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AMERICAN SUBMARINES AGAIN BLAST GERMAN NAZI CAPITAL

16 More Jap Ships Bagged By U. S. Subs

WASHINGTON—(AP)—American submarines have sunk sixteen more Japanese ships in enemy controlled waters.

The big bag, announced today by the Navy, included one large tanker which could needed fuel for enemy bases.

The toll brought to 67 the number of Japanese ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged by submarine action alone.

Sinkings by other causes—airplane and warship—boosts the total damage to Japanese shipping to 159 enemy vessels of all types.

Purport to policy, the Navy communique announcing the latest sinkings did not report the areas in which the submarines operated. However, one submarine is known to have been operating along the coast waters of Japan.

In addition to the large tanker, other ships sunk in the Japanese line included a transport, a cargo ship, a transport, and ten cargo vessels, all of which presumably were destined to keep men and materials moving to Japan.

Drive Aimed At Kherson & Nikolaev

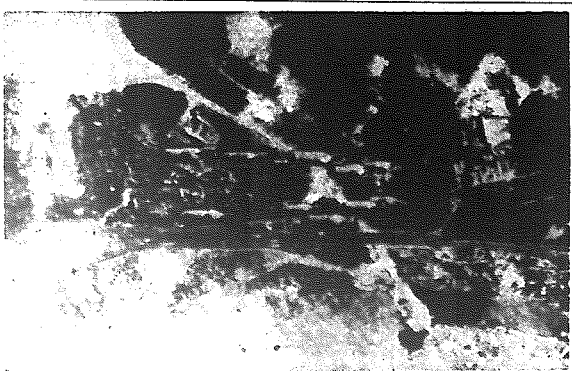
Large Nazi Force Has Been Routed

LONDON—(AP)—Premier Joseph Stalin in a special order of the day broadcast from Moscow announced today that the Russians have opened still another offensive against the Ukrainian front under Gen. Rodion Malinovsky.

He said the offensive launched across the Dnieper River—where the Germans are in a desperate battle of attrition—has been aimed at the German defense positions of Nikolaev and Kherson on the lower Bug and Dnieper rivers.

Stalin said the offensive, launched on March 6, has taken such a heavy toll of their attacking troops that the Germans have been forced to retreat to a position where they are in a desperate battle of attrition.

Stalin also announced that the Russian army has captured a large number of German tanks and heavy weapons from their retreat. He said the Russian army is now in a position to launch a new offensive against the German positions of Nikolaev and Kherson.



CLUSTER OF AMERICAN BOMBS FALL ON BERLIN—The war savings bonds and stamps you bought helped pay for this great cluster of bombs falling on Berlin during the second American daylight raid on the German capital in three days. (USAAF photo.)

Nazi Capital Hit 4th Time In Six Days

Great Blitzkrieg From Air Against Hitler's Main City Continues

By GLADWIN HILL

LONDON—(AP)—Berlin was attacked again today—for the fourth time in six days—by heavy bombers of the U. S. Eighth Air Force.

It was the second day in a row that the Fortresses and Liberators had hit the German capital, first attacked by American forces last Saturday and again set afire Monday.

Today's attack demonstrated the amazing reserve strength in equipment and the endurance of the Eighth Air Force.

The first announcement gave no hint as to how today's bomber formations compared in strength with yesterday's raid on the German capital by at least four engines.

First, Berlin failed to crowd over the "great aerial battles" as during the previous American raids and today's formations may have reached the city with comparatively minor resistance from German fighters. It was certain that the German air arm was experiencing one of the most exhausting weeks of the war.

Berlin has now been shaken by more than 20,000 tons of bombs since the first big RAF raid in 1940.

In smashing furiously and continuously at the capital, the American forces have followed the pattern proved successful in earlier operations against Germany. Instead of spacing the raids over long periods and giving Hitler's air force a chance to rest and recuperate, they have pressed a series of attacks on the capital within less than a week.

The reports have shown that German resistance grows weaker the longer the raids continue while the bomber operations themselves consequently grow easier.

In a concentrated operation like the series against German aircraft plants, the Americans and the British had the additional advantage of the ability to disperse the attacks over a wide area. In Berlin, however, there has been a smashing drive over the same route.

The Berlin radio broadcast said that the Americans were depending on sheer shattering blows to get through more easily.

The Berlin radio also acknowledged that the Americans struck again in the night, but that the weather in contrast to the fairly clear skies under which the two previous raids had been struck.

Another Berlin broadcast said: "See U. S. HEAVY on page 7."

Admiralty, Guinea Japanese Blasted

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Americans fighting on three invasion fronts around the Bismarck Sea crushed Japanese opposition in New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands, and are holding against strong enemy counter-attacks in Britain, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said today.

Watch War On Island From Ship Ringside

By WILLIAM L. WARDEN

(Substituting for Hal Jordan)

ABOARD U. S. FLAGSHIP OFF ENIWEATOK, Marshall Islands, Feb. 10—Delayed—This is a strange tale. One of the strangest tales I have ever heard of.

The battle for Eniwetok is in progress. It is a battle that has been going on for weeks. The Japanese have been attacking the island for weeks. The Americans have been fighting back. The battle is now in its final stages. The Japanese are being driven off the island. The Americans are now in control of the island.

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British Coal Crisis Grows

LONDON—(AP)—The British coal crisis assumed more alarming proportions today when a fresh wave of walkouts boosted the number of idle miners to 50,000 or about 10 per cent of the total in the coal fields.

A total of 165 miners now are idle as a result of the wage dispute, which is depriving Britain of needed fuel for its war effort.

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Nazi Cassino Area Losses At 9,000

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES—(AP)—Fifth Army forces have inflicted 9,000 casualties on the Germans in and around Cassino since the end of January, bringing the total enemy losses in Italy for that period to approximately 10,000, Allied Headquarters announced today.

The Cassino casualties, including 1,500 captured and the remainder killed or wounded, were disclosed as a communique to the public of the results of two new major German thrusts against the American beachhead position southeast of Cassino.

German losses on the beachhead have been announced at about 2,000. In addition, the enemy has suffered other casualties at the hands of the Americans. The German thrusts against the American beachhead position southeast of Cassino.

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Casualties At 162,282

WASHINGTON—(AP)—American casualties in this war so far total 162,282, of whom 37,853 are dead.

Secretary of War Stimson, at a news conference today, announced that Army casualties (as of Feb. 23) totaled 121,458. Of this number, 30,459 were killed, 47,318 wounded, 25,328 are missing and 27,223 are prisoners of war.

The latest Navy total is 40,824, made up of 17,261 killed, 6,909 wounded, 8,838 missing and 4,416 prisoners of war. These figures cover the Marine Corps and Coast Guard as well as the Navy proper. Of the total casualties the Navy has suffered 27,383, Marines 12,896 and the Coast Guard 455.

Stimson said that of the 47,318 wounded, 25,321 have been returned to duty or discharged. Of the 27,223 prisoners, Stimson said, the enemy has reported that 1,072 have died of disease in prison camps. These deaths, Stimson continued, occurred mostly in Japanese-occupied areas and the total probably is larger than reported.

Nazi Attack Allied Convoy

WASHINGTON—(AP)—An Allied force of German aircraft attacked an Allied convoy in the Mediterranean today. The attack was reported by the British Navy.

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Finns Send Reds Reply

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—Finland has sent a reply to the Russian ultimatum which may be a satisfactory basis for furthering the negotiations. It was strongly urged by the Finnish military officials.

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British Make Army Changes

LONDON—(AP)—Air Vice-Marshal John Henry D'Almeida, commander of the British-based Second Tactical Air Force, has been named as the new commander of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force.

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Russia Will Get Few, If Any, Italian Ships

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The great British Fleet medium developed something of an international political mystery today.

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Prays For Rome To Be Spared

BOSTON—(AP)—William Cardinal O'Connor, Catholic Archbishop of Boston, and Dean of the Boston Catholic hierarchy in the United States today called upon his flock to pray that the German attack on Rome might be repelled.

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