

New Portable Bridge Aids Allied Victories

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London — (U.P.) — Details of another allied secret weapon, a portable bridge, were revealed here after Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery credited it with much of the success of the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

The Bailey bridge, named after its inventor, Donald Coleman Bailey, a ministry of supply worker who designed it on the basis of an envelope, fits together like a jig saw puzzle. But it is so simple any group of soldiers, with the aid of a handbook, can put it together.

Each section of the bridge is 10 feet long, made of 17 parts, the heaviest of which can be handled by six men. As the parts are fitted together they are pushed on rollers until the gap is bridged.

The bridge can cross any gap up to 240 feet without the aid of pontoons. With pontoons the stretch is almost limitless.

A Bailey bridge which British engineers threw across a 300-foot gap of the Trigno river in Italy in 38 hours was called one of the most remarkable achievements in the history of military operations.

The bridge, now being used in Normandy, was developed after other types of bridges failed to support the increased weight of new tanks.

Trains To Be Under Finer Tip Control

PENDLETON — (U.P.) — A \$1,000,000 centralized traffic-control system will be completed by the Union Pacific railway this week between La Grande and Rietz, three miles west of Pendleton, Lee Mead, local agent, announced.

All train movements between the two points will be under finger-tip control of the dispatcher at La Grande, who can throw switches electrically and put trains in and out of sidings as conditions warrant.

His control board shows the location and speed of all trains, and also automatically inscribes a written record of every train's progress as it passes over the 55-mile stretch through the Blue mountains.

Nazi Prisoners Found Fair in Canneries

PENDLETON — (U.P.) — After two weeks' trial, cannery operators have decided that the quality of work done by German prisoners of war is "fairly good — better than expected."

"They are being employed at three canneries in Pendleton, Milton and Athena, where sufficient free labor is not available. They will be employed only so long as this situation exists," operators said.

Generally, they are willing workers, a survey made by The East Oregonian indicated, but in some cases prisoners who had not done heavy labor for a year or more required several days to get into condition.

Vichy Propaganda Chief Assassinated

LONDON, June 28. — (U.P.) — Philippe Henriot, propaganda minister in the Vichy government, was assassinated in his Paris bedroom early today in what chief of government Pierre Laval called an "act of civil war."

German broadcasts disclosed that 15 men disguised as members of the Vichy militia boldly entered the propaganda ministry at Paris shortly before 6 a.m., covering guards with their guns.

Three went to the second floor and knocked on the door of Henriot's bedroom. When the pajama-clad Henriot opened the door, one of the men shot him in the heart. He fell dead before the eyes of his wife, who was also in the room.

Yanks Encounter Real Savages on Biak Isle

BIAK ISLAND, Dutch New Guinea, June 16. — (Delayed) — (U.P.) — Yank soldiers invading remote Biak island have for the first time encountered natives whom they aptly can describe as "savages."

Unlike the coastal villagers of mainland New Guinea, the little black men and women of Biak bear no evidence of missionary influence or any schooling. Fierce of mien, unkempt, virtually unclothed, they came out of the hills in numbers some 10 days after the Americans first landed.

They came not in friendship. They came in fear, seeking sanctuary from a hell of explosives, carrying their infants, their crude fish nets, their javelin-like spears, needle-pointed.

Sgt. William Moddemeier of Dayton, Ore., who helped question the apparent patriarch of one family of 13, said the natives at that stage definitely were not apathetic to the island's new visitors. Their rather limited intelligence had contrasted the unopposed occupation of Biak by the Japanese with the blood-and-thunder arrival of the Americans, and drawn its own conclusions.

Surplus Army Trucks Will Be Released

PORTLAND — (U.P.) — Surplus army trucks will be released to Oregon farmers to carry produce to market, S. B. Hall, Multnomah county agent, has been informed. Hal said the state USDA war board is compiling a county-by-county list of the number of vehicles needed for essential farm transportation.

The action took place May 21 during the greatest American fighter sweep of the war, when the destruction of 303 locomotives, 33 military supply trains and other Nazi equipment paved the way for the invasion of Normandy.

A lieutenant flying in formation with the colonel described the mission as follows:

Corvallis Flier Dies In Flaming Action

A U. S. FIGHTER BASE IN ENGLAND, June 28. — (U.P.) — Lt. Col. Donald K. Bennett, 29, Thunderbolt group commander from Corvallis, Ore., shot up three Nazi locomotives on his final mission, and met his death as a result of turning back for a fourth even though his plane already was smoking from a flak hit, it was announced today.

As the formation headed for England some one sighted another

train. The colonel immediately started back to it only to be knocked down by flak. Bennett developed successfully "strafe-bombing" methods whereby a fighter-bomber flies at or below target level in approaching a railway bridge or similar objective difficult to destroy at a higher angle of approach. Bombs are flung horizontally into the target at point-blank range.

Sen. Holman Expected To Attend Convention CHICAGO, June 28. — (U.P.) — Rufus C. Holman, Oregon's republican senator who lost his re-election fight in last month's primaries, was expected at the republican national convention today. He asked Oregon's national committeewoman to leave tickets for him with Mrs. Ernest Lundeen, widow of a Minnesota senator and now secretary to Gerald L. K. Smith, America First leader.

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