

Nazis Hurling Back 2 Miles On Anzio Front

Beachhead Battle
Bloody Loss for Germans
—Enemy Repulsed

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Berlin radio reported today that tank-led allied infantry, going over to the offensive in the Anzio beachhead south of Rome, had made "temporary" breaches in the Nazi defenses and had inflicted "considerable casualties" on German troops in intensified fighting.

Allied Headquarters, Naples, Feb. 21 (AP)—American and British forces have stopped a supreme effort by densely-packed German troops to wipe out the Anzio beachhead and have thrown the enemy back two miles toward Carroceto, allied headquarters announced today.

The Nazi steamroller advance, aimed down the Anziate highway last Wednesday morning toward Anzio, the cord of allied beachhead, was halted only after all elements of allied power were called into play during 48 hours of the most intense period of the fighting.

Naval Units Helped
"Our effort was very greatly assisted by magnificent support given by allied naval units, allied air formations and both British and American artillery," the communique said.

The German offensive reached its peak before dawn Saturday. Then American tanks and infantry, under the cover of a heavy artillery barrage, began smashing forward at 6:30 a.m. and was still rolling ahead yesterday.

The intensity of the enemy efforts was demonstrated by the appearance of elements of five regiments within one 1,000-yard area. Six enemy divisions threw their entire strength into the assault. Three others were held in reserve.

18 Nazi Divisions
An allied spokesman announced the Germans steadily swelling their armies in Italy, now have 18 divisions involved in the Italian actions. Nine of these facing the beachhead, it was announced, are grouped under the 14th German army, commanded by Gen. Eberhard Von Mackensen last reported on the Russian front. He is the son of the world war general.

The bulk of the remaining divisions stand on the main 5th army front behind the Cassino defenses. They comprise the 10th army under Gen. Heinrich Von Vietinghoff. Both armies still are under Field Marshal Albert Kesselring.

Punched 4,000 Yards
Throwing everything they could muster into a mighty southward stab to split the allied beachhead forces, the Germans had managed to punch some 4,000 yards below Carroceto before their advance was halted.

Their casualties were heavy, the dead piling up in great numbers, hundreds being wounded and at least 700 falling prisoner. Some of those captured said one German regiment alone had lost 60 percent of its strength.

Air Force Utilized
Allied air operations yesterday were devoted almost exclusively to attacks on the broken German beachhead lines. Four-engine heavy bombers again joined medium and light bombers in bombing and shooting up enemy concentrations.

The allies sent 900 sorties into the air, the Germans sent up an estimated 100, and the sky battles and attacks on both sides of the beachhead ground battle lines were rapidly rising to a record peak when the weather limited further forays.

Action Deferred on CCC Lease of Life

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—The house banking and currency committee deferred action today on a bill to continue the commodity credit corporation's life when the administration was unable apparently to marshal sufficient committee votes to prevent any limitations from being added to the bill.

Chairman Spence (D. Ky.) said the committee would resume its discussion tomorrow. Rep. Wolcott (R. Mich.), one of the leaders in the fight to ban subsidies through a limitation in the previously vetoed CCC bill, said the committee voted 9 to 8 for including some limitation in the pending bill. He did not specifically define the nature of the proposed limitation.

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Major Air Blows on Germany Continue

4th Attack in 36 Hours Strikes Plane Factories

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—About 2000 American planes struck their second staggering blow at Germany in two days today, attacking on a scale equal to the Sunday bombardment that knocked out one-fourth of Adolf Hitler's fighter plane production.

The systematic destruction of the German air force as a weapon for the last defense of the reich thundered toward a climax as American and British aerial armadas rained an unprecedented weight of explosives on the Nazi homeland.

Repeat Performances
The repeat performance today by United States forces of the biggest daylight air attack of all time followed a smashing assault by the Royal Air Force on the industrial center of Stuttgart, which rocked under the impact of an estimated 1,600 tons of bombs during the night.

Soon after announcing that American airmen had shot down 126 German planes in the assault on Nazi aircraft centers yesterday, United States headquarters revealed that an equally strong force had returned to hammer targets in northwest Germany today.

Marauders Join Raiders
Marauder medium bombers of the United States ninth air force, transferred to Britain from the Middle East, joined in the record-shattering offensive with an attack on the German air field in the Cooxide area of the Belgian coast.

A small force of RAF and Royal Australian air force Mosquito bombers of Britain's second tactical air force smashed at northern France.

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Air Output Cut A Fourth

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the army air forces estimates, and he says his estimate is "conservative"—that the massive American air assault on Germany yesterday knocked out one-fourth of the enemy's fighter plane production capacity.

He said the 2,000-plane raid, which he described as the "biggest United States air mission in history," was a tactical as well as strategic achievement.

"The routing of heavy bombers and the timing of the attacks by components of the main force and by medium bombardment planes in the coastal regions were skillfully planned," he said last night.

"German defense personnel is getting no rest." Arnold meant, the war department explained later, that the new forays had knocked out 25 percent of the Luftwaffe's fighter capacity "as of yesterday." This represented a tremendous inroad, coupled with the announcement 10 days ago that as of November the U.S. forces had chopped German fighter building capacity by 43 percent.

Germans Again Raid London Set Fires, Cause Casualties

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—Nazi air raiders scattered incendiaries and explosives over London in a short but fierce attack last night which set fires in many areas and caused some casualties.

The assault apparently was staged in an attempt to repeat the big fire raid which was carried out against London early Saturday morning—the heaviest blow which the British capital has suffered since the big attacks of 1940-41.

The Germans followed the same pattern last night as in the previous raid, fanning out in all directions in an effort to confuse the defenses and scattering fire bombs apparently indiscriminately.

The attacking force, however, evidently was smaller than that of Saturday, when it was estimated that 150 planes came over the city.

The raiders were greeted with a thunderous anti-aircraft barrage and first reports indicated that at least three had been shot

Russians Launch Toward Minsk In White Russia

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—Soviet troops have broken into the outskirts of Krivoi Rog and are battling the Nazi garrison of that Dnieper bend stronghold, a communique broadcast by Radio Moscow said today.

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Russians continued to roll over frozen ground toward the Baltic gateway of Pskov today while to the south, a Berlin broadcast said, the red army had thrown 100,000 more men into a powerful new push toward Minsk in White Russia.

A Soviet communique announced that 114 villages were captured in the drive for Pskov yesterday, with more than 2,200 Germans killed in advances of two to 12 miles through swirling snowstorms. Three points, each within 30 miles of Dno, a rail junction 60 miles east of Pskov, were taken in the advance, the bulletin said.

Drive on Pskov
The red army units nearest to Pskov were last reported 28 miles to the north after battling down the east shores of Lake Pelpus and Lake Pskov, but Moscow announcements have not mentioned their progress in several days.

The drives announced yesterday were taking place south and southwest of Luga, southwest of Novgorod beyond captured Shims and west of fallen Staraya Russa, below Lake Ilmen. One hundred of the localities captured were declared taken in the push from Staraya Russa.

A Berlin broadcast also asserted that Russian forces in the Ukraine had launched a furious assault toward Krivoi Rog, last big ore city held by the Germans in the Dnieper bend.

Berlin broadcasts still maintained that Nazi troops which were encircled at Korsun, 25 miles below the middle Dnieper river, had escaped the death trap through the aid of German armor and infantry attacking east of Zashkov, 55 miles west of Korsun. The Russians have announced the erasure of the trap, with 73,200 Germans declared killed or captured.

Lyons Pilot Downs Plane

Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, Feb. 21 (AP)—Second Lt. Russell J. Christenson, Lyons, Ore., shot down a Japanese Zero during a raid by the Sun-setter P-38 squadron on Rabaul, New Britain, Friday.

Tacoma Man Killed
By Train Sunday

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 21 (AP)—Jules Stampfle, 67, of Tacoma, was killed yesterday when he was struck by a Tacoma-bound Union Pacific train near here. He evidently had stepped back to avoid a southbound train, and moved into the path of the northbound train. He was a resident of a local old people's home.



Monastery Being Blasted (AP)—Clouds of smoke billowed from the St. Benedictine monastery on top of Mt. Cassino, Italy, as it was being blasted from the air by B-25 army air force bombers, and from the ground by artillery. The Germans had fortified the ancient structure as a defense position against the advance of the allied 5th army. (AP wirephoto via signal corps radiophoto.)

Attempt to Assassinate King Peter of Yugoslavia

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Moscow radio broadcast a Tass Cairo-dated dispatch today declaring an attempt had been made to assassinate King Peter of Yugoslavia. The broadcast, recorded by the Soviet monitoring, quoted the Russian news agency dispatch as saying the attempt had been made by fascists in an effort to put the blame on Yugoslav soldiers who, the dispatch said, are trying to return to their homeland to fight in the partisan ranks of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito).

First Soldier Held for Treason

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 21 (AP)—Federal authorities today promised a speedy trial for Pvt. Dale Maple, 24, San Diego, the first American soldier charged with treason in World War II.

The handsome Harvard graduate, who according to the federal bureau of investigation was dismissed from the ROTC in 1940 because of alleged pro-Nazi sympathies, was charged with aiding in the escape of two Nazi prisoners from the prison stockade at the army winter training center at Camp Hale, high in the Colorado Rockies.

Maple and the two prisoners were captured Thursday when their car broke down just south of the Mexican border and were turned over to U. S. authorities by the Mexican immigration office.

Maple denied the charges on arraignment and was held in default of \$100,000 bond. U. S. District Attorney Howard Houk said his case would be presented to a federal grand jury in Santa Fe, N. M., March 6, and his trial would be held shortly after that. Maximum penalty on conviction is death, Houk said.

The two Germans, Earhard Schwichtenberg and Heinrich Kikilius, neither of whom could speak English, were reported missing Tuesday night. At the same time, officials at Camp Hale reported that Maple was absent without leave from the camp.

Recover \$30,000 Of Stolen Property

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Nearly \$30,000 of loot, ranging from war bonds to boxes of pennies and 3000 pounds of ammunition, has been recovered from hiding places since the arrest of two brothers on burglary charges last week, Detective Chief J. J. Keegan said today.

Detectives said they spent three days searching the house where the brothers, Wayne M. Anderson, 26, and Bion Anderson, 38, lived. The last cache—100 watches, 1120 quarters, and a diamond ring—was in a flour bin.

Linfield College Plans Expansion

McMinnville, Feb. 21 (AP)—Large scale expansion of Linfield college, including a new student union building, commons and music conservatory, was recommended today for immediate action by the board of trustees.

The Weather
Fair and cool tonight and Tuesday. Temperatures for last 24 hours: Max. 49, min. 27. Rain, trace. River today 1.3.

Tojo And Navy Chiefs Take Their Jobs

New York, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Tokyo radio acknowledged today that Japan had suffered heavy losses in the American attack on her great naval base at Truk and announced simultaneously that both the chiefs of the Japanese army and navy general staffs had been relieved of their posts.

Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo, a broadcast said, has personally assumed the role of chief of the army general staff in a sweeping shake-up that seemed to be a direct result of the American assault, described earlier by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, as "partial settlement" for the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Admit Truk Losses
In a short wave broadcast to the United States, the Tokyo radio quoted an imperial headquarters communique as acknowledging the attack on Truk had cost the Japs two cruisers, three destroyers, 13 transports and 120 planes.

Another broadcast quoted an announcement of the navy ministry as saying that Fleet Admiral Osami Nagano, chief of the Japanese navy's general staff, had been "relieved of his post." The announcement added that Emperor Hirohito had named Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, navy minister to serve concurrently as chief of the naval general staff.

Sugiyama Relieved
The Tokyo radio said the Jap war ministry announced that Field Marshal Gen. Sugiyama had been relieved of his post as chief of the army general staff and that Premier Hideki Tojo had taken over the job. The broadcasts were recorded by the U. S. foreign broadcast intelligence service.

The communique announcing the Japanese naval losses at Truk acknowledged that in addition "some damages were incurred among the land installations."

Emperor Acts
Domei, official Japanese news agency, said that Emperor Hirohito had personally installed Premier Tojo in his new post. Tojo also has been serving as war minister, head of the munitions industry, minister of commerce and industry and minister of education.

Domei also announced that Gen. Atsushi Ushiroku had been appointed vice-chief of the army general staff, "concurrently assuming the post of war councillor." Lt. Gen. Shojiro Iida was named commander-in-chief of the army central district headquarters, the news agency said. No mention of new assignments for Nagano or Sugiyama was made.

More Passengers Ride City Lines

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Gordon G. Steele, vice-president of the Portland Traction company, said that his company's vehicles carried 47.5 more passengers last year than in 1942.

Aerial Attacks Hit Rabaul And Jap Bases in Dutch Indies

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Feb. 21 (AP)—Japan's southwest Pacific fortress of Rabaul has been weakened by three more aerial attacks, one of which at least temporarily knocked out the important Vunakanau airdrome southeast of the town.

Coming in at different levels the successive waves of allied planes dropped 123 tons of bombs and left both Vunakanau and Tobera airports devastated.

Thirteen Japanese planes were shot out of the air, and others were destroyed on the ground.

The attacks February 18 came only a few hours after United States destroyers shelled Rabaul in a daring early morning raid.

Allied Mitchells and Lightnings struck first, swooping down on Tobera and shooting down five planes just taking to the air.

A large flight of Liberators struck less than an hour later at Vunakanau. Their escorting Lightnings knocked down seven of 20 Japanese planes that

Japs Lose 19 Ships, 201 Planes At Truk As Yanks Complete Conquest of Eniwetok Atoll

Enemy Installations At Truk Badly Damaged—No
Americans Landed—Battleships May Have Aided
Bombardment—Other Islands Occupied

Pearl Harbor, Feb. 21 (AP)—U. S. invasion forces battled their way across the next-to-the-last enemy-held island in Eniwetok atoll today as front dispatches indicated a battleship bombardment may have aided carrier-based planes in sinking 19 Japanese ships in last week's smashing raid on Truk.

(A Japanese communique broadcast by Tokyo radio admitted the loss of 18 ships, including two cruisers and three destroyers, and 120 planes in the American attack on Truk. It claimed the sinking of two American cruisers, the damaging of an aircraft carrier and an unidentified warship and the destruction of 54 carrier-based planes.)

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the Pacific fleet, announced in a communique late yesterday that marines and army troops had captured the western half of Eniwetok island and occupied all other islands in the atoll except Parry, which was isolated by the landing on Eniwetok.

"Although the Americans are meeting opposition, casualties continued to be light," Nimitz said.

Capture of Eniwetok

The invaders were expected to complete the conquest of the atoll, 750 miles northeast of Truk, within a matter of days, bettering even their eight-day victory on Kwajalein earlier this month.

Speculation that the 16-inch guns of American battleships may have contributed to the destruction of Truk last week stemmed from official reports that all aerial opposition had been wiped out in the first day of the assault, leaving the way clear for warships to approach within gun range.

Altogether, the powerful American task forces sank 19 Japanese ships, probably sank seven others, destroyed at least 201 enemy planes and wrecked shore installations last Wednesday and Thursday in the greatest naval victory numerically since the battle of the Bismarck sea in March 1943, when American planes sank an entire convoy of 22 enemy ships.

Only 17 Planes Lost

The successful attack cost the American armada only 17 planes lost and "moderate damage" to one warship.

"The Pacific fleet has returned at Truk the visit made by the Japanese fleet at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and effected partial settlement of that debt," Nimitz said in his triumphant communique yesterday noon.

He listed Japanese losses specifically as follows:

Japanese Losses

Sunk: two light cruisers, three destroyers, one ammunition ship, one seaplane tender, two oilers, two gunboats and eight cargo ships.

Probably sunk: one cruiser or large destroyer, two oilers and four cargo ships.

Shot down in combat: 120 planes.

Destroyed on the ground: 74 planes; shore installations.

Damaged on the ground: more than 50 planes; airdromes.

George Jones, United Press war correspondent who accompanied the task forces in the Truk attack, said in a dispatch sent before the raid that the warships included a number of battleships and added, perhaps significantly:

Body Thrust Likely

"We might see our surface strength make a body thrust into the outer edges of Truk's intricate shorelines for an audacious bombardment. . . . Aircraft will make the initial assault and they will carry the responsibility of inflicting the initial damage on which other surface craft can capitalize."

The attack, carried out under the over-all command of Adm. R. A. Spruance with Rear Adm. M. A. Mitscher, former (Concluded on page 10, column 7)

Battleships Had Left Truk

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 21 (AP)—Don't underestimate the damage inflicted on the Japanese fleet at Truk.

It may seem disappointing that the United States carrier forces which sank 19 ships there and probably finished off seven more didn't include Japanese carriers and battleships in their toll.

But the heaviest units of the enemy fleet, believed to have been anchored at Eten harbor inside the Truk lagoon at various times in the past, apparently had been ordered elsewhere.

As recently as 12 days before the carrier raid of last Wednesday, marine reconnaissance planes photographed two carriers among the more than 25 warships of various types at Eten anchorage. The biggest fighting ships sunk Feb. 16 and 17 were cruisers.

Sinking of cruisers, destroyers, oilers, cargo ships and other auxiliaries doesn't make nearly as sensational reading to the average person as the destruction of the more potent carriers and battleships.

Remember, however, a fleet cannot operate without these auxiliaries any more than the army can fight without food, guns or ammunition.

Destruction of two Japanese oilers and probably sinking of two others deprives the Japanese battle fleet in the central Pacific of its most important auxiliaries. Without oilers available to accompany and refuel them, warships cannot remain at sea more than a week. They can carry food, ammunition and other supplies for a month or six weeks—but they are powerless without oil.

3 U-Boats Sunk Off Gibraltar

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—British bombers and naval vessels were believed today to have broken up a German attempt to infiltrate the Mediterranean for attacks on allied shipping, by sinking three U-boats and damaging a number of others in an 11-day battle off the Straits of Gibraltar.

While a communique indicated that some of the U-boats might have slipped through the straits, it pointed out the damaged ones would have a difficult job limping through the allied controlled waters to bases in north Italy.

Wellington bombers, acting jointly with British naval vessels, sank two of the U-boats, which apparently came from an Atlantic port on the west coast of France, while surface ships sank the other submarine.

The Berlin radio, in a broadcast heard here, said, however, that German submarines recently sank three loaded landing vessels, a modern 19,000 ton freighter, and an escorting vessel near Nettuno, and destroyed a 5,200-ton allied cruiser in the Gulf of Gaeta.

Deny Liberty Ship Cracked in Atlantic

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—A. C. Kerr, regional director of the U. S. war shipping administration today described as "absolutely untrue" reports published in the United States that eight Liberty ships had recently cracked up in the Atlantic and limped back to Britain for repairs.

"Take it from me," he said, "the number of Liberties which have developed structural faults is so small it is not worth mentioning."