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BERLIN LASHED BY AMERICANS

Battle For Sevastopol Is Underway

Bradley Mystery Man In London

By WES GALLAGHER
(Substituting for Hal Boyle)

LONDON—(AP)—The mystery man at Allied invasion headquarters is silent "Doughboy General" Omar Bradley, chief of the American ground forces.

General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's picture appears in the newspapers daily and sometimes twice a day, but Bradley is known as the general who is seldom seen.

Wes Gallagher

The tall, schoolteacherish looking lieutenant-general has not taken a day off in two years. He has been in England for months organizing the American forces. When he first arrived he worked a five-two schedule—five days in the office and two in the field. Now he is on a two-five schedule—two days in the office and five days in the field.

Gen. Bradley's work day starts at 8:30 A. M. and ends officially at 5:30 P. M., but actually it usually continues through half the night. The other night he came home to find American Navy men down on the floor of his hotel suite with every movable object in the room on the floor plotting an amphibious attack.

The general is a great family man. The high spot of his day is the arrival of the mail. His wife writes him three times a week and his daughter three, so he gets a letter most every day.

QUIET MAN

Neither of the general's two hard-working aides, Capt. Lewis Bridges of Lodi, Calif., nor Capt. Chester B. Hansen of Elizabeth, N. J., can ever remember him raising his voice. He almost never drinks liquor but he keeps two cases of soft drinks in his office and drinks them at all hours.

The American commander believes orders should be delivered personally to commanders and explained, so there will be no misunderstanding. If he is unable to visit the commanders personally and explain the orders, which other generals just write, he telephones and makes sure the commanders understand what is meant.

Bradley wears shell-rimmed spectacles which accentuate his professional appearance, but his staff knows him as a tough, hard field commander who likes to wander about the front lines and see for himself.

SURE OF MEN

He is confident his forces equal any in the world and in discussing the Western Front has told friends he did not see how the Germans can stop us.

Wherever possible he likes to walk to and from his office. He misses hunting and other sports at which he is adept. He was a classmate of Gen. Eisenhower at West Point and there are similarities between the two, who remain as American as corn on the cob, but share a mutual respect for the British with whom they work. There is one difference between the two, however, according to staff men.

As one explained it, "He likes to talk and Bradley listens."

BACK FROM THE JUNGLE—Capt. Eugene Wallace, 24-year-old Army flier who was shot down over New Britain and lived for ten months in the jungle before he was rescued, shows his girl friend in Los Angeles, Eileen Kendell, a souvenir of his harrowing experience. He is now on recruiting duty for the War. (AP Wirephoto).

Red Armies Converge Upon Port

Axis Evacuation Plans Fail

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW — (AP) — Two big Russian armies were reported nearing a juncture in the outskirts of Sevastopol today for a final onslaught against a frenzied Axis garrison barricaded in the streets after failing to effect a large scale evacuation from the burning city.

(The Vichy radio, quoting a German report, said "the battle for Sevastopol has now commenced," with very heavy fighting taking place in the fortified region of the town.)

Front dispatches said that Gen. Andrei I. Yeremenko's independent maritime army was moving downhill on the city from the southeast after cracking a 2,200-foot mountain position known as Baidar Gate in a drive that yesterday swept up a road junction twelve miles from Sevastopol and five miles from Balaklava, scene of the famed "Charge of the Light Brigade".

This force, moving through dense underbrush, was expected to join up at any hour with Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Fourth Ukraine Army, already filtering through Sevastopol's barricades from the north, the dispatches said.

SAY RETREAT ORDERLY

(The Vichy broadcast asserted that the German-Rumanian withdrawal toward the southwest of the Crimean Peninsula was "being effected in perfect order and in complete accordance with German plans. Crete, Corfu, Cephalonia and Yeremenko have not succeeded, in spite of all their efforts and numerical superiority, in encircling the German retreating formations and cutting them off from the rear as they had hoped to do.")

All reports from the front including those from correspondents who have flown night and day over Sevastopol, indicate that the German command has not been able to accomplish a Dunkerque scale evacuation, although in the last few days the trapped Axis troops tried to get out of the battered port on any kind of craft they could find, throwing caution to the wind as a commanding Russian guns echoed over the city and bombers raked the docks.

The dispatches estimated that thousands of Germans and Rumanians were still stranded on the

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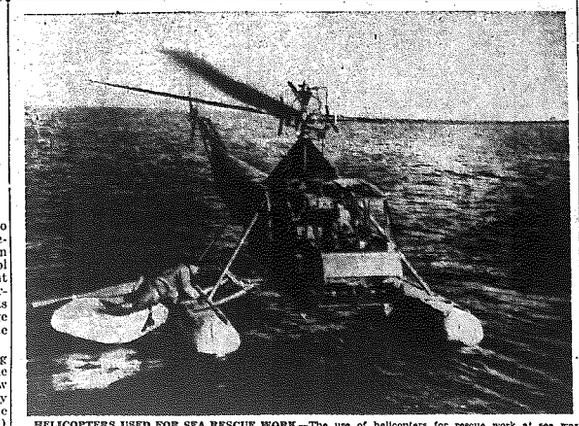

HELICOPTERS USED FOR SEA RESCUE WORK—The use of helicopters for rescue work at sea was disclosed by the Third Naval District at New York when it released photos showing methods used by U. S. Coast Guard fliers. This photo shows a pontoon-equipped helicopter resting on the sea for the purpose of picking up the "wounded" flier on life raft at left. Note stretcher basket. (USCG photo).

2,000 U. S. Planes Hit New Blows At Germany

Nazis Forced Into Aerial Battles

By W. W. HERCHER

LONDON — (AP)—About 2,000 American heavy bombers and fighters attacked Berlin and other objectives in Hitler's continental fortress today, forcing German planes into heavy aerial battles.

One strong formation carried out the bombing of Berlin, the first daylight blow at the much-bombed capital since March 22.

The Britain-based Fortresses and Liberators struck Germany in strength for the first time in five days. A separate force of Liberators lashed at anti-invasion targets in the Pas-de-Calais area in northern France.

The first announcement of the big operation indicated that probably 1,000 heavy bombers took part, accompanied by as many Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings flying a protective escort.

Allied medium and light bombers joined the fresh offensive crossing the Channel in sunny weather.

The attack on Berlin carried forward a bombing campaign which saw American bombers over the city six times last month, pouring more than 6,000 tons of bombs on selected targets at a total cost of 116 bombers. The German air force lost at least 308 fighters defending the prize target.

LAST RAID

On the last raid March 22 between 500 and 750 planes dropped about 1,500 tons of high explosives and incendiaries. Thirteen bombers and nine fighters failed to return from that raid.

Today the German radio launched into both warnings of the approach of the American warplanes and warnings of the fighting that followed.

Munster radio broadcast at 1 P. M.: "Single enemy raiders are over the area flying in varying directions. Vorsicht!" "Vorsicht," a variation of the usual "Achtung!" (Attention!) means "Look out!"

Berlin radio declared a great aerial battle developed over northern Germany as escorting fighters "were dispersed by attacking German fighter units so the four-engined bombers could be attacked directly." Despite bad weather the German fighters inflicted heavy losses on the Americans and on return flight the heavy bombers were attacked incessantly, the radio said.

"When the American bombers approached the Berlin area

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Allies Carry Fight To India Invaders

By THOBURN WIANT

KANDY, Ceylon—(AP)—Allied forces carrying the fight to the Japanese invaders northeast of the plain of Imphal have scored advances and still are "making satisfactory progress," an Allied communique announced today.

Presumably this offensive was directed against one of the three original strong columns of Japanese which invaded India last month, although the communique did not specifically give the location of the fighting.

On the southern sector of the Imphal front Allied forces drove the Japanese out of one position near the track to Silchar, but the enemy counter-attacked and fighting still is going on, the communique added. In this area the infiltrating Japanese are striving for possession of the Dishemunro-Silchar track, an alternative land route connecting with the American-operated Bengal-Assam Railroad, Allied lifeline to Burma-China operations.

SHARP FIGHTING

Sharp fighting broke out on the Kohima-Dimapur Road northwest of Imphal where Allied troops

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Drop 4-F Work Plan

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Military Committee today abandoned plans for special legislation to force 4-F's into essential work through the threat of induction into Army and Navy labor battalions.

Chairman May, Democrat, Kentucky, announced following an executive meeting that the committee had decided that Government agencies such as Selective Service and the War Manpower Commission already had ample authority to require physically disqualified men to move into essential jobs.

NOT NECESSARY

The committee acted after Representative Costello, Democrat, California, chairman of a subcommittee that has been studying draft policies, asserted his group had agreed that special legislation was not necessary at this time.

The Costello Committee had previously recommended that the armed services and Selective Service make plans to utilize the services of all 4-Fs able to work.

Legislation to force 4-F holders of non-essential jobs into Army labor battalions had been under consideration by the Costello group. Selective Service officials have estimated there are about 3,000,000 men classified as 4-F, rejected for military service because of disabilities.

Many of these, May said, are now in essential work and many others are willing to take war important jobs when they find them.

Committee members pointed out that under existing authority, Selective Service may call up 4-Fs for re-examination and induct for limited service any who might decline to take war or essential civilian jobs.

The action of the committee resulted in sidetracking at least for the present the bill of Representative Tarr, Republican, Connecticut, to establish special works corps composed of 4-F non-fathers.

Predicts Bread To Be Rationed

BALTIMORE —(AP)—A prediction that bread would be rationed before Christmas was made today by R. H. Derrick, secretary-treasurer of the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers' Association.

Derrick said in an interview after an address before the annual meeting of Interstate Farmers' Council, composed of farm organizations from five Middle Atlantic states, that bread rationing this year "was inevitable" because reserve stocks of wheat had been largely exhausted, and because this year's planting had been retarded.

The reduced crop was planned because farmers had suffered heavy losses of manpower through the draft, he said, and because of stringent rationing of machinery and other necessities.

Chungking Has Air Raid Alarm

CHUNGKING —(AP)— Hostile planes crossed the provincial border of Szechwan today in the direction of Chungking setting off the first air raid alarm in the Chinese capital this year. The all-clear was sounded an hour later.

Once familiar scenes were resurrected as the inhabitants hurriedly packed valuables and streamed to their assigned dugouts, many of which have been screened as a precaution against gas attacks.

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.

The need for paper for the boxing, packaging and wrapping of war supplies cannot be overstated. It is truly crucial.

Newspapers are doing everything possible to save paper. It actually costs nearly all you pay for this newspaper, in paper and delivery expenditures, to give you the news from every corner of the world.

But, more important, the armed forces need it, badly—need it desperately.

Starting today, therefore, will readers of The News agree that this newspaper is simply loaned to them? It is a precious war commodity to be saved and returned back to be sent to the front.

There are several ways in which you may return this paper to service. Junior Commandos are working with The News and the Junior Chamber of Commerce in collecting waste paper. Chief Hendrix Palmer and the Charlotte Fire Department are co-operating, thus bringing placed at each the station to which paper can be placed. Supt. John Barbee and the City Sanitary Dept., are helping, too. Paper will be collected by the sanitary trucks if bundled and placed alongside the garbage containers. All these agencies are doing a splendid job.

But whether you return this loaned copy of The News through the Junior Commandos, deliver it to the bins at a fire station, leave it for collection by the Sanitary Dept., or deliver it to dealers direct, it must be returned.

It is destined for front line services.

Soldier Not Interested In Post-War Aid Talk

BATAVIA, N. Y.—(AP)—The Genesee County Committee for Economic Development, which has been conducting a survey to determine how many persons are planning to return to their old job after the war, received an unsigned reply mailed from one of the battlefronts. It said:

"I don't need help after the war. I need it right now."

Woman Composer Dies

LONDON —(AP)—The Paris radio reported today that Cecile Chaminade, 86, French woman composer of songs, piano and orchestral works, died in Monte Carlo.

Says F. R. Won't Seek 4th Term

BOSTON —(AP)— Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, thinks President Roosevelt's health will keep him from seeking a fourth term, that no military man can be elected President and that Governor Thomas A. Dewey of New York will be elected President next Fall.

The Senator, here for a speaking engagement, gave his views to newspaper men at a press conference last night.

"President Roosevelt's health," he said, "has not been good since the Teheran conference. Because of it, he will not be a candidate. In fact, I am certain he does not want the nomination."

"I don't believe General George Marshall will be nominated. I don't think the American people should elect a military man. I feel the same way about any general, including General MacArthur."

Asked About Easter Fraternizing In Italy

LONDON—(AP)—Senator Rhys Davies asked in the House of Commons today whether War Minister Sir James Grigg was aware that German and Allied troops had joined in the same Easter worship of the Garigliano front in Italy, where Allied services were reported broadcast to the Nazi lines.

Grigg said he had no information on the incident and reminded that this sector was under American control.

Asked whether he would make inquiries, the War Minister replied:

"I will certainly see if I can get any information, but I am bound to say there are lots of rather more urgent messages passing."

(News dispatches from the front had reported that the Germans held their fire during the broadcast of the services.)

Plan Kurile Invasion

WASHINGTON—(AP)— Invasion of a part of the Japanese Kurile Island chain reaching north from the enemy homeland may be expected, Secretary of the Navy Knox said today.

Asked at a news conference whether it was likely that the United States would attempt to take that island group in the North Pacific, he replied "Sometime, sure, But nobody knows when."

The discussion was prompted by the increasing regularity of American bombing raids on islands in the chain which extends from the Japanese mainland north to the Russian Kamachatka Peninsula.

Among the bases which have been struck frequently there, particularly in the last five days, is Matsuma, less than 500 miles from the mainland of Japan. Other bases frequently bombed from the air are Chimusu, Paramushiro, northernmost of the group, and Onekotan.

Knox, discussing the war in the Pacific, said that the developments have been confined to bombardment of the Kuriles and continuing aerial assaults on enemy positions cut off from supplies in the eastern Marshalls, and the regular bombings of the enemy bases in the Caroline Island group including Truk and Ponape.

He said the Japanese evidently were "trying their best to get some supplies" into the isolated bases in the eastern part of the mid-Pacific Marshalls, but "without much success. From six to ten barges a day are being sunk as they attempt to run supplies into the bases," the Navy Secretary said.

Stettinius Makes Call On Chinese Ambassador

LONDON — (AP) — U. S. Under-Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. completed his preliminary contacts with London representatives of the big four Allied Governments today in a visit to Chinese Ambassador Wellington Koo. The chivalry was a courtesy call, although it is likely China's supply problems were discussed.

Earlier Stettinius saw the House of Commons in session hearing Prime Minister Churchill's comment that Secretary of State Cordell Hull's recent speech on foreign affairs was "most helpful."

Stettinius lunched with Clive Rollins, former director of the British Purchasing Commission in Washington and now deputy president of the Federation of British Industries.

Against Allowing Any German Explosive Trade

LONDON — (AP) — Germany must be partly de-industrialized after the war and any form of explosives manufacture strictly prohibited, Lord Vansittart told the House of Lords today.

"I have no hesitation in predicting that any scheme of disarmament which fails not only to prohibit but effectively to prevent the manufacture of explosives in Germany will begin as another force and end in another tragedy," said the former Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

He added he presumed there would be inter-Allied control of Germany's iron and steel industry.

Allies Get Back In Anzio Outpost

By LYNN HEINZERLING

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples — (AP) — Allied troops fought their way back yesterday into an outpost on the western flank of the Anzio beachhead and threw back a strong German raid north of Cassino after fierce hand-to-hand fighting, headquarters announced today.

The beachhead troops took six prisoners in regaining the lost position about four miles from the coast.

The Allies suffered some casualties in repulsing the raid on one of their forward positions in the Terelle area, about four miles north of Cassino. Some of the German artillery harassing Allied troops in Cassino is located behind Terelle and the opposing Armies watch each other warily in that rugged mountain sector.

It was disclosed, meanwhile, that some Allied patrols had made deep penetrations west of the Sangro River in the central sector of the front without contacting Germans.

NAZI BARRAGE

Showing intense suspicion of Allied activities the lower Garigliano River sector of the main front, the Germans laid more than 400 rounds of artillery fire and additional mortar fire on the Minturno area. On Sunday night they had thrown up flares to illuminate the landscape every fifteen minutes.

In devastated Cassino itself there was a normal exchange of fire and grenades.

Raid Hits Hollandia

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC — (AP) — Allied air and ground forces today reported new successes in their offensive against Japanese bases along the New Guinea coast.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique told of a heavy bombing attack on Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, where airdromes were blasted and supply installations, jetties and a coastal vessel were left blazing. The raid Sunday was the latest of recent smashing blows at this base.

Australian ground fighters, who captured Bogadjim April 13, have progressed two miles along the eighteen-mile road northward to Madang, without encountering enemy opposition, Australian Imperial Force Headquarters reported. It appeared that the Japanese were evacuating the area, officers said. Bogadjim was an outpost of the Madang base which Allied aircraft have long punished.

Bomber patrols ranged the coast day and night from Bogia, above Madang, to Wadke, west of Hollandia, hitting enemy airdromes, gun positions, warehouses and shipping. Two coastal vessels were destroyed, one at Yaninto and another west of Aitape.

Early reports said more than 200 tons of explosives were dropped in Sunday's raid on Hollandia, but officers at headquarters said they believed final reports would show much more, to add to the 1,500 tons which have plastered the base in the accelerated punches delivered since April 1.

The Allied toll of enemy planes on the ground and in the air at Hollandia has been heavy, and no interception was encountered aloft Sunday. Fliers reported that even the antiaircraft fire was light.

French Warned "Time Short"

LONDON.—(AP)—"The time is getting short," the French people were warned today in the latest of a stream of pre-invasion broadcasts from the Government-controlled London radio.

They were advised to store as much food as possible because "at least until the day of liberation comes, civilians must live on what is stored."

Even after France is liberated the Allies will not be in a position to distribute much food, listeners were told. The French were instructed to memorize details of London broadcasts for fear their wireless sets might soon be confiscated by the Germans.

British Disclose Use Of 'Human Torpedoes'

LONDON — (AP) — "Human torpedoes guided to targets by two men riding them in divers suits have been used with conspicuous success" against enemy shipping, the Admiralty announced tonight.

The torpedoes are about the same size and shape of ordinary torpedoes and are driven by electric batteries. Explosive charges are about the same.

The crewmen wear air suitable the back of the torpedo improvised from shaft to guide their targets and then dive under it.

The two chaser is then detached from the torpedo and fixed to the bottom of the enemy ship. Time fuses are set and the "human torpedo" is then ridden away before the explosion.

The use of this new secret weapon was disclosed by the Admiralty in announcing decorations for four Navy men for a daring attack on the enemy base at Palermo in Sicily, before the invasion. A cruiser was sunk.

The Distinguished Service Order was awarded to Lts. Richard F. Greenland and Rodney G. Dover. The Cross of St. Michael and St. George went to Signalman Alexander M. Ferrier and Seaman James Michael Peel. Astride two torpedoes, they penetrated the harbor and sank the Italian cruiser Elpio. Italians saw damaged the 8,900-ton transport Viminale.

All three decorated reached shore safely and were captured with the two-man crew of a third torpedo used in the operation.

The human torpedo has a relatively small range, presumably about ten miles. It is dependent upon a mother ship or submarine. It is similar to a weapon used by the Italians in what they called successful attacks on British shipping in the Mediterranean.

Nazis Lash At Partisans

LONDON—(AP)—Renewed German attempts to wipe out the Yugoslav Partisans have brought fierce fighting in Eastern Bosnia and Montenegro, headquarters of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) announced today.

The broadcast communique said the Nazis using "strong forces," were meeting stout resistance near Zvornik in Bosnia while in Montenegro they were attacking heavily with the aid of Chetniks and Albanian Quislings.

"Increasingly fierce" fighting was reported on all other sectors and the Germans were said to have lost 200 killed and 400 wounded in a struggle with the Partisan First Division on the Mrkonjegrad front in Western Bosnia.

Allied planes were credited with successful bombing of a railway line in Dalmatia. Partisan troops defeated three regiments of Field Marshal Milan Nedic's puppet troops between Ivanjica and Raska in Serbia and "now are fighting Bulgarians," the communique added.

Danes Go On Strike

STOCKHOLM.—(AP)— The Germans declared a state of emergency in Sonderborg, manufacturing town of 40,000 in southern Denmark, after Danes there went on a general strike. An incident in which one Dane was killed and two wounded set off the strike.

WEATHER

Forecast: Rain and continued cool tonight; mostly cloudy and continued cool Wednesday; clearing in afternoon.

Today's Temperatures
3:30 P. M. 66
Sunset Today
Sunrise Tomorrow

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