American planes were lost in delivering the 'triple punch' this relatively small figure equalling the entire U. S. losses for the month of June in this area.

Twelve Axis planes were shot down out of clouds of Italian and German fighters that rose to challenge the Liberator, the communiqué said.

"At Lecce, bursts of smoke covered the field, indicating hits on dispersed aircraft," the announcement said. "Other hits were observed on hangars and runways. Fires were left burning behind the hangars and in the dispersal area. A very large fuel fire was observed in the southeast section."

"At Grottaglie, direct hits were scored on hangars and bursts were scored throughout the target area. The dispersal area was hit with fragmentation bombs. One enemy aircraft was seen to explode and at least one other was seen burning.

At San Pancrazio, the target area was well covered with bursts. The attacks upon the air fields followed a night raid upon Catania Sicily by the bombers, a communiqué announced. The various softening up operations cost five Allied planes.

Operations of the Northwest African Air Command made new pre-dawn raids yesterday upon Palermo, Sicily, and Cagliari in Sardinia. Headquarters announced, and B-25 Mitchells of the tactical air force raided Castelverde airfield in Sicily. None of these craft was lost, and one B-25 fighter was reported downed.

Air Fought In Sicily

Attacked By Yanks

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — (AP) —

Fighting through a heavy haze which obscured the village of Duce, the bombers attacked the Castelverde air field in Sicily yesterday after RAY Wellington led again raided Palermo, Sicily, and Cagliari, the preceding night.

More than twenty enemy fighters rose to attack the American planes, which completed the first medium bomber mission of the Northwest African Theater Air Force since the fall of Pantelleria last June 11.

Struggle May Be Continuing After Pursuit

Enemy Retires After Attempting To Bomb Our Positions On Rendova

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Japanese cruisers and destroyers endeavoring to turn their big guns on American positions on Rendova Island were driven off by United States naval units in a sharp engagement early today.

This was reported today by the Navy which said the enemy task force of seven warships included three cruisers and four destroyers. They moved in, the Navy said in an unsuccessful bombardment attempt.

The size of the United States force which met and repulsed the Japanese ships was not disclosed by the Navy, which said, however, that the enemy ships retired in short order. No details of the surface battle have been received, it said.

Salamaua Under Threat By Allies

By C. YATES DEBARTHLE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA — (AP) —

American and Australian jungle fighters menaced the Japanese air base of Salamaua on the northeast coast of New Guinea from three sides today in the growing Pacific offensive, while in the central Solomon, at the base of the island, the measure was maintained on the enemy air base of Munda.

The communiqué from Headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of the Southwest Pacific Area, reported that the Japanese air base at Salamaua was hit by American fighters from Munda, twelve miles south of Salamaua, and by American and Australian planes which landed on the coast at Nassau Bay Wednesday.

This completed the first phase of the operations there. In addition to patrols below and behind the enemy base, other operations were reported above it in the vicinity of Malolo.

Realizing the peril posed at Salamaua, the Japanese had 2000 aircraft within easy fighter range of Japanese-held New Britain Island, the enemy sent out fighters against the Americans at Munda Thursday afternoon, the communiqué disclosed with no further elaboration.

It was emphasized here that despite the heavy fighting in progress on a patrol base along the New Guinea coast, the Japanese still maintain a strong presence at Salamaua.

While there has been no official explanation of the immediate offensive in the Nassau Bay area, some observers consider this a diversionary maneuver designed to preoccupy enemy troops and planes from the Rabaul area.

The slightly Allied Air Force whose widespread activity has been reported from Salamaua on page 5.

Subsidies Veto Sticks

Limitation Only Issue Before Congress Now

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Congress appeared in full retreat today from its once overwhelmingly strong stand against Government-subsidized retail price rollbacks.

President Roosevelt put the issue squarely up to the lawmakers yesterday by voting a bill which started out as legislation to continue the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for another two years, then grew into a proposal outlawing the Administration's program to pay processors so prices to the consumers could be cut.

SENATE WAITS

Though both branches had passed this bill by huge majorities, the House refused to override the veto. The Senate put off action until Monday when sentiment growing for some sort of subsidy rather than outright prohibition.

Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, said he would propose limiting subsidies on page 11.

Goebbels Makes Heavy Effort At Humor In 'Invasion' Talk

By LYNN HEINZERMING

LONDON — (AP) — Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, in a heavy-handed attempt at ironic humor, used the Paris radio today for a series of reports of an Allied "invasion" army after flatly announcing that Axis enemies had chosen July 3 for an assault on France.

The broadcast apparently was designed to ridicule Allied plans of attack against Europe and, at the same time, to show that the Germans could be light hearted about such matters.

At 7 A. M. the Paris announcer said: "The hour of liberation is striking. Probably it will be only a matter of minutes."

The broadcast said reporters had been sent to all vital points to keep listeners informed on the situation "just in case the British should try to re-embark after landing."

"SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE" Then the voice was brought from "somewhere in France" to announce: "At 7 A. M. there is nothing to report for the time being. The Anglo-Americans will not attempt anything before breakfast."

must be admitted that it is lunch time now, but that leaves them one more half day."

At 1:32 P. M. "Still nothing to report. It is not possible that the Allies should keep us waiting so long. . . . Well, let's wait a little more. They'll surely land."

The July 3 date for an invasion was conceived only in the mind of the propaganda minister, and had utterly no basis in fact and no suggestion from Allied sources.

The apparent reason for the German buildup of the fictitious date for an invasion was to arouse the hopes of the millions of Europeans in occupied countries, and allow these anticipations to be dashed in bitter disappointment.

ROME TALKS TOO

On the Rome radio, an Italian military commentator said the Italy would defend her soil inch by inch, but that the European invasion "seems to have become a nightmare more for our opponents than for ourselves. They seem not to have made up their minds where and when to start."

Senate Votes NYA's Death

Yields To House Demands To End Agency

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Great Convoy Makes Crossing Of Atlantic

By LYNN HEINZERMING

LONDON — (AP) — A great convoy recently crossed the Atlantic under a shero to shore air cover of land based and carrier planes and one submarine was destroyed, another probably was sunk and others "may have been damaged," the Admiralty and Air Ministry announced today.

A reinforced surface escort also helped shepherd the ships through the latest victory in the Battle of the Atlantic, a lengthy communiqué said. Submarines made a series of attacks over a period of two days, but the convoy was unscathed.

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Allies In Sight Of Big Jap Base

By WILLIAM F. BONE

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, July 3 — (Delayed) — (AP) —

The Allied Air Command successfully harassed the enemy with bombing-sterling missions today and again today at the enemy-held coastal base between Duce and the top arms of the "River."

At least for the moment, Allied forces against the enemy's base at Salamaua, New Guinea, are reported that the combined American and Australian infantry force will progress to a "decisive" stage.

In the night of Sunday, the enemy sent out fighters against the Americans at Munda Thursday afternoon, the communiqué disclosed with no further elaboration.

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WEATHER

Today's temperature... Tomorrow's temperature... Wind... Clouds... Precipitation...