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Weather Forecast
Scattered showers and thunderstorms south and east portion today, tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature.

PLANES ATTACK NIPPON FLEET

Endless Lines of Troops Reinforce Normandy Beachheads



Marching in almost endless lines, these Allied troops stream along Normandy beachhead to reinforce armies battling Germans trapped in Cherbourg area. The troops in foreground are trudging in front of two knocked-out Nazi pillboxes and behind them come supply trucks. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from London.

Powerful Japanese Flotilla Target of American Airmen

Soviets Launch Drive Toward Finns' Capital

Viipuri Seized by Reds in Battling Way Over Region; Peace Rumored

Moscow, June 21 (U.P.)—Triumphantly red army troops struck out from newly-captured Viipuri today in pursuit of disorganized Finnish columns retreating toward Helsinki under a hail of fire from Russian bombers and fighters.

(The British radio said the Russians had advanced six miles beyond Viipuri.)

(BBC also said the Finnish radio was broadcasting constant appeals to the people of Helsinki to evacuate the capital "due to the score of the Russian offensive in Karelia.")

Marshal Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad army stormed into the ancient fortress city yesterday to complete a rapid 11-day campaign through Finland's strongest defenses in the Karelian Isthmus and bring the soviet forces within 135 miles east of Helsinki, Finland's capital.

Nimitz Reports Contact With Foe Finally Made

Washington, June 21 (U.P.)—American carrier planes attacked a powerful Japanese fleet, including carriers and battleships, before dusk on Monday in what may prove the opening phase of the long-awaited showdown with the enemy navy, the navy announced today.

Losses in the action, which occurred about 800 miles west of Saipan have not yet been assessed, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the Pacific fleet, reported.

Nazis Step Up Robot Assault, Pound England

Germans Defy Attacks By Air Force, Blast At Targets on Island

London, June 21 (U.P.)—The Germans stepped up their robot bomb assault on southern England last night and today in defiance of allied air fleets that have pounded their launching bases with tens of thousands of tons of explosives in the past five months.

Just as allied officials were about to congratulate themselves on a 24-hour lull in the enemy attacks, the winged, jet-propelled torpedoes began to roar across the channel coast from the Pas de Calais area again with even more frequency than previously.

A British announcement laconically acknowledged that the attacks had "increased slightly" and caused "damage and casualties" in southern England, which geographically includes the London area, though specific districts hit were not disclosed.

Yanks Storm Cherbourg Forts

Nazi Garrison Quits Bastion, Dispatch Says

U. S. Troopers Crash Through First Barrier In Siege of Citadel

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 21 (U.P.)—American assault forces stormed the inner fortifications of Cherbourg today, and a front dispatch quoted unofficial sources as saying the doomed German garrison had started evacuating the beleaguered port.

Jap Navy Official Declares Americans Due for Reverses

Tokyo Hints of Counterattack Planned for Saipan; Nips Claim 2 Battleships Bagged

(By United Press)

A Japanese navy spokesman said Wednesday American troops in the Marianas "will meet with a serious crisis before the full force of our counter-offensive," and a Domei news agency dispatch broadcast by Tokyo said a U. S. battleship had been sunk and two damaged in battles off Saipan.

An enemy broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco, quoted Admiral Kenesuke Takahashi as saying:

"The enemy's landing operations on Saipan has offered us a golden opportunity to smash him with staggering effect."

Bend Boy Hurt In Isle Action

Staff Sgt. Joseph H. McMillan, 22-year-old member of Bend's Company I, was seriously wounded in action May 28 on Biak Island, according to a telegram from the adjutant general received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McMillan, Route 1. The last letter from Sgt. McMillan came May 15 from Hollandia where Company I men were thrown against the Japs, but the telegram received yesterday was the first proof Mr. and Mrs. McMillan had that their son was participating in the recent Biak invasion.

More Fish Due Streams, Lakes

Wholesale stocking with fish in the Cascades and Deschutes county, will be the post-war aim of the Oregon State fish and game commission, Frank B. Wire, supervisor, and C. A. Lockwood, assistant supervisor, said in Bend today. They planned to return to Portland today.

Stocking of the lakes and streams of the Eastern Cascades has been on a limited scale owing to the gasoline and tire shortage, the officials explained. However, the commission has begun stocking of fish on a small scale now in the Metolius country, and plans to extend the work to the Eight Lakes basin, thence work south to the Elk lake region. The small fish are carried to nearest streams by truck, and held in traps in the streams until delivered to lakes by pack horse.

The vanguard of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's army closing in on Cherbourg had crashed through the German first defense line, and was reported approaching the city's outskirts in steady gains rolled up under cover of a heavy artillery bombardment.

Henry T. Gorrell, United Press war correspondent, in a dispatch from "the vicinity of Cherbourg," said the fast shifting battle line appeared to run from Beaumont-Hague, at the center of the northwestern cape, down through Martinvast, about two and one-half miles due south of Cherbourg proper.

Nazis Resist Advance
"Fighting from prepared positions extending from the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hague southeastward, the Germans all night resisted the U. S. infantry advance with artillery, mortar, and small arms fire," Gorrell reported.

Frenchmen and German war prisoners Gorrell saw outside Cherbourg told him that the Nazi garrison had begun pulling out northwestward into the Cape de la Hague, where they would face the choice of surrender or death.

United States artillery, including (Continued on Page 5)

WAR BONDS in action

When you buy War Bonds your money goes into action at once. Where, we may never know. Maybe, as shown above, to equip a company of American Rangers.

New Pine Plant Nears Completion

The building to house the pine experimental plant on the property of The Shevlin-Hixon Company is nearing completion, and the pilot station should be in operation in about 45 days, it was reported here today. Already some chemical tanks to be used in the building have arrived, and workmen were speeding installation of other equipment.

The plant, designed to make various experiments with pine, and to determine what useful by-products can be obtained from waste lumber, is being erected by the Western Pine association.

Sat. C. M. Sprague Killed in Action

Redmond, June 21—Tech. Sgt. Charles M. Sprague, son of Mrs. Emma M. Sprague, of Redmond, has been killed in action in the European war theater, according to an announcement today by the war department.

Americans Seize Aslito Airfield, Greatest Prize of Marianas; Nips' Division Repulsed

Aboard an Expeditionary Force Flagship, Saipan, June 21 (U.P.)—Rolling back remnants of two Japanese divisions in a wide sweep across the island, American forces who stormed Saipan six days ago now occupy southern Saipan in strength—including Aslito airfield, the greatest prize of the Marianas.

From this 3,600 foot airfield necessary for protection against the developing Japanese air attacks, American land-based aircraft have done a lone job of keeping the skies clear.

The Japanese lost 300 planes in a vain attempt to cripple our amphibious force, but did not succeed in sinking a single American ship.

Driving northwest and south of their Saipan beachhead, the Americans smashed toward Magicienne bay on the east and expanded their 8,000 yard beachhead to nearly a third of the island.

Army reinforcements and heavy artillery were landed on the southern beaches to support the hard pressed marines who bore the brunt of the first fighting and paved the way for a general attack along the entire line.

Supported by a coordinated artillery and naval bombardment, the Americans struck the Japanese at many points. The attack around Charon Kanoa, where Americans were once compelled to withdraw almost to the beach, started in a heavy tropical downpour which drew a curtain of rain over the opposing troops.

While the army wheeled southward over a ridge heading toward the airfield, the marines struck north and east, avenging the savage Japanese counterattacks which had exacted a heavy toll of marine units during the first two days of the battle.

Advancing through the fire blackened sugar cane stalks, burned as a result of the experience gained in Hawaiian campaigns, the marines with strong tank support moved southward along the coast toward Garapan. In shattering battles, the marines knocked out 30 tanks with bazookas, decisively ending the enemy threat at that point.

Showing amazing versatility, the marines turned toward the sea and fought a historic battle with a group of 60-foot troop laden barges from the Japanese seaplane base at Flores Point which attempted to land within the American lines.

The Japanese armada was caught between the fire of LCI gunboats and that of the marines. The enemy fleet was dispersed after 13 barges were blown up.

Through the muddy swamps around Lake Susupe east of Charon Kanoa, the marines advanced to a point overlooking Magicienne bay which they reached after scattering a Japanese force which was forming nearby.

"The pacification" was so effective that soon hundreds of Japanese civilians—men, women and children—swarmed there seeking safety and American protection. They are being fed and housed in camps.

Information Lacking

There was no indication whether the force attacked was the major portion of the Japanese fleet, but it included battleships and carriers, and obviously was a powerful group.

It was from the Japanese carrier that most of the planes were believed to have come in the enemy's great air assault on the U. S. carrier task force off Saipan last Sunday. More than 300 Japanese planes were shot down in that engagement alone and 300 more in other phases of the Saipan operation, excluding the U. S. attack announced today.

This, it was hoped, denuded the Japanese fleet of much of its air cover.

It was indicated that the Monday evening action occurred about 800 miles west of the American beachhead on Saipan, in a great expanse of "no mans ocean."

Nimitz' account of the attack was characteristically brief. He told of the reconnaissance planes finding the Japanese fleet, then reported:

(A Japanese radio home broadcast was quoted as saying that a "fierce" naval battle was in progress west of the Marianas, and admitted some Japanese losses already had been suffered).

(By United Press)

Tokyo radio broadcast today specified claims of heavy American naval losses in the area of the Marianas islands where Japanese broadcasts had reported a "fierce" naval battle between large American and Japanese fleets.

Washington, June 21 (U.P.)—The U. S. Pacific fleet "may have succeeded in catching up" with all or a portion of the Japanese fleet west of Saipan in the Marianas yesterday, Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal said today.

He told newsmen that the enemy fleet had been sighted at various times in the last few days, "milling around" from 500 to 800 miles westward of Saipan.

He said there was no definite information that battle had been joined, but only "some indication" that our forces have caught up with the enemy armada. He pointed out that the U. S. forces are under strict radio silence.

Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet, who has just returned from a visit to the French beachhead and conferences with allies in Britain, was present at Forrestal's conference and said that he was "not worried about the outcome" of the current Pacific operations.

Big Battle Hinted

Pearl Harbor, June 21 (U.P.)—The greatest naval battle since Jutland appeared in the making, if not under way, on the approaches to the besieged Marianas today between the American fifth fleet and possibly the entire Japanese fleet.

(Radio London quoted the Japanese Domei Agency as saying that a "fierce" naval battle was raging in the waters between the Philippines and the Marianas.)

The outcome of the battle may determine the control of the western Pacific, including the sea approaches to Japan itself, as well as the length of the war against Japan.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific fleet, disclosed at a press conference yesterday that strong Japanese units—"possibly their entire fleet"—had emerged from the Japanese home islands in force for the first time in nearly two years and had been sighted between the Marianas and the Philippines.

"A major engagement is a possibility," he said in a confident review of the developing battle for the western Pacific. "We have put enough muscle into our fifth fleet to handle the situation. We assume the Japs will put in everything they have. If the fleets join, it will be a decisive battle."

Japanese naval quarters also hinted at a far-reaching development in the Pacific. A Japanese Domei broadcast recorded by the federal communications commission quoted a (Continued on Page 5)

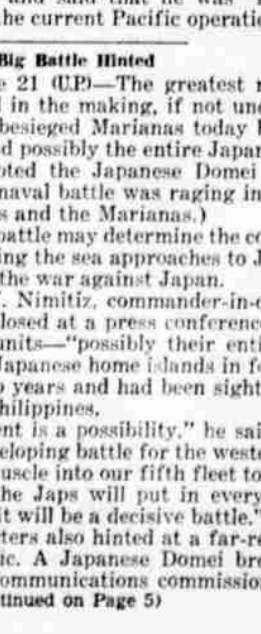
Man's Skeleton Located in Canal

Bremerton, Wash., June 21 (U.P.)—The skeleton of a man buried in a shallow grave in the low tide sands of Hood canal was the only clue Kitsap county authorities had today into what appeared to be a violent death.

The skeleton, with knee-length rubber boots and a few remnants of clothing, was found buried in the sand and weighted with heavy rocks by Mrs. J. A. Pardo of Seattle, and her sons, Alan, 14, and Richard, 11. The grisly discovery was made when Richard pulled one of the boots protruding from between rocks and bones were found inside.

Digging in the sands near Hansville, authorities later recovered all of the bones except a portion from the skull, leading to the belief that the man had been murdered.

Co. I Casualty



Staff Sgt. Joseph H. McMillan of Company I, who has been seriously wounded in the recent invasion of Biak Island in the Pacific, according to a telegram from the war department received Tuesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McMillan, Route 1.