

# German Attack At Iasi Looks About Finished

LONDON, Thursday, June 8 (AP)—The Russians announced today that German attacks in Romania north of Iasi have "diminished considerably," indicating that the nazis' drive there was at an end.

A midnight communique said that soviet troops, which Red Star, the army newspaper, reported were ready to launch the promised offensive against the nazis from the east, had captured two heights from the invaders.

The communique broadcast from Moscow and recorded by the soviet monitor, said minor actions had been fought northwest of Tiraspol on the lower Dnestr and near Vitebsk on the central front.

The abortive German attacks in the province of Moldavia cost the nazis more than 10,000 dead and tremendous losses in equipment during the savage fighting from May 30 to June 6, Moscow announced tonight.

A Berlin foreign broadcast claimed at least 10 soviet rifle divisions had been "wiped out or decisively mauled."

The Berlin broadcast said the battle north of Iasi ended yesterday and added that only mopping up operations were in progress. This coincided with tonight's broadcast Russian communique, which said that action today involved only small forces and that all German attacks were repulsed.

The Russians also announced another bombing attack had been made last night on Iasi itself, smashing military trains and other objectives at the rail junction. Two planes were lost.

In its recapitulation of the damage inflicted on the nazis during the week-long battle, Moscow said 315 tanks were knocked out, 451 planes shot down, 62 field guns destroyed and that 29 armored cars and troop carriers, 400 trucks and 240 machine guns had been demolished.

With the German attacks smothered, there was a growing belief that the Russians' long-awaited plunge westward might begin at any time. Red Star said Russia is prepared to throw its full weight into the growing offensive against Germany and stated that "a strong, mounting attack of all the armies of the United Nations will be fully developed."

# Yankees Grab Biak Airfield

ISLANDS in Geelvink bay, Dutch New Guinea, also has two other airfields desired by the Sixth army invaders.

Mokmer's captors are pushing toward the Borokoe airfield a few hundred yards to the west. The hard-won Mokmer coral strip fell at 11 a.m. Wednesday to Yanks who had made their way slowly over the same line of ridges from which the Japanese earlier poured down machine gun and mortar fire. Warships and planes supported the attack.

The Japanese apparently had counted on the Yanks resuming their coastal road drive and had massed their strength there.

"By a wide encircling movement through difficult terrain, our troops were enabled to attack the enemy's prepared positions from the rear," today's communique said.

"Surprise was thereby attained and the enemy's forces were routed with light losses to ourselves."

To pin down Japanese air opposition, which has been persistent since the May 27 landing, approximately 10 miles from Mokmer, allied planes pounded all available enemy fighter bases in the Geelvink bay perimeter.

Headquarters also reported that American forces, who have been on Bougainville in the northern Solomons since last November, extended their position Monday southeastward until they hold virtually all of the more than 25-mile length of Empress Augusta bay. Although the Japanese occupy the bulk of that island, it is dominated by American air bases along the bay and other invasion moves to the north long since have cut the enemy supply line to Rabaul.

# Bradley Leads Yank Forces

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scrupulous — somebody to be exterminated."

Gen. Bradley is plain to look at — as homely as a Missouri corn cob pipe — but carries himself with the same honest-awkward grace that characterized him as a small-town boy.

Although he takes pride in the fact he keeps losses among his men to the absolute minimum in achieving objectives, he was genuinely distressed when he was quoted recently as assuring one division that invasion casualties would be small.

That, he asserted, was impossible to tell in advance of battle because none could foretell the conditions under which the two armies would lock horns. But he thought it was equally unpressurable to be pessimistic and predict huge losses.

It is axiomatic, Gen. Bradley said, that battle deaths and wounds are lower among troops properly trained and utilized.

Before the sailing day he remarked that the American troops in the huge amphibious operation were superbly trained and equipped with the best arms borne by any force in history and he was confident in their fighting ability.

# Pearl Harbor Court Martial Has Extension

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—Compromising senate and house differences, congress settled today on a six-month extension from midnight tonight of the time in which court martials may be held on any charges arising from the Pearl Harbor disaster.

A bill approved by both legislative branches and sent to the White House directs that, "meanwhile, the secretaries of war and navy are to make investigations and take such action as appears justified."

The measure extends anew the statute of limitations which already had been extended for six months past December 7, 1943, because the war and navy departments opposed Pearl Harbor trials during wartime.

Some legislators argued the bill would have no effect unless President Roosevelt signed it before the midnight deadline.

# Japs Retreat From Kohima

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, June 7 (AP)—Their forces in northeastern India sapped by heavy losses, the Japanese are retreating so swiftly from the Kohima area that allied patrols cannot keep pace, allied headquarters announced today.

In addition to occupying a village six miles east of Kohima, the allies attacked northwest of Bishampur, an enemy stronghold below Imphal, and gained their first objective.

Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's forces made slight advances on the Japanese Burma base of Myitkyina while Chinese forces to the west in the Mogaung valley closed to within five miles west of the threatened enemy base of Kamaing.

# Wayne Nelson Weds In Annapolis Chapel

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 7 (AP)—Fourteen ensigns graduated today from the US naval academy were married shortly afterward.

Among those married in the academy chapel here by Chaplain William N. Thomas were: Miss Dorothy J. Astriab, Milford, Conn., to Ensign Leslie D. Wells, Nampa, Idaho.

Miss Barbara Anne Johnson, Klamath, Ore., to Ensign Wayne Stuart Nelson, Salem, Ore.

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# Nazis Admit Breakthrough In Italy Line

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of Lake Bracciano. The march reached the important peaks, Mount Grossara, Mount Agulro and Mount Forno, commanding the Bracciano route for two miles.

To the west advance patrols reached points three to five miles from the sea and nearly a dozen miles north of the mouth of the Tiber.

As the battered tenth and fourteenth German armies fell back, Gen. Alexander broadcast to Italian patriots urging them to rise up and do all they can to disrupt the retreat. "In less than a month the strength of the German armies has been broken," he said, adding that "the liberation of Italy now is well under way."

The disorganized resistance the allies were encountering was from small battle groups made up of elements of various beaten units. Already more than 18,000 prisoners had been taken by the fifth army alone, and the total was growing.

More thousands were captured by the British eighth army which still was meeting strong enemy defenses northeast of Rome as the Germans threw heavy demolitions and minefields into the path of the advance. The Germans played for time to retreat from the mouth of a net closing in the hills above Rome.

"The hardest fighting is now centered northeast of Rome," said today's allied communique. "The Germans were described as 'offering strong resistance' in this area."

On the front 50 miles east of Rome New Zealanders slashed forward from Sora and captured Balorano seven miles to the north.

It was apparent tonight that the new allied offensive had caught the Germans napping and had come as a complete surprise to Field Marshal Albert Kesselring. As a result the campaign has roared from the Garigliano river to Rome in less than a month and at a cost of comparatively light casualties.

It was announced officially today that battle casualties had "been on a considerably lower scale than expected" and that a great proportion of the wounds were not serious.

# Infantry May Get More Pay

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—Speedily heeding a request by Secretary of War Stimson, Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the house military affairs committee today introduced a bill to increase pay of skilled infantrymen \$4 to \$10 a month.

Only a few hours before Stimson had asked for the legislation, saying infantry casualties are the highest of any branch of service. In the north African campaign, including fighting in Italy, the infantry suffered 70 per cent of the casualties, although comprising only 18.6 per cent of the total forces, Stimson said.

Estimated cost of the proposed salary boost is \$55,000,000 to \$71,000,000 yearly. Doughboys holding the expert infantryman's badge would get a \$6 increase and those having the combat infantryman's badge, \$10.

# Nazis Move Troops by Air

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It was learned at supreme headquarters that both American and British reinforcements had been flown in.

The continual mass attacks left the entire Cherbourg peninsula dotted with white and colored parachutes as the fighting flared up over a constantly widening area.

During last night and today hundreds of transport planes flew in reinforcements in men, artillery, jeeps, ammunition, gasoline and food. To the beachhead forces as well as to the airborne troops deep inside the peninsula, many tons of vital supplies were thus delivered by parachute.

A highly-placed officer declared the success of the airborne forces was one of the most satisfactory points of the whole invasion.

Twelve C-47 transports and 12 gliders were reported missing from the overnight reinforcing operations, these being the first specific losses announced. If fully loaded, they would have been carrying slightly less than 500 men, including crews.

The US Ninth air force announced that its airborne units had flown more than 900 sorties on D-day and had completed a reinforcing operation in mid-morning. In addition, British planes and chutes contributed to the hundreds of sorties.

The zebra-striped gliders were escorted across the channel by Mustang fighters whose pilots kept watch as the motor-less ships skimmed silently down to their selected areas.

The four-abreast strings of towed gliders, with their weird paint and dim navigating lights looked "like something from a futuristic film," one flier said.

First reports of German airborne counter-operations came from British Mosquito fliers, who on night intruder operations shot down five Junkers-52 transports over France.

# Japs Only 9 1/2 Miles North Of Changsha

CHUNGKING, June 7 (AP)—A Japanese force moving from the north on Changsha has advanced to a point within nine and a half miles of the city, the Chinese high command announced tonight. Another enemy force was 12 miles east of the city, a communique said.

The bulletin said a group of Japanese from the forces east of Changsha slipped behind Chinese defense lines but were wiped out. Between Tungting lake and the Yangtze, the communique said, Chinese troops had recovered more ground, including part of a town. This advance, the high command said, partially restored positions prevailing when the Japanese began their drive in this region on May 27.

In Honan province, the Chinese said heavy losses were inflicted on Japanese troops attacking west of Shanhsien, 43 miles from Tung-kwan.

Chinese units fighting along the Burmese border in Yunnan province captured a number of points in the vicinity of the Burma road near Lumding, the bulletin said, and other troops, by forced marches over winding mountain trails, advanced within two miles of Lungting itself.

# ON THE HOMEFRONT By ISABEL CHILDS

Appropriate name of the week: "Spirit of Willamette Valley" will be carried by the hospital service plane to be bought with the \$125,000 worth of bonds Salem Deaconess hospital is responsible for selling during the fifth war loan.

If it ever serves on battlefronts, men from the rich, green heart of Oregon will speak to them of: The beautiful river and the green forests and laden orchards on the hills above; swimming near such beaches as that near the Independence ferry; the fertile bottom lands and islands where grow corn and melons—yes, and carrots and spinach.

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Autumn and winter, spring and summer and the varying sunsets behind the "hills of home."

All these and many more happy thoughts will surely come to mind.

And those to whom the valley is unknown, those who will call it the "Will-lam-etie," will get something of a picture of it, too. For they may guess that it has hospitals with wide porches, a welcome for the ill of the world, generosity, and that dwellers here could best be described as "neighbors."

Who shall say which group has best captured the "Spirit of Willamette Valley"?

# Allies Capture Bayeux, Beat Back Germans

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feature of the initial landings, were resumed Wednesday on a "very large scale," the allied communique stated, while supplies and men moved constantly to the beaches despite strong northwest winds, which moderated somewhat tonight.

Clearing the beaches of the enemy freed the supply and reinforcement convoys and men from small arms attack, while naval forces silenced remaining German coastal guns which had escaped the first furious air and sea assault Tuesday.

Headquarters conservatively stated: "It is not yet known whether all have been finally reduced." The US battleship Texas and the British cruiser Glasgow were officially credited in this work with aircraft spotters.

# GOP Organization Meet Slated for June 19

The organization meeting for the republican county central committee will be held on Monday night, June 19th, at 8 o'clock at the Marion hotel, according to Cliff A. Lewis, county chairman, who is authorizing the call.

The county organization then selected will direct the party campaign through the 1944 election. The state central committee will meet to organize probably in early July, following the republican national convention which convenes June 28th.

# Invaders Use Aerial Cordon

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Aerial fighters blasted 51 German planes from the sky in widespread close-supporting sweeps, bringing the two-day bag to 104. The Eighth air force got 27, the Ninth one, and the RAF Second tactical air force 23. Fighter pilots of the Eighth also destroyed at least 20 planes on the ground.

(US government monitors heard a German radio broadcast that allied "ambulance raiders" were approaching southwest Germany, possibly preying a return of RAF night attacks on the stretch which has been spared recently while bombers concentrated on tactical targets.)

Allied fighter planes were holding an aerial cordon around the beachheads that spelled a virtual death warrant for enemy aircraft trying to attack, while swarms of other planes of nearly every sort scourged the German reinforcement routes.

Flying weather continued bad and enemy resistance slowly increased, but the allied streamer flew lower than customary to pour explosives and airborne reinforcements down on the Germans.

Fighters in a 50-mile arc strafed and bombed in advance of the allied ground forces and shot up oil tank cars, trucks, airfields and flak towers.

During the forenoon medium bombers struck Rennes, Le Mans and Laval, rail junctions on a main east-west line to the Bret peninsula, where the Germans said new landings had been made.

The Germans said flying weather was improving somewhat, but this broadcast statement may have been by way of reaction to the invasion. They apparently either were caught flat-footed by being concentrated in the wrong places, or lacked usable airfields in northern France.

The effects of the tremendous naz communications was reflected in the disclosure that on D-day only one railroad bridge and five highway bridges were undamaged over the Seine between Paris and the sea.

Every railroad bridge and all except two highway bridges between Paris and Rouen had been destroyed. Some bridges

# General Who Talked Sent Home Demoted

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of army service. He is a native of Salem, NJ, and lives in Miami, Fla.

A 1914 graduate of West Point, Miller is a cavalry man who transferred to the air forces. In England he was one of the commanding officers of the US air force.

The dispatches from Shaef, held up for security reasons until after the invasion, told this story: Miller is alleged to have said at the party in London "on my honor the invasion will take place before June 15."

A woman guest reported his remark to security police and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, after an investigation, reduced Miller to the rank of lieutenant colonel and sent him home.

The war department did not disclose where Miller is now.

# Corpus Christi Slated Sunday

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in the Mexican demonstration which embodies many picturesque and beautiful customs. The ceremonies here lack some of these old world features, but yet a stranger — or even a hardened resident — can scarcely help being moved by the beautiful sight of almost 2000 people marching, praying or singing, through the streets while the band plays the solemn Pange Lingua and little girls in wreath and veil and white dresses strew flowers before the marching altar boys and priests, one of whom carries the monstrance with the blessed sacrament.

Three stops occur during the procession, each time at a house where an altar has been erected on the porch, and the participants gather as near as the crowd will permit. The entire mass of people kneel as the Tantum Ergo is sung by the choir and the priest lifts the monstrance in solemn benediction.

After each benediction the crowd resumes the march. Houses along the way have holy pictures or statues and flowers arranged on porches or in windows. And in many places old men and women, too frail to march in the procession, wait for their Lord to pass by and devoutly kneel and bless themselves.

The march this year will circle the few blocks north of the church and the altars will be at the homes of Alois Keber, Mrs. Emma Erwert and Conrad Schmalz.

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D-DAY—was the most critical day of our generation. We are deeply indebted to the press, radio and newsreels which, since the beginning of the invasion, have kept us fully informed as to the movements of the allied forces.

This, the greatest achievement in the gathering and dissemination of information ever recorded, makes us realize what our men faced when they landed, and more fully understand the depth of our obligation as individuals and organizations in backing up our armed forces.

Our prayers are with all who are participating in the liberation of Europe. And our sympathy goes out to the families of those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

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