

### Shock Troops Inch Forward In Cassino

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knife-wielding fighters from the Himalayas, was marooned high up Monastery hill, Associated Press Correspondent Lynn Heinzelner radioed from Cassino to night, and was being supplied by parachute from Mustang fighter planes swooping down low through small arms fire.

Fighting furiously from every point of shattered masonry from which guns could be brought to bear, the allied forces in Cassino were slowly pushing the Germans from their warrens in the southwestern part of the town in the area of the railroad station now held by the allies.

Working without rest since the tremendous allied air-attack literally turned Cassino upside down Wednesday, Fifth army engineers finally cleared a path through the rubble, permitting tanks to move into position ahead of the infantry to blast the remaining gun positions and hidden Nazi strong points.

The strength of the enemy forces remaining in Cassino was difficult to gauge. They were clinging to caves in the side of the Monte Cassino to the west and southwest as well as to a sizeable number of reinforced concrete emplacements and broken buildings in the fringe of the town.

Eight German tanks and two anti-tank guns were in position on the heights about 750 yards south of the town from where they were able to rain shells on the advancing troops and engage allied artillery.

Above the city to the west the fighting was described as fluid by allied headquarters. The enemy still was clinging to the shattered Benedictine abbey on Monte Cassino.

New Zealanders were in the thick of the fighting in Cassino. In severe skirmishing for the possession of commanding heights, British Gurkhas, knife-wielding night fighters from Nepal on the Tibetan frontier, held firmly to the hills immediately south and to the west of Monte Cassino but lost another in the face of a severe counterattack. Subsequently the enemy was driven from this slope and at latest reports neither side was in possession of it.

Official allied reports said the attack on the railroad station, the loss of which was acknowledged by the Germans today, began shortly before noon yesterday, with tanks rumbling through the town over bridges hastily thrown over bomb craters. Pressing ahead despite the efforts of 15 German Focke-Wulf dive bombers to break up their assault, New Zealanders reached their objective by 2 p.m.

### Jay Camp Opens Today

PHILADELPHIA, March 14—(AP) Manager Fred Fitzsimmons will lead about 15 of his newly christened Philadelphia Blue Jays south (about 35 miles) to Wilmington, Del., tomorrow for the opening of training camp. The squad will include outfielder Ron Northey, who has expressed some dissatisfaction with what the club wants to pay him.

### Benson Possible Allied-Fire Victim

Possibility that Lt. Gordon Benson, Salem high school graduate and former Willamette student who was reported lost in action while attached to a troop-carrying squadron in Sicily, was killed during the shooting down of 20 allied transports by their own gunners at the time of the Sicilian invasion in July, is seen by the flier's father, Harry Benson, of the state highway commission.

Some 400 plane and troop personnel were lost in the action, which was revealed to the American people only this week by a correspondent of the overseas paper, "Stars and Stripes."

The elder Benson relates that it was not until October that Lt. Benson's wife was notified of his death, which was reported to have occurred on July 11.

### Reds Sweep To Dniester

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badly cut up it could not fight, and ten others soundly whipped but still retaining what the special communique called "some fighting capacity."

The remnants of this army were declared now fleeing westward individually or in small groups.

Split and virtually trapped, the Germans confronted major disaster as the Russians pushed the war to the door of panicky Rumania and advanced through the mud at all points up and down the 200-mile-long Ukrainian battle line.

The fall of Yampol was announced in the regular midnight communique, German forces below that point are caught between the Dniester and the Bug rivers, with only two rail crossings of the Dniester remaining to them.

Their quick doom was presaged by the subsequent special announcement that the sixth German army, reconstituted since the original sixth was annihilated in February, 1943, at Stalingrad, had been routed in the soviet break-through across the Igulets river to the southern Bug between March 6 and 16, with 36,800 Germans killed.

Col. Gen. Honig was named as commander of the reconstituted German sixth army, now confronting a fate recalling the entrapment and capitulation of the former sixth army of 330,000 men under Marshal Friedrich Von Paulus at historic Stalingrad.

Soviet Gen. Rodio Y. Malinovsky's main victory over the sixth army was accomplished between March 13 and 16, the special communique said, when a soviet guards group drove into the German rear.

The German command lost all power of direction over its troops, the announcement said, and ordered them to try to make their way westward in small groups of individuals, each man for himself.

The staggering weight of booty that fell intact into Russian hands included 131 tanks, 74 self-propelled guns, 678 field guns, 13 trainloads of ammunition, 9100 motor trucks, 99 supply dumps, 12 ammunition dumps, and thousands of rifles, mortars, machine-guns and shells and cartridges. Even a river steamer was captured by the advancing Russians.

### RAF Pounds Frankfurt; US Hits Germany

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bombers on February 25 and a week before that US Flying Fortresses made a heavy attack on its industrial targets.

American fighters in yesterday's operations destroyed 39 enemy planes, but the number of Nazi interceptors to fall before the guns of the bombers was not announced. The escorting fighters represented both the US eighth and ninth air forces.

It was announced that some of the American bomber formations "encountered considerable enemy fighter opposition."

Besides Augsburg and Friedrichshafen, military targets also were hit at Lechfeld, Landsberg and Oberpfaffenhofen.

The loss was the heaviest for American daylight raiders since the March 6 attack on Berlin which cost 68 heavy bombers. However, at least 13 planes missing from today's 590-mile penetration into Europe were reported to have landed safely in Switzerland.

Augsburg, a center of aircraft engine manufacture, has been pounded heavily before and on February 25 was a target for both a daylight attack by US bombers and two separate blows by the RAF at night. It is 30 miles northwest of Munich.

At Augsburg is located the present Messerschmitt plant used for experimentation, development and production of twin-engine ME410s. Lechfeld, Landsberg and Oberpfaffenhofen also are all near Munich and all are sites of airfields where new Messerschmitt models are believed being perfected.

Friedrichshafen, just across Lake Constance from Switzerland, was hit by US heavies for the first time Thursday. It has aircraft industries and a big radio location plant. This time it was the objective of Liberators, which apparently bore the brunt of German resistance.

The Berlin raid went off the air tonight, suggesting that the RAF night shift was taking over the around-the-clock offensive which at midnight had been in progress for 84 hours.

Liberator crewmen upon their return told of encountering much more savage opposition than did the Fortress fliers.

"We were really lucky to get through today," declared Capt. Andrew S. Low of Allenton, RI, pilot of one Liberator and a deputy group leader. "The flak was

so thick there were times when you couldn't see through it." Another Liberator pilot, Lt. James E. Muldoon of 42 Green street, Fairhaven, Mass., said his formation of 12 bombers was attacked head-on by about 75 enemy fighters.

His own escort had pulled ahead when the Liberator formation slowed down to protect two crippled planes and he said: "This was the chance the enemy was waiting for. They hit us in a solid mass. A 20-millimeter shell came through the co-pilot's window and set off the 'abandon ship' bell. Smoke and flames filled the nose of the ship. I saw several Liberators go down."

The big operation was the 13th of the month for US heavy bombers making daylight raids from British bases.

### 'Breakthrough' Menaces Jap Burma Supply

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and expanding into a powerful threat to enemy rule in Burma, that the Japanese mounted their first feeble counter-blow, an aerial sortie that RAF Spitfires quickly broke up.

Jackie Coogan, one-time wonder boy of the movies, now a USAAF glider pilot, was the first to land his ship on the site of the advanced base when the big show started.

Airborne engineers in the first wave of gliders, using mules also flown to the site, hacked an airstrip out of the Burma jungle in 24 hours, which heavy transports were using by the night of March 6 to reinforce the original garrison with additional troops and supplies.

Some idea of the magnitude of the operation was given in a headquarters report which said that at one stage of the carefully-planned operation, a transport was leaving or arriving every 47 seconds.

### Cub Roster Off For Camp Grind

CHICAGO, March 14—(AP)—A party of Chicago Cubs will leave tomorrow to open spring training at French Lick, Ind., but no one, including General Manager Jim Gallagher, seems to be certain of the number of players to be on hand.

Several have failed to return signed contracts, either because they were unsatisfied with terms offered or because they expect to enter military service soon. Among those unsigned is Bill Nicholson, slugging outfielder.

### Yanks Break Through Stiff Jap Defenses

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were seen in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique statement that they were "now fighting in Lorengau."

Yesterday's communique said that the cavalrymen had hammered their way through the enemy's pillbox defenses to within 600 yards of the town.

When the Americans landed on Manus island Wednesday northwest of Lorengau they separated into two forces to make a two-pronged attack on the airstrip, which they captured the next day. The combined forces launched their final attack on the town Friday noon. The town is south of the airfield.

Allied bombers and fighters again showed mastery of the air in the Bismarck sea area as all planes of the fifth and thirteenth army air forces which engaged in raids on three enemy bases returned safely to their home airfields, meeting no aerial resistance.

Heaviest blow was dealt Wewak, where 194 tons of bombs hit Boram airstrome and installations at Cape Moem.

A raid on Rabaul, the shattered Japanese base in New Britain, placed 88 tons of explosives on Vunakana and Tobera airstromes, Vunapope supply area and the waterfront.

This attack and one on Kavijeng, the enemy stronghold in New Ireland, were staged Thursday. Kavijeng was hammered with 42 tons of bombs which scored direct hits on 10 gun positions and an ammunition dump.

Australian Beauforts and Beaufighters dropped 19 tons of bombs on enemy positions at Kalai plantation, on Wide bay, New Britain.

Liberator heavy bombers on night patrol damaged two 6000-ton vessels in a Japanese convoy caught off Hollandia, New Guinea.

### Toronto Trims Bruins

TORONTO, Ont., March 14—(AP)—The Toronto Maple Leafs wound up their regular National Hockey league season tonight with a lopsided 10-2 triumph over the Boston Bruins before 11,308 fans. The victory practically assured Toronto of third place in the final league standings, which would pit them against the Montreal Canadiens in the Stanley cup playoffs.

### Swegle School Is Rewarded With Party

SWEGLE—The school children were given an annual party by the membership committee of the PTA for their help in making the membership canvass in the fall. It was a Saint Patrick's day party this year and Friday afternoon the committee: Mrs. Cecil Frame; Mrs. William Hensell and Mrs. Charles Bottorff provided a program and served refreshments to the entire school group.

The third grade class gave the special assembly program with Delbert Bolton announcer for the following numbers: the Lord's prayer, led by Earl Peterson; a song by the grade members, "Raise Our Flag," a reading, "St. Patrick's," Donald Cozad; "Our Part" by the entire grade and Earl Peterson read a selection on "Table Manners," written by Jackie Utterback.

Ronald Nelson, son of Leonard E. Nelson, is new in the fourth grade and has been attending school at Kennewick, Wash.

### Donkey Engine Accident Fatal

LEBANON — Philip Steele Johnson, 22, of Corvallis was killed Thursday while working in the woods for Emmert Brothers Logging company. He was feeding a donkey when a tree caught in a cable.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delo Johnson and two brothers, Vernon and James, all of Corvallis, survive.

Funeral services were read in Albany at the Memorial church Saturday. Burial was made in Willamette Memorial park.

### Dayton Boxing Finals

DAYTON — Wednesday night saw the first of the intramural boxing rounds fought off at Dayton high with 20 punchers participating. Final rounds are dated for March 24 in the evening. Immediately following, Dayton opens baseball practice for the seasonal start on or about April 1.

### Diamond Drills Held

JEFFERSON — Jefferson high's baseball team is now holding daily practices, rounding into shape for the upcoming South Marion county "B" loop schedule. Four returning lettermen, Catcher Autis Hayes, Pitcher Jack Skelton and infielders Monte Weddle and Bob Bruce, are back from last year's Lion nine.

### Kurile Raids Bring Air War Nearer Japan

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Shimushu on the same day. Again there was no opposition.

The navy announcement of the raids also told of smashes by navy planes against four Japanese-held atolls in the eastern Marshall islands. Thus Pacific aerial warfare front stretched from the sub-Arctic Kuriles to the Marshalls, near the equator, a distance of more than 3100 miles.

The Matsuwa raid, representing another step on the road to the Japanese mainland, was carried out from an Aleutian base. It was the closest approach to Tokyo since Maj. Gen. James Doolittle led a wave of Mitchell bombers over the Japanese capital. It was 30 miles closer to Tokyo than the raid of last August 31 when carrier planes lashed at Marcus island to the southeast of Nippon's seat of government. In order to reach Matsuwa the army bomber skipped a half dozen other Japanese islands.

### Valley Obituaries

MONMOUTH — Mrs. D. E. Stitt, longtime resident of Monmouth, where her late husband was owner and editor of the Monmouth Herald for many years, died this month and was buried in the family plot at Fir Crest cemetery here. She had made her home in recent years with a daughter, Mrs. Guy Scheibel, south of Eugene.

LEBANON — Mrs. Carrie Corvelli, born in Nebraska 67 years ago, died Friday at her home and will be buried in the IOOF cemetery after services in the Howe chapel. She is survived by one brother, Charles Callison. She was a member of the Church of Christ and of the Mill City Rebekah lodge. She had lived in Lebanon nine years.

### Guest Spends Time Visiting Monmouth

CLOVERDALE—Mrs. Herbert Fleetwood of Salem, one time resident of this community, is visiting Mrs. Nellie Hamilton. She spent part of Friday at the Fred Schifferer home and with Will and Frieda Schifferer and Mrs. Arthur Kunkle.

Mrs. Rose Burnmworth left Friday for Prosser, Wash., where she will spend a few days with her brother and family before returning to her home in Switzer, Ind. She is 78 years old and this was her first trip out of her native state. She traveled alone coming out. She visited here one week with her sister, Mrs. Fannie Goodlander.

### Leonard Hamilton Dies in Washington

CLOVERDALE — Mrs. Nellie Hamilton received a message Thursday morning from Washington saying that her stepson, Leonard Hamilton, had died.

Some time ago he was stricken with a stroke and has not really been well since. She has not yet heard the particulars concerning the funeral arrangements.

### Guy Curtwright I-A

FRENCH LICK, Ind., March 14—(AP)—Manager Jimmy Dykes of the Chicago White Sox said today he had been informed outfielder Guy Curtwright has been classified I-A in the draft and probably will report for a pre-induction physical examination next month.

### Rifle Shoot Slated

SEATTLE, March 14—(AP)—The annual Washington state indoor small-bore rifle tournament will be held April 16, with shooters competing both in Seattle and Spokane, it was announced tonight.

Spokane and Seattle scores will be compared by telegraph to determine the winners.



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