

5TH BREAKS THROUGH ROME LINE

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Campaign For Eternal City On Final Lap

By NOLAND NORGAARD

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, June 3 (AP)—An American in a jeep drove down the Via Casilina and met the British eighth army east of Valmontone today while fifth army forces south of Rome captured most of the Alban hills heights and speared through the last mountain barrier to the Italian capital.

The fall of Rome appeared possible within a matter of hours, with the possibility that it would be relatively bloodless.

A special allied communique said the United Nations forces "have only taken and will only take military action against Rome insofar as the Germans use the city." The Germans in turn issued a statement that "Rome today can be regarded as a city free of armed forces."

Allied headquarters announced the allies had "broken through enemy positions south of Rome in many places."

At the same time the eighth army stabbing through the Sacco valley to the southeast captured Anagni, seven miles northwest of Ferentino, and a mile and a half above the Via Casilina, allied forces of the two main armies are driving toward a junction on the famed highway.

ADVANCE UP HIGHWAY

American troops crashed through the Nazi stronghold of Lanuvio west of Velletri today, knocking out one of the most heavily defended points in Rome's defense lines, and other U. S. forces pushed two miles up the Via Casilina from Valmontone on the right flank into the town of Labico.

In the Alban hills six miles north of Velletri, doughboy troops had seized Monte Castellaccio, only 14 miles southeast of Rome.

The newest breakthrough jeopardized the whole Nazi position between the Alban hills and the seacoast, apparently leaving the Nazis guarding the Apennine way into Rome with the alternatives either of fleeing or fighting where their retreat route might easily be cut behind them.

From the heights Americans were looking down on the last few miles to Rome's gates.

PIERCE FIGHT CONTINUES

Infantrymen who had taken the Nazis by surprise in smashes through the hills instead of following the valleys now were in position to link up with other U. S. troops toward the city along the Via Casilina.

Headquarters said fierce fighting was continuing in the Alban hills tonight, and progress is being maintained.

As the campaign for Rome entered its final lap, the allied command declared the city would be spared as a battleground unless the enemy chooses to defend it.

"The allies have only taken and will only take military action against Rome insofar as the Germans use the city, its railways and roads for their military purposes," headquarters pledged.

At the same time, headquarters cautioned that although Velletri and Valmontone, bastions of the Rome line, have been captured, "the enemy's defensive position in this sector has not yet been broken."

(An allied spearhead thrusting above Valmontone was "brought to a standstill east of Rocca di Papa and south of Panestrina," five miles north of Valmontone, the Germans said.)

THREE DIRECTIONS

United States units which took Valmontone struck out in three directions—northwest along the Via Casilina toward Rome, 20 miles away; southwest along the same road to link up with the French who are driving the Germans out of their last footholds on the south side of the Sacco river, and due north along an important secondary road toward a vital highway junction at Cassino, three miles from Valmontone.

The French, meantime, closed in quickly from the south on Colle Ferro, four and a half miles southeast of Valmontone and within pistol shot of both highway six and the river.

Farther to the southeast other French troops closed the retreat route from the area south of the Sacco river by alicing across a secondary road at Sgurcola, 14 miles from Valmontone and five and a half miles west of Ferentino, which the eighth army already had taken.

Gen. Alphonse Juin's French troops also were driving northward from the village of Montelancio, 11 miles southeast of Valmontone. Montelancio was taken the night of June 1.

IRON CLAWS CLOSE UP

Thus iron claws were closing in on whatever German units were attempting to fight a rearguard action in the 13-mile sector between Colle Ferro and Ferentino, looping south of the Sacco river.

From this bag the Nazis had four unarmored country roads extending northward, along which they could attempt to escape, but close pursuit from three sides was certain to cost them heavy casualties as well as the loss of all but their most highly mobile vehicles.

The enemy lost a thousand men in prisoners alone in the past 24 hours in repeated counterattacks, vainly attempting to halt the Americans from widening the gap in their frontal defenses and advancing in the strongly-held Lanuvio area.

This brought the total prisoners taken by the fifth army alone in the current offensive to more than 14,000.

The fifth and eighth armies together have taken over 20,000 prisoners.

Daughter of Navy Doctor Kidnaped, Freed At Seattle

SEATTLE, June 3 (AP)—Ten detectives sought clues to the identity of the man who early today abducted 5-year-old Florence (Sisie) Marks, naval doctor's daughter, from her bed and abandoned her, huddled in a blanket, on a doorstep 14 blocks from home.

A 16-foot ladder from the household garage was found leaning at the second floor window of her bedroom, but detectives said the child was unable to remember whether she was carried down a ladder or down the stairway.

She also was quoted as saying she only remembered "being outside" and then getting into an automobile in which she was taken a short distance "to a kind of park that wasn't really a park, by a big house."

Near Cemetery

The Marks residence is near a cemetery in the Volunteer park neighborhood on Capitol hill.

Dr. Robert F. Ballard, interne, who examined her at King County Harborview hospital, said Florence had been molested but not seriously harmed, as had been feared by Police Capt. William Feek who first took charge of the case.

She was released to her parents and later today was taken to the Naval hospital for observation.

Arthur L. Chaffee, assistant chief of police, said he believed the abductor was a degenerate alley prowler who became frightened and abandoned the child.

The federal bureau of investigation was notified by Captain Feek but declined to enter the case.

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ALLIES SLASH BACK AT ADVANCING JAPS

By DEAN SCHEDLER

Associated Press War Editor

Allied forces in the Asiatic theater of war are slashing hard at Japanese forces registering gains in Burma and India while American troops on Blak Island in the Southwest Pacific were getting poised for new thrusts at the enemy.

Americans and Chinese attacking from three sides are making gains within and outside the North Burma Japanese base at Myitkyina. Driving from the north west one column gained nearly a mile in face of stiff opposition while in the southern part of the town itself, allied troops inched forward 400 yards.

The allied communique said British Chindit troops killed 700 (Continued on Page Two)

Shuttle Bombing Plan Bears Fruit

EASTERN COMMAND, U. S. AIR FORCE, SOMEWHERE IN RUSSIA, June 3 (AP)—Strong formations of American Flying Fortresses and Mustang fighters escorts have landed at secretly prepared American bases in Russia after bombing Romanian targets, accomplishing west-east bombings of Hitler's fortress for the first time and establishing joint offensive operations with the red air force.

The historic operation, completed yesterday, was disclosed as the fruition of a long-range American-Russian-British air plan through which the three powers, in intimate collaboration, brought the most far-flung portions of the Nazi domain under precision bombing.

(All indications were that the shuttle bombing was launched from bases in Italy. The Mediterranean air command announced without details that its planes participated, but a detailed story of the attack, written by Associated Press Correspondent Joseph Morton at Bari, Italy, was held up by the censors.)

That must mean that we have come to an agreement with them as to who will be boss in eastern Europe after the war.

It seems that our warships and our planes couldn't entirely knock out the Jap positions on the ridge dominating the route we must follow to get at the airports on Blak Island, off the New Guinea coast.

A New Guinea dispatch says:

"Mop-up squads of cliff-scaling tanks are ferreting Jap snipers from limestone caves and hunting down Jap machine gun nests in the week-old invasion of Blak Island, stalemated since Monday, moved back into high gear."

We think of this as a WAR OF MACHINES. Machines ARE important. But in the pinches it's still the foot soldier with his rifle and his pocketful of hand grenades who takes the last and finally important trick.

KEEP these cliff-scaling Yanks, walking into the jaws of death to finish off the suicide Japs in their holes, in mind the next time you're tempted to think you're being DISCRIMINATED against here on the home front.

The DISCRIMINATION is between us safe and comfortable and easy-living home-fronters and these boys who are walking into the mouth of hell to win the war for us.

IN the political front news here at home, we read of the last STOP-DEWEY movement that is alleged to be under way among other candidates for the republican nomination for President.

Don't scoff. Don't sneer. That's the AMERICAN way of choosing candidates for office. Just be thankful that some vestiges of it are still left.

On the other side of the fence, on such movement is discernible. The New Dealers are taking orders and saying: "Yes, mister."

Bounding Home Wins Belmont

NEW YORK, June 3 (AP)—Bounding Home, an outsider, today defeated Pensive, Kentucky derby and Prepack winner, by a half length in the \$50,000 added Belmont stakes.

Taking the lead a quarter of a mile from home, Bounding Home, owned by William Ziegler Jr. outgamed Warren Wright's favorite and covered the mile and one-half in 2:32 1-5. Mrs. Donald H. Peters' Bull Dandy, another outsider in the field of six three-year-olds, was eight lengths back in third place as George D. Widener's highly regarded combination of Who Goes There and Platter wound up fourth and fifth respectively.

Indiana Republicans Touch Off 'Stop-Dewey' Movement

By The Associated Press

A last-ditch stop-Dewey movement apparently had taken on new life in the republican party today (Saturday) as a result of the action of Indiana's GOP convention in shouting down yesterday a proposal to pledge the states 29 votes to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for the presidential nomination.

Opponents acclaimed the Indiana setback as the beginning of a shift they believe may prevent a first ballot nomination. With 64 votes previously pledged and claimed for their candidate,

backers of Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, hailed the Indiana results as a sweeping victory.

Dewey supporters came out of the convention with a minimum of two delegates to boost this pledged and claimed total to 390. In addition, they claimed the support of six others.

But the contention of the Bricker faction, and that of other Dewey opponents, is that there are enough opposition votes among the 478 delegates thus far chosen who are unpledged and unclaimed, to tip up the nomination.

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Liberty Ship Aground

The Liberty ship Henry Bergh, inbound with more than 1000 passengers from Pacific war zones, ran aground on the Farallon islands, 30 miles off San Francisco in a heavy fog. The navy later announced the craft was breaking up and there were no casualties. Here rescue boats are at work. (AP wirephoto from navy).

HEALTH BUILDING SPOTTED IN BUDGET

Another \$50,000 for the construction and establishment of a new Klamath county health unit and detention home is included in the new proposed county budget just prepared by the budget committee for the fiscal year of July 1, 1944, to June 30, 1945.

The large item was made a part of the estimated budget for the health department as a result of several earlier conferences of federal, state and county health authorities at which it was decided that there is a definite need in Klamath county for a new health center and treatment hospital for the venereally infected.

Backlog

Another \$50,000 has been set aside in the proposed budget as a backlog to be used for the purchase of new county equipment, etc., after the war.

The new budget shows a slight increase in the salaries of most of the county employees, the increase being about \$5 a month on an average.

Estimates for equipment and supplies run about the same this fiscal year as last. Biggest equipment item is the allowance of (Continued on Page Two)

Invasion Flash Just Error

NEW YORK, June 3 (AP)—A mistake by an inexperienced London telegraph operator caused the Associated Press to move on its wires today an erroneous flash announcing that General Eisenhower's headquarters had announced allied landings in France.

At 4:39 p. m., EWT, the AP's London printer delivered this urgent message, which moved immediately on all wires: "Flash Eisenhower's headquarters announced allied landings in France."

Less than two minutes later came a message to "bust that flash" and word went out at once to withhold publication.

At 4:44 p. m., after a further London message ordering the flash killed a "kill" was sent.

For nearly an hour the AP in New York was without any explanation from London other than a service message ascribing it to "a transmission error." Then came word that the flash was sent in error by a new operator who was practicing without authorization.

Baseball Scores 1,000,000 Get Tax Refunds

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—The internal revenue bureau reported today it has made more than 1,000,000 refunds since March 15 on 1943 individual income tax returns, but cautioned approximately 17,000,000 persons still entitled to refunds that it will take several months to get all checks into the mails.

Each refund check, the bureau said, will be mailed as soon as possible by the regional disbursing office of the treasury in the taxpayer's own district.

The task of processing refund claims is being handled by a central unit in New York. Approved claims then are sent to the various collection districts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati R H E
Boston 7 7 2
Batteries—Walters, Ferguson (7), Javery (9) and Mueller, Hutchinson and Hoffert.

St. Louis R H E
Philadelphia 5 9 0
Batteries—Wilks, Jurisich (6) and W. Cooper; Gerheuser and Finley.

Chicago R H E
Brooklyn 4 8 1
Batteries—Wyse, Alderson (8) and Holm, Kreitner (8); Melton and Owen.

Pittsburgh 7 13 0
New York 6 10 1
Butcher, Starr (7) Rescigno (9) and Lopez; Feldman, Adams (8) and G. Mancuso.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia R H E
St. Louis 8 17 3
Flores, Hamlin (4) and Hayes, Mills (4); Potter, Hollingsworth (5) Scheibe (6) and Mancuso.

New York R H E
Cleveland 4 15 1
Cincinnati 5 16 0
(13 innings).

Bonham, Johnson (10) Turner (10), Zuber (10) and Garbark; Smith, Heving (9), Kleine (10) and Rosar.

Washington R H E
Chicago 3 8 0
Cleveland 5 13 2
Wynn and Ferrell; Dietrich, Maltzberger (7) and Tresh.

Boston R H E
Detroit 1 11 2
Hughson and Wagner; Orrell, Mooty (3), Gillespie (6), Hogsett (9) and Richards.

French Coast Smacked Again

LONDON, June 3 (AP)—U. S. heavy bombers struck twice at Nazi coastal fortifications in the Pas-De-Calais and Boulogne areas of France today, carrying the non-stop aerial assault of Europe now under intensified pressure after the shuttle raid to Russian bases.

Flying two missions from Britain for the second day, a force of 250 Flying Fortresses and Liberators with a equally strong escort hit coastal emplacements in the morning, and similar fleets roared back in the afternoon to the same area.

These west wall fortifications were hit Friday in their heaviest daylight pounding of the war, and 500 RAF bombers attacked the west wall defenses and crumbling German rail facilities last night.

Russians Turn Back Germans

LONDON, June 3 (AP)—German attacks north of Iasi in Romania continued through the fifth day tonight, but all were repulsed, Moscow announced tonight.

The broadcast soviet communique said that 48 enemy tanks and 24 planes were destroyed during the battle.

4 Persons Die in Farm Shooting

LOUISBURG, Kas., June 3 (AP)—Four persons were shot and killed today on a farm two miles southeast of Louisburg, Kas., Marshal Tom Higgins reported.

The dead were Ellis D. Faulkner, 61; his wife, Mrs. Fannie Faulkner, 54; their daughter, Mrs. Georgia Kettler, 26, and the latter's husband, Max Kettler, 34.

Higgins said evidence indicated that Kettler had shot his wife and her parents, then shot himself fatally.

WEATHER

June 3, 1944

Max. (June 2) .. 52. Min. 35.

Precipitation last 24 hours .. 1.0

Stream year to date .. 8.45

Normal .. 11.13. Last year .. 17.02

Forecast: Overcast.



Where Yanks Fight to Close Trap On Germans In Italy

Hard-fighting Americans have taken Valmontone and closed the Via Casilina (highway route 6) today, compelling Kesselring, the German commander, to get the remainder of his forces out of the mountain-ringed Sacco valley by the narrower and rougher route running to the north and coming out through Palestrina. Americans are driving hard today to reach Palestrina and thus close a trap on the retreating Germans. (This map was drawn before the Americans took Valmontone).