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B-29'S POUR RUIN UPON INDUSTRIAL CITIES OF ENEMY

Daylight Raid From North China Made With Light Losses.

By Ruel S. Moore
United Press Staff Correspondent
Washington, July 29.—(U.P.)—American Superfortresses in their first daylight raid loosed tons of destruction on Japanese industrial targets at Anshan, Manchuria and Tangku, China, with good results and "extremely light" losses, the war department disclosed today.

The raid, originally announced while it was in progress early today, was the B-29's third major strike against Japan's industrial might in six weeks. The other two, carried out at night, wrought ruin on the Japanese home island of Kyushu on June 15 and July 17.

The war department in its second communique of the day on the new attack revealed that the mighty giants of the 20th bomber command, flying from bases in China, struck heavily at the great steel center of Anshan, 60 miles southwest of Mukden, and at Tangku, a major port of Japanese-occupied north China and an important outlet and storage point for enemy military supplies.

The Japanese radio had broadcast a claim that one of the Superfortresses was shot down, but all the war department said was that "our losses were extremely light."

Four B-29's were lost in the June 15 attack, which inflicted blazing damage on the Imperial Iron and Steel Works at Yawata on Kyushu. From the second raid, in which the great home naval base of Sasebo was one of the targets, all of the Superfortresses returned safely.

Tokyo Coy
The early announcement of today's raid said merely that Superfortresses had hit industrial objectives in the Mukden area of Manchuria, the vast new industrial empire which Japan has built up in the obvious belief that it was as safe from enemy action as Detroit, U. S. A.

The later communique said: "Further details are now available on the operation of Superfortresses of the 20th bomber command on Saturday, July 29. The targets, which they attacked in daylight, were industrial objectives at Anshan, Manchuria, and at Tangku, the Port of Tientsin in occupied China.

"Observed bombing results were good, against moderate enemy fighter and anti-aircraft opposition. The weather was clear with good visibility. The mission was flown from bases in China. Our losses were extremely light."

The attack was carried out against a mushrooming industrial area which predatory Japanese armies seized by conquest after the infamous "Mukden incident" of 1935 years ago. It was another in what American military leaders have promised will be a methodical chain of heavy blows at Japan's industrial war-making powers.

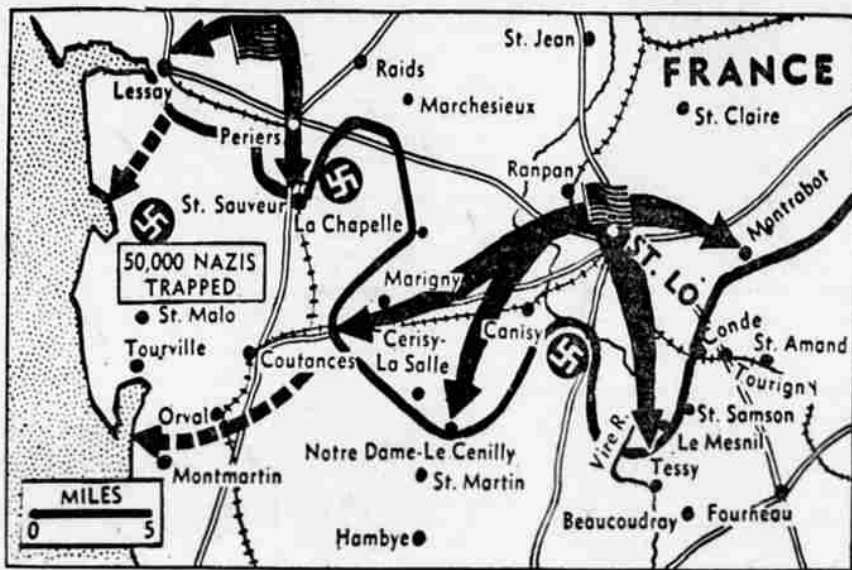
That the 20th bomber command was plotting its strikes methodically was indicated by the time lapse between blows in the series initiated June 15. In each case, the interval was exactly 22 days.

The Manchurian strike marked a new phase in China's seven-year war against Japan. It dealt devastation to an area from which flows much of the Japanese military equipment used by enemy armies in China.

Anshan is the site of the Showa Steel Works, the second largest iron and steel plant in the Japanese industrial system. A city of 200,000, it lies on the four-track railroad between Mukden and Dairen. This area is the Pittsburgh of Manchuria, comparable in productivity to Pennsylvania or Ohio.

Washington, July 29.—(U.P.)—Deputy Price Administrator James F. Brownlee told a delegation of southerners today that OPA will refuse to recommend increased price ceilings on flue-cured tobacco.

Trap Closing on Normandy Panzer Units



(Acme Telephoto)
American armored forces, hammering Germans through a chaotic general retreat, drive to within two miles of Coutances and outflank that west coast stronghold with a deep thrust to southeast extending First Army's break-through to 15 miles. Capture of Coutances would trap remnants of seven battered enemy divisions, among them, Hitler's favorite Das Reich SS Division.

SEN. CORDON WILL LAUNCH CAMPAIGN HERE ON FRIDAY

Portland, Ore., July 29.—(U.P.)—Oregon senatorial campaigns shifted into high gear today with U. S. Senator Guy Cordon's announcement that he planned to tour the state to "talk shop" with Oregonians.

Unless congress intervenes during his planned trip, he will stop at 37 towns, beginning with Medford on August 4.

Willis Mahoney, Cordon's opponent, will return to Oregon this week to set up headquarters and prepare for a trip through the state.

Republican candidate Wayne Morse doesn't plan to start heavy campaigning until September although he is now accepting speaking invitations.

His democratic opponent, Edgar W. Smith, will begin his campaign in September, too, and expects to tour the state.

MACHINISTS PLAN TO DEFY UNION

San Francisco, July 29.—(U.P.)—Eleven machinists who worked today and kept a dribble of the normal bearing production of the Federal Mogus shop rolling into war plants, will return to their lathes again Sunday in defiance of union officials, company spokesmen reported tonight.

With only 11 of the normal crew of 135 workers reporting, however, company officials said production will be critically curtailed.

If the work stoppage continues, they said, several war plants may be forced to shut down this week for lack of bearings.

PEAR PACK PRICE \$73 TO GROWER

Portland, Ore., July 29.—(U.P.)—Processor ceiling prices on the 1944 pack of canned or frozen pears will be based on an average price of \$73 per ton to growers of Oregon and Washington, the regional office of distribution of the War Food Administration announced today.

LOVE LETTER OF IL DUCE TO GAL GIVEN TO WORLD

Rome, July 29.—(U.P.)—Benito Mussolini had a lot of trouble just before he fell from his shaky dictator's chair—trouble with his mistress, who was elusive, and with his gastritis, which was ever present. He put his sorrow in a letter to his love.

Rome's political satirist weekly, Cantachiaro, today published a photostatic copy of the letter, written to the elusive woman, Claretta Petacci. The letter, in Mussolini's own handwriting, was found a year ago in Claretta's sumptuous villa in a fashionable suburb district.

The letter, written in anguish when the lady was playing hard to get:

"Clara—it is now three days. gastritis—let's call it that—is raging. I'm sick, very sick. So sick that today I rang your number hoping to find your father (prominent Rome doctor) hoping to get a sedative. A feminine voice told me he was not in and that you had left word you would return at six."

"Awaiting that hour, I tried to ease myself by rolling all the chairs from the room. From what is happening, I gather that you, though detesting me, still love me, while I not only love you, but could never detest you."

"Excuse the strangeness of my handwriting, but I have been suffering for five hours, and can't do anything but drink sweetened water. I would welcome you back and embrace you lovingly."

"Please answer me. Lovingly, Signed 'Ben.'"

It was said that Claretta met Mussolini at Ostia when she tried to break through police lines at his private beach in order to get a glimpse of Il Duce. Intrigued by her prettiness, the story goes, Mussolini invited her to call the next day.

ODDS ON DEWEY CUT TO 9 TO 5

St. Louis, July 29.—(U.P.)—James J. Carroll, nationally known betting commissioner, changed his odds on the reelection of President Roosevelt today from 1 to 3 to 2 to 5.

At the same time he cut the odds against Thomas E. Dewey from 2 1/2 to 1 to a new price of 9 to 5.

"A flood of Dewey money showed up, forcing us to cut his price," Carroll said.

CAPTURED GERMAN CAPTAIN STATES ROMMEL WOUNDED

U. S. First Army Headquarters, Normandy, July 29.—(U.P.)—A captured German captain said today that Field Marshal Edwin Rommel, field commander of the German armies in Normandy, was wounded and unconscious six hours after Allied planes strafed his motor car behind the British-German fronts recently.

The captain said Rommel jumped from his car into a ditch when the planes swooped down on him near Lisieny, on the road to Rouen.

Since Rommel was reported by other prisoners to have attended a battle conference at Percy on the American front the day before the opening of this week's American offensive, it was presumed that he had recovered.

Unconfirmed rumors circulated that a French woman had told Allied officers Rommel died of his injuries. Responsible authorities at this headquarters said they had been unable to find anyone who had talked with the "French women" and the rumor, at best, was fourth hand.

(The BBC said the rumor that a French Red Cross nurse had reported Rommel dead was one of many circulating in the American area in Normandy.)

CANNED CORN PUT ON RATION LIST

Washington, July 29.—(U.P.)—Ration point values tonight were restored to canned corn in an unexpected move designed to hold stocks on store shelves pending the arrival of the new crop. At the same time point values were removed from grape jam, tomato preserves and marmalades.

Both actions, announced by the Office of Price Administration, will become effective at midnight tonight. OPA said these changes would be the only exceptions to the general extension of July point values until Aug. 13, which was announced earlier this week.

The failure of OPA to make its customary end-of-the-month announcement of point changes was due to the current disagreement with the War Food Administration on rationing policies.

NAME SOBRERO COACH
San Francisco, July 29.—(U.P.)—Frank Sobrero, former all-American backfield star under Coach Buck Shaw at Santa Clara, has been named coach of the San Francisco Clippers in the new American Football league, it was announced today.

CAMP ADAIR LAND IS ORDERED SOLD BY ARMY DECREE

Former Owners Come First; No Word Regarding Fate of Camp White.

Portland, Ore., July 29.—(U.P.)—Forty-five thousand acres of timber and farm lands comprising the Camp Adair military reservation, near Corvallis, have been declared "surplus" by the army and will be sold, with more than 600 former owners given first opportunity for repurchase, it was announced here today.

The Reconstruction Finance corporation today was preparing to send registered letters to the former owners, notifying them of the chance to repurchase their old sites.

William Kennedy, head of the RFC here, said that the army was retaining approximately 11,000 acres, including those on which barracks and other camp buildings were located. There was no official confirmation that the entire camp would be returned to private ownership.

It is believed the Camp Adair acreage is the first large military reservation to be ordered returned to private ownership.

Kennedy said he had received no word regarding disposal of Oregon's Camp White, near Medford, and Camp Abbott, near Bend. Military personnel at Camp White has been reduced to a minimum and prisoners of war are being held there. Camp Abbott originally was an engineer replacement training center and later an army services forces training center. The army announced in June that the army service forces training center was being transferred to Fort Lewis, Wash., and no additional use for Camp Abbott has been reported.

Kennedy said that land not bought back by original owners would be surveyed and sold in family-sized tracts at fair prices based on present market value, and with deductions for destruction of fences and other damage incurred during the training of troops. The price the government paid the original owners will not necessarily be the price they will pay to get the land back, Kennedy said.

DREAD INFANTILE PARALYSIS CASES IN NATION GAIN

By United Press
There is an unseasonal number of infantile paralysis cases throughout the country with epidemics prevailing in sections of New York and North Carolina, it was disclosed Saturday night by a United Press survey.

Three western New York counties—Erie, Chemung and Steuben—have been designated as an epidemic area by State Health Commissioner Francis E. Franzak. The peak of the epidemic is expected in August, he said. There have been 18 deaths, 12 in Erie county, which reported 202 cases; three in Chemung county, with 181 cases, and three in Steuben county, with 97 cases.

Four new cases were reported in North Carolina Saturday, and 11 Friday for a total of 416 since June 1. Twenty deaths have resulted, and 48 of the state's 100 counties are affected with 11 counties have 10 or more cases each.

Other localities reported higher than usual number of infantile paralysis cases at this time of the year, but health authorities said there was no immediate danger of an epidemic.

The mid-west, generally, reported scattered cases. There were 15 cases in Iowa with one fatality.

California reported a few scattered cases but 20 persons were under treatment in Oregon where seven of the total of 34 cases have died.

RUSSIANS SHELL WARSAW; SET TO BRIDGE VISTULA

Soviet Moves To Outflank Polish Capital; Near East Prussia.

London, Sunday, July 30.—(U.P.)—Russian troops, swinging into position for a giant outflanking movement to the south of Warsaw, yesterday cleared a 60-mile stretch of the Vistula river's east bank and, as Soviet artillery began to shell the Polish capital's outskirts, Berlin reported that Red army tanks and infantry were attempting to ford the great river barrier.

As other Soviet troops raced to within 22 miles of East Prussia, the Nazi DNB agency said that Russian troops attempted to cross the Vistula in ferries at Deblin and Pulawy, 56 and 68 miles south-southeast of the capital yesterday. London observers believed that some Russian forces already may have established bridgeheads on the west bank.

Moscow reports said that Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's 1st White Russian army had reached the outer belt of defenses before the capital and that the battle for the first United Nations' capital to hear the guns of liberating armies had begun.

Moscow's operational communique tonight failed, however, to report any advances from Kolbiel, 20 miles southeast of the capital, completely ignoring any reference to fighting in that area in the customary official manner of avoiding mention of progress in the final stages of battle for a great Nazi fortress.

Russian forces, however, cleared a great 60-mile stretch of the east bank of the Vistula river between Deblin, 56 miles southeast of Warsaw, and the San river estuary above Sandomierz, and began to mass their forces for a giant crossing of the last natural defense barrier before the Reich.

Along the blazing, 1000-mile eastern front uncrushing Soviet troops swept up more than 1320 towns and settlements and approached to within 30 miles of East Prussia by the capture of Janov, 27 miles southwest of Grodno.

While the Soviet air force bombed Warsaw and Riga, Red army forces remaining west of the freed Nazi fortress of Brest Litovsk tightened the ring of encirclement around an estimated 39,000 to 45,000 German troops pinned down on the Bug river.

MARINES CAPTURE GROTE PENINSULA, VITAL GUAM AREA

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, July 29.—(U.P.)—U. S. marines of Guam captured the highly strategic Grote peninsula and its 4700-foot airfield Friday and U. S. light fleet units are patrolling important Apra harbor to prevent the escape of any of the 2,000 Japanese who were trapped on the four-mile finger of land, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced tonight.

At the same time, Nimitz disclosed that marines on Tinian island to the north hacked out new gains against stubbornly resisting Japanese to win possession of approximately two-thirds of that island and are closing in on Tinian Town.

Oroie peninsula fell to the first provisional brigade after a bitter battle to exterminate Japanese defenders who faced only death or capture on the promontory where the airport, the town of Sigay and former U. S. marine station are located.

Portland, Ore., July 29.—(U.P.)—The truck driver was unable to keep those bottles quiet when 200 cases of beer slid off his truck and onto the Broadway bridge.

War Bulletins

London, July 29.—(U.P.)—Nearly 2000 American bombers and fighters today struck powerful blows for the second time in 24 hours at the main source of Germany's dwindling fuel reserves, dumping an estimated 3000 tons of explosives on the great Leuna synthetic oil refinery at Merseburg and oil targets near Bremen.

They followed attacks by 1100 RAF heavy bombers last night on Stuttgart and Hamburg.

Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, July 29.—(U.P.)—Troops of the British 14th army today had pushed to within seven miles of Burma border in southeast Manipur and less than nine miles from the town of Tamu—the jumping-off point for the vaunted Japanese invasion of India last March.

ALLIES DUE TO SEIZE FLORENCE DURING WEEK-END

Eighth Army Is Five Miles From Historic Art Center; Poles Gain.

Rome, July 29.—(U.P.)—Eighth army units have smashed to within five miles of Florence—within sight of the historic mid-Italian art center's sun-bathed spires and domes from the west, and tonight its early capture, possibly during the week-end, seemed certain.

On the western flank, American doughboys stormed German defenses across the Arno river in northern Pisa, in what seemed an almost hopeless attempt to wrest the ancient city from the enemy before he could destroy its numerous art and historical treasures.

Meanwhile Eighth Army Polish troops, smashing ahead in the tropical weather on the right flank of the Italian line up the Adriatic coast from Ancona, crossed the Misa river and occupied the southern half of Senigallia, a fishing port.

Crack New Zealand forces advanced toward Florence against stiff Nazi counterattacks. They extended by two miles their bridgehead across the Pesa river at Cerbia, while South African units fought their way more than a mile past the Greve river, below Impruneta, five miles due south of Florence.

At Cerbia, hub of secondary roads 7 1/2 miles southwest of Florence, the New Zealanders pierced one of the main sections of the German defense line to seize a foothold in the hills overlooking the city.

M'ARTHUR RAKES ENEMY AIR BASE

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Sunday, July 30.—(U.P.)—At least 45 Japanese planes were destroyed on the ground or in air combat in the first large-scale Allied raid on Halmahera in the Moluccas Thursday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

WILLKIE MAD AT CONG. J. HAM FISH

New York, July 29.—(U.P.)—Wendell L. Willkie tonight called for the defeat of Hamilton Fish in his campaign for reelection to congress from the newly constituted 29th district of New York.

BULLETINS (Night Game)

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DOUGHBOYS POUR THRU 5 HOLES ON NORMANDY FRONT

Nazi Left Flank Buckles; Three Divisions Caught In Tank Advance.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, Sunday, July 30.—(U.P.)—Triumphant American doughboys poured through five gaping holes in the German battle lines in western Normandy today, lunging six miles beyond captured Coutances to the sea and wiping out the last survivors of three of the seven Nazi divisions caught in the path of their armored columns.

The entire Nazi left flank buckled and broke under the massive weight hurled against it, sending a torrent of Yankee infantrymen and tanks racing southward toward the port of Graville only eight miles beyond the farthest point of the advance last night.

Crack German units rushed in from the east stiffened the enemy lines momentarily at some points, particularly west of the Vire river below St. Lo, but nowhere were the battered Nazis able to halt the American juggernaut.

The German pocket north of Coutances was eliminated by an American force that, driving forward 16 miles in six hours, swept down from Tessy to join up with two other armored spearheads that had fused at Coutances and pushed on to the sea at Montmartin-sur-Mer.

United Press War Correspondent Robert C. Miller reported the destruction of the enemy pocket in a delayed dispatch from the Coutances front. There was no immediate indication of the fate of several thousand Germans known to have been trapped above Coutances by the first two American columns that reached the city.

A high military spokesman revealed, however, that three enemy divisions, almost half the force that attempted to stop the American offensive, had been destroyed.

The Germans put up their bitterest resistance in the Tessy area west of the Vire river. The German second armored division, rushed the Caen front, hurled a savage counterattack against the advancing Americans, only to be smashed back with heavy losses. For the moment, however, Tessy itself became a no-man's-land as the two tank armies sparred around its outskirts.

The counter-blow failed to halt the stampede of the main German force to the west. Enemy vehicles were jammed bumper to bumper along the highways in a disorderly retreat toward Brittany, piling up tanks and transport at broken bridges under merciless attack from low-flying allied planes.

COAST CIRCUIT FIGHTS GAMBLING

Los Angeles, July 29.—(U.P.)—The Pacific Coast league today declared war on gamblers in the league's ball parks, with President Clarence "Pants" Rowland opening the fight through letters addressed to clubs.

Rowland asked the clubs "to throw out any loud mouthed, two-bit gamblers who make life miserable for other fans, to prevent congregating in the aisles and generally to crack down on disturbing elements."

"Gambling in Pacific Coast league ball parks simply cannot be tolerated. There is no room in baseball for gamblers and it isn't fair to regular customers to be subjected to the uncouth language and the jostling of petty larceny betters," Rowland said.

Midland, Mich., July 29.—(U.P.)—E. W. Bennett, president of the Dow Magnesium Corp., announced tonight that the War Production board had ordered the 72,000,000 pound, government-owned magnesium plant at Marysville, Mich., closed.