

Reds Rip Germans to Bits; Take Great Booty

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spokesman as saying there was a possibility of the German army being forced to withdraw entirely from Russia in the face of what he declared appeared to be a giant soviet offensive along the whole front from Leningrad to the Black sea.

It was pointed out here, however, that the nazis sometimes over-emphasized their difficulties in order to claim an accomplishment against overwhelming odds in the event of a successful counterstroke.

It was noted also that the Germans are giving no immediate indication of withdrawing either from the Baltic front or from the Dnieper bend.

(By the Associated Press)

A London dispatch said the winter campaign in Russia had exhibited Germany's great weakness—a lack of sufficient reserves. The Russians clearly outnumbered the entire German army of 5,000,000 to 7,000,000 men. Of the 300-325 enemy divisions, the Russian engaged 257 including 50 from Nazi satellites.

Tass, the Russian news agency, said the Germans "have" proclaimed martial law in Warsaw, Lublin, Radom, Jaroslavl and other Polish towns near the soviet frontier, "which the soviets say lies generally 200 miles west of the 1939 line."

Allies, Germans Said Fighting in Yugoslavia

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mans to cover the key town of Cassino six miles ahead of San Vittore. The Yanks captured the 3,500-foot peak of Monte Malo, five miles northwest of Venafro. The seizure of Monte Malo under a hail of German artillery and mortar fire cut the German supply road from Cervaro to San Vittore near Velletri.

No-Quarter Combat
The Americans who entered San Vittore from the northeast and southwest had taken more than half the town and now were driving on three clusters of tumbledown stone buildings where the Germans had barricaded themselves.

It was a no-quarter fight with

the Germans refusing to give themselves up.

The doughboys had to creep up to the pillboxes, toss grenades through the apertures and wipe out the defenders.

San Vittore is about two miles up the road from the village of San Pietro, captured by the Americans Dec. 18 after one of the bloodiest and fiercest battles of the Mediterranean theater.

Snow impedes 8th Army
While the Americans fought from one pillbox-converted house to another, the British on their southern leg of the 10-mile front pushed an attack at Rocca D'Evandro, capturing 79 more prisoners for a two-day total of 126.

Cold weather with snow falling in the mountains and dense clouds obscuring the mountain tops impeded the movement of the Eighth army on the Adriatic coastal front.

The weather grounded most allied aircraft, but A-26 Invaders and P-40 Warhawks dive-bombed and strafed German gun positions and troop concentrations in the Cervaro and Aquino areas just behind the enemy on the Fifth army front, and shot up the town of Fondi, northeast of Terracina as well as motor convoys and trains east of Rome.

Intercepting 20 German planes over central Italy, American Spitfires destroyed two for the only score of the day against enemy aircraft. No allied planes were lost yesterday.

Major Boyington, Ace Flier, Reported Missing

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held could beat anything in the world.

"I have learned that many things have to be used to achieve a good purpose. I have had to send men to their deaths. I have had to write to their mothers and fathers; to young wives with children.

"The only consolation I have is that I led my boys into anything they went into."

Total Zero Bag Believed 40

Greg Boyington led his men, too, on that sweep from which he failed to return, the Guadalcanal report said. More than 50 fighters participated in the flight and shot down six of 20 intercepting Zeros, with five more listed as probables.

Other members of "Boyington's Blacksheep" squadron expressed belief that the major destroyed 40 Zeros in all, despite being out of action several months with a broken leg. However, only those seen to crash, explode or burn are listed in the confirmed score.

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d'Alene, Idaho. His parents were divorced when he was a year old. The father, Dr. C. B. Doyington, is a dentist at St. Maries, Idaho. His mother married Hallenbeck when her son was 3, and he had thought Hallenbeck was his father until he had to have a certificate to enter the marine corps.

His mother said he had been interested in airplanes since he was big enough to make his first model plane.

"He'd never refuse a dare," said his mother. "Even when he was a little boy. I don't think he was ever afraid of anybody or anything."

Boyington is the father of an 8-year-old boy and two younger girls. His own marriage ended in a divorce while he was a Flying Tiger. Two of his children now are with his mother here. A 4-year-old daughter is with his sister-in-law at Seattle.

Boyington was an aeronautics engineering graduate of the University of Washington and worked a year as a Boeing aircraft company draftsman before enlisting as a marine.

State CIO Convention Opens in Roseburg

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men's union, Ray Brown, Portland, of the textile union, is vice-president of the council.

It had been anticipated that Governor Earl Snell would be one of the principal convention speakers, but he notified officers Thursday he had been called to San Francisco and would be unable to attend the meeting in Roseburg.

It is expected, however, that Colonel Harshman, Salt Lake City, officer in charge of labor relations for the 9th Corps area, may be in attendance.

Registration headquarters are being maintained at the Umoona hotel. All convention sessions are being held in the Knights of Pythias hall.

Strikes Tie War Plants in Seattle, Philadelphia

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at the vast Cramp Shipbuilding company yards for the second day today, with leaders of 17,000 workers asserting operations would be resumed if the navy takes over the plant.

The yards' gates, closed early yesterday, were thrown open today while a crowd of about 6,000 workers milled outside. On a few walked in, however, and union spokesmen said they "took the position that they were locked out, and now they are going to stay locked out until this thing is settled."

The strike, entering its second day, halted all production at the shipyard which is engaged in building vessels for the United States navy.

Union members said the walk-out started when the company discharged 42 painters who insisted on working with brushes at \$1.20 an hour rather than with guns at \$1.31. The union said the men demanded \$1.80 for spray gun work, the rate being sought in a contract now before the war labor board.

Company officials said this dispute was being settled when 218 painters walked out yesterday. The company then refused to arbitrate until the men returned.



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