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GREATEST RAID YET HITS BERLIN

French Threaten To Flank "Gustav Line"

DISASTER LOOMS FOR NAZIS IN NORTH

Pacific Hospital Care Is The Best

By Raymond Clapper

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA — I HOPE it will give comfort to many parents, wives and sweethearts at home to know that, bad as conditions are where the fighting must be done, the wounded and ill in New Guinea are in the more serious cases evacuated back to station hospitals which are the opposite of what I had imagined jungle conditions here to be. I visited the 171st Station Hospital, near Port Moresby. It consists of a large group of tents out in an open valley, overlooking the sparkling waters of the Coral Sea and fringed around with hillsides of brilliant flame trees in luxurious blossom.

CLAPPER

"Four days after we were given this real estate, which was covered with high kunai grass, we had 500 patients," said Lt. Col. C. T. Wilkinson, formerly a physician at Wake Forest, N. C.

They had to bring in water from miles away. There were Jap air raids every night. Doctors did the carpentry work for the operating room, and nurses painted the interior. Sawed-off coconut-tree trunks were left standing as supports for the second floor. In fourteen months they have handled 1,174 patients, including a considerable number of psychoneurosis cases, most of whom have returned to duty. Some of these are boys who have been spoiled by easy luxury at home and find it hard to adjust to Army life, some are suffering from plain homesickness, some from fear. Four psychiatrists work with the patients.

The big thing about the hospital is the bright, open, cheerful atmosphere. When one group of patients came in after a long stretch in the jungle at the front, under

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Red Army Rolls On In Great Drive

Foes Driven Far From Leningrad

LONDON — (AP) — Russia's northern armies, engaged in two tremendous drives which in six days have lifted the two-year siege of Leningrad, captured the ancient bastion of Novgorod and slain 40,000 Germans, rolled on today in an effort to complete the entrapment of upwards of 250,000 other Germans remaining in the Leningrad sector.

Dispatches from Moscow indicated the Germans were facing one of their worst disasters since Stalingrad and the Moscow radio declared jubilantly:

"The Germans have been driven far away from Leningrad. German forces are bleeding profusely. They are panic-stricken under the threatening tentacle of a mighty Soviet Army of retribution."

Capture of Novgorod, 100 miles southeast of Leningrad, by troops of Gen. K. A. Meretskov's army opened the road to Lake Peipus and Southern Estonia. Described by the Russian communique as a "skilful outflanking maneuver," the victory was saluted by Premier Stalin yesterday in an order of the day. The city had been in German hands since August, 1941.

CAUGHT IN CORRIDOR

Other Red Army forces operating in the Leningrad sector under Gen. Leonid A. Govorov were reported to have encircled large units of enemy troops caught in the 30-square-mile Strelna Corridor, running north from the Krasnoe Seln sector to the Gulf of Finland. These troops face certain capture or annihilation, Moscow dispatches said.

Govorov's armies, these dispatches indicated, were shaping a trap for approximately 200,000 Germans fighting southeast of Leningrad. The Soviet war bulletin said spearheads of Govorov's forces were less than nine miles from Krasnogvardeisk, rail junction directly south of Leningrad, through which most of the threatened enemy troops would be forced to withdraw toward Estonia in order to escape capture.

Govorov sealed off the Strelna Corridor at a point twenty miles southwest of Leningrad after seizing the town of Strelna itself, five miles southeast of Peterhof and ten miles across the bay from Leningrad, the Russian communique said.

PRISE GARRISON

Meretskov's troops were pushing westward from Novgorod in pursuit of the fleeing garrison and latest reports placed them more than ten miles along the roads to Estonia. Of this victory, the Moscow radio said:

"Falling back hastily they (the Germans) cannot hope to stem the onslaught of our troops, nor stand up to the deluge of artillery fire rained upon their heads."

ARMY SHIP SINKS IN ATLANTIC—Severely damaged by a heavy storm in the North Atlantic the Army freighter Nevada sinks by the bow (top). In lower photo three members of the crew of the Coast Guard cutter Comanche, rescue vessel which took aboard 29 men from the Nevada, hold the freighter's mascot, Grondal. Left to right: Arthur Nickerson, New Bedford, Mass.; Philip Feldman, Bronx, N. Y., and Robert Vile, Haddam, Conn.

Span River, Seize Foot Of Mountain

British Forces Smash Forward

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP) — French troops, crossing the Rapido River in difficult mountain fighting, have captured the foot of Mt. Il Lago, north of Cassino, and are threatening to outflank the Germans' "Gustav Line" of defense in Italy, Allied Headquarters announced today.

British forces of the Fifth Army, supported by the fire of cruisers and destroyers, smashed forward along the Appian Way, capturing Minturno, 76 miles from Rome, and taking 300 prisoners. They are assaulting the twin Nazi defensive villages of Castelforte and Ventosa on the slopes of 1,000-foot Mt. Santi Cosma E Damiano, six miles inland from the Tyrrhenian.

In weather which German prisoners described as "worse than Leningrad," American patrols of Lt.-Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army slashed across the river below Cassino in probing expeditions and retired. Eighth Army patrols likewise were active in weather that was growing colder.

Although the French push, from captured Sant' Ella, north of Cassino, if continued would allow them to take Cassino from the rear, German prisoners said there was another German line of fortifications called the "Adolf Hitler Line," six miles behind the Gustav belt which the Allies are now attacking.

For the first time in many weeks cruisers and destroyers of the British Navy engaged in heavy action against Nazi shore defenses along the western end of the line, throwing several hundred rounds of steel ahead of the Fifth Army attack last Tuesday and Wednesday. The heaviest shelling was concentrated on the Appian Way where the road runs close to the sea near the village of Terracina.

Minturno was taken by the British after "hard fighting," the communique said. The Germans already had announced evacuation of the town.

The British attack on Castelforte and Ventosa was in a sector approximately ten miles beyond the Garigliano and about six miles inland. It was around Castelforte that the Germans apparently had

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GENERAL CLEAN-UP—Maj.-Gen. W. H. Rupertus enjoys his favorite cure for "hot dogs"—a dose of cool sea water that washes away mud he collected after a day of tramping around Cape Gloucester, New Britain front with his troops.

RAF Thunders At Capital In Mighty Array

Load Of Over 2,300 Long Tons Of Bombs Dropped In 30 Minutes

By GLADWIN HILL

LONDON—(AP)—The RAF's heavy Lancasters and Halifaxes smashed at Berlin with over 2,300 long tons (2,576 U. S. tons) of bombs in the greatest of the eleven blows at the Reich's capital city at dusk last night, and today American heavy bombers launched attacks on the mysterious targets of the Pas de Calais area of France.

The Air Ministry, announcing the great weight of explosives hurled down on the German capital, indicated that the attack was made by the biggest fleet yet sent against Berlin since the campaign to erase the city was launched two months ago.

On the basis of the previously announced figures last night's raiding force probably numbered around 800 four-engined planes.

The attack, it was officially announced, extended over 30 minutes giving the huge bomb concentration of about 77 tons a minute—less than the record of 87 tons a minute set in the Brunswick attack of Jan. 11.

The RAF's record bomb load of the war was 2,500 long tons dumped on Hanover on Sept. 8 by 700 to 800 bombers.

On a previous attack, that on Nov. 22, Berlin received a fiery bath of fire when 2,300 long tons were dropped.

ATTACK ON FRANCE

The new attack on German military installations in France started at dawn with streams of RAF fighter-bombers and fighters streaking across the Channel. Soon afterward great formations of U. S. Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by Thunderbolts and Lightnings, droned across the twenty-mile stretch of water, returning in mid-afternoon. They took more than a half hour to cross the coast.

Meanwhile fleet Marauder mediums, escorted by RAF Spitfires, swept across to pelt more tons of bombs on a forest-dotted promontory of approximately 50 square miles which a few years ago was a favorite terminus of Channel swimmers.

This was the first big raid on the so-called "rocket gun coast" since the all-out attack by a combined Allied force a week ago. Today's assault was the third in a month that Fortresses and Liberators have been used to hit the area.

HUGE TOTAL

It was possible that 2,600 tons of bombs crashed down on the Pas de Calais area today, which with the RAF's total at Berlin would bring the Allied bomb weight cast on the enemy in less than 24 hours to around 4,300 tons.

The massive eleventh blow in the two-month battle of Berlin was struck by a pro-

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Flush Out Enemy Planes At Wewak

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA — (AP) — American heavy bombers and fighter plane raids on the Japanese air force nest at Wewak, New Guinea destroyed at least twelve enemy planes and churned the area with 133 tons of bombs.

The Allied High Command reported today more than 105 Lightning, Thunderbolt and Kittyhawk fighters swept over the coastal base Tuesday to finish our Japanese planes which have been reluctant to fight far from home.

Returning pilots said the Japanese fliers were "smart and aggressive," but the Americans bagged twelve planes for sure and two more probables, against the loss of three raiders, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique stated.

Fifty Liberator heavy bombers struck there the next day, laying the 133 tons of explosives mostly on Boram Field, one of four airdromes at Wewak. Revetments, supply dumps and antiaircraft guns were destroyed.

HIDE IN CLOUDS

Enemy fighters took to the air as the Liberators came in, but they hid in clouds over the sea and refused to test the prowess of escorting American fighters.

Navy Catalina patrol planes prowling in the Admiralty Islands area northwest of New Britain Tuesday night blew up a 5,000-ton enemy ammunition ship and sank a 2,000-ton freighter. The vessels were in a small convoy spotted off Lorengau, northeast of the islands.

The enemy plane and shipping base at Rabaul, New Britain, was attacked again Tuesday when Mitchell medium bombers with fighter escort hammered Tobera airdrome and knocked down 21 Japanese intercepting planes.

The Allied planes were from the South Pacific command bases in the Solomons, home fields of the bomber and fighter planes which sank or damaged eight ships and destroyed at least eighteen Japanese planes at Rabaul Monday.

Threat Of Civil War In Denmark

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—The moment the Danish police are pushed out of the picture by the Germans the "gates will be open to civil war" in Denmark, says Staffan Tjerneld, staff correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter, who has recently returned from Copenhagen.

The Free Danish Press service earlier this week reported the Germans had taken over control of the police system and interned Danish policemen, but Tjerneld said they are still on duty guarding the people's interests so far as possible.

The Danish police force, he said, "is the single element which keeps the Danes from open conflict."

WATCH NAZI RECRUITING

The Danes are watching uneasily recruiting by the Danish Nazi Scharibung Corps, which is now between 5,000 and 6,000 strong, Tjerneld added.

The Scharibung Corps has no special duties at present, but the Danes fear it will be assigned to take over some of the duties of the Danish police force. This, Tjerneld declared, would mean civil war.

He asserted that there is an uneasy air in Copenhagen, which he described as a dead city after 8 o'clock at night because of the curfew. Streets are barricaded and blocked, he said. Because of fear of Gestapo raids, residents keep their doors tightly closed to callers until the latter have identified themselves.

Red Baltic Fleet Freed

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW—(AP)—The Red Army's great surge to the south from Leningrad has virtually freed Russia's Baltic Fleet.

Locked in port for two years or more, the Baltic Fleet is now free to operate in the Bay of Kronstadt and possibly beyond.

To the south of the Baltic shore the Russians are driving deep into German positions, capturing thousands of Nazis cut off from their communications and communication lines, and are speedily closing in on the railway and highway junctions that are the key to the entire Baltic front.

Large isolated groups of Germans, either already surrounded or about to be cut off, are reported in sector west of captured Novgorod, between Oranienbaum and Leningrad and east of the Moscow-Leningrad railway.

A huge system of railways and highways is focused within a radius of 25 miles south, southwest and southeast of Leningrad and through

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East Poland In Chaos

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Polish Telegraph Agency said today that underground sources had reported chaos spreading through the eastern part of old Poland as the result of the Germans' retreat.

The agency gave this picture:

Ukrainians evacuated from around Brzidechy and Vinnitsa are being driven along on foot by the Nazis, clogging the roads, and thousands are dying from hunger, cold and exhaustion.

Vilna and the surrounding neighborhood are overflowing with near-starving civilians, living in dire private conditions. The German authorities have undertaken to move the refugees farther west, but the transport system has broken down.

Meanwhile the Nazis are seizing all available stores of grain and shipping them to the Reich and factories have been shut down and the machinery taken away.

Volhynia province has become the center of migration for hundreds of thousands of refugees from every part of the front, with facilities inadequate for their care.

Postwar Reserve Motion Rejected

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate today rejected a proposed amendment to the $2,222,000,000 added tax bill which would have permitted corporations and individuals to lay aside up to 20 per cent of their taxes as a postwar reserve.

The amendment, offered by Senators Truman, Democrat, Missouri, and Hatch, Democrat, New Mexico, was defeated by a standing vote.

Under the plan, the taxpayer-beneficiary would have been required to invest money in non-negotiable, non-interest bearing government bonds, redeemable after the war, and taxable as income at that time.

Army Camp Probe Set

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House Military Affairs Committee will open hearings next Thursday delving into the building and maintenance of Camp Shanks, Army base at Orangeburg, N. Y.

Ralph O. Brown, counsel for the committee, told reporters today that evidence indicating irregularities has been gathered by committee investigators who "have had the situation under observation for more than a year" and by the New York Daily News.

"SHOCKING STORY"

"The News said today it had found 'a shocking story of corruption in the building and maintenance' of the $30,000,000 military installation.

"I don't think they're far wrong," Burton said of The News story. "I think they've got good foundation for what they say."

Burton said the committee has three investigators at Camp Shanks now and had been inquiring into the situation there

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U. S. Submarines Bag 12 More Jap Vessels

WASHINGTON—(AP)—American submarines have sunk 12 more Japanese merchant vessels, bringing to 558 the number of Japanese ships sunk or damaged by submarines since the war started.

The new report on damage inflicted by submarines ranging the distant waters of the Pacific was announced today by the Navy.

Of the 558 total, 408 ships have been definitely sent to the bottom. In addition, our submarines probably have sunk 36 Japanese vessels and have damaged 114 others.

The Navy gave no indication of where the Japanese ships were destroyed, but American submarines have operated within Japanese coastal waters.

The twelve ships listed in today's announcement were of the types used in moving materials and men. They included seven medium freighters, two small freighters, a large tanker, a medium cargo transport and one small transport.

The sinkings cut further into the badly depleted Japanese cargo fleet which has been reduced to severely that the enemy in many parts of the South Pacific has been forced to use barges in attempts to keep supplies moving.

Japs Hope To Prolong Life

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Japanese have formed an old folks club with which persons less than 60 may affiliate themselves only as "probationary members," the Tokyo radio said today.

The new organization is designed for "the encouragement of longevity" and dedicated to activities which might "prolong the average life of the Japanese to 100 years and thereby increase the Japanese population to 500,000,000," said the propaganda broadcast recorded by U. S. Government monitors.

Liberators Sink Two Jap Ships In China Sea

CHUNGKING — (AP)—American Liberator bombers yesterday sank a 1,700-ton enemy passenger-freighter and a 1,300-ton tanker during a sweep over the China Sea, Lt.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell announced today.

The fliers of the 14th American Air Force saw crews of the Japanese vessels abandon ship as the craft settled beneath the waves.

All the American Aircraft returned.

Japs Set Up Rubber Production Agency

NEW YORK—(AP)—A new centralized control agency has been set up in Indo-China to supervise "all aspects of production and of rubber," the Tokyo radio said today in a broadcast received by U. S. Government monitors.

Four days ago the controlled Saigon radio announced a sharp decline in both production and export.

Men Have Good Music Taste; Officers Like Boogy Woogy

By HAL BOYLE

AN AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBER BASE IN ITALY, Jan. 12 (Delayed)—(AP)—A concert pianist in khaki is disconcerted at finding that enlisted men have a more educated taste in music than officers.

"The officers seem to go in more for boogy woogy," said Lt. Robert Wallenborn, of the 15th Air Force, who used to accompany Helen Jepson and other Metropolitan opera stars.

Wallenborn, whose parents live in Chicago, is 37. He enlisted 14 months ago, and gave a concert last Fall over the AEF station at Casablanca.

BOYLE

"Jazz yet," Wallenborn was greatly encouraged by the high attendance of men in the ranks at symphony concerts given three times a week by an Italian orchestra in one town.

"The audiences have been almost ninety per cent GI," he said. "This is the first chance many of these men have had in their life to attend a real symphony concert. The fact they like it is a sign there will be postwar interest in good music back home."

Languages as well as music have furnished him with bread and butter. He has a speaking or reading knowledge of German, French, Spanish, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Dutch, and has taught at the state universities of North Carolina, Indiana, and Texas. Soon he is going to give a series of concerts sponsored by the Red Cross.

"I don't know what that will do man, got an unusual combination of presents from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Will F. Plummer of Springfield, Mo.

"Look," he said, holding them up. In one hand was a deck of playing cards, in the other a copy of the New Testament.

He was a fighter pilot with a row o' bright colored ribbons to show that he had done a good job. His reward was a trip home and he alarted it as a passenger of a C47 transport plane.

GOT AIRSICK

The transport was not halfway across the Mediterranean before he was as airsick as a kid from Kansas on his first day at sea. His face was the color of a shamrock. Finally he crawled to his feet and staggered toward the cockpit.

"I will be all right if I can get up there where I can see

Greek Patriot Escapes Nazis

CAIRO — (AP) — Alexander Argyropoulos, Director of Economic Affairs for the Greek Foreign Ministry, has escaped from Greece after a year of solitary confinement by German occupation authorities and has arrived safely in the Middle East.

With Argyropoulos were sixteen refugees, including two members of the Government—Raoul Rosetti, Minister to Belgrade, and Alexander Argyropoulos, nephew of the Economic Director who served as secretary to the Greek Minister

British Sub Scores First Sinking Of Jap Cruiser In Indian Ocean

LONDON — (AP) — A 31-year-old British submarine commander famed for his exploits in the Mediterranean was credited by the Admiralty today with sinking a Japanese cruiser in the Indian Ocean at the northern approaches to narrow Malacca Strait which threads between Malaya and the Dutch East Indies island of Sumatra.

The submarine, skippered by Lt. Commander L. W. A. Bennington, approached to within the "suicide range" of one mile to score the first sinking of a Japanese cruiser three large Japanese supply ships were sent to the bottom by the same submarine.

Bennington formerly commanded the Porpoise which made naval history by carrying supplies to Malta during the darkest days of that British island stronghold in the Mediterranean. In one single attack the Porpoise survived more than 100 depth charges, one of the heaviest assaults ever made on a British submarine.

Jane's Fighting ships lists five Japanese cruisers of the Kuma class—the Kuma, the Tama, the

ers and men. Each is equipped with 11 guns and at least eight torpedo tubes. Each also is equipped to carry one aircraft. They have an overall length of 335 feet and a beam of 46 3-4 feet.

The Admiralty said the British submarine commander reported that the enemy cruiser was sighted in company with a destroyer.

"Proceeding at maximum speed his majesty's submarine closed to within a mile of the enemy when a salvo of torpedoes was fired.

WEATHER

Fair and slightly cold today and tonight, lows about 20; Saturday, fair with moderate temperatures.

Today's Temperatures