

Aerial Blasting Of Germans Gains in Fury

LONDON, Tuesday, Aug. 15 (AP) Berlin rocked to the blast of bombs again last night as RAF Mosquitos plastered the German capital with explosives in a foray complementing the work of some 3000 allied heavy bombers which battered Germany's home and fighting fronts yesterday.

The attack on Berlin was disclosed in a terse British announcement and the German-controlled Paris radio said targets in the vicinity of Paris also were hit.

Yesterday's great daylight attacks came in answer to Gen. Eisenhower's call for an all-out effort to smash Germany's fighting strength.

Two explosive-packed air fleets totalling nearly 1500 American Flying Fortresses and Liberators lashed at already battered industrial targets in southern Germany and at airdromes and freight yards from northeastern to southwestern France.

A British bomber force—predominantly heavies—battered paths through the German lines in the Falaise sector in direct support of the major Canadian drive southward attempting to close the narrowing gap to trap Field Marshal Guenther von Kluge's scattered and retreating seventh army.

Up to 750 American heavy bombers at the same time struck from Italy, smashing German military installations in the Riviera section in the south of France for the third consecutive day of incessant operations by tactical forces of the Mediterranean command.

The weather, after a hazy start, cleared beautifully to aid the allies in their continued hammering offensive against enemy roads, junctions, bridges, freight yards and troops. There was every indication that today's hammering was equal in intensity to the aerial onslaught of the last two days.

Former Crew Men of Gatch Praise Him

Others than the friends of boyhood days and the admirers who had read of his exploits had an especial interest in the visit of Rear Admiral Thomas L. Gatch to Salem on Monday. For there served with him on the battleship where he gained international fame as a fearless commander men from Oregon's capital city.

At 532 Statesman street, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Johnson, who have heard from the lips of their son Robert W. Johnson, radarman second class, stories of the prowess of Gatch, read with extra care all that was said of the naval leader. Mrs. Johnson and 6-year-old Larry (clad in sailor suit) went to Monday's convocation and reception so that they might shake the great man's hand.

Members of the family declare that "Bob says if Admiral Gatch and Admiral Halsey decided to they'd go straight into Tokyo—oh, he likes his present commanding officer; there's no slur meant to him, but he's certainly sold on Capt. . . . er, Admiral Gatch."

Also on the South Dakota under Gatch's command was Carol Jenner, former employee of the Firestone store here. Jenner and Johnson are radarman and both were recently here on leave. Mrs. Jenner is with her husband in a west coast city now.

Seaman Weston Johnson, recently in from the fleet to train with other navy men at Willamette university, served on the South Dakota under Gatch in 1942 and terms him "the best skipper a fellow could ever want." Johnson, on an anti-aircraft battery during the Santa Cruz battle, is a veteran of six major engagements in Asiatic-Pacific, American and European-Mediterranean war theatres.

Josephine County Hop Harvest Underway

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 14 (AP) Josephine county's hop harvest was started today, with prospects of a bumper crop, said Jens F. Svith, county agent. It covers 1400 acres.

A contingent of 350 Mexican laborers left El Paso, Tex., yesterday, Svith said, and should arrive here Wednesday to help with the harvest. Kenneth M. McIntire of the war food administration has arrived from Eugene to take charge of the Mexican camp.

HOLLYWOOD

Continuous from 6:45 P. M. Last Times Tonight

Donna Dubria Franchot Toot in "HIS BUTLER'S SISTER"

Cecil Kellaway in "THE GOOD FELLOWS"

CARTOON - NEWS

Aunt Visits With Gatch



Mrs. Thomas Leigh Gatch, left, smiles above her bouquet, as the admiral looks with evident pleasure upon a photograph of his cousin, Ross Plummer Wither, Portland, now in navy submarine service on the east coast. The young man's mother and the admiral's aunt, Mrs. William M. Wither (left), told Statesman representatives she was repeating a custom of years past in coming to Salem, where it was once her habit to spend at least a month each summer with her sister and other members of the Gatch family. The admiral's mother, who died three years ago, "would have been proud—was proud" of her navy son, Mrs. Wither agreed.

Gatch Declares US Blessings Can't Be Taken for Granted

Rear Admiral Thomas L. Gatch, judge advocate general of the navy, told his convocation audience Monday that "We cannot take our blessings passively and keep them."

"If we are to be worthy of peace, we must never forget that peace is not something to be enjoyed, but something to be earned."

He also said: "Many a good fight has been finally lost because the winning side stopped too soon."

It would be fatal for us to fall into that error now. We must finish these wars so that the swashbucklers will know that they were soundly, completely and everlastingly defeated; that an enlightened, embattled democracy can never be matched by any despotism. . . .

Did Everything Wrong
"Offhand we can say that the surest way to keep the peace after this war is to go about it in exactly the opposite way to what we did after the last war. What we did after the last war was wrong. We did last time was wrong. I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier's finds its echo today in 'What are we fighting for?' That question is asked by the same stripe of people who bang the old sentiment. They asked the question in a superior kind of way, implying that it cannot be satisfactorily answered."

"I heard a reporter the other day, just back from the fighting fronts in the Mediterranean and southern Asia, say that he had asked a number of American soldiers what they were fighting for and that he did not receive a satisfactory reply. I submit that neither would he receive a satisfactory reply should he ask a man what he is breathing for. I had the honor of opportunity to fight in this war, and I knew from the very start that I was fighting so that my grandsons would never have to fight."

"The young men in our army and navy are fighting today so that their sons will not have to fight in their day. It is just as simple and clear cut as that. The question is a farce. Moreover, it smacks of hypocrisy."

Speaks Plainly
"I propose to speak plainly. When a man has had 40 men of his command killed in a few minutes in a night action I submit that he may be excused for speaking plainly. Hitler and Tojo may be correct, in the final analysis, in saying that the United States States brought on this war; for had we maintained our power in consonance with our wealth Hitler could not have succeeded in sinking Tojo on us."

"That is water over the dam. Our immediate problem is how to keep the Japs from getting the revenge they are going to spend the

Admiral Gatch Given Degree By Dr. Smith

In these words, Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette university, Monday invested Rear Adm. Thomas L. Gatch with the hood symbolic of the honorary degree of doctor of laws:

"Thomas Leigh Gatch, member of a distinguished Willamette family, beloved son of Salem, brilliant naval strategist and courageous officer of the navy, devoted to duty and admired and respected by those in your command, protector of the nation in time of dire emergency, able writer on naval subjects, learned student of the law, rear admiral and judge advocate general of the United States navy, upon recommendation of the faculty, the trustees of Willamette university have authorized me to confer upon you, Thomas Leigh Gatch, the honorary degree of doctor of laws. As evidence thereof, I hand you herewith the diploma bearing the great seal of the corporation and the signatures of the proper officers. As a symbol, thereof, I invest you with this hood."

Following were the introductory remarks of Dr. Chester F. Luther, dean of Willamette university, in presenting Rear Admiral Gatch to Dr. Smith:

"Mr. President, I have the unusual honor of presenting to you for the degree of doctor of laws, Rear Admiral Thomas Leigh Gatch, judge advocate general of the United States navy."

"Admiral Gatch is a member of a distinguished Willamette family, his grandfather, Thomas Milton Gatch, having at two different times, served as president of this university. His father, Claud Gatch was a member of the endowment committee of the board of trustees, and his sister Orytha Helen Gatch was a graduate of the university in the class of 1908."

"Admiral Gatch, though a distinguished citizen of the nation, belongs to Salem."

"He was born not far from the Willamette university campus, educated in the public schools of this city, and from here received his appointment to Annapolis which was the start of his navy career."

He entered the academy in June of 1908, just prior to his seventeenth birthday. Four years later he was graduated from the academy and commissioned ensign in the United States navy."

"His academic work was of such high quality that he was selected by the navy for further education, and earned a degree in law. In addition, he completed the Naval War College junior course and the Naval War College course in strategy and tactics. Mr. Gatch was advanced through the various ranks of the navy and entered the present war as a captain, having received this commission on July 1, 1939."

"As a commanding officer in actual combat, no one in World War II has given a better account of himself than did Captain Gatch and his justly famed 'Battleship X,' the South Dakota, in those all important engagements in the south Pacific seas in the fall of 1942. The battles of Santa Cruz island and Savo island go down as important turning points in Japan's aggression."

"In these engagements, the

South Dakota commanded by Captain Gatch, is credited with having shot down 32 enemy planes and having sunk three Japanese cruisers. These were the engagements which established our foothold in the Solomons and which turned the tide against the Japanese fleet."

"In the Santa Cruz engagement, the only direct hit taken by the South Dakota, a bomb in the roof of number two turret, splintered and wounded Captain Gatch. Three weeks later, however, he again took 'Old Nameless' into combat at Savo island."

"In 1943, Thomas Leigh Gatch was promoted to the rank of rear admiral and appointed to the position of judge advocate general, the head of the legal department of the navy."

Professional—Pomp and Circumstance—
T. S. ROBERTS, Organ
"The Star Spangled Banner"
Francis Scott Key

Invocation—
The Reverend Henry Marcotte, D. D.
"Break! Break! Break!" Mark Andrews
"The Vagabonds" Lewis Thomas
UNIVERSITY MALE CHORUS
Melvin H. Geist, M. M., M. M., Director
Address—
Rear Admiral Thomas Leigh Gatch
Judge Advocate General, U. S. Navy
"For Those in Peril on the Sea"
Dyke-Panikaskie
(United States Naval Academy Song)
UNIVERSITY MALE CHORUS
Presentation of Rear Admiral Thomas Leigh Gatch for Degree of Doctor of Laws—
Chester Francis Luther
A. M., Ph. D.
Dean of Willamette University
Conferring of Degree—
George Herbert Smith
A. M., Ed. D., L. L. D.
President of Willamette University
Benediction—
The Rev. Jaber Clifton Harrison
B. S., D. D.
Recessional—"March Pastoral"
Gounod
T. S. ROBERTS, Organ

12 Salem Youths Apply for Navy

Twelve Salem 17-year-olds Monday made application for enlistment in the naval reserve through the recruiting station here.

Members of the group are Chris J. Kowitz, Jr., William R. Leach, Glenn F. Ziegler, Wilford O. LaFountain, Frank O. Michael, Glenn O. Lewis, Robert J. Payne, Raymond C. Van Dorn, Roy O. Broughton, Albert A. Walery, Cameron D. Campbell and James D. Monaco.

French Forces Destroy Nazi Vendome Garrison

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (AP)—The BBC in a broadcast tonight heard by CBS said French forces of the interior had destroyed the "German garrison at Vendome in the Orleans direction in a furious battle."

The broadcast also reported that French partisans had forced the German high command "to put whole divisions into the line" against the patriots.

Gen. Walton



Brig. Gen. Leo A. Walton arrived in Salem by plane Monday to visit his brother, William S. Walton, and his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Walton, and managed to make it in time to see his boyhood friend, Tam Gatch, receive the doctor of laws degree from Willamette university and plaudits from his native town. A third high ranking military man was a member of that "younger set" of grade school lads in Salem 45 years ago: Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, surgeon general of the navy, who last year was Willamette university's commencement speaker. Gen. Walton, in Salem for the first time in five years, is chief of staff for the commanding general of the Western Flying Training command, is stationed at Santa Ana, Calif., and leaves today to continue an inspection trip.

Eagles Will Hear Report

Tonight's meeting of the Salem Eagles lodge will be highlighted by a report of Secretary L. A. Hamilton, who has just returned from the Eagles national convention in Cincinnati, O. This is the first time in a number of years that the Salem aerie has been represented at the national meeting.

A picnic is planned by the local aerie Sunday at Paradise Islands. It will feature games for women and children as well as horseshoes for men in the morning and softball in the afternoon, with officers and members lined up on opposing sides. A tug of war between officers, 10 other members and the women of the auxiliary is also planned. Families will take covered dish contributions for the noon luncheon.

Mrs. Minto Dies Monday

Jeanette B. Minto, widow of Douglas C. Minto, died Monday morning at her residence, 821 S. Main street, following an illness of six weeks.

Born in Des Moines, Ia., June 28, 1874, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown, she came with her parents to Salem in 1899.

Here she was private secretary to Secretary of State Frank I. Dunsen. In 1904 she was married to Douglas C. Minto, and although active in social and civic organizations occupied much of her time in her home and as his associate in operation of their river-bottom ranch.

Parents, two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death. Her husband died April 13, 1942. Survivors are one son, John D. Minto, Salem, two grandchildren, Martha Joan and Margaret Jean Minto, Salem, and several nieces and nephews.

Christian Science services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. from the Clough - Barrick chapel with interment in City View cemetery.

Harry Schlegel Rites Scheduled for Today

ALBANY, Aug. 14—Harry R. Schlegel, 43, a well known grocery man of Albany, died in the Albany General hospital August 12, following a short illness. Funeral services will be held from the Twelfth street Memorial church, Tuesday, August 15, at 2 o'clock, with Rev. George M. Kauffman and Rev. M. M. Brennehan conducting the services. Family services will be held at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday in the Fisher Funeral chapel. Burial will be in Riverside.

Reno Divorce Hearing May Be Postponed

RENO, Nev., Aug. 14 (AP)—Hearing of Doris Duke Cromwell's motion to amend her Reno divorce proceedings in an effort to establish their legality may be delayed until August 22 to await the arrival of 107 depositions from witnesses in New York, Hawaii, New Jersey and Nevada, her attorney said today.

Investigation Due

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP) Senator Wiley (R-Wis.) said today the army service forces have promised to investigate reports that service men were charged for cigarettes that were donated for free distribution.

contributions for the noon luncheon.

ON the HOME FRONT

Yes, Becky, the academic procession came in to "Pomp and Circumstance," but the black-robed student figures were strangely absent. In their places were the men of the navy . . . and a handsome lot, too.

No one sang "Farewell, Willamette," but even in the Presbyterian church the beam of sunlight which used to brighten the last Friday in Waller hall and commencement exercises in First Methodist surroundings was there. It played for awhile over the blond head of a boy in a blue middie (yes, I know they're navy men, but he LOOKED like a boy no matter how he felt or acts) and glowed on a red velvet hood.

Admiral Gatch didn't wear a scholar's robe over his uniform, nor did he don the cardinal and gold hood, though I am sure even from my place in the balcony I saw him stroke it appreciatively.

There must be something pretty fine in this coming home.

Why, the boys and girls of this generation flocked to see him (re-calling on the side that "Tam Gatch always did like to fight" . . . "He was tough even in his youth" . . . "I recall how he and I fought in the mud and the teacher had to pull us apart" . . . this last from Leo Page, Salem banker who looks as if he'd never been in the mud.) For that matter the admiral looks as if he'd managed to stay out of it, too, always-on top, you know.

Too Late to Classify

LOST—RED COCKER pup. Answers to name "Bubbles." Abt. 6 mos. old. Ph. 3362 after 6 p. m.

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Richard LeGRAND
Amelita WARD
Freddie MERCER
Marge STEWART

Co-Hit!
William (Hopalong) Boyd
Andy Clyde
Louise Currie

FORTY THIEVES

LATEST NEWS FLASHES!

THE LITTLE HOUSE WITH THE RED SHIRT

STATE
Opens 6:45 P. M.

Tomorrow!
Two Really Big Pictures!

Panama Hattie

Ann SOTHERN SKELTON
Rags Ragland Red Blue

Co-Feature!

THE DONAT YOUNG
as **MR. PITT**

Robert MORLEY - Phyllis CALVERT

Ends Today!
Tyrone Power Dorothy Lamour
"Johnny Apollo"
"West of Rio Grande"
THE HOUSE THAT RITS ONLY
LIBERTY
Opens 6:45 P. M.

Tomorrow!
Thrills! Music!
Roy ROGERS
KING OF THE COWBOYS
TRIGGER
SHARPEST BOSS IN THE MOVIES
HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER
RUTH TERRY
A REPUBLIC PICTURE

CO-FEATURES
BOB BURNS
"COMIN' ROUND THE MOUNTAIN"
"Bat Man" No. 4