

Soldier Tired Of Carrying The Ball

BY HAL BOYLE
LONDON (AP)—A front-line rifleman leaned directly against the wall of an old Italian farmhouse in that misty bloody valley of the Sicilian mountains. He was a soldier, tired of carrying the ball.

He had spent more time in combat than any other American unit in the Mediterranean.

For days they had been under incessant enemy fire. He was worn out that some had ceased to care where the next shell landed.

"I live through this damned thing," the bulky doughboy said. "I never want to see a mountain again."

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Nazis Dent Red Lines

LONDON—Nazis troops have succeeded in carrying two medical units in Russian lines northwest of the Romanian city of Iasi after four days of battle.

One was evacuated today, the first day of the action that broke a six weeks' lull on the eastern front, and the other was evacuated on Monday.

The Nazis captured large forces of tanks and infantry in making their newest gain, but vigorous resistance by the Soviet troops held a heavy toll, Moscow said.

During the battle, the broadcast communique said:

"In the course of the fighting, the Germans were forced to wheel back without reaching the Soviet positions. Only in the sector half of the day did the enemy, at a price of heavy losses, succeed in driving our insignificant units into our defensive northwest of Iasi."

North of Iasi, all German attacks were broken off.

Both broadcasts declared at least 1,000 Nazi planes were in the air over the Romanian front, but Moscow made no mention of an attack.

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The German official, speaking beneath ever-hanging cliffs in small caves and by hand-held flashlight, said the RAF had equipped Beaughtiers, which have also used the new weapon to attack enemy land installations.

Slav Partisans Rout Garrison

LONDON—Slav Partisan forces routed a German garrison base of 1,000 men in Slovenia, Czechoslovakia, today, it was reported to the garrison's aid, a communique broadcast from Tito's headquarters.

One strong column of Germans with tanks and armoured vehicles came from Novo Mesto. It was described as an offensive against "strong enemy forces attacking from the north and east."

The Partisans, who were stronger military activity was noted on both sides.

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U.S. COMPLETES WEST WALL

By EDVY GILMORE
EASTERN COMMAND, U. S. STRATEGIC AIR FORCE, SOMEWHERE IN RUSSIA—(AP)—Strong formations of American Flying Fortresses and Mustang fighters escorted by secretly-prepared American bases in Russia after bombing Romanian targets, accomplishing west-east bombing of Hitler's fortress for the first time and establishing joint offensive operations with the Red Air Force.

Americans Make Shuttle Raid To Bases In Russia

The historic operation, completed yesterday, was described as the fruition of a long-range American-Russian shuttle plan, announced by the three powers, in intimate collaboration, brought the most far-flung portions of the Mediterranean under American command.

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Americans Closing In Upon Japanese Base

By CHARLES A. GRUBBS
SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, KANBY, Ceylon—(AP)—American forces closing in on the besieged Burma Japanese base of Myittha from the north have fought their way to the city's outskirts while a Chinese-American column battling within the southern section of the city has made new gains near the railroad station, headquarters announced today.

Kanmya, another important town, may have 40 miles west of Myittha, has been cut off both from the north and south by Chinese units, said a Gen. Joseph G. Sweeney, commander of the Chinese force.

Large quantities of ammunition and supplies were reported to have been captured by the American force striking into Myittha.

(S) Another force, a column of 4,000 men, was reported in a communique to be operating in MYITHA from the southeast. The column was attacking the village of Myittha, just across the curving Irrawaddy River from Myittha.

PLANNED THEATRE
PLANNED THEATRE reports said that Japanese attempts to relieve Myittha and Kanmya, including a major attack from southeast, had failed. Plans which called for spreading destruction among enemy supply lines.

The announcement added that there was a material change in the tactical areas of the Indo-Burma front.

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Boulogne & Calais Areas Given Blows

Air Offensive In 16th Day
By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
LONDON—(AP)—U. S. heavy bombers struck twice at Nazi coastal fortifications in the Boulogne and Calais areas of France today, carrying on the non-stop aerial assault of Europe now under intensified pressure after the shuttle raid to British bases.

The night blows culminated for the second day, a force of 200 Flying Fortresses and Liberators with equally strong escort hit coastal emplacements in the morning, and similar raids rumbled in the afternoon to the same area.

These West Wall fortifications were hit Friday in their heaviest daylight pounding of the war, and 300 RAF bombers attacked the West Wall defenses and crumbling German coastal facilities last night.

The daylight attack sent the air offensive into its 16th day.

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11,000 Out In Strikes

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Labor disputes, which earlier this week had kept some 50,000 workers away from their jobs, troubled 11 industries today but only an estimated 11,000 employees were affected by the series of work stoppages.

A side force of RAF bombers attacked the chemical center of Leverkusen in Germany near Cologne, a frequent target of recent attacks, and other formations laid mines in open waters.

Seventeen British planes were missing from the night operations against the German fleet, and were shot down over the air Ministry announced.

Operations based in Italy attacked objectives at Gurgin, a Romanian city on the Danube, and the Mediterranean Allied Air Force flew 2,500 sorties yesterday in a heavy night fighter offensive.

A communique said five of these planes were shot down.

Gurgin is Romania's most important river port for the shipping of iron ore. The town has strategic importance and is a major industrial center.

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Girl Child Safe After Kidnaping

SEATTLE—(AP)—A girl child, described as a "dwarfed" child, was found safe today after being kidnaped by a man who had been reported to have been in the area.

The girl was found in a room in a hotel in Seattle.

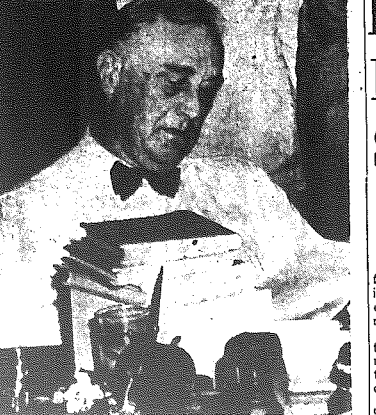
The man who kidnaped the girl was arrested today.

Child of Joan Berry Said To Be Dead

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Carol Ann, 10-year-old daughter of Joan Berry, Charles Chaplin's former wife, was reported to be dead today after being kidnaped by a man who had been reported to have been in the area.

The child was found in a room in a hotel in Los Angeles.

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IT'S NOT IN WASHINGTON, TOO—in his shirt sleeves to beat Washington's heat spell, President Roosevelt is shown examining a report pertaining to the Columbia River project, which was given to him by the House Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation. Sixteen members of the committee accompanied him as "Commander-in-Chief" for his development of national resources.

Fate Of Rome In Hands Of Nazis

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES—(AP)—The Allied Command in Italy lodged every precaution to safeguard Rome in a statement today following Pope Pius XII's plea that the city be spared, but declared its fate lay in the hands of the Germans—that they would be ousted by force if they defended the capital.

A Berlin broadcast, said a Foreign Office spokesman, declared the Italian capital is free of German armed forces.

"On the German side everything has been done for months to preserve Rome from such a fate," he declared. "Rome today can be regarded as a city free from armed forces."

Today's Allied pledge expressed hope the enemy will not make such an ill-considered choice—to defend Rome, Pope Pius in his appeal declared that "whoever would dare lift a hand against Rome would be guilty of a crime against the Germans who are interested solely in the defense of Rome."

The Allies "have only taken and will take military action against Rome insofar as the Germans use the city, its highways and its roads for military purposes," the communique said.

The complete text of the statement follows:

"Allied military authorities, confronted by the ruthless enemy in Italy, are interested solely in the destruction and elimination of German forces in that country."

"They have taken and will continue to take every possible precaution during the course of their campaign to spare innocent civilians and cultural and religious monuments of permanent value to civilization."

"In particular they are deeply conscious of the unique position occupied by Rome as one of the chief historical, religious and cultural centers of the world, and of the fact that Rome is the seat of His Holiness, the Pope, and contains the neutral state of the Vatican City."

"It is therefore the firm intention of Allied Governments and the Government that the enemy will not make such an ill-considered choice."

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Gains Made By Chinese

CHUNGKING—(AP)—Despite heavy rains that impeded operations, Chinese troops in the Salween River area north of the Burma Road have gained the outskirts of Chiaocho, where fierce fighting is now in progress.

A communique from Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Headquarters said today:

"Other Chinese forces are forging slowly eastward toward Watten, strategically important town about six miles southwest of Chiaocho, the communique said.

Encouraged Japanese in Feichiangkung, north of Tengchow, counter-attacked but were thrown back with losses, the announcement added.

In their Hunan offensive, the Japanese have captured two strong points, east of Changchi and northeast of Changsha, and new gains were developing for those two enemy objectives, the Chinese High Command announced.

British Farm Woman Dies Saving Yankoes

LONDON—A fund of about 13,000 contributed by U. S. army at a North Airforce base, will provide for the education of one-year-old Tony Everett, orphaned when his mother died during the war.

Mrs. Betty Everett, 42, died last Saturday night in a house near the airbase.

The fund was set up by the North Airforce base, which is now being used as a hospital for American troops.

Ruin Left In Wake Of Fleeing Germans

By LYNN HENNINGER
VIA CASHINA, June 2—(AP)—The ruins of the village of Cashina, Italy, were a grim sight today as the German army fled from the area.

The village had been a strategic point for the German army, and its capture by the Allies had led to the destruction of the village.

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Break Through Nazi Positions South Of City

Allies Hold Most of Alban Hills—8th Army Pushing Toward Junction
By NOLAN NORGAARD
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES—(AP)—Allied forces have "broken through enemy positions south of Rome in many places," and now hold most of the Alban Hills dominating the approaches to Rome, headquarters announced tonight.

At the same time the Eighth Army stabbing through the Sacco Valley to the southeast captured Anagni, seven miles northwest of Ferentino, and a mile and a half above the Via Cassina, Allied forces of the two main armies are driving toward a junction on the famed highway.

American troops crashed through the Nazi stronghold of Lanuvio west of Velletri today, knocking out one of the most heavily defended points in Rome's defense lines, and other U. S. forces pushed two miles up the Sacco Valley from the town of Labiano on the last few miles of the 14-mile road.

Nazis Fail To Get Tito

BARI, Italy, May 28—(Delayed)—German troops said to have been personally directed by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, arrived in Rome today, but failed to get Tito.

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