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RAF IN FLAMING RAID ON BERLIN

Great British Fleets Blast Nazi Capital

Fifth Year of War Opened Harshly for the Germans

By GLADWIN HILL

LONDON—(AP)—Great fleets of RAF heavy bombers blasted Berlin last night in a flaming, 45-minute concentrated assault of block-buster and incendiary bombs to usher in the fifth year of war for Germans with an ordeal of fire and exploding steel.

"Great damage" was inflicted on the Nazi capital in this second massive assault in eight days, the Air Ministry announced. Mosquito bombers hit Berlin twice following a saturation raid a week ago last Monday night.

Forty-seven bombers and one fighter were lost as the bombers bored through stiff defense by German fighters, and other planes struck targets, including airfields, in France and the Low Countries. "Several" Nazi fighters were downed.

The first formations of bombers, with Canadians throwing their heaviest planes into the attack also, began pouring down explosives at 11:30 P. M. and continued the hail into the morning of another year of war.

Eight of the heavy bombers lost in this rekindling of fires in Berlin were Canadian. The German communique reported 47 bombers downed.

Again the Germans relied on new tactics of defense—throwing out swarms of fighters while hundreds of search-

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Danes Heartened By King's Words

People Mowed Down on Streets By Germans But Refuse To Crack

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—Encouraging words from popular King Christian X today heartened the Danish people who have refused to crack under a German military dictatorship enforced, eyewitnesses said, by merciless street executions.

Refugees who made a daring flight to Sweden through Nazi patrols declared they had seen German mechanized troops pour volleys of machine-gun fire into groups of Danes waiting on safety-zone platforms for street cars.

DEATH WITHOUT WARNING

Three Danes who laughed and joked when German soldiers marched by were shot to death without a word of warning, eyewitnesses added.

Drastic measures were ordered by Gen. Hermann Von Hannecken, military dictator, to restore a "state of normalcy" to the nation which revolted against Nazi occupation and was sabotaging German troop supplies and arms production.

King Christian, who has been imprisoned with Queen Alexandrin in Sorgenfri Castle since the Germans took over the Danish Government on Sunday, made his first public appearance yesterday—a short automobile outing under the watchful eyes of a German military guard.

In the little town of Lyngby, near Sorgenfri Castle, a thousand Danes ignored Hannecken's prohibition against assemblies to cheer their King and Queen.

King Christian's words to the gathering were brief—"I am happy to hear the Danish language still spoken in my country, continue with that." They were significant, however, for the Danes, who apparently interpreted them as an approval of their stout-hearted resistance against over-

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Sub Sinking Claims Low

Say 23 Merchant Ships Sunk in August

LONDON.—(AP)—The DNB German news agency in a dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press today announced German submarine sinking claims for August which were the lowest for at least nine months.

The agency said U-boats sank 23 merchant ships totalling 142,500 tons and four sailing ships in August. In May when the Germans gave the monthly return of 380,000 tons, they admitted the sinkings were the lowest for six months. July figures were 59 ships and 354,241 tons.

The German International Information Bureau in another broadcast set total submarine sinkings by the Germans during the fourth year of the war at 6,034,600 tons.

The bureau claimed 19,428,000 tons of merchant shipping and warships had been sunk during the four years of the war and added that naval and air forces of the Axis powers had sunk "roughly" 33,500,000 tons.

The bureau also said German submarines had sunk 55 per cent of the total, "which means that they alone have sunk more than German surface craft and the German Air Force as well as the Japanese and Italian air and naval forces put together."

Indo-China Area Bombed By Yanks

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The Japanese Domei agency in a dispatch broadcast by the Tokyo radio asserted today that two formations of American fighter and bomber planes based in China bombed and strafed targets in the Hanoi area of French Indo-China yesterday.

The broadcast was recorded by the U. S. Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service.

The Domei English-language dispatch said the attack was carried out in the afternoon by planes that "crossed from three directions over the northern frontier."

Nazis Fall Back Again In Donets Basin Area

May Retreat To Stalino Lines

LONDON —(AP) — The DNB German news agency reported today another German retreat on the Eastern front in the Donets basin area southwest of Voroshilovgrad. The dispatch was broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press.

The dispatch said:

"Another shortening of the front, involving the possibility of establishing operative reserves, was achieved by a planned withdrawal of German lines in the Voroshilovgrad area which the Soviets attempted in vain to impede."

The regular German communique, recorded by the Associated Press, said numerous Russian attacks in the Mius, Rylsk and Vyazma sectors—on widespread sections of the front—were beaten off after violent hand-to-hand combat.

Voroshilovgrad, approximately 70 miles northeast of Stalino and 90 miles north of Taganrog, is already some distance behind the front, and the German announcement indicated the Nazis were falling back upon the defenses of Stalino, their army headquarters for the entire southern front and seriously-threatened main bastion in the Donets Basin.

The German communique in effect disclosed the Russians were attacking along the entire 600-mile front from the Sea of Azov to Smolensk.

Only yesterday, Moscow's guns thundered a salute to the forces of Gen. Vassily Sokolovsky which swept forward several days ago in the Smolensk sector to take Yelnya, vital highway and railway junction, and crack the German defenses on the eastern bank of the Ugra River.

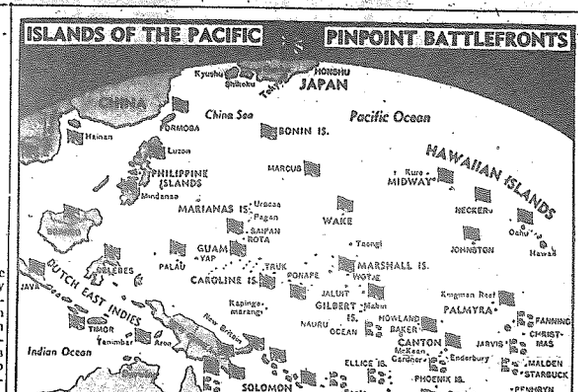
The Germans threw tanks, artillery, planes and infantry into their desperate defense and counter-offensives. The Russians finally succeeded in crossing the river, however, and Soviet tanks cut the railroad and opened a gap through which the following infantry poured.

In a twin drive a little to the south, forces of Gen. Constantine Rokossovsky's Central Army attacked from Bryek on a 60-mile-wide front to push into the northern Ukraine. They were reported in Moscow dispatches to have exterminated or taken prisoner the entire German garrison of Glukhov, the capture of which Stalin triumphantly announced yesterday.

Along the coast of the Sea of Azov, meanwhile, the Red Army pushed on toward the seaport of Mariupol.

Says Disease Controlled

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon-general of the U. S. Public Health Service, says this country is holding the line against venereal diseases—the first time any nation has done so in time of war. New drugs, chiefly the sulpha type, and co-operation of local communities were given the credit by Dr. Parran in an interview.



MARCUS ISLAND ATTACKED—A mere pin-point in the vast Pacific theater but an important stepping-stone on the road to Tokyo, Marcus Island (top center of map), has been raided by an aircraft carrier task force, the Navy announced today.

U. S. Pilots Scourge Axis

August Kills In Europe Set Record

LONDON—(AP)—The U. S. Eighth Air Force hit a new peak in operations over Europe during August, a preliminary survey indicated today, apparently bettering its July mark of 506 Axis planes shot from the skies.

High spot in the month's activities was the twin raid Aug. 17, when Flying Fortresses hit Schweinfurt and Regensburg. The Regensburg raiders proceeded on to North Africa to complete the first leg of the initial American shuttle bombing. In the two attacks the American fliers shot down 307 German fighter planes, the survey showed.

Most of the Eighth Air Force's August raids were directed against objectives in France and the Low Countries. Medium bombers, completing their second month of large-scale operations, were out on 14 raids on 21 targets with a loss of only four ships.

Flying Fortresses made seven raids on 21 targets compared with 10 raids on 25 targets in July. Fortress losses were 114 in August as compared to 108 for the previous month.

Food Trade Retarded

SALT LAKE CITY— (AP) —The time required to wait on the average food store customer has increased from three minutes to fifteen, A. Rex. Johnson, chief of the Food Distribution Administration's retail division, reported today.

Jap Air Forces Mauled On Guinea

From 20 to 25 Enemy Planes Wrecked On Ground in Wewak Raid

By OLEN CLEMENTS

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—(AP)—The Japanese Air Force, so badly mauled on New Guinea that its reinforcement bases are being pulled back, counted losses at Wewak alone above 360 as the result of a new Allied raid in which from 20 to 25 Japanese planes were wrecked on the ground.

Big four-engined raiders, meeting not a semblance of opposition in the air, in contrast with 60 Zeros sent up in sky battles the day before, blasted Wewak's airdromes with 92 tons of bombs Monday, today's communique reported. Sunday's raiders, which shot down 25 planes and destroyed at least twelve more on the ground, suffered light losses but Monday's attacking force got home without a loss.

FULL BACK RESERVES

Headquarters disclosed that the Japanese have been rushing in air reinforcements to New Guinea, probably from the Netherland-East Indies, the Philippines and Formosa. But these are being pulled back dangerously far from the garrisons they are intended to support and are being based at such points as Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea.

The majority of Monday's bag were medium enemy bombers blasted to bits on the Dagua airfield. Fires set there by the raiding Liberators were so in-

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Blast 36 Jap Planes

U. S. Fighters Battle 50 to 60 Zeros

By WILLIAM HIPPLE

U. S. HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—(AP)—U. S. fighters battled 50 to 60 Zeros which attempted to intercept an American strike against Kahili airfield on Bougainville Island and destroyed 36 of the enemy planes, a spokesman at South Pacific Headquarters disclosed today.

The air victory was achieved Monday by Corsair, Warhawk and Airacobra fighter units. Our losses were "very light," the spokesman said.

(Gen. MacArthur's communique reporting Monday's action said our fighters strafed airdrome dispersal areas at Kahili, destroying eight enemy planes on the ground. There was no mention of 36 enemy planes destroyed in the air battle.)

The fight took place over Kahili Field, which is Japan's strongest and largest remaining air base in the northern Solomon Islands. It is being pounded daily by American planes.

GOOD MONTH

At the same time the spokesman for Admiral William F. Halsey Jr.'s command announced "we had a very good month in the air over the Solomons."

He said a total of 227 Japanese planes were knocked down during August in the South Pacific by Army, Navy and Marine planes and antiaircraft defenses. This was better than five times the American losses, he said.

For the first time South Pacific

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RAF Planes Hit Japs In Burma

NEW DELHI —(AP)— RAF dive-bombers attacked Japanese installations and the jetty area at Buthedaung in Burma yesterday, a British communique announced today, scoring numerous direct hits on the target.

Hurricanes on offensive sweeps along the Irrawaddy shot up a number of country craft in the Pakokku area, sinking a two-masted boat and damaging a steamer, a motor vessel and 15 sampans. Other Hurricanes attacked country craft in Combermere Bay, setting fire to one and damaging seven others.

No British plane is missing, the bulletin said.

FR, Churchill Talks Seen Headed Toward Postwar Tieup With Reds

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill are heading toward a new series of talks against a backdrop of resurging upheavals in Nazi-fettered Europe which sound here like the first rumblings of an Allied storm over that freedom-parched continent.

There were indisputable signs that the focal point of some of the forthcoming discussions would be the question of how to bring Russia into the Allied council not only for the co-ordination of military operations but also for the solution of post-war political problems.

Russian participation in future meetings, at least in some degree, was described as "necessary and urgent" by Mr. Churchill in his speech from Quebec yesterday. And the President said at his press conference a little later that things were going along pretty well with respect to a three-power conference.

Then, too, one of Churchill's close associates, Brendan Bracken, British Minister of Information, declared that while in his opinion the war against Germany certainly would continue into next year "post-war problems must be discussed because obviously you never know when the war is going to end."

Bracken, at a press conference here last night, classed as security information the time of Churchill's arrival, but in line with disclosures at Quebec last week it was expected in the immediate future.

Churchill laid considerable emphasis in his speech on the unrest in Europe, and it was noted in informed quarters here that

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Marcus Island Attacked By Yankee Force

Pacific Fleet Challenges Japs To Battle in Own Bailiwick

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The United States Pacific Fleet, challenging Japan's still powerful Navy to battle in its own home waters, has hurled a powerful force of war planes and ships against the enemy base on Marcus Island.

News of the operation against the strategic outpost came from both Washington and Tokyo. The Washington announcement said the action was planned for Sept. 1 (Japanese time; Aug. 31 domestic time) and indicated it might still be in progress today. If this were true the intent apparently would be to level the island's defenses.

The first information came from Tokyo which said many planes and Naval guns poured bombs and shells into Marcus at dawn. Washington followed this announcement before noon today saying that a carrier task force raid was planned for Sept. 1, that the plane-laden ships and their escorts should have arrived on schedule and that the attack "is presumably in progress," although no report has been received and none is expected until radio silence can be broken.

WEST OF DATE LINE

Marcus Island is west of the International Date Line and Sept. 1 there was Aug. 31 in Washington. Thus the Navy statement that the attack presumably continues meant that American warships were operating in waters the enemy heretofore has dominated long after their presence became known.

Marcus Island is 1,200 miles southeast of Tokyo and 900 miles northwest of Wake Island on a line with Tokyo.

The action is the first against this enemy held outpost guarding vital Japanese positions in the Central Pacific since March 4, 1942.

There was no indication in either the Tokyo statements or the Navy disclosures here to show whether the action was limited to Marcus Island or whether American forces had struck simultaneously at other points.

JAPS BADLY WORRIED

The Japanese obviously were badly worried, however, the Tokyo radio pointing out that a force which succeeded in raiding Marcus might have struck at Japan itself.

The American naval spokesman said:

"A carrier task force raid planned for Sept. 1 is presumably in progress at Marcus Island. The United States task force should have arrived on scheduled time. However, no report has been received from the raiding force and it is presumed that there will be none until need for radio silence ceases to exist."

Not in 20 months of this war had the Navy issued a statement

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Pisa Area Attacked

Air Assault Against Italy Pressed

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA —(AP)— Pressing the aerial offensive against Italy with ever greater vigor, American Flying Fortresses yesterday made a 1,000-mile round trip from Northwest African bases to pound railway lines, airfields and an aircraft factory at Pisa.

Medium bombers meanwhile delivered strong blows at railway communications at Salerno, Crotona and Catanzaro in southern Italy.

At the same time American Liberators from the Middle East pounded enemy rail installations at Pescara, on the eastern coast of Italy. A Cairo communique said the freight yards "were well covered by bombs with resulting fires and explosions."

The four-engined bombers scored direct hits on the railway station and a railroad bridge and shot down ten enemy fighters which attempted to intercept them.

BATTLESHIPS POUND TOE

Two British battleships joined in the daylight offensive against the Italian mainland. Their 15-inch guns poured a heavy bombardment into enemy coastal batteries in the area of Reggio Calabria on the Italian toe, knocking out at least one gun and causing fires, apparently from exploding ammunition.

The same battleships, with a cruiser and several destroyers, engaged batteries in the area of Cape Pellaro, also on the Straits of Messina.

The ships engaged in these bombardments were the battleships Nelson and Rodney, the cruisers Orion and the destroyers Quilliam, Quail, Queenborough, Troubridge, Tyrian, Offa, Petard and Tartar as well as the Pleiades of the French Navy. Enemy opposition was ineffective.

Belgians Snag Train And Let Jews Escape

LONDON — (AP) — The Belgian News Agency said today that armed Belgian patriots had intercepted a train on which 1,500 Jews were being taken from Malines, Belgium, to Poland, fought a gun battle with the German guards and released part of the captives from the cattle cars in which they were being transported.

As the Jews fled, the guards turned machine guns on them, killing 20 and wounding 40, but several hundred escaped, it was reported.

Maori Chiefs Pay Honors To Mrs. FDR

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—(AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was greeted ceremoniously as the "queen of a great democracy" by Maori tribal chiefs last night at a reception tendered her at Rotorua.

The wife of the President of the United States listened intently to the melodious singing of the Maori women and expressed her admiration of the native dances staged in her honor.

Earlier in the day Mrs. Roosevelt toured the Rotorua geyser regions.

Pole Division Goes To Help Russians at Front

MOSCOW—(AP)—A Polish division which has undergone ten weeks of intensive training at a camp on the Oka River has departed for the Soviet-German front, the Russian Army Newspaper Red Star announced today.

This is "the first step on the path to the liberation of enslaved Poland," Red Star said.

WEATHER

Slightly warmer tonight, tomorrow.

Today's Temperatures
2:30 P. M. 91
Sunset Today 7:11
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:11

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