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Bitter Street Battles Rage In Two Towns

By WES GALLAGHER

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 14 (AP)—The Germans have hurled four armored divisions into fierce defense of their eastern Normandy bastion of Caen—threatened with encirclement—a bitter street fighting is raging for Montebourg and Troarn at opposite ends of the 100-mile front, headquarters announced today.

The allies both won and lost ground in different sectors but still held the initiative.

Berlin declared "heavy and super heavy allied naval guns shelled Le Havre" 20 miles northeast of the eastern edge of the Normandy beachhead, today. There was no allied confirmation.

BOMBER RAID BLASTS NAZI OIL LIFELINE

Greatest Armada In History Hits At Refineries

By GLADWIN HILL

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 14 (AP)—Fifteen hundred U. S. heavy bombers—the greatest single striking force in air history—attacked France and Germany today in concert with up to 750 American heavies which struck Hungary and Yugoslavia from Italy.

The oil lifelines for Hitler's thirsty war machine were hit hard, part of the big task force from Britain hitting the oil refinery at Emmerich, Germany, while the Mediterranean force attacked half a dozen oil refineries in Hungary and Yugoslavia—including the Shell Koolz, five miles south of Budapest, the largest in Hungary.

Other British bombers smashed forward in a push beyond Carentan aimed at choking off the top of Cherbourg peninsula. Both the Germans and allies have fought into and been thrown out of Montebourg and Troarn in the last 24 hours, supreme headquarters said. Big guns of the British battleships Rodney and Ramillies aided the British struggle to hold Troarn, first taken in a push outflanking Caen from the east.

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Targets Hit

The American force aggregating upwards of 1500 bombers and fighters, attacked among other targets the Le Bourge and Creil air fields at Paris, Etampes-Mondeir and Chateauroux.

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AP Story Names Klamath Men in Solomon Action

Three former Klamath men are named in a story by Fred Hampson of the Associated Press which tells of Oregonians who performed conspicuously in the long air battle over the northern Solomons.

The fight lasted almost a year and has been described as one of the great air victories of the Pacific.

Among the men who participated was Roy H. Skeens of Klamath Falls, pilot of a troop carrier squadron plane, who was promoted to first lieutenant. He had almost 400 flight hours to his credit in the combat zone.

Corporal Delbert G. Prusit of Klamath Falls was awarded a bronze battle star.

Lieut. Daniel C. Mahoney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Mahoney of Astoria and former resident of Klamath Falls, participated in more than 25 missions as a B-25 pilot.

French Officers' Invasion Orders Cancelled, Report

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—In the final hours before the start of the invasion of France, General Charles de Gaulle is reported here to have suddenly cancelled the orders of several hundred French officers scheduled to land with the first waves of allied troops.

Reports from Headquarters D. Eisenhower's headquarters here disclosed today that as a result, cooperation between the French population and allied armies has been impaired in the occupied Normandy areas.

This is true, according to officials who are investigating the situation now, even though De Gaulle finally relented to the extent of allowing 20 French officers to go along with the forces assigned to liberate their homeland.

De Gaulle's action with respect to the officers is said to be probably the most important new factor entering into the background of a proposed meeting between President Roosevelt and the leader of the French national committee here either late this month or early in July.

The attitude of the French chief and, as a result, of the officers and his command, also is given as the reason why President Roosevelt dealt at length in his press conference yesterday on arrangements which had been made for French invasion currency.

Liaison Suggested

According to the reports reaching here on De Gaulle's handling of the French liaison officers, the situation developed as follows:

Many months ago when plans were forming for the opening of a second front, officials of the French national committee suggested that military officers representing the committee should serve as liaison between the invading forces and the French population.

Allied authorities agreed and the combined chiefs of staff, set-

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Crash Kills Three

Fifth Army Takes Highway Junction Beyond Orbetello

ALL-TIME HIGH HIT IN SPUD SHIPPING

An all-time high of 10,377 carloads of potatoes left the Klamath basin for markets in the 1943-44 shipping season, it was announced today by State-Federal Inspector Ross Aubrey.

Reconnaissance elements pushed still further north.

"In the coastal sector our troops, having encountered increased resistance south of Orbetello, developed their strength in the mountains and late June 12 cut the road junction of highway No. 1 and 74. Reconnaissance elements are moving farther north," said a headquarters communique.

(This movement presumably blocked the retreat route of the Germans defending Orbetello.)

To the east the eighth army advanced 80 miles north of Rome.

The highest previous year for potato shipments from this basin was 1940-41, when the total was 9835. Production for that year was probably actually higher than in 1943-44, because 608 carloads of the 1940-41 crop were diverted for livestock feed when the markets went bad.

A review of the 1943-44 year shows that December was the biggest shipping month. Here are the carload shipments per month:

August	28
September	880
October	1254
November	1758
December	1916
January	1318
February	1141
March	1127
April	855
May	77
June	3

Values were estimated as follows by County Agent C. A. Henderson:

Potatoes shipped	\$8,583,500
Seed potatoes	600,000
Potatoes consumed here	120,000
Livestock feed	25,000
	\$9,328,500

(For further discussion of potato season, see editorial page.)

Car Goes Into Canal After Wild Lincoln Street Plunge

A wild car, its driver hanging desperately onto the steering wheel from a position on the running board, raced down the steep Lincoln street hill this morning, crashed through a steel fence and plunged into the main reclamation canal.

Wesley Guderian, Herald and News news editor, was the driver who rode the machine on its wild plunge, abandoning it just before it went into the canal near Tenth and Lincoln streets. Guderian was badly cut and bruised when he left the running board after steering the otherwise uncontrolled car for four blocks and through the state highway intersection at Ninth and Lincoln streets.

It all started when Guderian started to work this morning in the car, which had been loaned to him by the Balsiger Motor company while his own car was under repairs. Guderian lives at 617 Lincoln street, and the car was in a garage opening on that steep street.

Guderian found the battery down in the car, and decided to push it out of the garage and then get in, with the benefit of a run down the hill, get the motor started. The driver's window was rolled down and he guided the car as it rolled backwards out of the garage onto Lincoln street. To prevent it from going over the curb on the opposite side of the street, Guderian turned the rear end up.

The car immediately began to slide.

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The Russian are booming on into Finland, and Stalin, described in the dispatches as UBILANT, says of the allied invasion of France: "The history of war does not know of any such undertaking so broad in conception, so grandiose in scale and so masterly in execution."

WE bluff the Swedes into cutting SHARPLY their ball bearing exports to Germany. We buy the ball bearings that would have gone to the Germans. We're going after Spain, telling her to cut her German exports or else.

THE tone of the news, you see, carries the same old note of the marines have landed and the situation is well in hand. Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high. Nothing to worry about.

Maybe in the background a little suggestion of "It's all over but the FIGHTING."

Is it any wonder that the New York stock exchange zooms into a two-day PEACE BOOM, that workers quit their jobs in the war industries and head back home to get their old jobs back before the war ends, etc.?

THE fault is partly with the official communiques, which are unbrokeably cheerful, stressing our successes and smoothing over our setbacks, and partly with the newspaper headline writers, who have learned that an optimistic heading makes people feel good whereas a realistic one gives them the blues, and with the radio commentators who have learned the same thing about the tones of the human voice.

By every LONG-RANGE standard, we ARE winning the war. (But Meade was winning the war at Gettysburg, and yet took two and a half years of hard and bloody fighting thereafter to reach Appomattox.)

You'll be on sound ground if you feel optimistic over the LONG-RANGE prospects but (Continued on Page Six)

NAVY BOMBER CRACKS UP IN CALIFORNIA

Air Station Men Die In Disaster Near Montague

Three airmen from the Klamath naval air station were killed when their torpedo bomber crashed a mile southeast of Montague, Calif., at dusk Tuesday evening.

The dead:

Ensign James E. Klemgard, son of Lieut. E. N. Klemgard, petroleum inspector on duty in the office of inspector of naval material of the 13th naval district, Seattle, home 6516 2nd Ave., N. W. Seattle.

James F. Bagwell Jr., aviation ordnance man 3/c, mother Mrs. Lena B. Bagwell, Rt. 1, Axtell, Tex.

Clyde Worley Jr., aviation radioman 3/c, mother Mrs. Luverne Worley, Morehouse, Mo.

Ensign Klemgard was pilot of the plane, Bagwell was gunner and Worley radio operator.

The plane, on a tactical training mission from the Klamath station, was flying in formation with another plane. Pilot of the other plane saw the plane suddenly go down, and residents of the district also reported the crash.

The single-motored bomber burst into flames upon striking the ground.

It was believed that a mechanical failure of some nature was responsible for the accident, which brought to six the total of training fatalities in operations from the local station.

Bodies of the airmen were brought to Ward's funeral home here.

Gains Made

Gains also were made both east and west of Lake Bolsena and allied troops were closing in on Narni, seven and a half miles below Terni and 43 miles due north of Rome.

The town of Latera, four miles northeast of Valentano, was gathered in by fifth army units and the advance moved on toward Gradioli, less than two miles farther northeast.

Other fifth army forces were closing in on Bolsena, on the eastern shore of the lake.

Eighth Continues

Meanwhile the eighth army continued to march up the Tiber valley on a broad front and armored units penetrated several miles north of Magliano.

Two thousand shells screamed down on the forward troops two days ago, the Germans apparently having determined to fire every possible shell from their dumps as they fall back.

The Mediterranean air force, besides providing support for (Continued on Page Six)

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Ella Mae Smith Queen Candidate

Ella Mae Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer K. Smith of Chiloquin is the newest entrant in the race for queen of the Fourth of July Buckaroo Days here. Her entry brings the number of contestants to eight.

Ella Mae is a senior at Chiloquin high school and is a member of the Klamath Falls police reserve. Miss Smith, who is a blonde, owns two horses. She has been riding since she was two or three years old.

Idaho Precinct Forgets Election

CASCADE, Idaho, June 14 (AP)—It was primary election day in Idaho yesterday but one valley precinct didn't vote.

When newsmen called for a report from one of the county's 11 precincts, they were informed, "We forgot to hold the election."

Missouri Floods Iowa Farms, Town

OMAHA, June 14 (AP)—The flood-bent Missouri river, which has broken through eight levees to flood southwestern Iowa farmlands and threaten southeastern Nebraska, today inundated the south end of Hamburg, Ia., flooding scores of homes.

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Invasion Bound



Assault troops help NEA-Acme War Pool Photographer Bert Brandt, (left) aboard a troopship bound for the invasion of France. Brandt was the first war pool photographer to get action pictures of the allied landings on the Normandy coast back to London for radio-telephone transmission. He wouldn't trust his precious negatives to anyone else, and hitch-hiked back to England on invasion craft of all types. Once his photos were delivered, he returned to the invasion beachhead to continue coverage of the historic battles.

Russian Tanks Roll Along Viipuri Highway; Red Army Strikes at Finn Defenses

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, June 14 (AP)—Russian tanks loaded outside with tommygunners rolled up the Viipuri highway today within 30 miles of that important port, and front dispatches said the red army was striking at the main body of Finnish reserves.

Pravda reported a large battle near Mustamiaki on the main Viipuri railroad northwest of Leningrad. The battle terrain of the Karelian isthmus is strewn liberally with swamps, rocks, cliffs, ravines and forests which made swift movements of Russian tanks and heavy artillery difficult.

Darting Russian groups trained in forest warfare were reported in Red Star to be dealing with Finnish ambushes in sweeping flanking movements.

The capture of Siraamiaki at a critical crossroads gave the Russians a good grasp on communications lines in the wooded area where the advance is most difficult.

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Here are four of the nine candidates for queen of the Klamath Buckaroo Days. Shown from left to right are Fannie Adams, Martha Givan, Sherley Flescher and Phyllis Staples. The other five entrants will be pictured later this week. The queen's riding contest, which will count 65 per cent in selection of the winner, to be held this Sunday, June 18, at the fairgrounds.