

Nazi Army Has Lost Its Mobility, But Power Still Great, Says Correspondent

By EDWIN SHANKE

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Germany still is a great war power but her army has lost mobility, one of its greatest weapons, according to Arvid Fredborg, Swedish newspaper correspondent who returned home recently after two years in Berlin.

Fredborg, who represented the conservative Stockholm Pater Svenska Dagbladet, has written a book, "Behind the Steel Wall," in which he says there are many factors in the German military picture besides numbers of soldiers and quantities of equipment. As he tells the story, when the third reich lost superiority in the air it also lost the advantage of moving land forces without molestation. As transport and supply lines become more and more disorganized, the Wehrmacht no longer can exploit inner lines to improve military positions.

Powerful Force

The Germany army represents a powerful force, and while its spirit has grown worse, its discipline is undiminished. German officers have the men in hand, and the German war power still is intact.

On the fighting front the number of elite troops has been greatly reduced by heavy casualties, and inexperienced reservists are used to fill their ranks.

Air Force Weaker

The air force has been weakened not only in equipment but in men, as Marshall Goering has released great numbers to the army. The air force probably does not have today more than 10,000 to 12,000 first line planes. Most are fighters, as aircraft production generally has been converted to fighters.

Since 1941 there have been 20,000 training accidents. Such accidents ruin equipment, and the aircraft reserve appears to consist of only about 3,000 planes, which is too small a margin.

The German navy has not been improved except in submarines. They have shown a conspicuous lack of activity in the last few months, but the general opinion is that Germany is holding back a U-boat reserve to combat invasion.

Artillery Improved

Coast artillery has been improved gradually to meet an invasion. It is strongest along the English Channel, but heavy fortifications dot the North Sea coast.

Since the rise of nazism there has been a lot of talk in and outside of Germany that the army should try to liquidate nazism. Years passed and only weak reactions were noted on the part of the German military.

The reichswehr could have toppled Hitler for some years after 1933, but the officers did not care to oppose the single power which they considered able to carry out German rearmament.

Military Politics

Hitler knew what he did when he shot Gen. Kurt von Schleicher who was the last political general. German officers now are well known for loyalty and a sense of duty.

At one time it looked like Field Marshal Erwin Rommel might get a high military-political position. At another time it appeared that Field Marshal Fritz Erich von Manstein might play a similar role.

Many informed observers consider Von Manstein Germany's foremost soldier. Time after time his judgment saved apparently hopeless situations in Russia after Hitler's amateur military strategy backfired.

Fredborg says the generals now map the war strategy and claim that the party no longer influences war planning. The party is left with the responsibility of manning anti-aircraft defenses on the home front.

Germans Overworked

While the whole German community is overworked and suffering from nervous exhaustion, no one should underrate its strength. Nazism is not going to fall like the wall of Jericho. The reich has reserves, and cards which have not been played. Among these are new weapons, about which there is so much talk. They are not to be overrated, but it would be a mistake to believe they are just propaganda.

Only last June a German official said that defensive action would be carried through with, among other things, the help of long range artillery. During the first World War the Germans surprised the world with their 120-kilometer guns. At the end they melted the guns and the allies never got hold of them. There is nothing now to prevent them from making guns with a range of double that distance.

Rocket Guns

However, to have a decisive influence the explosive must have an effect totally different from those known today, or the projectile must have enormous weight. In the latter case, there is a possibility that the rocket system is being considered.

With a range of 240 kilometers for cannon the Germans could, from well protected battery positions on the continent, bombard great parts of London and seriously damage England. But no war decision in favor of Germany could be obtained that way. Great Britain, the United States and Russia would answer with new weapons.

Big Army

Germany's war machine still is held in high respect. At present it is comprised of about 295 divisions and a total together amounts to 11,000,000 men.

Of the total, however, only half can be considered a real army. Nobody outside military circles knows the exact disposition of German forces, but Fredborg estimates they have about 270 infantry and light divisions of 15,000 men each, making 4,050,000 men; 25 armored car and tank divisions, each of 8,000 men, making 200,000 men; heavy artillery and special troops numbering 250,000 men; a reserve of 1,000,000; an anti-aircraft force of 1,000,000; police troops, 500,000; non-combatant reservists, 500,000; air force, 900,000; navy, 250,000; coast artillery, 150,000, and 2,000,000 in an organization to do labor service, etc., making a total of 10,800,000 under direct German control.

Allies Have Strength

The Bulgarian army has 30 divisions totaling 650,000 men. The Rumanian army has 25 divisions half of which are only being organized. The Slovakian army has 100,000 men, the Croatian 100,000, Italian fascists 50,000 and volunteers from other countries amount to about 20,000.

Where the satellite nations are concerned, the Finnish and Hungarian armies, from the German view point, must be eliminated. Neither one can be persuaded to offer any contribution to the war.

LAYTON EXECUTION STAYED FOR APPEAL

DALLAS, Sept. 28 (AP)—The lethal gas chamber in the state penitentiary at Salem cast a smaller shadow today over Richard Harry Layton, convicted rapist-slayer of Ruth Hildebrand, Dallas.

The ex-Monmouth police chief, under sentence to die October 8, was assured of at least a temporary stay of execution while the state supreme court considers an appeal filed in circuit court here yesterday by his attorneys.

A polk county jury convicted the independence man of first-degree murder on August 30. A new trial was refused the defendant by Judge Arlie G. Walker, who imposed the death sentence.

The nude body of the 18-year-old Dallas girl was found in the Willamette river by a fisherman.

PLUM VALLEY FIRE STILL PATROLLED

A crew is still patrolling the Plum valley fire, which burned over almost 3000 acres northeast of here and left smoldering stumps and debris over a wide area.

Camp is established at the old Klamath Timber company logging camp at the top of the Algonia railroad incline. Several fire patrolmen from Penny springs, west of here, are camped there to guard against a new break in the Plum valley blaze.

Part of the patrolling is done on horseback.

Fuel Oil Coupons Being Mailed; Ten Gallon Value Set

New fuel oil coupons are now being sent out to consumers by mail.

The new issue consists of period coupons, which are valid now and will be valid at definite times during the year 1943 and 1944. The period five coupons, which must be used now, and until September 30, 1943, are coupons which were issued last February.

The government has designated each unit as equal to 10 gallons.

Salem Restaurant Operator Dies

SALEM, Sept. 27 (AP)—William McGilchrist, 80, retired Salem restaurant operator and resident of Salem since 1893, died in a Salem hospital yesterday after an illness of four months.

Born and educated in Scotland, he came to Portland in 1891, when he was 28 years old. After living 18 months in Portland, he came to Salem to start a prune orchard.

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except defense of their own country.

Finland is counted as having 300,000 men, while the Hungarians could produce about 40 divisions, in all 1,000,000 men.

Germany controls a huge number of men, but today has a deficit in armed forces because it must apportion them over fortress Europe.

Shortages

The problem of supplying troops underscores the shortage of oil and gasoline to keep the motors, planes and transports moving. German experts state that the country needs 22,000,000 tons of oil and gasoline yearly for offensive warfare. Economical and defensive warfare, which the Germans have been concentrating on since the end of 1942, will hardly require more than 15,000,000 to 15,500,000 tons a year.

Germany's production of synthetic gasoline in the spring of 1943 was reported by reliable sources as 6,000,000 tons a year. From Rumania, Germany got 4,500,000 tons a year before American airmen bombed the Ploesti oil fields. Oil also flowed to Germany from Austrian, Hannover, Gallzein, Hungarian, Albanian and some Russian fields, but it barely fills Germany's needs despite economical warfare.

Oil Reserves

The nazis yearly oil reserves probably do not exceed 2,000,000 tons.

Fredborg concludes that such a skimpy margin, added to shortage of transport equipment and raw materials for parts, is rapidly dulling Germany's once most powerful weapon, and now, perhaps, turning it into her biggest weakness—mobility.

THE LITTLE THINGS

SEATTLE (AP)—Maj. Gen. John Marston and his men on Guadalcanal were bombed 10 hours straight one night by the Japs without much harm, he told newsmen.

"But the mosquitoes put me in the hospital with malaria. 'They're more accurate!'"

BRAZIL: Guns and Troops in the Land of the Amazon



Rapidly becoming the best-armed defender of South American shores is the country of Brazil, where troops, tanks and guns are now as familiar as coffee, rubber and nuts. Here are typical soldiers of the Brazilian coast artillery and, at right, of their 152-mm. guns. Brazil's mechanized power is seen in the line of light tanks and the row of jeeps and trucks at the nation's Army School of Motor-Mechanization.

Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press

Unless there is a just peace, no international police force, however large, will be able to maintain post-war freedom. Benjamin K. Kiser, Spokane, Reed college regent, declared at the school's 33d annual convocation exercises.

Portland city officials were notified of the arrival in London of Mayor Earl Riley to begin a good-will speaking tour of the British Isles. The Waldport Seafood company announced it would expand its processing facilities at Newport.

S. B. Hall, Multnomah county agent, appealed to farmers bringing produce to Portland's city-sponsored open-air markets to stagger their hours so something would be left for afternoon customers.

Eastern Oregon College of Education at LaGrande set October 4 for student registration. Judge F. E. Gilkey said at Kernville that county road crews have started work on a new road to open the fertile lower Siletz valley to auto traffic along the south shoreline.

Hagan Fugate, immigrant inspector at the Port of Portland, retired after 31 years of government service.

Money talks, but have you ever noticed it giving itself away?

TRAVEL TIE-UP

GOLDFIELD, Nev. (AP)—Driver Fred Nazarene stopped his bus and ordered the passengers out—all except Mrs. Rosie Basket and another woman.

Later he called the passengers back and introduced an unexpected addition—Mrs. Basket's new baby girl.

The bus company said it would give the baby a \$100 war bond for being the first baby born on a bus in Nevada.

CALAMITY

CLEVELAND (AP)—Mrs. Catherine Huebler, 79, told police she was very much upset because a truck crashed into her house.

The impact caused the fall of a cake she was baking.

INDIAN FAMILIES PUSH FOOD PROJECT

The Klamath reservation "Food for Freedom Program," under the supervision of E. J. Floyd, agriculture extension agent, and Lillias Lund, home extension agent, is off to a good start. The number of victory gardens, both adult and 4-H club, have increased 40 per cent in number and production over that of last year.

A food canning project which started this fall is well supported by Klamath women. Sixty-six families participated in a pear canning project just completed.

Stockmen are just beginning to sell their beef, indications are that at least 10 per cent more beef will be sold this year over that sold last year.

The Klamath tribes are doing their bit in helping finance the war through the purchase of government war bonds. Purchases of such bonds to date total over \$224,000.00.

Los Angeles Bus, Train Strike Ends

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 27 (AP)—Their two-day strike ended, Pacific Electric employees today were again piloting trains and buses over the network of routes linking half a hundred communities in southern California's widespread war production area.

William P. Nutter, chairman of the local Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen's grievance committee, which represents 2500 Pacific Electric workers, said he would return to Washington today to submit their wage problems to a new mediation board.

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