

# Germans Hare The Spoilers Air Force

By HAL BOYLE  
WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT CASSINO, Feb. 6—(Delayed)—If Capt. Jack L. Marinelli had weighed one more pound he wouldn't be commanding an air force which has been called an enemy fighter or bombed Berlin, but which is more defeated by German ground gunners than are the Flying Fortresses.

They defend 10 miles of a line. Capt. Marinelli's men spot Nazi artillery positions and relay their locations to American batteries, which promptly bring them under fire.

His air force consists of a couple planes, 18 machine gunners on a same plane, in plain, about the same number of mechanics, a few tents and innumerable boxes of canned "C" rations.

"We have a weight limit of 170 pounds for pilots," he said. "When I weighed in for my own flight on 10-1-42, when I first went into action in Italy I dropped down to 155. A steady diet of "C" rations did that to me. But now I'm back on the edge again and have to watch my weight."

"If I ever hit 170 pounds I'll be grounded."

Among his personnel are six sergeants and a dozen lieutenants. The sergeants volunteered at the front. The lieutenants were taken from field artillery men who had flown at least 60 hours solo and had a private pilot's license.

"Now we take men graduating from the schools for field artillery officers and send them flying lessons," said the captain.

They get a 16-week course and are also taught how to keep their planes in operation. They are supposed to be able to do anything a mechanic can do, from engine overhaul to fabric repair.

## Japanese Admit Heavy Damage In Truk Assault

### ALLIED HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCE

#### Bring Big Nazi Push To A Halt

U. S. Tanks And Infantry Advance

By KENNETH L. DIXON  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES—(AP)—American and British forces have stopped a surprise attack by densely-packed German troops to wipe out the Anzio bridgehead and have thrown the enemy back two miles toward Carroceto, Allied Headquarters announced today.

The Nazi steamroller advance, aimed down the Anzio Highway last Wednesday morning, toward the sea, the force had been held, was halted only after all elements of Allied planes, tanks and infantry during 48 hours of the most intense period of the fighting.

"Our effort was very greatly assisted by magnificent support given by the Allied air units, Allied air formations and both British and American artillery," the commander said.

The German offensive reached its peak before dawn Saturday. The American tanks and infantry, under the cover of a heavy artillery barrage, began smashing forward at 6:30 a. m. and were still rolling ahead yesterday.

The intensity of the enemy effort was demonstrated by the appearance of elements of five regiments within one 1,000-yard area. The divisions were three, their entire strength into the assault. Three others were held in reserve.

THE GERMAN ARMY  
An Allied spokesman announced the Germans steadily swelling their ranks in Italy, now have eight divisions involved in the Italian campaign. Nine of them facing the beachhead. It was announced, are combined under the 14th German Army, which is commanded by Field Marshal von Model.

#### Changes In Army And Navy Staffs Caused By Attack

Premier Tojo Personally Takes Role Of Chief Of Army General Staff

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Tokyo radio acknowledged today that Japan had suffered heavy losses in the American attack on her great naval base at Truk and announced simultaneously that both the chiefs of the Japanese army and navy general staffs had been relieved of their posts.

Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo, a broadcast said, has personally assumed the role of chief of the Army General Staff in a sweeping shakeup that seemed to be a direct result of the American assault.

The Navy Ministry announced the Navy Ministry as saying that Fleet Admiral Otsu Nagano, chief of the Japanese Navy, had been relieved of his post. The announcement added that Emperor Hirohito had named Admiral Shigeru Shimada, Navy Minister, to serve concurrently as chief of the Navy General Staff.

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#### Reds Roll On Toward Baltic Gate

New Push Made Toward Minsk

LONDON—(AP)—The Russians continued to roll over frozen ground toward the Baltic gateway of Pskov today while far to the south, a Soviet broadcast said, a Red Army had thrown 100,000 more men into a powerful new push toward Minsk in White Russia.

A Soviet communiqué announced that 114 villages were captured in the east shores of Lake Peipus and that more than 2,000 Germans killed in advances of two to 12 miles through swifly snowstorms. Three points, each within 30 miles of Dno, a rail junction 60 miles from Pskov, were taken in the advance, the bulletin said.

The Red Army units nearest to Pskov were last reported 28 miles to the north after battling down the east shore of Lake Peipus and Lake Pskov, but Moscow announcements have not mentioned their progress in several days.

The drives announced yesterday were taking place east and south of Pskov, southwest of the Pskov-Peipus road, and in the localities captured were declared taken in the push from Starobin.

A Berlin broadcast also asserted that Russian forces in the northeast had launched a furious assault toward Krivoo Rog, last big city held by the Germans in the Dnieper bend.

Ernst Von Hammer, DNB military commentator, said the Russian roll had made "large penetrations" southeast and northeast of Krivoo Rog, and that the "intensity" of these were checked in counter-attacks. The rest were effective in several places.

#### Fourth Great Attack In 36 Hours Is Made

U. S. Attack Approximates Record 2,000-Plane Assault Of Sunday

LONDON—(AP)—U. S. Forces and Liberators dealt the Nazi homefront its fourth great aerial blow in 36 hours by bombing northwest Germany today a few hours after the RAF had hammered Stuttgart on the south-west border.

Today's American force was officially announced as "approximately" the size of the record 2,000-plane attack which struck Leipzig and other key German centers Sunday, blasting the U. S. Air Force's growing strength.

The bomber section probably again approached the 1,000-plane figure, with an additional thousand and escorting fighters—presumably the Eighth Air Force's impressive array of Thunderbolts.

Lightnings and Mustangs, backed up by RAF Spitfires, were seen at the same time U. S. Marauder bombers hit the Cooxle also in the Ruhr.

Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Force, declared a fourth of German fighter production was knocked out in the Sunday attack, officially described as the greatest daylight operation in history.

A count today showed 125 enemy planes were shot down yesterday. The latest announcement said only that "military installations were hit in northwest Germany."

#### Rabaul Is Weakened

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—The Japanese Southern Force headquarters at Rabaul has been weakened by three more aerial attacks, one of which was particularly effective.

The attacks were made by the 18th Bomber Command, which was based at the air base, and others were destroyed on the ground.

The attacks Feb. 18 came within a few hours after United States destroyers shelled Rabaul on a daring sea-surface raid.

Abled aircraft and lightnings, flying in successive waves, attacked and shelling down five planes, but taking to the air.

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#### U. S. Counts High Truk Attack Score

By CHARLES McMURTRY  
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR—(AP)—Nineteen Japanese ships sunk, at least 201 planes destroyed and terrific damage to land installations, was the score today in the United States Pacific Fleet raid on Truk, the enemy's primary base in the Central Pacific.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the fleet, told the story of the destruction wrought by carrier planes in the raid Wednesday and Thursday, and called it a "partial settlement" of the debt owed Japan for the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

NEW DELHI—(AP)—Confused fighting around the central east coast of India today, where the Seventh Indian Division has been out of contact with the Japanese force, was reported to the Middle East by the British.

Another enemy column which crossed the Myva Range into the Kachin area and struck south toward the British rear at Buthe, during his last night, it was said, and a sailing company was damaged before they could take to the sea.

There was no air operation in the second day of the attack on the island, which is situated in the Kachin Valley to the northwest. Air operations were reported to be continuing in the Chin Hills widespread patrolling actions were underway.

#### Driving Japs From Eniwetok Island

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR—(AP)—Moving swiftly to close their death trap on Japanese defenders of the Westernmost atoll in the Pacific, United States infantry and Marine troops now are driving the enemy from Eniwetok Island.

In a new landing yesterday, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said, they seized half of the 6,000-yard long island.

This gave United States forces possession of the entire Eniwetok atoll group today. The remaining half of the embattled island, and half of Parry Island, site of a Japanese radio station, were held by the enemy.

Casualties continued light, said Admiral Nimitz, who previously had disclosed the capture of Eniwetok Island and its strategic atoll, the enemy's main Eniwetok atoll base.

There was no information as to the extent of Japanese resistance on either Eniwetok or Parry Islands, but the fact that the Marines took Eniwetok in six hours, and advanced 3,000 yards in one day on Eniwetok indicated that pre-landing bombardments were effective.

#### Navy Cross For Gen. Turnage

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—The Maj. Gen. Fred S. Turner, U. S. M. C., who commanded the first Marine amphibious corps during the Bougainville campaign, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal Feb. 18 by Admiral William F. Halsey.

At the same time Maj. Gen. Allen H. Turnage of Farmville, N. C., commander of the Third Marine Division at Bougainville, received the Navy Cross.

#### Guesses As To Jap Fleet Location Go On

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The American attack on Truk has provided one more fragment of information for those seeking to determine the location of the main force of the Japanese fleet in the Pacific.

First detailed reports on the damage to enemy ships in the Truk anchorage show that nothing heavier than cruisers was attacked on Feb. 18, although aerial reconnaissance pictures and the work indicated some other heavy capital ships had been using the harbor.

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The "Doll Woman" Permitted To See Brother  
NEW YORK—Mrs. Velveta Dickinson, old shop owner indicted on a charge of using code to help Japanese, was permitted to speak to her brother today, but only in the presence of an FBI agent.

#### Seek Vote Compromise

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senate and House conferees returned to their unpromising search for a compromise today, including both sides admitted privately they're just going through the motions.

Advocates of State-controlled voting appeared more determined than ever to reject the Administration's Federal ballot proposal, even to the point of making a modest brother to State absentee ballots.

Senator Green, Democrat Rhode Island, co-author of the Federal bill and chairman of the Senate conferees, said today if an agreement isn't reached soon he believes the conferees should "agree to disagree."

War Council Scheduled  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt scheduled a war council for early today, to discuss the draft of C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of Army Air Force, and Ernest King, Army Chief of Staff.

#### Montreal Strike Threat Fades

MONTREAL—(AP)—Montrealers rode to work today after another strike threat by bus and trolley workers faded to nothing.

A spokesman for the Montreal Tramways declared last night that 20 trams had been taken into the barn when no relief operators appeared, and that another railroad appeared to be developing.

#### Vichy Radio Reports U. S. Transport Sunk

LONDON—(AP)—The Vichy radio reported today, without confirmation that an American transport ship had been sunk in the Atlantic.

The loss of a transport and destroyer means that the protective screen essential for the movement of another strike, however, according to the Vichy radio, was broken up by three midgets and six carriers destroyed.

#### Damage To Jap Fleet At Truk Considerable

By CHARLES McMURTRY  
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor—(AP)—Don't underestimate the damage inflicted on the Japanese Fleet at Truk.

It may seem disappointing that the United States carrier force did not include Japanese carriers and battleships in their toll. But the heaviest units of the enemy fleet believed to have been anchored at Eniwetok inside the Truk lagoon at various times during the past week, had been ordered elsewhere.

#### WEATHER

Partly cloudy and slightly warmer today. High 65, low 45. Windy with considerable fog tonight.