

WAR: MOP UP IN GERBORG CAPE

ARMIES CHOOSE MOP UP MINSK

Nazis Yield Ground At Heavy Loss

Roar of Battle Echoes in City

NEW YORK (AP)—(AP)—Russian troops have surrounded Minsk and taken possession of the leading rail and road routes leading to Warsaw from the White Russian capital, the British radio said today.

By BODDY GILMORE MOSCOW (AP)—Front dispatches said today that remnants of a demoralized German army are pouring into Minsk, now outflanked from the northwest, and that the roar of battle is echoing through the city's outskirts.

Sturm troops are being sent to create some kind of order out of the baffled, frightened Nazi Legion divisions, the capital of White Russia, now Hitler's most important bastion on his Eastern front.

Three Soviet Armies covered rapidly upon Minsk from the northeast, and the Polish General's Third Army streamed through the field forces northeast of the city over numerous roads now stretched across the Beresina River.

BRIDGE BLENDED The Army paper Red Star revealed that the main crossing was made over a bridge which had been held in a blood battle until Red Army troops arrived.

The Red Star dispatch said Soviet tanks rolled through the forests north of Minsk and outflanked the city from the westward.



REFUGEES WAIT—Two French women who fled from their homes when the Allies bombed their attack on Normandy wait at a roadside with other refugees for the war to pass so they can return home.

Free Danes Fight Nazis In Capital

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Danish patriots in Copenhagen are fighting German troops in the streets from behind barricades flying American, British, Russian and Danish flags, reports reaching Mahno said today.

The street fighting broke out when Nazi troops tried to break up a workers' general strike. One report quoted by the Free Danish Press Service said German planes machine-gunned demonstrators.

Free Danes described the general strike as 100 per cent effective, with food supplies dwindling, water and electric utilities shut down, and transportation services stopped.

The Free Danish Press Service said German tank possession of the Copenhagen Town Hall, National Bank, Central Station and other official buildings as the strike continued.

Unconfirmed reports said casualties so far numbered more than 100 persons killed and wounded. The Danish Press Agency earlier had reported almost 400 Danes hospitalized after violent street fighting, with hospitals jammed and the demand for ambulances increased.

Air Fleets Head Over Channel

Bombers Cross In Waves

LONDON (AP)—(AP)—Waves of Allied bombers with fighter escorts were reported crossing the channel en route to the continent late this afternoon, after a day of little air activity because of bad weather that developed last night as RAF heavy bombers blasted German rail centers at Vierzon, 48 miles south of Orleans.

Last night's operation—the fifth heavy bomber raid in 24 hours—maintained the assault against the Nazi channels of reinforcement for the Normandy front. Mosquitoes last night kept on the Allied presence on Germany itself by attacking a synthetic oil plant near Hamburg on the Rhine.

The five heavy bomber raids cost sixteen planes, and one Mosquito failed to return. Heavy bombers struck twice at the Germans' flying bomb launching tanks in Southern France, and American Flying Fortress and Liberator bombers attacked five enemy air fields in France and Belgium before a force of over 250 big British Lancasters and B-24s turned north after supper this evening.

BACK UP TROOPS In that unusual operation the RAF heavy bombers, escorted by Spitfires, dumped over 1,000 tons of explosives on German armor and troop concentrations near Viersen. The big planes dropped around 4,000 feet to deliver that in support of the Allied ground troops in Normandy.

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STANK AND A DEAD GERMAN—Sgt. Jack Scarborough of Bossier City, Louisiana, looks down at one of the dead German soldiers in a Cherbourg area fort which Scarborough helped to capture. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps radiophone.)

Japs Launch Drive From Canton Area

CHUNGKING (AP)—The Japanese have launched their long-expected northward drive from the Canton area pushing southward along the Hankow-Canton railway.

The Chinese High Command said the Japanese began a general northward advance on June 28 and that heavy fighting was going on as invaders stabbed forward along a junction with their forces fighting southward of captured Henyang, 250 miles north.

Linking of the two forces would throw a hand across Free China, giving the enemy virtual control of a 1,000-mile rail and communication route from Peiping in North China and seal off potential landing sites for American troops in the Chinese seaboard.

The strategy also evidently was aimed at neutralizing already established American air bases in China.

At Henyang fighting already was going on inside the strategic railway junction. Japanese bombers bombed a railway station inside the captured Human city, a Fourteenth U. S. Air Force communiqué said today.

German Death Stand On Tip, Beaten Down

British Guns Smash Panzer Attempt To Crash Into Oden Bridgehead

By WES GALLAGHER SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (AP)—American doughboys have captured most of Cap De La Hague, cracking through the German death stand on that land finger jutting north of Cherbourg. Supreme Headquarters announced today.

(Berlin radio said fighting in the northern sector had ended last night with "massed forces of tanks, flame-throwers and motorized infantry" overrunning the "weak German barrier position" manned by some 2,000 Nazis.)

American mopping up on the cape sealed the strategic town of Greville, and reached Omonville La Riviere and Omonville La Petite, three miles from the very tip of the cape, and about eleven miles northwest of Cherbourg itself.

CAEN AREA BATTLE The cleanup came as British artillery battered back an armored spearhead attempting to crash into the Oden River bridgehead menacing Caen on the eastern flank. The Germans have thrown elements of seven tank divisions into the stubborn battle there.

The British repelled four small-scale German attacks this morning, and knocked out eleven tanks, a front dispatch said, adding that the Germans apparently were seeking a weak spot for a major assault, but were paying a high price in their probing tactics.

A heavy RAF bomber blow shattered the village of willers Boceage, springboard for German attacks on the British west flank, and one report said only a few houses were left standing and that all roads north and south were blocked with German transports.

Robots Take Higher Toll

LONDON (AP)—German flying bombs exploded intermittently into southern England today and it was believed likely that Prime Minister Winston Churchill might make a brief statement to Commons next week on this new form of German attack.

It was felt, however, that Churchill would not give very full details on the districts where the missiles have been hitting, the extent of damage they are doing or the methods used to combat them.

YORKS BATTLE Yesterday the Prime Minister toured anti-aircraft sites, watching the battle against the vicious bombs.

The number of robot planes coming over increased after dawn and scattered yesterday with an undetermined number of fatalities. Twenty-six babies, all less than two years old, were sheltered there.

Crewless Subs Would Give NY Air Robot Dose

MADRID (AP)—The Berlin newspaper of the Madrid newspaper, Ya today reported on the latest batch of the secret weapons developed by Paul Joseph Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry.

The German flying bomb will soon be used against New York by still another secret device—the crewless submarine, he reported.

There are those in Berlin who believe there are many other German secret arms closely related to the principle of the flying bomb, he said.

It is also rumored that one of these crewless projectiles which will be used by Germany will be a submarine fleet.

Yanks Score Saipan Gains

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR (AP)—American forces drove through intensified Japanese resistance to new ridge-top lines today on Saipan Island, the Pacific war's bloodiest battlefield where 9,152 Americans already have been killed or wounded, or are missing.

Enclosure of the general, though limited, Saipan advance, was coupled today with the announcement from Chungking that China-based Liberators had bombed Takao, Japanese shipping base on Formosa.

FORMOSA ATTACK Formosa, 1,830 miles west of the Marianas Islands and only 300 from the Philippines, was bombed by American planes Thursday night. An enemy base which must be attacked to before the Pacific fleet can drive through to the Chinese coast, Formosa perhaps was the softer to which point of the Japanese fleet.

On Saipan, Associated Press Correspondent Bennett James reported that the Americans had captured one-fourth of the remaining portions of the west coast town and had driven to a new line on ridges above Garapan from which they might launch an attack against enemy positions of the north end of the island.

Tommy's Tank Assault

By ROGER GREENE ON THE BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE (AP)—Tank-led German troops, still throwing a series of jobs against the west flank of the British, Odon River corridor, attacked the Granville-Sur-Odon area at noon today in the fourth assault within the last 12 hours.

The British threw them back. Like the other blows this attack was on a small scale, and met withering counterfire.

Market Rammed Facilities now seem to be to probe Montgomery's tanks in an attempt to find a weak spot before committing major forces, but it is proving to be a costly, bloody venture against the corridor leading with destruction.

11 TANKS BLASTED Lowest German tanks were knocked out this morning alone and German casualties were high.

Allies Push Toward Livorno And Pisa

By NOLAN NORGAARD ROME (AP)—Fifth Army infantry beat off German tank counter-attacks in the outskirts of Ortona yesterday and continued the drive along the Italian west coast in the direction of Livorno, Ligonara and Pisa, while the French gained another mile on the road to Siena.

In the Adriatic, the enemy has withdrawn from the Chienti River and the Fifth Army has crossed the stream in several places. The Germans were falling back to the Mugone River, only ten miles south of the big port city of Ancona.

Bitter Saipan Battle Takes High U. S. Toll

By HAMILTON W. FAHREN WASHINGTON (AP)—Narrowly held by the Allied forces' southward drive, the Japanese launched a counter-attack on the day of their capture of the island, but it was repulsed.

At the same time 300 enemy planes which attempted to rain fire on the island also were repulsed. Said the broadcast reported by New York by the Associated Press.

NAZI Reserve of Tanks

Rommel still had a sizable reserve of tanks which he has not used in the battle—but which he might launch an attack against the British desert to force a violent decision.

But thus far British pressure in the desert has been so great that Rommel had been unable to bring his counter-attack but had been content with local attacks quickly as they were repulsed.

WEATHER

Fairly cloudy and gloomy with some light and steady rain tonight and Sunday. Today's Temperature: 73-85. Tomorrow: 75-85. Sunday: 75-85. Weather Bureau Forecast: Partly cloudy and gloomy with some light and steady rain tonight and Sunday.

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