

Chinese Force Grabs Chanhsi In Yunnan

CHUNGKING, Wednesday, July 5.-(P)-Chinese troops in western Yunnan province have captured the village of Chanhsi, 22 miles west of Tengchung, thus narrowing to 26 miles the distance separating them from Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's forces in northern Burma, a Chinese communique announced today.

Units of Stilwell's forces nearest the Chinese spearhead at Chanhsi are occupying positions at Sanon, 31 miles east of the beleaguered Japanese base of Myitkyina.

CHUNGKING, July 4.-(P)-The Chinese high command asserted tonight that heavily reinforced Japanese troops, charging in close formation behind a barrage of mustard gas and artillery fire, violently assaulted Chinese positions in Hengyang Sunday and Monday but failed to budge the defenders of that beleaguered railroad center in Hunan province.

"Under cover of a heavy artillery barrage and a large quantity of mustard gas, close enemy formations, all stripped to the waist, launched repeated fierce assaults on our positions in the northern and western suburbs," said a Chinese communique.

"Although a portion of them were poisoned, our defenders stood their ground and struck back, regardless of sacrifice. After bitter all-night combat, our troops counted at least 1000 enemy dead, including a high commanding officer.

"Meanwhile, Chinese and American air forces gave continuous support to our troops and scored brilliant successes."

The communique said that as of last night heavy fighting still was in progress but declared "the entrenched Chinese defenders still are holding their own, with Hengyang still safe in their hands."

Meanwhile, Japanese forces which had bypassed Hengyang on the east and were last reported 46 miles south of the city were making further progress in their drive to seize the entirety of the Canton-Hankow railway, on which Hengyang is a key point.

Yanks Make Strong Push In Normandy

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that used by Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery in breaking Rommel's 1942 line in Egypt at the beginning of the allied North African conquest.

Heavy fighting was raging along a 20-mile front from Carcassonne to the sea on the west side of the Cherbourg peninsula as the Americans hammered out two-day gains of two to four or more miles. Four more villages fell to the Americans, one of them only one and a half miles from La Haye.

The Germans were fighting in the hedges on one low hill guarding La Haye.

Headquarters disclosed that St. Jores, road and rail point six miles east of La Haye, had changed hands since the Americans took it Monday. The Germans again were thrown out of there today, front dispatches said.

An allied communique issued at 11:30 p. m., told of "substantial gains" around La Haye, including the capture of dominating heights outside the town, and also announced the fall of Carpiquet and said fighting was raging for possession of its airport.

Vicious hand-to-hand fighting occurred between the Canadians and Germans around a hangar at Carpiquet airport, front dispatches said.

British rocket-firing typhoons supporting the Canadian advance fired on the Germans at point-blank range, while British troops on the Canadian right wing swept ahead from one to two miles, capturing Verson, two miles below Carpiquet and four miles southwest of Caen.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.-(P)-"Oscar," a six-week-old red squirrel has become the track team mascot at Pennsylvania State college, but isn't missing out on the academic side of college life.

He attends classes and dines, too, with Miller Coyte Hunter, navy V-12 trainee of Charlotte, N.C., who discovered "Oscar" on the campus. He sleeps in Hunter's room.



CANNON ROLLS FORWARD—Part of the continuous stream of supplies that is going to Allied invasion forces in France, this rubber-tired cannon rolls ashore.

Sgt. Hazelton Wins Silver Star Award

WITH US ARMY FORCES IN DUTCH NEW GUINEA — When his lieutenant was killed in action, during recent landings here, Tech. Sgt. Byron W. Hazelton of Salem, Ore., took immediate charge of his platoon and led them on through battle.

Because of his courageous action and brilliant leadership, he has been awarded the coveted Silver Star by Maj. Gen. Horace H. Fuller, commanding general of the famed fighting 41st infantry division.

Sgt. Hazelton's company commander, Capt. Thomas H. Ward, made the following citation: "On April 25, the third battalion of the 41st infantry was advancing from the perimeter area along the track toward the air-dromes. — company was held up by enemy fire on the hill abreast of the tract. The third platoon of my company, commanded by Lt. Walker, was sent to high ground on the right flank. During the movement, Lt. Walker was killed. Tech Sgt. Hazelton immediately assumed command of the platoon and in a particularly active manner directed the platoon's fire. He went to the forward elements of the platoon and gained direct control immediately. Due to his courageous actions I believe sincerely the men were instilled to hold their ground and successfully destroy the enemy.

Though the loss of his platoon leader was a sudden shock, under the most severe conditions, Sgt. Hazelton coolly and ably led the platoon during the action and throughout the day."

Sgt. Hazelton entered the army Feb. 26, 1941, at Fort Lewis, Wash., and came overseas in March, 1942, under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the southwest Pacific theatre of operations. In July of the same year he was made a sergeant, and a staff sergeant a year later. In February of this year, he was promoted to the grade of technical sergeant. In addition to the Silver Star award, he also wears Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbons.

His mother, Mrs. Lucy R. Hazelton, lives at 1690 Berry street, Salem. He attended Sacred Heart academy, and was a paper maker before entering the service. A nephew is with a coast artillery unit.

Allied Armies Gain in Italy

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lake, was taken after a bitter struggle.

In advancing to within eight miles of the inland communications center of Arezzo, on a main highway to Florence, British and other Eighth army troops inflicted upon the Germans what were officially announced as the heaviest losses since the Hitler line was broken.

It was in this immediate area that Hannibal annihilated a trapped Roman army of 15,000 men more than 2100 years ago.

From historic Siena, occupied early yesterday almost without a fight, French colonial infantry and American armored units pushed on toward Florence, 31 airline miles away, after pausing only long enough to raise their flags over the city. Only a small garrison was left in Siena.

Here in Rome there was a dramatic observance of American independence day. The same worn American flag which flew above the capitol at Washington when the US was attacked by Japan, Germany and Italy was raised in the Piazza Venezia before Mussolini's empty balcony.

STRAWBERRIES for sale Wednesday and Thursday only 10c per lb., you pick. Bring own containers. Carters will be furnished to pick in 3 mi. E. of Stayton, 1/2 mi. off Hwy. 22 on Farm Ridge Road. Douglas Heater, Stayton, Ore.

Too Late to Classify



TREATMENT — Pharmacist's Mate 1/C D. M. Melville (left), Liguster, Pa., and Hospital Apprentice 2/C Charles H. Leach, Brooklyn, N. Y., treat slugged news of five men-week old kittens rescued from base at Farris Island, S. C.

County Goes Over The Top In War Loan

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DeVall, John Baker received the suit and Louisa Lamb the child's coat.

Lost children, featured throughout the day's program at the stage set up on the north side of the park, helped select the winners. Sixteen such youngsters had their names broadcast during the full program.

Entertainers from KGW studios drew generous applause from an appreciative audience Tuesday night as did local performers at 4:30.

One of the big crowds witnessed the release of 200 pigeons and the start of their flight to their Salem air base home. Lt. Charles Stapp and Sgt. Van Renegat regaled the spectators with stories of pigeons' participation in wars and told something of the training at the air base here.

Bond buyers saw several of the pieces of equipment their loans will buy, ranging from arms of the infantrymen through mounted weapons to the US navy blimp which circled overhead at noon and again at 5:30 p. m.

Willkie Denies Dewey Talk With Rep. Luce

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., July 4.-(P)-Wendell L. Willkie, 1940 republican presidential nominee, tonight denied reports that he had discussed with Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R-Conn.) plans for his taking an active part in the presidential campaign of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Willkie said reports were current that he had had such a conversation with Rep. Luce.

MERION, Pa.-(P)-A patrolman rapped at the door of Mrs. John Steele's apartment at 4:30 this morning.

"Madam, is your child home?" he asked.

"Of course," she said, "he isn't two years old yet."

But she looked in his crib and her son, Michael, was gone.

Paratroopers Help Yankees On Noemfoor

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, New Guinea, Wednesday, July 5.-(P)-American troops have parachuted down upon Noemfoor island, off Dutch New Guinea, in reinforcement of the force landed there by water last Sunday.

Aided by the paratroops and by tanks hurriedly brought in, the Americans, who took Kamiri airdrome on the west coast within two hours of the invasion, launched a new attack Monday morning.

The Yanks by noon had captured Bileoeri village, 2000 yards northeast of Kamiri and more than a third of the distance to Kornasoren airdrome.

A spokesman for Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today: "Our forces also have occupied all the territory in the beachhead area south to the Kamiri river. We are progressing toward Kornasoren."

Noemfoor's third airdrome, Namber, is about 10 miles south of Kamiri.

The three dromes would place American planes within 800 miles of the Philippines.

Paratroops started landing on Noemfoor at 10 a. m. Sunday, two hours after infantrymen had swarmed ashore from landing craft and only a few minutes after Kamiri airstrip had been taken.

Today's communique reported that seven medium-sized artillery pieces and much booty have been captured.

4 Die When Train Derails

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the wreckage with such force it was necessary to cut one end away with blow torches to reach the dead and injured.

With Indians tending bonfires to provide light for rescue efforts, army and naval personnel aboard the train took charge. Some of these were doctors.

In spite of calm direction from the military, Deputy Sheriff L. L. Shanks, one of the first to reach the scene, said most of the passengers, suddenly awakened, milled about in confusion. He said most of them were too excited to tell what happened.

One of the dead was identified by Metro Goldwyn Mayer studios in Hollywood as J. S. McLeod of New York City, head of all MGM film exchanges in the nation.

The others killed were John H. Edwards, fireman, of Winslow, Ariz.; H. H. Helper of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Ann Bradys, Hammond, Ind.

(None of the injured were listed from the Pacific northwest.)

The wreck occurred at 11:37 p. m., MWT, about 20 miles west of here.

Railroad officials who came here from Winslow to inspect the wreckage said it was a miracle that no more were killed. They said this probably was due to the fact that the streamliner carried the latest equipment.

Nurses Aides Rank First

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supervisor of Red Cross nurses aides in Marion county. Her assistant is Mrs. Maxine Hartman, former floor supervisor at Salem Deaconess hospital, who began her new duties May 1. Mrs. Arneson and Mrs. Hartman instruct the classes and supervise the aides when they begin their hospital training.

Marion county chapter of nurses aides was organized into one unit March 14, 1944. Mrs. Grace Mandell was elected corps leader; Mrs. Daniel J. Fry, jr., assistant corps leader, and Mrs. Ruth Wittner, secretary. The first mimeographed paper, published by the chapter, was released June 18 and mailed to all nurses aides. The paper, entitled SOS Pinanford, will be published monthly.

Russians Take Pains Not To Disturb Romanian Life

WITH THE RED ARMY IN ROMANIA, July 4-(P)-It can now be said with complete conviction that the Russians in the initial attitude of non-intervention in local affairs.

Three months after the red army entered Romania allied correspondents have been permitted to come to the northern corner of the country, held by the Russians, for an investigation of the red army occupation. We have been given the liberty to talk with anyone and see anything we please.

It was the unanimous consensus of American, British and Chinese observers that the Russians are not interfering in any way with the political, economic or social life of Romania.

German propaganda has been frightening small nations of eastern Europe by reviving the old Bolshevik bogey. It worked to such an extent that many Romanians fled before the arrival of the red army. An investigation showed that such fears were false.

The Russian occupation is administered by military commandants whose sole preoccupation is the maintenance of order, security and health for their troops. They are not specially selected or trained, and bear no resemblance to AMG officers. They are designated by army commanders to serve as commandants temporarily while billeted in towns, and then they move on with their units.

The local officials, including mayors of the towns, prefects of regions are left to carry on their usual functions.

Local laws, including those with antisemitic provisions, are left unchanged, pending later change by the people themselves. This attitude is applied even to the Romanian act outlawing the communist party, which remains on the books. If an underground organization exists, no one admits it.

Landowners who do not flee are permitted to continue operating their estates. Property which was abandoned is kept up by prefectures. Private trade, religion and other normal aspects of Romanian life are untouched.

The Russian attitude is based on Commissar of Foreign Affairs Molotov's statement of April 2 that the Soviet government "does not pursue the aim of acquiring any part of Romanian territory or altering the existing social system in Romania." Copies of this statement, written in Romanian, are posted in all the occupied territory.

US Air Fleets Put on Show

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a bridge and railroad shops at Pitesti, in the same country.

An equal number of Fortresses and Liberators from Britain celebrated the second anniversary of the first American bombing of Europe by hitting German air bases in northern France.

RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes resumed their attacks on the flying-bomb bases on the French coast after a day's interval.

Some 200 American Thunderbolt, Mustang and Lightning fighters, operating just ahead of the American ground forces pushing south from the Cherbourg peninsula, ripped into enemy troop concentrations, gun positions, trenches, supply dumps and railroad lines. The attacks extended from the front line area 50 miles south to Vire where the east-west railway was cut.

Power Plans Disapproved By SEC Men

PHILADELPHIA, July 4-(P) Four reorganization plans for Portland (Ore.) Electric Power company, filed with the securities and exchange commission, have been disapproved as neither fair nor equitable, the commission announced today.

The SEC has suggested an outline of its own plan, and allowed 60 days for filing of amended plans.

The four plans were filed by the trustees, a committee representing prior preference stock of the company, a bondholders' committee and Guaranty Trust company, New York, indenture trustee for the company's defaulted income bonds.

The commission approved the principle on which all four plans were based—distribution of assets to the company's security holders in accordance with rights and priorities of the securities.

It found the first two plans, however, unfair to bondholders and the latter two unfair to stockholders.

America Gets High Praise From Chaplain

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er intimidated, but the United States recognized and admired the qualities of simplicity and homespun honest intelligence which elsewhere would have remained unsung. Where other nations would have observed a country lawyer, this country discovered the "honest Abe," Pendleton emphasized.

In its attitude toward God, too, the United States is apart from other nations of the world, according to the speaker who pointed out "it was this nation that first set aside a day for worship, not to petition but to thank God for his bounties."

Two great documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, Pendleton said, record a nation's desire for spiritual gains. Among other "living documents" of this country, he mentioned the Monroe doctrine and the Gettysburg address.

"This day a new document is being drawn," the youthful speaker in army khaki declared. Life and flesh and blood are pumping breath into it on the battlefronts of the world, he said, describing it as one in which the allied nations undertake to provide for their own and the peoples of all the world freedom from oppression and evil.

Music by the 55-piece 70th division band opened the program. The invocation was by Rev. George H. Swift of St. Paul's Episcopal church, John Olson, Capital post No. 9, American Legion commander, delivered a brief welcome in behalf of the Legion and war finance committee, joint hosts for the day. Mayor I. M. Doughton introduced mayors of other Marion county municipalities. Dean Melvin Geist of the Willamette university school of music directed group singing and, with Maurice Brown, Lewis Pankaskie and Corydon Blodgett of the university faculty and student body, sang a group of numbers. County War Finance Committee Chairman Douglas Yeater made the war bond announcements. Master of ceremonies for the program and general chairman for the day's events was Col. Carle Abrams.

Sec. Stimson Reaches Rome

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supplies was more than a symbol of the allied desire to help Italy regain what she has lost in the past years.

Unless his schedule is amended Stimson will confer with Pope Pius tomorrow.

Rommel Suffering From Liver Ailment

NEW YORK, July 4-(P)-German language broadcast heard in New York by NBC said today that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel is suffering again from a liver ailment and that his personal physician has been called to the western front.

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