

NAZIS ADMIT LOSS OF CARENTAN

Weather

Forecast: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature. Temp. Highest yesterday 82. Lowest this morning 62. Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0.

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OVER THE TOP — In this striking scene, reminiscent of the trench warfare of World War I, American doughboys again go "over the top" somewhere on the invasion coast as other troops wait in shelter of trench wall for their orders to go into action. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from London.

Fifth Army Races 70 Miles Above Rome In Pursuit of Wildly Fleeing German 14th

HITLERITES FIGHT EACH OTHER FOR ESCAPE VEHICLES

All Organized Nazi Resistance Vanishes in Path of Rampaging Allied Troops.

Allied Headquarters, Naples, June 12.—(U.P.)—The triumphant allied 5th army raced almost unopposed over the coastal and mountain highways 51 to 70 miles above Rome today and a headquarters spokesman announced that the German 14th army, which once numbered 150,000 veteran troops, "has ceased to exist" as a fighting force.

All semblance of organized resistance vanished in the path of the 5th army columns and official reports said the Nazi retreat had become a chaotic rout. Isolated bands of Germans were fleeing on foot and in horse-drawn farm carts, battling each other to the death for trucks and cars in a panicky race to escape.

Rear Guards Wiped Out A few enemy rear guards, never more than one or two companies strong, attempted vainly to stem the allied advance, but they were annihilated by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's tank crews and riflemen.

Simultaneously, British 8th army columns drove the battered 10th army in headlong retreat on a broad front extending from the east bank of the Tiber 30 miles above Rome to the mouth of the Pescara river, on the Adriatic coast.

With their right flank exposed by the collapse of Nazi General Eberhard von Mackensen's 14th army, the 10th army appeared to be pulling out at top speed to escape encirclement in the central and eastern Apennines.

Near Ossetello American tank and infantry forces on the coastal flank of the advancing 5th army made the deepest penetration into the enemy rear. Official reports covering the action through yesterday afternoon said they were approaching the port of Orbetello, 70 airline miles northwest of Rome and about 90 miles above the capital by road.

At least 20,000 crack troops of the 14th army already had been taken prisoner by the pursuing 5th army and many of its top fighting units had been reduced to 25 per cent of their combat strength by casualties since the start of the allied offensive a month ago.

CALIFORNIA MOTORISTS GIVEN 6,000 CITATIONS

Los Angeles, June 12.—(U.P.)—Nearly 8,000 southern California motorists today pondered on what they'd tell the judge—and their ration board—after they were handed citations in a series of week-end traffic blockades conducted by the California highway patrol in cooperation with local authorities.

The blockade, described as the largest of its kind ever conducted in the nation, stretched from Sonoma county to the Mexican border.

CANTON AND FOCHOW UNDER RUN-OFF WATER

Chungking, June 12.—(U.P.)—The port cities of Canton and Fochow were flooded today by run-off waters from heavy rains in southern China, Central News Agency reported.

Japanese-held Canton was described as a "great sea," with enemy fortifications and rice crops destroyed, and an untold number of peasants rendered homeless by the raging Pearl river.

The Trans-Siberian railway was completed from Petrograd to Vladivostok in 1900.

War Bulletins

London, June 12.—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill visited the Normandy beach head today, it was learned tonight. Jan Smuts, premier of South Africa, and Sir Alan Brooke, chief of the British general staff, accompanied Churchill.

21st Army Group Headquarters, June 12.—(U.P.)—Seven thousand prisoners have been taken so far in the campaign in Normandy, it was estimated today.

Washington, June 12.—(U.P.)—The navy today announced loss of a 335-ton submarine chaser, the PC-558, as a result of enemy action in the Mediterranean. The ship, which had a normal complement of about 60 men, was sunk on May 9. The navy gave no information as to the extent of casualties.

London, June 12.—(U.P.)—Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff; Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower; and Admiral Ernest J. King visited the Normandy beachhead today, it was learned tonight.

1,400 BOMBERS HELP INVASION

London, June 12.—(U.P.)—More than 1,400 American heavy bombers—the biggest force ever despatched on a single mission—smashed at 16 German airfields and six bridges in France today to lead thousands of allied planes supporting the invasion campaign in Normandy.

The record fleet of Flying Fortresses and Liberators was escorted by strong forces of Mustang, Lightning, and Thunderbolt fighters comprising an armada of probably more than 2,150 planes.

Seven bombers and 14 fighters were missing, an announcement of the mission said. The American fighters shot down at least 17 German planes.

From daybreak until early evening the skies over northern France were black with raiding fleets taking advantage of weather to bring the full allied aerial striking power to the support of embattled ground troops.

Surgical Dressing Progress Shown on Big Thermometer

A thermometer set up in the Central avenue window of Lantis and Johnson's shoe store, Main street and Central avenue, will record the progress of workers making surgical dressings for the Jackson county Red Cross this summer. The thermometer was installed this morning and the marker, a little package of the dressings, has been set at the 25,000 dressing level. It has been gauged in 25,000 units and will be moved up as each set is completed.

According to Mrs. Gus Newbury, chairman of the surgical dressings work, quota for the summer is 200,000 dressings and these must be completed by August 31. Evening sessions have been started for the Medford and Phoenix units in order that business women and men may work in addition to the groups working during the daytime.

Whistles and Sirens Signal Opening of War Bond Drive

With shrieking whistles and wailing sirens, Medford's fifth war loan drive opened this morning at 10 o'clock. At the drive headquarters, 21 North Central avenue, a crew of volunteer workers were in readiness to sell bonds to Jackson county citizens and from a loudspeaker patriotic and popular music calls attention to the start of the drive and to the headquarters office. At the office it was said that a goodly number of buyers have

RUSSIAN DRIVE AGAINST FINNS PICKS UP SPEED

New Offensive to Knock Finland Out of War; Brings Nazis, Satellites Threat.

Moscow, June 12.—(U.P.)—Red armies advanced up the Karelian isthmus above Leningrad with increasing momentum today after smashing through the Mannerheim line on a 25-mile-wide front in a new offensive designed to knock Finland out of the war.

Breaking a 31-month lull in fighting on the Finnish front, Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad armies attacked Saturday under cover of a three-hour artillery barrage and in the first 36 hours advanced 15 miles to within 48 miles of Viipuri, their initial objective, and 165 miles of Helsinki.

Three-Sided Attack The offensive brought German and her satellites under attack from three sides and was expected to spread gradually all along the 1700-mile eastern front from the Barents sea to the Black sea. Coming only four days after the Anglo-American invasion of France, it was believed to have completed the first phase of the master plan agreed upon by the "big three" last winter at Tehran.

Where and when the Russians will strike next obviously was a military secret, but observers would not be surprised if Govorov hurled the southern arm of his forces against Narva and Tallinn in Estonia as soon as the northern arm reaches the north coast of the Gulf of Finland.

More Moves Seen All Soviet armies, from Romania to northern Russia, were known to be standing by for orders to move against the enemy.

(Military observers in London suggested the Russians might attack next west from Murmansk in an attempt to cut across the northern tip of Finland into Norway and there perhaps effect a junction with an invading allied army. The German high command said last night that the Soviets were probing axis lines in the Rybachy peninsula area only 30 miles from the Norwegian border.)

RAMSEY CANYON ROAD FUNDS ARE APPROVED

County Commissioner Arthur E. Powell of Central Point said today the federal public roads administration had approved funds for the Ramsey Canyon road, an access road that will shorten the distance and tap rich timber holdings in the Evans valley district.

The county has a force at work clearing and grading the right of way, as its share of the cost. The government and timber interests will contribute the balance. It is expected the road will be ready for traffic by mid-August.

18 JAP VESSELS ADDED TO LIST OF SUB VICTIMS

Seven Transports, 10 Cargo Craft and Large Tanker In Latest American Haul.

Washington, June 12.—(U.P.)—American submarines, striking with surging fury, have sunk 18 more Japanese ships to raise their scores announced during the last month to an average of two enemy vessels a day, the navy announced today.

The latest haul included seven transports, 10 cargo vessels, and a large tanker, the navy said. Since May 12, the navy has announced the destruction of 63 Japanese ships by the far-ranging, ever-expanding U. S. submarine fleet.

This was the second large haul announced by the navy this month.

807 Known Sunk

The announced box score of American submarine successes against Japanese supply lines now stands at: Sunk, 607; probably sunk, 36, and damaged 115. The latter two categories have remained unchanged for more than six months, since the navy stopped reporting the probably sunk and damaged enemy craft.

The steady attrition of Japanese merchant ships is placing the enemy's position in the Pacific in an increasingly critical situation, particularly since American air and sea forces are sweeping deeper and deeper into enemy territory to pound key bases.

WAR WORKERS HIT FOR AUTO MISUSE

Washington, June 12.—(U.P.)—The American Automobile association today denounced war workers as a group for alleged "reckless use of the highways, complete disregard for wartime speed regulations, and notorious indifference to any anti-air measures of car conservation."

The charge was made in a report to all government agencies concerned with motor transport. It was submitted in behalf of the AAA executive committee by Thomas P. Henry, Detroit, president of the motoring organization. It was said to be based on observations by an AAA demonstration unit carrying motor conservation messages around the country.

Henry said a large majority of the people were found to be ignoring the 35-mile an hour wartime speed limit but that general violations were most prevalent on highways leading to and from war plants.

SWEDEN PREPARES TO DEFEND NEUTRALITY

Stockholm, June 12.—(U.P.)—Sweden mined the territorial waters off her west coast and reinforced her frontier guards today following a new warning by Premier Per Albin Hansson that the nation will defend her neutrality and resist aggression by any of the belligerent powers.

CIRCUIT COURT JURY TO REPORT JUNE 19

The circuit court jury has been directed to report for duty in Judge H. K. Hanna's court Monday, June 19, for hearing pending civil cases. No new jury has been drawn. Trial of the suits listed is expected to take the major portion of the week.

Entomologists report survival of boll weevils in southern states over the winter was lower this year than in any year since 1940.

AMERICANS LESS THAN 12 MILES FROM CHERBOURG

Situation in Normandy "Little Better Than Satisfactory" Is Official Report.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, June 12.—(U.P.)—American shock troops captured Carentan, anchor base of the German defenses across the neck of the Cherbourg peninsula, at 8:30 a. m. today after battling all night through its streets in violent hand-to-hand fighting.

Leaving their dead and wounded behind, the Nazi defenders pulled out in the face of a threat to reduce the remainder of the battered town to dust with a heavy naval and artillery barrage.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 12.—(U.P.)—American troops have driven 18 miles inland from the French invasion beaches, the deepest penetration of a 60-mile-long allied beachhead, it was announced officially today, and last were fighting violent hand-to-hand battles in Carentan, the fall of which was reported by the German high command.

The situation in Normandy was described officially as "a little better than satisfactory" as the allied armies rounded out the first week of the invasion campaign with steady advances.

By-Pass Montebourg A spokesman at Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's supreme headquarters revealed that American troops had by-passed Montebourg, 14 miles southeast of Cherbourg, and were swinging up the peninsula toward that great port which field dispatches had reported less than 12 miles ahead of them.

Impressive gains by Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's army on both sides of the Carentan "hinge" of the German defenses rimming the allied beachhead posed a mounting threat to Nazis in the upper part of the peninsula with being cut off before they could be pulled out or relieved.

Officials agreed that if Carentan, strongest German base in the defenses of the lower Cherbourg peninsula, had not been occupied—as Berlin reported—it would be soon.

Near St. Lo

Below Carentan the United States forces registered the biggest gains of the last 24 hours. They completed the occupation of the Cerisy forest below Lisson and drove almost to St. Lo, biggest rail and highway hub immediately south of the Cherbourg peninsula. That was the deepest penetration of any allied spearhead driven into France.

The Germans were understood to be packing troops and armor into St. Lo, which they may try to hold at all costs if they are to remain on the stubby finger of Normandy land tipped by Cherbourg, the richest prize of the invasion's early phase.

Thirty miles east of St. Lo, the Nazi anchor base of Caen was threatened with envelopment as British forces swung around it to the east, seizing a number of villages and getting into position for forging an iron ring around the stubborn holdout town.

Improving weather enabled the waiting allied air forces to resume all-out support of the allied armies in France with smashes at Nazi concentrations along and behind the battlefield.

Air Arm Busy

In the first 18 hours of the day about 6,000 sorties were flown, and it seemed likely that by midnight the total would mount to 10,000 as warplanes of all types swarmed across the channel.

A 1,750-plane force of Flying Fortresses, Liberators, and fighters spearheaded the daylight assault. Other American and British planes by the thousands hammered incessantly at Nazi troop concentrations, transport centers, and columns moving up to the Norman front.

American units striking down through the Cerisy forest from Lisson cut the main road leading southwest to St. Lo, partially isolating the base on which the Nazi defense of the Cherbourg peninsula depended indirectly.

VILLEGAS DISCLAIMS TRUNK MURDER GUILT

Chicago, June 12.—(U.P.)—Soylo Villegas, who is charged with murdering his wife and shipping her body in a trunk to Los Angeles, pleaded innocent today.

Dr. William H. Haines, of the behavior clinic, told Criminal Judge Benjamin P. Epstein, that Villegas was sane. Trial was set for July 13 before Judge Francis Allegretti.

JAP BASTIONS ON PHILIPPINES ROAD HEAVILY BLASTED

By United Press Powerful forces of Allied carrier and land-based planes apparently were engaged in a two-way aerial offensive today against enemy island strongholds guarding the approaches to the Philippines.

A strong naval task force maintained radio silence today after moving into the Marianas and battering that group's three principal islands, Saipan, Tinian, and Guam, in an assault which was within 600 miles of the big Japanese base at Truk and 1500 miles from both the Philippines and Japan proper.

Powerful Force

The force was described as "powerful" in the brief communique issued by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, but the results of such operations usually are not disclosed until the unit has returned to safe waters. The Marianas were last attacked by carrier-based planes on Feb. 21.

Meanwhile, long-range Liberator bombers made the first land-based raid on Palau island, 560 miles east of the Philippines, and only 550 miles from American-held Mokmer airdrome on Biak island, Dutch New Guinea.

The bombers caught Japanese on Palau by surprise and destroyed 22 enemy planes on the ground. The unit returned to bases without loss. Other land-based Liberators also attacked Truk in the Carolines for the fifth time this month. They met heavy opposition from 30 enemy fighters, but dropped 60 tons of bombs on Truk airfields and a seaplane base. One Liberator was lost.

Hunan Report Bad

While the Allied aerial offensive was stepped up, Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, commander of the U. S. 14th air force in China, expressed grave concern over reports that two Japanese armies advancing in Hunan province had broken into the outskirts of the main Chinese base, Changsha, and were fanning out in an attempt to split the Chinese defenses.

Military spokesmen said the offensive was one of the heaviest undertaken by the enemy since they overwhelmed Canton and Hankow in 1938, and Chennault said that a Japanese victory in the area might cut off China from her Allies and prolong the war for years.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS Minnie Bryant shamelessly offering to bribe a reporter with a box of candy. Carlos Morris meekly buying ice cream cones for an entire office staff upon being instructed to do so. Pfc. Bob Lancelot of the Camp White Grenade hammering away at a strange typewriter like he knew what it was for.

Half Million French Battle Nazis; Sabotage Widespread

London, June 12.—(U.P.)—Unprecedented uprisings were reported throughout France today in Spanish dispatches from the French frontier as German-controlled radio stations warned all patriots they would be shot and said that the big naval base of Toulon, on the southern coast had been bombed by Allied naval vessels.

BOY SCOUTS HOLD WEEK-END CAMP AT DUTCH FLAT

About 70 Boy Scouts of the Medford district, along with 10 leaders, held a Camporee at Dutch Flat in the Stirling Creek area Saturday and Sunday, demonstrating camping and Scout skills.

Patrols participating were the Indian patrol of Troop 1, Flying Eagle and Pine Tree of Troop 3, Panther of Troop 4, Eagle of Troop 5, Flaming Arrow and Pine Tree of Troop 15, Phoenix, and Wolf and Panther of Troop 35, Jacksonville.

Honor emblem awards for good camping were given to the Indian patrol of Troop 1, sponsored by the Sacred Heart parish; the Pine Tree patrol of Troop 8, sponsored by St. Mark's Episcopal church; and the Flying Eagle patrol of Troop 15, sponsored by the Presbyterian church of Phoenix.

All patrols presented skits at the Saturday night campfire, and campfire singing was led by Scout Glenn Yost of Troop 9. After the color ceremony Sunday morning, led by the Indian patrol of Troop 1, mass was said by the Rev. Thomas Hamilton at an altar built by the Catholic boys, and non-sectarian church services were conducted by the Rev. L. L. Michelmore, pastor of the Presbyterian churches in Jacksonville and Phoenix.

Special competitive events including a string-burning and flapjack-baking contest, won by the Flaming Arrow patrol of Troop 8, and a demonstration of signaling skill, won by the Flying Eagle patrol of Troop 5.

A commando game lasting two hours Sunday was won by an "army" of boys from Troops 1, 3, 9 and 35, under command of "General" Ted Huber of Troop 3, which defeated an "army" from Troops 4, 5, 8 and 15, led by "General" Dwight Zulaff of Troop 13, Phoenix.

ROOSEVELT, CONGRESS HEAD FOR NEW BATTLE

Washington, June 12.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt and congress appeared headed today toward another major battle, this time over an amendment-studied price control extension bill denounced by the administration as a menace to the fight against inflation.

Prospects that Mr. Roosevelt would veto the measure threatened to upset congressional plans to recess June 23 or 24 for the Republican and Democratic conventions. The bill has already been passed by the senate and is now before the house.

GLOBAL ROUTE IS AIRLINE APPEAL

Washington, June 12.—(U.P.)—Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., today became the first U. S. airline to seek a round-the-world route when it asked the civil aeronautics board to extend its services 20,000 miles, bringing any point in its proposed world system to within 38 hours of the United States.

TWA proposed service from Seattle, San Francisco, Chicago and Detroit, Washington, New York, and Boston to 10 foreign "key traffic producing areas in which this country has strong commercial, diplomatic and national defense interests." The U. S. cities would be linked directly with European and Asiatic capitals.

Typewriter Loan Sought For Boys in Camp Hospital

Soldier patients in the Camp White Station hospital are in need of used typewriters for writing letters back home and Otto J. Frohnmayer, chairman of Siskiyou camp and hospital council of the American Red Cross relating to day rooms and hospital sun rooms at the camp, today asked that persons having such machines lend them for this purpose.

Frohnmayer emphasized that the typewriters need not be in perfect working order, as there are men at the camp who can make minor repairs to the machines. The request for the typewriters, he said, comes from Miss Martha Fogg, assistant field director of the Red Cross stationed at Camp White.