

U. S. AIRMEN ATTACK IN EUROPE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY STUMBLER ROMMEL



Axis Thrust Toward Nile Checked for The Moment

New Drive Made By Nazi Marshal

By HARRY CROCKETT CAIRO. — (AP) — A determined British counter-attack, launched under an umbrella of "unprecedented" air force co-operation, has checked, at least temporarily, Field-Marshal Erwin Rommel's thrust toward Alexandria and the Nile Valley. A British Headquarters communiqué said today.

Some of the fiercest fighting of the campaign took place as the reinforced Imperial forces moved in to halt a new drive eastward by Rommel's forces, the communiqué said. Earlier Rommel had been reported "digging in" west of El Alamein, which is 65 miles west of Alexandria.

Called "Successful"

(A London military commentator described the British counter-attack as "successful" and added, "things could be very much worse.")

Apparently the full weight of the British, American and South African air forces was thrown into the British action and the communiqué indicated that a tremendous air battle ensued, with 24 Axis planes shot out of the sky.

A commentator's summary of the last three days of fighting showed that the German onslaughts were steadily diminishing in numerical strength, if not in vigor.

Describing the German attack of Thursday afternoon, one observer said Rommel's infantry supported by artillery, filtered across the battlefield to attack British anti-tank and field guns which had been successfully holding up the Axis armored units.

NAZI ATTACK FAILS

The enemy tanks were massed behind the infantry—an innovation in German tactics—but as they were about to enter the battle, the British counter-attack from the north on the German left flank, this diverted the German armored formation from support of the infantry and the entire attack failed.

It was emphasized here that there was no indication that the Germans were permanently halted as a result of yesterday's British counter-attack.

It was felt, however, that the British Eighth Army, heavily reinforced, had recovered from a series of defeats in Libya and was now ready to hold its own in the battle of the Atlantic.

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Join With RAF For Assault In Holland Area

American Crews Man Six Bombers—Two Fail To Return

LONDON. — (AP) — United States air forces and the RAF made a joint raid this morning on three air fields in Holland, the Air Ministry announced.

The Fourth of July attack was described officially as the first United States Army air force participation in RAF bomber command operations from the British Isles.

A communiqué said the attacks were pressed home from low level in the face of intense flak (anti-aircraft fire).

The airfields raided were at Hamstedde and Alkmaar, where bombs hit hangars, administration buildings and dispersal points, and at Valkenburg which was heavily machine-gunned.

Hamstedde is on the island of Schouwen, Alkmaar is 60 miles northwest of Amsterdam and Valkenburg is fifteen miles east of Maastricht.

VESSELS ATTACKED

Patrol vessels off the Dutch coast also were attacked. The communiqué follows:

Today, July 4, for the first time United States Army air forces have taken part in offensive operations in conjunction with the bomber command.

Three aircraft (two manned by American crews) are missing. It was indicated the Americans borrowed their planes from the RAF.

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"The attacks were pressed home from very low level in the face of intense flak.

"At Hamstedde and Alkmaar bombs were seen to burst on hangars, administrative buildings and dispersal points. The Valkenburg airfield was heavily machine-gunned and an enemy fighter on the ground set on fire.

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Attacks Made On Japs In Aleutians

Bombing Blows Struck at Jap Transports and Escorts

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Four new attacks on Japanese forces in the Aleutian Archipelago, 145 miles west of Alaska, were announced by the Navy today, including one bombing attack on three transports and escorting vessels off the island of Agattu, 35 miles south of Attu on which the Japanese made their first landing June 12.

The other bombing attacks, the Navy said, were on enemy shore installations on Kiska, also occupied by the Japanese.

Agattu, a small mountainous island, is in the western end of the Aleutian Archipelago, 145 miles west of Kiska.

Telling of the attack on the transport vessels, the Navy said that on July 2 a patrol plane observed the transports off Agattu and Army bombers attacked that afternoon, inflicting damage the extent of which the Navy said could not be observed. "Our aircraft returned safely having suffered only minor damage from anti-aircraft fire," the Navy said.

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Bund Chief Arrested

Will Move To Return Kunze to U. S.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(AP)—The tall, dark, active "feinher" of the German-American Bund, Gerhard Wilmann Kunze, whom a Federal grand jury in Hartford charged plotted to aid Germany and Japan by furnishing them with United States military information, today was arrested.

WEATHER

Continued warm with scattered thundershowers this afternoon and tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 76; L. 70 Sunset today 8:40 Sunrise tomorrow 6:15

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 2.

Reds Strike Out In Kursk Sector And Drive Nazis Back On The Don

By HENRY CASSIDY AP War Correspondent MOSCOW — (AP) — A Russian counter-attack in the Kursk sector, at the junction of the central and southern Russian fronts, has thrown the Germans back across a strategically important stream, front line dispatches said today.

Hitler lost 15,000 men in dead alone in this titanic battle yesterday which paralleled in savagery anything yet seen in the bloody struggle, the official Tass news agency reported, quoting Izvestia, the Government newspaper.

Colliding with greatly strengthened Red Army troops, the Germans were badly battered in this encounter while east of Kursk the pressure of their tank assaults was slackened.

NAZIS MOVE IN SOUTH

To the south, however, the Nazis battered with mounting fury at Soviet positions in the Belgorod and Voronezh sectors.

The Germans apparently were throwing massive forces into the Kursk-Belgorod-Voronezh sectors in an effort to push to Voronezh and cut the rail line running south from Moscow to the Caucasus gateway at Rostov.

This drive could be expected to reach more violent proportions now that Sevastopol, the last Soviet stronghold in the Crimea, has fallen.

Several thousand troops of the second Hungarian corps, fighting alongside the Germans, were said to have been killed in three days in a sector of the Kursk front.

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Report Move German Advance in Russia Claimed

BERLIN.—(From German Broadcasts)—(AP)—The German High Command declared today that Nazi mobile detachments "are advancing steadily toward the Don" after operations which either militarily or psychologically are described as a "break-through on the southern Russian front."

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