

# B-29'S BOMB JAPAN

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### Weather News

June 15, 1944  
Max. (June 14) 57 Min. 41  
Precipitation last 24 hours .02  
Stream year to date 8.87  
Normal 11.44 Last year 17.14  
Forecast: Cloudy.

## Army Quiet Over Target Of Big Ships

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—The army threw a new fighting giant into the war in the Pacific today, turning loose the new B-29 Super-Fortress in an air attack on the Japanese homeland.

A terse war department communique said: "B-29 Super-Fortresses of the United States army air forces 20th bomber command bombed Japan today."

It was the first fighting assignment for the sky mammoth, and the announcement also served to disclose for the first time the existence of the 20th air force (of which the 20th bomber command is a part), a world-roaming unit under the personal direction of Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air forces.

The war department withheld details on the new bombing of Japan proper—first such attack on the mainland since the Doolittle raid of April 18, 1942.

There was no immediate hint of what part of Nippon had been hit, nor from where the B-29's went into action.

However, the war department subsequently disclosed that

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP) Rep. Starnes (D-Ala.), told the house late today that Tokyo proper was a target for the Super-Fortress raid on Japan.

The Alabama member said he was advised from a good source that "great destruction" was being caused in Tokyo by a large number of American planes.

He did not disclose the source of his information but told newspapermen the information was reliable.

planes taking part in today's raid came from the India-China-Burma theater.

Heavily Armored The B-29, it was disclosed for the first time, is a heavily armored ship whose bomb load, range and ceiling exceed that of any other plane. It is powered by four engines of 2200 horsepower each, each carrying two superchargers. Its wingspan is 141.2 feet, as compared with B-17's (Flying Fortress) span of 104 feet.

But Arnold said in connection with the announcement: "This employment of the B-29 makes possible the starting up of attack on Japan very much earlier than would be possible with aircraft hitherto known to combat."

Arnold asserted: "The Super-Fortress is not going to win the war by itself, nor has anyone thought it will do so. It will, however, like its predecessors, the B-17 and B-24, strike at the sources of enemy production."

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Accident Kills Lumber Worker Frank John Grimm, 74, was killed Wednesday afternoon when he was run over by a lumber carrier in the yards of the Big Lakes Box company.

According to company officials, Grimm, box factory yard foreman, stepped directly in front of the carrier and was killed when the carrier ran over him.

The man lived at 317 North Tenth street and is survived by his wife, three sons, three daughters, two brothers and two sisters.

Reds Bear Down on Finns; Inflict Heavy Casualties LONDON, June 15 (AP)—The red army smashed another wedge today through Finland's heavily fortified second defense lines on the Karelian isthmus between Mustomaki and Kutose, the soviet communique announced tonight.

Seventeen enemy strong points were captured as the Russian troops widened their breach in the Finnish defenses to 47 miles at the end of a week's offensive, Moscow said.

LONDON, June 15 (AP)—Russian troops, bearing down with tanks, artillery and air support, are inflicting heavy casualties on the Finns on the Karelian front and have advanced to within 25 miles of the seaport of Viipuri, Moscow declared today.

With their capital city of Helsinki, 150 miles northwest of Viipuri, endangered by the soviet offensive, the Finns have thrown strong reinforcements into a

fierce struggle with the red army in the area of Kuterselka and Jarvi, a broadcast communique from Moscow said.

Russian troops have penetrated the Finnish lines at Kuterselka, the Finns acknowledged today on a communique broadcast from Berlin. The bulletin also said Viipuri was attacked last night by 150 soviet planes.

The new reserves occupied defensive positions between the lakes and marshy ground. This made tank operations extremely difficult, but soviet troops managed to capture several Finnish support points despite stout opposition, the communique said.

Evidence of the ferocity of the fighting was contained in the Russian announcement, which said one unit of the red army had in three days wiped out 3000 of the enemy, destroyed 30 guns, 25 mortars and 80 machineguns, and captured 70 other guns. (Continued on Page Six)

## ASSAULT TROOPS LAND ON BASES IN MARIANAS

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 15 (AP)—Assault troops landed Wednesday morning on Saipan, Japanese air and naval base in the Marianas, and troop landings "are being continued against strong opposition," Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced in a communique today.

Initial landings assaults started after intensive preparatory bombing and bombardment of Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Pagan and Rota islands by Pacific fleet aircraft carriers, battleships, cruisers and destroyers.

Bombings Begin The preparatory attack started with carrier bombings Saturday and continued through four days before the landings began.

The fleet carriers and warships

are supporting the landing forces with heavy air attacks and naval gun shelling.

"The initial reports," Nimitz said, "indicate our casualties are moderate."

The assault to seize Saipan makes a long leapfrogging vault from the Marshalls over Truk, the once potent enemy stronghold in the Carolines. Saipan is 675 statute miles west of Truk and 1150 miles west of Eniwetok, westernmost Marshall base taken from the Japanese last February. It is about 1500 miles from Tokyo.

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war's outbreak, also would be closely flanked. Guam lies 118 miles south of Saipan.

Tokyo radio reported hours earlier that American amphibious troops were landing on Saipan in the face of "accurate Japanese fire." Tokyo said the first attempt to land on Saipan was "thrown into wild confusion." Later, it added, Americans reached shore on both islands.

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### Train-Truck Crash Fatal



This head-on photograph shows the smashed truck in which Francis W. West, 47, was killed in a train-truck crash near the airport yesterday. The truck had not yet been removed from the front of the Great Northern freight locomotive when the picture was taken.

## Truck-Train Crash Kills Navy Air Station Worker

A truck-train crash at the Summers lane crossing of the Great Northern late yesterday took the life of Francis William West, 47, driver and lone occupant of the truck.

West drove the empty materials truck on the crossing in front of a 53-car, inbound Great Northern freight train.

The heavy train caught the truck amidships and dragged it for 430 yards, chewing it into smoking wreckage.

West fell out of the truck and between the rails at about 250 yards, and his body was badly mangled. He died instantly.

The train came to a stop with the truck enmeshed in the cow-catcher of the locomotive. The impact broke a steam line on the engine, and it was necessary to bring up another locomotive to yank the truck loose and move the train.

West was employed by Baker and Graves, subcontractors on the navy air station construction project. He was returning to the Baker materials plant north of town when the accident occurred.

It was at first feared West may have picked up a sailor from the air station just before the crash, but this report was later found to be untrue.

West was single and lived at 2417 Eberlein street. The truck belonged to Leslie Bennett, 920 Martin street, according to state police, who, with the sheriff's office and Dr. George H. Adler coroner, investigated the accident.

Engineer on the G. N. train was Edward William Swartz and fireman was John Emmett Hill.

Nine Entrants In Queen Race The ever-lengthening list of candidates for queen of the rodeo celebration here on July 2, 3 and 4, now has nine entrants. Latest contestant is Jean Parker of Hildebrand who registered with the rodeo association Wednesday.

Jean is 18 years old and has been riding ever since she can remember. She graduated from Bonanza high school this spring. Besides riding a horse, Miss Parker likes drawing. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parker.

Jean has brown hair and blue eyes and is 5 feet 7 inches tall.

Baseball Scores AMERICAN Philadelphia 1 6 1 Boston 5 6 0 Harris and Hayes; Hughson and Conroy.

NATIONAL Pittsburgh 1 4 1 Cincinnati 0 8 0 Butcher and Camelli; Delacruz and Muller.

STOCKHOLM, June 15 (AP)—The Swedish Red Cross ship Fenja sank between Calino and the Turkish mainland "probably as result of striking a mine," the Swedish office was advised today. The ship was carrying relief supplies for the Greek population in the Aegean islands.

LONDON, June 15 (AP)—The Berlin radio said today that allied troops had reached Pretot, nine miles west of Carentan.

BERN, Switzerland, June 15 (AP)—Gestapo Maj. Gen. Werner was reported today to have been captured by French partisans, tried and executed after his refusal to sign an order releasing imprisoned patriots.

The Gazette de Lausanne said Werner was captured several weeks ago and that a group of his followers was killed in the skirmish.

STOCKHOLM, June 15 (AP)—The German-controlled Scandinavian telegraph bureau reported from Zurich, Switzerland, today that the Germans have blown up harbor facilities at Cherbourg.

## Allies Break Resistance To Make Advance in Italy

By EDWARD KENNEDY ROME, June 15 (AP)—Allied troops, breaking the stiffening German resistance of the last three days, have made a general advance all along their line in Italy taking Orvieto, Aquila and Narni and pushing onward, allied headquarters announced today.

Orvieto is 57 miles northwest of Rome; Narni, 41 miles north, and Aquila, 54 miles northeast. Along the west coast the fifth army has advanced 79 miles beyond Rome.

As one eighth army column entered Orvieto, an important road junction northeast of Lake Bolsena, another reached the outskirts of Terni, but was delayed by a blown bridge and a German counterattack in the vicinity of the city.

Fifth army troops along the west coast met determined enemy resistance at Magliano, 11 miles northeast of Orbetello, but swept resistance at Magliano, 11 miles northeast of Orbetello, but swept it aside and entered the town.

The fall of Orbetello itself, a west coast town 71 miles beyond Rome and the center of German resistance to the fifth army's offensive, was reported last night.

In the Lake Bolsena area

French troops continued to advance and the Americans reached Pitigliano, 11 miles west of the northern end of the lake, and sent reconnaissance elements farther.

Allied troops in the Adriatic sector are across the Saline river.

Despite the arrival of fresh German divisions in Italy, allied armies still are encountering only formations made up of remnants of the 14th German army. Apparently these are being used for the present delaying action and the new divisions are being saved for a stand on a line farther north.

Allied heavy bombers attacked oil refineries in the Budapest area and northern Yugoslavia while medium bombers attacked rail targets on the Italian east coast and south of Florence.

Fifteen German planes were destroyed in all operations and 18 allied aircraft were missing.

American Army Casualties Grow WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—American army casualties in Italy increased by 4472 during six days of heavy fighting in the Alban hills and in smashing the German lines south of Rome.

In the period since allied landings in Italy last September through June 5, casualties have accumulated as follows: 11,103 killed, an increase of 1139 in the six-day period between May 30 and June 5; 42,480 wounded, an increase of 3935; 8409 missing, a decrease of 802.

Senate Receives Army Money Bill WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—Unanimous house passage sent to the senate today a \$49,109,002,795 army appropriation bill for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Conveying the "hope" of military leaders that Germany will be knocked out of the war by next January 1, Representative Snyder (D-Pa.) urged the house today to approve the bill unanimously.

De Gaulle Claims French Support By ALEX H. SINGLETON LONDON, June 15 (AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle, back in Britain after a triumphal reception on French soil, today laid before British and American political and military councils a claim of enthusiastic support from newly-liberated Frenchmen to back his demand for recognition of the French committee of national liberation as the voice of France.

De Gaulle was said to be planning tentatively to return briefly to Algiers to report to the French consultative assembly on the result of his discussions with the British and with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, before proceeding to America to see President Roosevelt.

Nazi Submarine Shells Trawler BOSTON, June 15 (AP)—A German submarine invaded the North Atlantic fishing grounds last week, shelled and machine-gunned a Boston trawler and forced all but two of her crew to abandon ship.

The submersible finally left, her skipper apparently thinking the trawler would sink. Then the crew put the vessel in shape and brought her into port early today, her hull and superstructure looking almost like a sieve.

Elks Public Flag Day Exercises —TONIGHT—

7:15—Military parade, Main street. Army, navy, marines—Legion Drum corps.

7:30—Exercises, Elks temple steps. Music. Advance of the colors. Display of Old Fort Klamath flag. Introductory exercises. Prayer.

History of the Flag—Pageant, with assistance of Women's Ambulance corps. Addresses by Colonel B. Dubel, Commander R. R. Darron, Lt. Col. Verne Austin, commanding officers of Klamath military installations. Altar service. Closing music.

The public is urgently invited to attend. If weather is unfavorable, exercises will be held inside.

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### Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THERE'S plenty of news today.

Our new SUPER-FORTRESSES bomb Japan.

The Germans appear to be launching their long-expected major counterattack in France. Tokyo radio says we're LANDING TROOPS in the Marianas.

GREAT secrecy surrounds the bombing of Japan, but the war department discloses that the big new Forts came from the India-China-Burma theater. There is no intimation as to WHERE the bombs fell on the Japs.

General Arnold, head of the U. S. air force, says today: "This employment of the B-29 (the new Super-Fortress) makes possible the SOFTENING-UP attack on Japan VERY MUCH EARLIER than would be possible with aircraft hitherto known to combat."

THE Super-Fortress is a NEW AIR WEAPON—with longer range, more carrying power, more armor and more armament than ANY OTHER PLANE in the WORLD.

Its strategic importance is so great that it is to be used by a special bomber command, headed by General Arnold, and it will be sent ANYWHERE in the WORLD where its special talent for destruction is most needed at the moment. (It is sent FIRST to Japan.) It is disclosed today that it is being produced in huge volume.

All details permitted to be known about it are carried in this newspaper today. You will find the story fascinating reading.

THE battle of the beaches in Normandy appears to be rushing toward its climax. Nazi reinforcements, hurrying up to the fighting front, are reported by our airmen to be clogging the roads for 200 miles back. Our planes are tearing into them.

A front-line dispatch says: "It appears that Marshal Von Rundstedt is mounting his SUPREME counter-thrust with his STRATEGIC reserves. He seems to be making the gamble that the Normandy operation is the real thing and that General Eisenhower will not immediately attempt a new landing elsewhere."

Unofficial estimates say the Germans are using 20 divisions, which is supposed to be about a third of their strength in Holland, Belgium and France.

THE only gains by our side today are made by our Americans, who are fighting to cut across the base of the Cherbourg peninsula and are reported to be only six miles from the only railway and highway route to Cherbourg. There are unconfirmed reports that the Germans are beginning to destroy the Cherbourg docks.

THERE is hard fighting in Finland, with the Russians now only 25 miles from Viipuri and 175 miles from Helsinki. The Finns are putting up a tough fight, but appear to be losing.

THE Ankara radio tells of a cabinet crisis in Turkey. The Turkish foreign minister is said to have resigned after failing to gain support for his policies, and the Turkish premier has taken over the foreign ministry.

Any sign of truce in a neutral or a satellite country these days is interesting.

THE Tokyo radio today says we're "trying" to land troops on Saipan and Tinian islands in the Marianas, just north of Guam. The Japs say we're using 20 transports. The Japs have been telling us first rather regularly of the beginning of important new battles.

If it is true, and IF WE SUCCEED, we'll have a base within 1500 miles of Tokyo. You're familiar by this time with the theory of bases. They are stepping stones where we assemble troops and equipment for another jump off. The Marianas are 1000 miles west of our present most westward base in the Marshalls.

From a Marianas base, we could strike either at Japan or at the Philippines.

THE hard-fighting Chinese are still holding at Changsha—where the Japs are said to have thrown in 200,000 men about the same number the Germans

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## AMERICAN BOMBERS SWEEP OVER FRANCE

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 15 (AP)—A force of between 1000 and 2000 American Fortresses and Liberators and escorting fighters swept over France this morning, bombing airplane plants, fields and railroad facilities in a dozen places.

Berlin radio reported an attack on the great industrial city of Hannover in Germany while lighter allied warplanes from bases in Normandy and Britain continued their widespread support campaign in a smashing follow-up to an 1100-bomber operation overnight.

As a part of the latter operation several hundred Lancasters blasted E-batt pens at Le Havre with six-ton "factory busters" in daylight.

Twenty-eight hundred tons of explosives were dropped on the port in two separate attacks, the first, just before dusk, being the RAF's heaviest daylight bombardment of the war and its first high altitude daylight precision effort.

Targets of the American "heavies" today ranged from Nantes, La Poissonniere and Arras to Beauvais, La Ferte (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Pilot Reported Missing Marion Green of 137 MHI street Thursday received a telegram from the war department advising him that his son, Flight Officer Earl Green, has been missing in action since June 8 over France.

Flight Officer Green was the pilot of a Thunderbolt fighter plane based in England. It is believed that this is the first news of a Klamath boy missing in the invasion theater.

He has been in England since the first of March and before that was stationed at Tallahassee, Florida. Before entering the national guard unit in 1939, he was a student at KUHS and was also a Herald and News carrier boy.

He has two brothers in the service. Sergeant Stephen Green is stationed with the army at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., and Corporal Charles Green is with the marines at Cherry Point, North Carolina.