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YANKEES UNLEASH KNOCKOUT ASSAULT ON CHERBOURG; ROCKET-LAUNCHING SITES GIVEN FRESH HAMMERING

Infantry Lunges in For Kill After Battering of Fortress By Aerial Bombs, Artillery

By WES GALLAGHER

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 22.—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower's forces unlimbered this afternoon their greatest assault since the storming of the beaches of Normandy—a combined land and air attack intended to crack the last defenses of the fortified city of Cherbourg.

The attack began when waves of British and American planes swept in with a terrific aerial barrage lasting 80 minutes.

Rocketed back on their heels by the weight of this assault in which bombers dropped down almost to cannon-mouth level to drop their explosive charges, the Germans were immediately beset by a thunderous artillery pounding which left smoke and flame sweeping the German forts.

American doughboys of Lt. Gen. Bradley, drawn up in position tensely waiting the effect of these blows, then swept forward.

They last were reported hammering at Fort Du Roule, only about 1,500 yards south of the military port, and at Fort Octeville, only slightly farther away to the southwest.

The latest headquarters announcements showed that the concentric attack had virtually split the German garrison into three segments.

Bradley's troops captured St. Pierre Eglise, 8 1/2 miles east of the port and the last road junction leading to Cherbourg from Cape Barfleur, isolating the Germans in the northeastern tip of the peninsula. Other troops coming up from the south had entered Quettehou, a large town near St. Vaast La Hougue on the east coast and 13 miles southeast of Cherbourg.

On the west another spearhead had practically split the Germans in Cherbourg from those in the northwestern tip of the peninsula by advancing to within half a mile of Beaumont-Hague on the road to Cap De La Hague. Beaumont-Hague is 8 1/2 miles west of Cherbourg.

Ultimatum Ignored

Supreme headquarters said it lacked any knowledge of a reported American ultimatum by field radio to the Cherbourg garrison demanding surrender by 7 a. m., today (midnight PWT). The London Daily Sketch said last night it had recorded such a broadcast.

It was assumed that if the ultimatum was made it was rejected and that Lt. Gen. Bradley had ordered a final attack. Supreme headquarters said it was possible the field commander might have

Finland Selects Peace Cabinet as Reds Near Helsinki

LONDON, June 22.—(AP)—The red army hurled masses of men and equipment into two new drives on a broad front north of Lake Ladoga today in an effort to make a quick end of the war with Finland, already reported in the throes of a government upheaval which may be the prelude to a bid for peace.

The political situation in Helsinki as the Russians intensified pressure on the staggering Finnish army remained obscure, but there were strong indications that the Finnish government was facing a crisis.

A Reuters dispatch from Stockholm said a Finnish peace cabinet had already been selected.

The new Russian offensives were launched on the third anniversary of the German invasion of the soviet union, and apparently were aimed at clearing the Murmansk-Leningrad railway of Finnish forces.

Plunging beyond the burning ruins of Viipuri, red army units were within 120 miles of the Finnish capital of Helsinki, a soviet communique said.

The new drives menaced seven divisions of German troops garrisoned in northern Finland as protection for the metal mines located there, and there was speculation that the nazis might set up a puppet government in that area to protect their interests.

Taxpayers Of Douglas Again Free of Item

Tentative Budget Omits For 4th Time Levy for General County Expense

For the fourth time in succession, covering a period of three and one-half years, a Douglas county budget has been prepared eliminating any tax levy for general county purposes. Income from timber sales, delinquent taxes and other sources is expected to be sufficient to pay the operating expenses of all county departments making it unnecessary to levy a general fund tax.

The county budget committee, consisting of Fred Assenheimer, Gardiner; Lloyd Pinkston, Oakland, and Huron Clough, Canyonville, met with the county court Tuesday and Wednesday and prepared a tentative budget, which closely parallels that of last year.

The tax to be imposed will be slightly higher than last year, being estimated at approximately eight and one-fourth mills as compared with 6.7 mills last year.

The 1943-44 budget included a tax for road purposes only, but for the 1944-45 fiscal year there will be a tax of approximately five mills for road purposes, two and one-quarter mills for schools, and one mill for the fair grounds project authorized at the recent special election.

Public Meeting Dated

County Clerk Roy Agee has been instructed by the county court to publish the tentative budget for the information of taxpayers. A public meeting will be held Monday, July 24, at which time any persons desiring to submit recommendations for changes will be given an opportunity to appear before the court prior to final adoption.

The county for two full years and for the half year involved when a change was made from the calendar to the fiscal year basis, has been able to meet its operating costs, exclusive of road construction and maintenance from income, eliminating the necessity of levying taxes for the general fund, from which expenses of administrative departments are paid.

War Casualties Of U. S. Nearing Quarter Million

WASHINGTON, June 22.—(AP)—American battle casualties are nearing the quarter-million mark.

Secretary Stimson reported today that army casualties through June 6 (which would include D-day) totaled 178,677, an increase of 6,319 since his report on June 8, which covered the period through May 21. The army dead now total 31,289, an increase of 2,337. The new announcement reports 71,432 wounded, 39,976 missing and 35,980 prisoners.

A navy casualty list announced today reports an overall figure of 46,705, an increase of 932 since a list published two weeks ago. Those killed total 20,044, an increase of 242. Wounded amount to 12,905, missing 9,295 and prisoners 4,461.

American army ground forces fighting in Italy since the landings last September suffered casualties totalling 64,992 through June 15. This was an increase of 2,951 since a report last week which covered the period through June 5. The dead in the Italian campaign now total 11,610, an increase of 507. Wounded are 44,426 and missing 8,956. In the same period, air forces in this theatre operating in Italy and in strategic missions deep into Europe have had 9,052 casualties, of which 1,186 are killed, 1,373 wounded and 6,493 missing.

Officers' School Features State DAV Convention; Election to Mark Finale

The streamlined state convention of Disabled American Veterans was rolling in high gear today as delegates endeavored to complete remaining convention business in time for scheduled adjournment of the two-day meeting this evening. Action on resolutions and election and installation of officers were set to mark the close of the convention, which has been shortened to meet wartime conditions.

Featuring Wednesday's session was a school for commanders, adjutants and service officers conducted by Lyle Dalley, national service officer, who instructed the post officials in their respective duties, the laws and regulations of the Veterans administration, and the new regulations covering benefits for men returning from the current World War. The particular emphasis of the D. A. V. convention this year, Department Commander E. N. Sundell reported, is to assure full benefits of hospitalization, rehabilitation and other needs of the returning veterans of World War II.

Greetings Tendered

Greetings from out of state and from numerous service organizations were presented by speakers at the Wednesday sessions. Speakers included Fay T. Riggs, department commander of the D. A. V. for the state of Washington; Tom Snowhill, Portland, contact officer for the Veterans administration; Pete Fredrickson, Grants Pass, commander of the Oregon department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Mrs. Mollie Riel, Moscow, Wash., district committeewoman; C. S. Wipper, Grants Pass, department vice-commander of the United Spanish War Veterans; Mrs. Hugh Rogers, Hillsboro, U. S. V. auxiliary; Mrs. Dow Walker, Newport, department commander D. A. V. auxiliary; Tacoma, national junior vice commander, Commander Sundell read a message of greeting from Governor Earl Sniel. Roseburg speakers included Mayor W. F. Harris; Mrs. Harry Hatfield, representing the department president of the American Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. Harriet Prinz, of the U. S. W. V. auxiliary; Mrs. Charles Craig, representing the Roseburg post of war mothers, and Victor J. Miller, vice-commander of the state department of the American Legion, conveying the greetings of State Commander Dan McDade. Delegates and visitors enjoyed

Auxiliary Officer Speaks At DAV Assembly Here



Patricia Ireland, above, Tacoma, Washington, is one of the out-of-state speakers in attendance at the convention of the Oregon State department of Disabled American Veterans in Roseburg. Mrs. Ireland, who is a past commander of the Washington department of the D. A. V. Auxiliary, is now serving as a national junior vice-commander of that organization.

a banquet program at the I. O. O. F. hall at 7 p. m. Wednesday, the meeting being attended jointly by the veterans and auxiliary members.

Reds Claim Losses Less Than Enemy

MOSCOW, June 22.—(AP)—Taking note of the third anniversary of the German attack on Russia, the soviet information bureau said today in a review of the war on the eastern front that more than 7,800,000 Germans have been killed or captured, compared with 5,300,000 Russians killed, missing or captured.

The review declared that "a considerable contribution to the success of the red army was made by our allies, the United States of America and Great Britain, who supplied us with very valuable strategic raw materials and subjected Germany's military objectives to systematic bombing, and thereby undermined Germany's military might."

The bureau asserted the Germans had lost 70,000 tanks, 60,000 airplanes and more than 90,000 pieces of artillery, as against Russian losses of 49,000 tanks, 30,128 airplanes and 48,000 guns.

Tule Lake Jap Mauls 2 Others With Hammer

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 22.—(AP)—Hammer attacks last night put two Japanese segregationees in the hospital at Tule Lake center for disloyal Japanese, War Relocation authorities disclosed today.

They said that Shigio Okamoto, 39, is under arrest as the alleged assailant of Sonosaki Suzuki, 51, and Shunzi Tanabe, 51. All three are Japanese aliens.

Suzuki is reportedly in a critical condition.

Information on the case was turned over to the Modoc county, Calif., district attorney.

Okamoto came to the segregation center last fall, and was one of the evacuees confined in the wire compound area following trouble at the center in November. His former home was at Stockton, Calif.

Calais Coast Blow Called Devastating

Allied Planes Also Lash Berlin, Ruhr in Shuttle Raid Ending in Russia

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 22.—(AP)—American Fortresses and Liberators today gave the rocket-launching grounds in the Pas-De-Calais area their fourth hammering in less than 24 hours.

The daylight blow followed a night of far-flung aerial attacks extending from France to Germany's industrial Ruhr and Berlin—dwarfing the Germans' cross-channel barrage of rocket bombs, which they asserted today are now coming over with incendiary loads.

(The Germans also said, without allied confirmation, that the American planes which bombed Berlin yesterday and flew on to Russia used an airbase at Poltava in the Ukraine, 1,500 miles from London. The allies announced that some fighter planes escorting the Berlin bombers also flew to Russia.)

Last night Berlin was attacked by Mosquitos while British Lancasters hit Ruhr and Rhineland objectives.

Fresh Assault Launched

Close upon the Fortress-Liberator blow at the Pas-De-Calais area in the morning, another great fleet roared out over the channel in the same direction this afternoon, stirring up a great barrage of anti-aircraft and rocket fire from the Germans' coastal defenses.

These attacks capped 24 hours of tremendous activity including the U. S. air force's shuttle raid from Britain to Russia.

A Moscow communique from the headquarters of the eastern command of the U. S. strategic air force said three bombers and two escorting fighters were lost on the flight to Russian air bases. Synthetic oil refineries and installations at Ruhland, southeast of Berlin, were bombed by a large force.

Russian Planes Aid

Mustangs provided constant cover for the bombers during the flight and shot down five enemy planes, the communique said. The bombers shot down a sixth. Yak fighters of the Red air force supported the Mustangs in the last

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Rental Increases In Roseburg Will Be Investigated

An investigation of rental increases in Roseburg is to be launched immediately by the Office of Price Information, L. V. Hammock, OPA chairman for the Roseburg district, reported today. Daniel D. Gage, district rent control director, has been assigned to conduct a check of rent increases, Hammock reported, and is expected to visit the city within the next few days.

Mr. Hammock returned Wednesday from a four-day conference at Portland, where a thorough study was made of the retail price situation, he reports. Upon his return to the Roseburg office, he found numerous complaints concerning advances in rental charges and immediately contacted the district office, which reported an investigation would be started at once.

Persons having complaints concerning allegedly exorbitant advances in rental charges, Hammock stated, should immediately forward such complaints in writing to the Roseburg OPA office. These complaints will be submitted to the investigator upon his arrival.

Remainder of Enemy's Fleet Flees Under Nightfall Cover; No U. S. Surface Vessel Lost

By CHARLES H. MC MURTRY

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 22.—(AP)—Carrier planes of the United States Fifth fleet inflicted smashing defeat on a formidable Japanese naval force trapped Monday off the Philippines, sinking four ships and damaging at least ten before the enemy escaped under cover of night.

The victory, the third great blow since Pearl Harbor against Japan's navy, stemmed from Sunday's great air battle off Saipan island, in which American carrier planes and warship guns shot down 353 enemy aircraft.

Because of this stunning aerial loss, the Japanese fleet, caught between the Marianas and the Philippines, could send up only a handful of interceptors from its five or six carriers. Of these 15 to 20 were shot down. The American loss was 49 planes.

The enemy lost an aircraft carrier and three tankers sunk; possibly a destroyer sunk; and nine or ten ships, including a battleship and cruiser, seriously damaged. Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's Fifth fleet suffered no surface vessel losses.

Nightfall Saves Fleeing Survivors

The Japanese fleet, which for nearly a week dodged contact with the American force protecting the Saipan invasion, turned and fled with all speed toward the China sea. Nightfall saved it from further battering and there was no indication from Adm. Nimitz, who announced the victory today, that the battle had been resumed.

In the Sunday air battle preceding the bigger struggle, American plane losses were 21 against Japan's 353. The Sunday attack represented an arms-length enemy attempt to break up the American invasion of Saipan, principal island of the Marianas and only 1,500 miles from Tokyo and the Philippines.

Admiral Nimitz said the Japanese force consisted of four or more battleships, five or six carriers, five fleet tankers and unspecified numbers of cruisers and destroyers.

He listed these casualties inflicted on the enemy:

One carrier believed to be the Zulkaku received three one-thousand pound bomb hits.

One Hayataka class carrier was sunk.

One Hayataka carrier was severely damaged and left burning furiously. (The Zulkaku class is comparable to our first line Essex carrier class.)

One light carrier of the Zulho or Taiho class received at least one bomb hit.

One Kongo class battleship was damaged, one cruiser damaged, three destroyers damaged, one of which is believed sunk.

Three tankers were sunk, two tankers were severely damaged and burning.

U. S. Fleet Damage Slight

The Monday action ended at nightfall with the Japanese fleeing and there was no indication that the battle had been resumed.

Admiral Nimitz also announced that 353 enemy planes were shot down in the Japanese futile attack.

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Third of Island Taken

In exactly one week of fighting the Americans had effected a landing across reefs in the face of extremely heavy fire and had captured the southern third of Saipan island, including two airfields.

The Japanese, who numbered at least 20,000, fought with ferocity and the advantage of entrenched positions along steep ridges, and made the American advance slow during the first several days. They used batteries of mortars and considerable artillery and employed land mines and booby traps.

Reports from shore indicated heavy Japanese losses which the enemy apparently was trying to conceal.

Biak Being Mopped Up

Gen. MacArthur's airmen hit Truk, southeast of Saipan, with 108 tons of bombs, a record load on this once-vaunted fortress. His ground forces continued to clean up enemy troops who have lost Biak island off Dutch New Guinea to the Americans.

In China, the one Pacific war front where the Japanese hold the advantage, enemy forces maintained their advance down the Hankow-Canton railroad.

The obscure fighting in Burma and India, at last report, moved ahead slowly in the allies favor, with Japanese slowly losing their grip on Maguag and Myitkyna and retreating from northeastern India.

Ben Dean Named Head of Kiwanis International

CHICAGO, June 22.—(AP)—Ben Dean, Grand Rapids, Mich., today was elected president of Kiwanis International, succeeding Donald B. Rice, Oakland, Calif.

Roosevelt Signs G. I. Bill, Urges Further Vets Aid

WASHINGTON, June 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today signed the "G. I. bill of rights" setting up a vast government aid program for veterans of this war. The measure authorizes federal loans, hospitalization, job insurance, schooling and other service benefits estimated to cost between \$3,000,000,000 and \$5,500,000,000.

The president said the bill carries out most of the recommendations he has made for veterans' aid and notifies the members of the armed forces that the people at home will not let them down.

He urged additional war service legislation, however, to give veterans social security credit toward old age pensions for the time served in the armed forces and to provide education and unemployment compensation benefits for members of the merchant marine. What veterans want more than anything, he said, is assurance of employment after the war.

Paraphrasing the aid he urged the congress to hasten work on legislation providing compensation for war workers during the industrial shift from war to peacetime manufacturing and recommended prompt action on legislation to provide for the orderly disposal of postwar surpluses.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Development of aerial warfare has reached the point where Hitler's marionettes are using robots. This conforms to the biological principle that "like begets like."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE is plenty of news again. Our Americans are inside Cherbourg, and fall of the city is imminent. The British radio warns the Germans trapped there that they will be wise to surrender, as escape is hopeless.

At Saipan, the Japs throw in their air force and get THREE HUNDRED planes shot down in the biggest air battle of the Pacific since Midway.

Changsha FALLS TO THE JAPS.

SOME of the Jap planes in the Saipan battle COME FROM JAP CARRIERS. That means that a considerable Jap naval force is hanging off in the distance somewhere. (The Tokyo radio has been promising a big naval battle soon.)

Apparently Jap planes are SHUTTLING from carriers to Jap land bases and back, thus enabling them to make the long flights from the distant carriers.

OUR attack on Saipan appears to have frightened the little yellow men horribly.

Berlin radio suggests the reason

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