

YANKEES WITHIN 11 MILES OF CHERBOURG

Road Junction Won Against Stiff Resistance; Battles at Montebourg, Caen Undecided

By WES GALLAGHER

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Force, June 16.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Bradley's American troops, ramming home another blow to cut off Cherbourg, have advanced to within 2 1/2 miles east of St. Sauveur, a junction controlling two of the three roads leading to the nearly beleaguered port, allied headquarters announced today.

Plugging away on a 10-mile front and rapping out repeated gains despite stubborn resistance, the Americans were now within 11 miles of the Cherbourg peninsula's west coast beaches. Their spearhead was some 17 miles below the big port.

While Bradley's Yanks still fought a ding dong battle with Germans in the streets of Montebourg, 14 miles southeast of Cherbourg on the allied right flank, the British were engaged in stiff tank battles with German troops in force two miles south of Caumont. This is about 20 miles inland, the deepest allied penetration.

Furious armored fighting raged in the Tilly Sur Seules sector, while further east the battle of Caen settled into trench warfare with the British and Canadians holding on tenaciously. The nearest approach to a "line" was held around Troarn, at the extreme left flank of the bridgehead. The Germans acknowledged continued reverses on the American right flank and reported their engineers had wrecked the canal locks at Caen—an implication that they feared Gen. Montgomery may soon crack the stiff left hinge of the line.

Germans Badly Mauled

The U. S. battleships Texas and Nevada and cruiser Augusta were reported arching their shells deep inland to support the troops driving across the peninsula.

A late dispatch from Gen. Eisenhower's advanced command post said it was estimated 300,000 German troops had been thrown against the Normandy beachhead. This dispatch said four German divisions had been badly mauled in battle.

The German communiqué said the nazis drove the allies back southeast and southwest of Carant, but admitted allied gains west and north of Ste. Mere Eglise. It claimed, also, that a wedge had been driven into the allied bridgehead east of the Orne river.

Air Armada Blasts Foe

"All attempts by the enemy to gain the initiative have been frustrated and counter-attacks have been successfully repelled," the morning communiqué said, "our striking power grows steadily."

Allied planes in giant waves supported the invasion. At dusk, British bombers dumped a profusion of six-ton factory busters on Boulogne naval installations while British battleships pumped 16-inch shells into Le Havre. Spanish reports said impressed foreigners in the German army were deserting en masse in out-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

MONTGOMERY hits the Germans west of Caen and drives TWENTY-THREE MILES into their lines before they finally manage to rush in four armored divisions to stop him.

In football parlance, he "found a hole."

THE Germans hit back HARD from Cherbourg, driving our American patrols back to Montebourg, where hard fighting is under way. (Our light advance forces had penetrated the day before to within 10 miles of Cherbourg. They were driven back about four miles.

Below Carant, we're said as this is written to be half to two-thirds of the way across the base of the Cherbourg peninsula.

THE temperamental channel weather relents again, bringing blue skies and calmer seas. Our planes swarm in the blue skies, and on the beaches our landing craft pour ashore at an accelerated pace.

(An "authoritative" report places the remaining strength of the German air force at 2,000 planes and ours at MORE THAN 11,000.)

EISENHOWER forecasts NEW invasions. (They'll come, almost certainly; but Eisenhower is talking for the nazis' benefit, seeking to bluff them into holding back their strategic reserves.) The Germans report NEW allied shipping movements off the

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Nazi Footwork in Italy Too Rapid For Allied Forces

ROME, June 16.—(AP)—The allies smashed forward from the Adriatic to the Tyrrhenian sea today, some troops advancing as much as 25 miles in 24 hours.

Farthest advance came by the Eighth army in the capture of Todi, approximately 60 airline miles northeast of Rome, and only 85 miles south of the Pisa-Rimini line, where the fleeing Germans may make a stand.

The Eighth army captured the Lake Bolsena and captured Acquedento, about seven miles north of highway two.

The Eighth army captured the important industrial and communications center of Terni, 45 miles northwest of Rome, and the highway junction town of Narni, about seven miles southwest of Terni.

Other Eighth army troops advanced ten miles north of Orvieto, and in the Adriatic sector the nazis have withdrawn so rapidly that the allied troops have been able to maintain only a slender contact with the enemy.

With the break in their lines the Germans have been suffering considerable casualties the last three days. Some have been running away, throwing down their equipment, and one Eighth army armored regiment took so many prisoners that help had to be sent to bring them in.

Lightnings and Mustangs shot up five enemy airfields in the vicinity of Avignon in southern France yesterday, destroying planes, hangars, locomotives and tank cars, on nearby rail lines. Eighteen allied planes were lost.

Wallace Wanted Again by F. D. R.

(By the Associated Press)

The New York Herald-Tribune today quoted "high democratic political sources" as reporting President Roosevelt told party Chairman Robert E. Hannegan that whether he is nominated again is "something the delegates will have to decide" and also that he wants Vice-President Wallace renominated.

Idaho's close contest for the democratic senatorial nomination, with 99 small and scattered precincts yet to report, showed a 58-vote lead for cowboy-singer Glen Taylor over Senator D. Worth Clark. The official canvass June 24 is awaited to determine the winner definitely.

Wendell L. Willkie, the 1940 republican presidential nominee who withdrew from this year's race, has been expressing his views on the platform in a series of newspaper articles and National Chairman Harrison E. Spangler announced yesterday at Chicago that Willkie will be invited to the convention and asked to present his stand on the platform.

Spangler said the views of former President Hoover and of former Gov. Alf M. Landon of Kansas would be solicited on platform planks.

Ward Watson Named as Calapooia Peace Justice

SALEM, Ore., June 17.—(AP)—Ward C. Watson, Sutherlin, was appointed by Governor Snell today as justice of the peace for the Calapooia district of Douglas county, succeeding James H. Dearing, resigned.

Watson will serve until the November general election.

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JAP STEEL CENTER OF YAWATA BLASTED IN B-29 RAID; TWO OF SUPER-FORTRESSES LOST THROUGH ACCIDENTS

Bombs Leave Trail of Ruin In War Plant

Destructive Smash at Mainland Linked With Invasion of Marianas

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH, U. S. SUPER-FORTRESS BASE IN WESTERN CHINA, June 16.—(AP)—American B-29's, the new Super-Fortress, struck a terrific blow at Japan's war industry and may have knocked out a fifth of the empire's steel production in yesterday's raid on Yawata, the Pittsburgh of Japan.

The world's most powerful warplanes made the longest flight in history and left trails of demolition bombs bursting in the imperial iron and steel works at Yawata in northern Kyushu.

"This is but the beginning of our organized destruction of the Japanese industrial empire," commented Brig. Gen. Kenneth B. Wolfe, who was chiefly responsible for the production of the B-29.

The imperial works, largest in the Japanese empire, is credited with 20 per cent of Japanese steel production.

Yesterday's mission was a combined psychological and strategic stroke of the maximum power of the long-secret 20th bomber command.

The raid came on the heels of Japanese Premier Tojo's declaration that the Japanese themselves were preparing a surprise. Japanese stations were broadcasting English versions of the premier's declaration and playing pirated American swing music when Wolfe's raider pack came in.

"Krupp of Japan" Blasted
The first target attacked in Japan by the new weapon was one of the most strongly defended in the Japanese home islands.

The imperial steel and iron works at Yawata are sometimes called the "Krupp of Japan." The target is some 500 miles southwest of Tokyo and is the most

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Ex-Pastor Elected as Saskatchewan Premier

REGINA, Saskatchewan, June 16.—(AP)—Thomas Clement Douglas, 40-year-old former Baptist minister who resigned a parliament seat for what now will become the premiership of this province, led the cooperative Commonwealth Federation party to a landslide victory yesterday.

This victory was accomplished by the C. C. F. over the Liberal administration, headed since 1935 by Premier W. J. Patterson, with little more than half the total ballots cast. Early returns showed an unmistakable trend toward Douglas and his followers, who piled up impressive margins over the Liberals, the Progressive Conservatives and the various independent candidates who failed to return a single member.

Seven of Patterson's cabinet ministers sought re-election, and of these, five were defeated.

Missouri River Flood Loss Mounts Heavily

OMAHA, June 16.—(AP)—Missouri river flood waters, which are still spilling over rich mid-west farmland, have already caused an estimated \$13,000,000 damage inundated 500,000 acres between Sioux City, Ia., and St. Joseph, Mo., this month, the Missouri river division army engineers office reported today.

The \$13,000,000 damage figure brings the 1944 total on the Missouri to \$44,000,000, the engineers having estimated damage by the April flood at \$31,000,000. The three floods in the basin in 1943 caused \$65,000,000 damage, they said.

Chosen Keynoter For Democrats



Governor Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, above, an advocate of a fourth term for President Roosevelt, has been selected as the keynoter for the democratic national convention opening at Chicago July 19.

Alaskan Island Village Swept by \$350,000 Fire

JUNEAU, Alaska, June 16.—(AP)—A woman with an urge to speed up the drying of her fish was blamed today for starting the fire that left most of the Chichagof island village of Hoonah in ashes and an estimated 500 persons homeless. One native perished.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Walter Hellan said she tried gasoline instead of kerosene to make a brisker flame beneath her stilted home.

The flames destroyed the settlement's stores, church, manse, teachers' quarters and 75 per cent of the residences. Replacement value was estimated unofficially in excess of \$350,000. The Hoonah cannery, outside the village, escaped damage.

Immediate rebuilding plans were reported as blankets and other emergency supplies were rushed to the island, about 80 miles southwest of Juneau.

Budget Committee for Douglas County Named

Fred Assenheimer, Gardiner; Lloyd D. Pinkston, Oakland, and Huron Clough, Canyonville, have been named by the Douglas county court to compose the county budget committee. The committee will meet Tuesday, June 20, to examine the budgets submitted by the various county departments and to formulate the proposed budget for the forthcoming fiscal year.

Flame-Spewing Pilotless German Planes Deal Death, Damage to Southern Britain

LONDON, June 16.—(AP)—only that southern England and the greater London area were attacked with novel weapons and "super heavy" explosives were dropped.

A special note broadcast after the communiqué of the high command,—"there is hardly one German who will not receive this news with greatest satisfaction. The feelings of hatred and a burning wish for retaliation which dominate the German people have been kindled by our enemies in their terror crimes."

The British ministry of home security ordered civilians to stay away from the pilotless aircraft, which explode five to 15 seconds after landing.

Operation Described

One correspondent telephoned this word picture of the pilotless craft:

"The planes have a distinctive, rhythmic note, giving the effect

Douglas-Coos Timber Stand In Transfer

Pillsbury Holdings of 50,000 Acres Pass to Weyerhaeuser Company

Purchase of the Pillsbury timber holdings, amounting to approximately 50,000 acres in Douglas and Coos counties, by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, has been contracted, according to a purchase agreement filed at the office of County Clerk Roy Agee. The Pillsbury tract includes 25,582 acres in Douglas county. The land is located along the summit of the Coast range in the Coquille, Coos and Umpqua river watersheds, including what is locally known as the Callahan district.

This body of timber is one of the largest compact blocks remaining on the Pacific coast and is reported to be at the mature stage. The acquisition of the Pillsbury holdings, which have been eagerly sought by other buyers in recent months, gives the Weyerhaeuser company title to more than 100,000 acres of choice timber lands in the two counties through recent purchase. The company has previously held large tracts in Douglas county, particularly in the Calapooia area.

Possible Sites Surveyed

No announcement has been made concerning plans for cutting the timber, but engineers are known to have been surveying possible sites in Douglas county. The company has millsite property at Sutherlin and also recent acquired land at North Bend for mill construction purposes.

The Pillsbury tract was originally acquired from the Oregon-California railroad company after the grant by the government of alternate sections to the rail-

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Shipyards Explosions Kill One Man, Injure 4

PORTLAND, Ore., June 16.—(AP)—Three acetylene gas explosions in two Henry Kaiser shipyards of this area yesterday and last night brought death to one worker, injured four others and damaged an outfitting dock.

The casualties all occurred at the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation yard here when an acetylene gas line blew up, Assistant General Manager Al Bauer reported. Charles E. Crowther, 64, Forest Grove, died at a hospital of a skull fracture and chest injuries.

Blasts at the Vancouver, Wash., yard set fires that charred timbers and burned wiring insulation at an outfitting dock.

Mannerheim Line Smashed By Russians

Two-Thirds of Karelian Isthmus Lost by Finns; Viipuri Appears Doomed

MOSCOW, June 16.—(AP)—The Red army has smashed its way through Finland's "new Mannerheim line," one of the last barriers on the way to the important seaport of Viipuri, it was reported today.

A Red Star dispatch said the line was a tremendous fortification, with four lines of walls made of cone-shaped stone and anti-tank blocks almost two yards high, before which lay an anti-tank mine field 20 yards wide and strewn with German mines.

A great gap has been cut in this line, and in some places Soviet tanks and artillery, as well as infantry, are considerably beyond it, the dispatch said.

Major Shavankov, the Red Star correspondent and the first newsman to go through the new line, said that behind the tank blocks the Finns had built an elaborate system of trenches and dugouts, with steel and concrete platforms for anti-tank rifles, machine guns and mortars.

The trenches are connected with bullet and bomb-proof shelters about 50 yards away. These had steel and concrete covering on the sides, with room inside for 15 soldiers.

"The Finns considered the new Mannerheim line impossible for the Red army," Shavankov wrote.

A quarter mile away from the trenches the Finns had three additional ranks of tank blocks built around steel shelters.

Finns' Defense Stubborn

Red Star said the Soviets smashed the line at the Gulf of Finland coast and also captured an important highway crossing.

The new line was broken by artillery and concentrated pounding by bombers and shelling by

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Missing Child Found Victim of Sex Murder

SITUATE, Mass., June 16.—(AP)—The "obviously violated" body of Frances McGrath, 10, daughter of a former Boston city councilman, missing since Saturday, was found on a Norway farm today, about six miles from the family's summer home.

The child disappeared shortly after going to confession in St. Mary's church. She was last seen in a bowling alley in the center of the town.

Hundreds of police and volunteers, including state guards, had been seeking her.

Anti-Aircraft Fire Digs Into Giant American Bombers, but Fails to Down Any of Them

Glowing Masses of Wreckage Answer Assault On Pearl Harbor; Tokyo Acknowledges Blows at Other Islands, Also Reports Korea Attacked

WASHINGTON, June 16.—(AP)—America's first task force of the mighty B-29 super-Fortresses of the air lost no planes to enemy action in yesterday's raid that hit industrial targets at Yawata, Japan.

Two planes, however, were lost through accidents, the War department said in the second communiqué of yesterday's historic aerial strike against the Japanese mainland—made from Chinese bases.

The crew of one plane lost is known to be safe, the department said.

It added that fliers who participated in the mission said the bombing was accurate and that large fires and explosions were observed.

A communiqué issued by headquarters of the new 20th air force, controlling the operations of the super-Fortresses around the world, was based on preliminary and incomplete reports from the combat zone.

The formation was described as "a sizable task force," operating from recently-completed bases in China.

The raid, leaving behind "glowing masses of wreckage," gave the Japanese empire, in the words of an eyewitness, "her answer to December 7, 1941—Pearl Harbor."

Radio Correspondent Roy Porter, who accompanied the aerial dreadsnaughts on their historic mission, said in a broadcast from the far east that "tons upon tons of bombs were dropped" on coke ovens and open hearth furnaces of Japanese steel mills.

Bombers survive hits
The raid amazed the Japs, according to Porter, but flak defense went into prompt action.

"Japanese anti-aircraft fire poured into the sky," he said, "and shell fragments dug deeply into the super-bombers."

"But the engines kept turning, and nearly all the ships came home."

The returning ships, he added, showed "some bullet holes but very little material damage."

Porter's only reference to a specific target was to name Yawata, but the Tokyo radio said Moji and Kokura also were hit. All three are in northern Kyushu, southernmost portion of the Japanese mainland.

Damage to the Oro-Hakata railway was acknowledged, but the Tokyo radio declared it already had been repaired.

An earlier enemy broadcast had acknowledged that the Yawata plant of the Japan Iron manufacturing company had been hit with "a few bomb fragments," but asserted there was "no damage what ever to plant facilities."

Japs Admit Other Blows

As the fury of the Pacific offensive mounted hour by hour—first with the disclosure of the B-29 raid and later the announcement of American landings of Saipan island in the Marianas—the Japanese reported an attack by an allied naval task force on the Bonin island group, less than 700 miles southeast of Japan proper.

The imperial headquarters communiqué broadcast by Domei said planes from the task force hit Chichi Jima, an island in the northern section of the Bonin group, and Iwo Jima, about 100

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Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

"Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries," is the title of a well-known song. And existence on this mundane sphere will be quite brief if it is to correspond with the amount of cherries that will be left if the rains continue.