

WORLD NEWS

Salvage Campaign In Italy With Art

By GEORGE TUCKER (Substituted) WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY, April 11—(Delayed)—(6)—Most of the lost or unserviceable equipment laid aside by our troops in Italy turns up sooner or later at an enormous salvage depot where it is removed and resold or reserved for prisoners of war and refugees.

Messkits, canteens, blankets, jackets, lanterns, gloves, tents, barrels, boxes, and similar items by the thousands are subjected to a slow, methodical process, where they are cleaned, sorted, repaired, or discarded.

In an area of the depot Pvt. Woodrow Wilson Smith of Milwaukee, Ind., was surrounded by hundreds of items of equipment and messkits, blackened beyond recognition. But Private Smith is sort of a miracle man, and when he got through with them they were almost new.

"First thing you do is clean them in the water," said Smith. He hooked a chain to his canteen and hauled it up and down in the bay.

"Now you hauled it in this way," he headed it with a stick, pivoting an air drill solution. Within three seconds the canteen was gleaming new aluminum.

ALLIED FIGHTER PLANES SWARM OVER GERMANY

15th Air Force Raids Bucharest & Ploesti Oil Area

By LYNN HEINZERRLING ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples—(AP)—Liberators of the Fifteenth Air Force attacked targets at Bucharest today and flying fortresses streaked to the big Romanian oil center of Ploesti giving it the fourth attack of the war.

The bombers met a number of enemy fighters and shot many of them down, early reports said. Both targets are important communications centers and the German supply line to her armies in the Balkans is seriously hampered by the attacks.

The exact targets at Bucharest which were attacked from this theater April 4, were not identified immediately, but it was said that they were "in the vicinity" of the capital, indicating that the capital's rail lines were again under attack.

Liberators from airfields in the Middle East first attacked the Ploesti oil fields in June, 1942, and then streamed back for another try last August. Heavy bombers from Italy took over the attack in October.

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Take Over Job From Bombers

Heavy Series Of Raids Indicated By W. W. HERCHER LONDON—(AP)—Strong formation of Allied fighters fanned out over Germany today, the Berlin radio said, taking over the pre-invasion offensive from heavy bomber fleets which had swept out a streak of shattering blows at Hitler's air arm and transport.

Waves of broadcast warnings from German stations traced the searing fighters' progress into northern, north and central Germany, indicating an ambitious series of thrusts from British bombers.

The formations probably were made up of American Mustangs and Thunderbolts, often employed as fighter-bombers, as well as American Lightnings and British Spitfires and Hurricanes.

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PREFERRED WRITING TO TALKING, Ralph E. Heinzen, repatriated American who was the United Press editor of France since World War I, is photographed as he types his own interview at the United Press office in London. This once Nazi-held hostage for the French leaves tonight for New York and soon will return to Europe to cover the biggest story of his eventful career—the Allied invasion of Hitler's fortress Europe. (New staff photo)

Nazi Hinge In Poland Now Prize Of Russians

Reds Closing In On Sevastopol LONDON—(AP)—Tarnopol, stubborn German bastion which has held out for weeks against the Russians in southwestern Poland, has been captured by the Red Army, Premier Stalin announced in an order of the day.

The German "hinge" position 75 miles southeast of Lwow had held out although encircled since March 23. Its capture frees the Russian forces in that area for concentrated drives—either on the Hungarian border or the supply and transport center of Lwow.

The order of the day, addressed to Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov of the First Ukrainian Army, ordered a Moscow salute of 30 salutes from 125 guns.

An Premier Stalin announced the latest Soviet triumph in a broadcast from Moscow. The Red armies smashed an toward Tarnopol and, with an apparent only 15 miles from that city, have rolled the shattered remnants of the Axis Cretan Army back against the center of Lwow.

Moscow dispatches indicated that the Germans were trying desperately to carry off the evacuation of Sevastopol, with Red Army forces pressing down on a narrow strip of coast, and with Soviet armor and warships, including torpedo boats, pouring bombs and shelling into the city.

England Orders Heating Ban LONDON—The Ministry of Fuel today forbade the use of any kind of fuel for the heating of shops, offices, places of entertainment and non-industrial establishments for the next six weeks.

Return This Newspaper For Front-Line Service The paper on which this newspaper is printed today is literally worth its weight in gold to the war effort.

Alleged Conspirators In Mexico Released MEXICO CITY—All the alleged conspirators in the case of an alleged conspiracy to kill President Manuel Avila Camacho, and ex-President Plutarco Elias Calles, have been released, it was announced today.

Axis Parley In Tokyo

German losses in the past three months on the Russian front have cost Hitler his last hopes of ever assuming the offensive again in this war, Ralph Heinzen, veteran correspondent of the United Press European staff, said in an interview here today.

Mr. Heinzen, who had been arrested by Laval in Vichy when American troops landed in North Africa and then turned over to Hitler as a hostage, returned to America by the Grisholm last month after fifteen months' internment in France and Germany.

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Japanese Island Outposts Attacked

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor—(AP)—Aerial blows at Japan's island outposts from the North Pacific to the Indies have been stepped up to daily frequencies by aircraft carrier task forces.

Four attacks Thursday on the Kurile Island chain beginning northeast of Japan were reported by Nimitz late yesterday for a total of 18 aircraft sorties on the enemy's farthest north strong points in four successive days.

On the same day Pompey the Great base 40 miles east of Truk in the Caroline Islands and Uruk, Pukin and Kuroki Islands in the Pacific east of the Caroline group also were hit. It was the thirteenth daily hammering this month for Pompey.

In an earlier announcement yesterday Nimitz told of an attack on the Kurile Islands by the U. S. Pacific Fleet's Seventh Fleet. The attack was the first in a series of operations to clear the Kurile Islands of Japanese forces.

Valutin Of Russia Dies

LONDON—Gen. Mikhail P. Valutin, 47, one of Russia's outstanding Army leaders, died last night after an operation in Kiev, capital of his native Ukraine, his doctors had had liberating Soviet troops.

A Moscow radio announcement said that the hero of the operation Valutin gave up command of the First Ukrainian Army unit in Ukraine.

The broadcast praised Valutin as "one of the most talented and energetic commanders who had developed during this war."

Gen. Robt. Webster Is Awarded Medal ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples—(AP)—Big Gen Robert Webster of the British Army, who has won the Victoria Cross for his gallant leadership and gallantry in action during the first attack on Rome last July 19.

London Bus Strike Is On

LONDON—(AP)—Three hundred bus drivers and conductors of the London transport system went on strike today in protest against new strike schedule.

Only the railways connecting central and eastern London were affected immediately but there was a general feeling of dissatisfaction among employees and other lines might cause a general transport tie-up.

German Planes Raid Naples NEW YORK—(AP)—Aldo-Heid Naples was raided by German planes, just before dawn today, involving a half-hour air-to-air craft barrage, a broadcast from Italy said.

WASHINGTON—The Japanese fleet is already damaged so that she can never make up losses and heavy new blows at it may be expected in the "next few months," Admiral Ernest King said today.

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