

YANKS SURGE AHEAD IN STAB AT PENINSULA

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Caen, and Villers-Bocage, one of their two advance points 15 miles southwest of Caen. Further heavy counterattacks in the Villers-Bocage were turned back yesterday evening, headquarters said, and the British were still secure in their hold on Caumont, their other most advanced point, 20 miles southwest of Caen.

Tanks Out
Seventeen German tanks, including eight 60-ton Tigers, were knocked out in the fierce armored battling yesterday, headquarters said. The other eight tanks were Panthers armed with 75 mm. guns.

At the western end of the line, the Americans first moved forward on a nine-mile front to the Les Sablons-Baupite area, south of Ste. Mere Eglise and only about seven miles from high ground overlooking La Haye Du Puits on the west coast road and rail line leading to Cherbourg.

The Berlin radio commentator, Ludwig Sartorius, then reported that they had gained another 3 1/2 miles to the west, reaching Pretot which is less than six miles from La Haye Du Puits itself.

The Americans also fought their way back into Montebourg, 14 miles from Cherbourg and headquarters said street fighting is in progress. But the fighting here was fluid, and the Germans in mid-afternoon claimed they were again in possession of the town.

Yanks Engaged
American troops also were engaged in heavy fighting in the Pont L'Abbe area, four miles north of Pretot, and along the road from Montebourg to Quineville on the coast.

The Americans hammered out gains both in the Pont L'Abbe area and around Quineville, which represents the allied right flank, headquarters said.

The heavy nature of the fighting was plainly indicated by the German high command, which said the battle is "approaching a climax" and growing more violent every day with the allies hitting hard in all directions to enlarge their bridgehead.

Field dispatches late today said American troops had captured Quineville in the course of hard fighting.

Other Thrusts
A DNB broadcast from Berlin said the Americans launched two other thrusts, one with a fresh division on both sides of the road leading southwest from Bayeux toward St. Lo, and the other through the partly flooded lowlands between Carentan and Isigny.

The former thrust was from the south of the Biards forest, the Germans said, and achieved an initial penetration which was declared to have been stopped.

The second jab was through the area crisscrossed by canals linking the Vire and Taute rivers, DNB said.

The German communique added: "Among salvos of heaviest naval guns, incessant air attacks and with freshly brought up infantry and tank forces being thrown in to action on both sides, the battle is approaching a climax."

Westward Front
The American advance was on a nine-mile front westward from Carentan toward high ground controlling the last Ger-

man roads leading to Cherbourg. Violent German reaction to the threat to the lifeline was expected, and it was likely that further American advances would be only after the costliest fighting.

The Yankees plunged to the Les Sablons-Baupite area, south of Ste. Mere Eglise and west of Carentan. Seven miles to the westward is high ground overlooking La Haye Puits, through which runs the last remaining major north-south highway on the peninsula still in German hands.

Half Across
The advance placed the Americans nearly half way across the peninsula at its narrowest point.

Toward the tip of the peninsula hand-to-hand fighting surged between Germans and troops of the U. S. fourth division in the streets of Montebourg, 14 miles southeast of Cherbourg.

American artillery was shelling the road from Montebourg to Valognes to the northwest, and the doughboys controlled the road from Quineville, on the coast, to Montebourg, but the town itself changed hands from hour to hour.

Spearhead
American airborne troops spearheaded the fighting around Carentan and besides pushing to the west shoved the Germans back more than a mile south of town.

Allied troops driving southward along the central sector of the front were engaged in heavy fighting around Caumont and Villers-Bocage, with the allies in Caumont but the Germans back in Villers-Bocage after a counterattack.

The main fighting was taking place in front of Villers-Bocage. Allied troops held high ground facing the town a quarter of a mile away. The river Scelles divided the Germans and allied forces.

From this area northward to Montebourg the ninth and second tactical air forces carried out what was officially described as "a great number of sorties" in support of the ground forces, many of them from a mounting number of allied air bases set up with full facilities in captured territory.

Highway Contracts Awarded For State

PORTLAND, June 15 (AP) — Contract for reconstruction of the Pacific highway between Halsey and Harrisburg was awarded by the state highway commission today to Porter W. Yett, Portland, on a low bid of \$378,887.24.

A contract to construct four bridges along the same 8.8-mile stretch went to Frank Watt Construction Co., Portland, \$59,190. Other bid awards:

Removal of a 37,000-yard slide on the Oneonta section of the Columbia River highway, Babler and Conley, Portland, \$25,900; oiling 11.5 miles on the Coast highway between Garibaldi and Tillamook, Babler and Conley, \$10,611; repair of the Willson river bridge, J. F. Johnson, Newberg, \$6185.

Street oiling in the town of Sheridan, Western Rock Co., Salem, \$20,574.

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ARMY QUIET ON TARGETS OF BIG SHIPS

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Air Battle Fleet
The 20th air force, said an army announcement, "will be in the nature of an aerial battle fleet, able to participate in combined operations, or to be assigned to strike where ever the need is greatest."

Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell, Jr., of Fort Monroe, Va., is chief of staff of the 20th air force. Brig. Gen. Kenneth D. Wolfe, of Riverside, Calif., heads the 20th bomber command which struck Japan today.

First B-29's
This command received the first B-29's that came from the factories and under Arnold's personal direction pioneered the principles of extreme long range bombardment with training operations at air force bases in Kansas.

Wolfe's chief of staff is Colonel C. A. Horn, of Liberty, N. Y., and his operations officer is Brig. Gen. John E. Upston, of Tawas City, Mich.

Japs Silent
In contrast to the 1942 Tokyo raid, first disclosed by the Tokyo radio, Japan's transmitters were silent today on the Super- Fortress bombing. Neither federal communications commission nor Associated Press listening posts had heard a mention of the attack.

Nearly two hours after the war department announcement, however, the German DNB agency said in a dispatch designed for foreign publication:

"Japan has been bombed by American aircraft, according to reports from Washington."

There was no indication that the German home radio had carried the news.

Igl Leaves—Dick Igl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Igl, left Thursday for Fort Benning, Ga., where he will enter officers training. He has been home for a few days.

FDR Asks World Organization

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP) — President Roosevelt called today for creation of a world organization of all "peace-loving" nations to maintain peace and security — backed by force if necessary.

"We are not thinking of a superstate with its own police force and other paraphernalia of coercive power," the president said, but added that member nations of the world organization would maintain adequate forces "for joint action when necessary."

ASSAULT TROOPS LAND ON SAIPAN

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lowing intensive preparatory bombardment of Saipan, Tinian, Pagan, Guam and Rota islands by carrier based aircraft and by a portion of the battleships, cruisers, and destroyers of the Pacific fleet.

"Landings are being continued against strong opposition under cover of supporting bombardment by our air and surface forces. Initial reports indicate our casualties are moderate."

In a report supplementing his communique, Admiral Nimitz said fleet warships provided "close naval fire support." Carrier planes were flying protective cover for the landing assault troops. Harassing fire was maintained throughout Wednesday night.

Targets
"Enemy shore batteries and interior gun replacements were principal targets of the coordinated shelling and bombing," Nimitz reported. "Large fires and explosions were caused along the entire coast line of Saipan."

This mention of enemy shore batteries and interior gun placements indicated the assault troops were under artillery fire while striking four shores in their landing craft and fighting to secure the first beachhead.

Nimitz also reported that carrier planes sighted and attacked a Jap convoy southwest of Guam Monday in the third day of the preparatory air attack. This was the third ship convoy attacked prior to the Saipan landing.

Direct Hit
A direct hit was scored on a large destroyer which was left on fire. Near misses left a medium cargo vessel burning and another destroyer was seen trailing oil. All ships in the convoy were heavily strafed.

AMERICAN BOMBERS SWEEP OVER FRANCE

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liere and Bordeaux. The force comprised approximately 1000 bombers and several hundred more fighters, possibly approximately yesterday's record 1500-bomber force.

The multiple attack, the deepest penetration of France since the invasion, took the bombers over a 300-mile expanse from Beauvais, 40 miles north of Paris and 100 miles east of the battle line, to Bordeaux, 300 miles south of the battle zone. Angoulême is 70 miles north-east of Bordeaux, La Poissonniere 50 miles east of Nantes, which is 120 miles south of the battle zone. La Frilliere is eight miles east of Tours.

A force of Mosquito bombers attacked the synthetic oil center of Gelsenkirchen in the Ruhr last night to keep the unceasing assault on Hitler's war machine going around the clock.

The Lancasters, accompanied by fighter escort, were believed to have accomplished a successful mission yesterday in their switch to American bombing tactics, for the navy reported no E-boats at work in the channel last night.

In all, the RAF had more than 1100 bombers out last night. Their targets included another string of enemy railroad centers—Dauai, Cambrai and St. Pol—and German front troop concentrations at Evrecy and Aunay-Sur-odon, only nine and 18 miles respectively, from Caen in the Normandy battle area.

Night bomber losses were placed at five—none in the Gelsenkirchen attack.

The American ninth air force, in its heaviest assault since the first 48 hours of the invasion, sent out more than 2400 bombers and fighters from dawn yesterday to late last night to pound key points behind the Nazi lines with 1485 tons of bombs at a cost of 14 fighters and one medium bomber against 11 German planes shot down and 10 destroyed on the ground.

Hundreds of medium, light and fighter bombers and fighters of both the American ninth and RAF tactical force concentrated on small targets in the area at the base of the Cherbourg peninsula, bounded by St. Lo, Coutances, Granville and Tassy, and up the peninsula.

The Americans included a surprise "on deck" against the German air base at Le Mans in their operations last night. About a dozen planes were destroyed on the ground.

Home—Mrs. Kenneth Thomas and baby daughter, Kristine, have returned from Marysville, where they spent a month with Kenneth Thomas, of the quartermasters' department there. C. W. Thomas went down last week and returned with them. Mrs. Kenneth Thomas will make her home with Mrs. Melvin McCollum for the present.

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