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Forecast: Fair.

TROOPS HALT AT EDGE OF TANAPAG TOWN

Yanks Throw Back Nipponese; Kill 1500

By CHARLES McMARTY, U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 8 (AP)—Japanese, spearheaded by several thousand troops trying desperately to escape death or capture by steadily advancing Americans, fiercely attacked American positions on Saipan with ground troops, planes and artillery before dawn July 6.

They launched their counter-attack from the northwestern tip of Saipan.

Reach Tanapag
They penetrated a maximum of 2000 yards reaching the outskirts of Tanapag town, before they were halted. Then they were thrown back.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, reporting the action in a communique today, said, "Numerous casualties were incurred" with an estimated 1500 Japanese troops killed.

Shell Airfield
Enemy shore batteries on Tinian island, only three miles south of Saipan, shelled Iseley (Aslito) airfield but destroyer and artillery fire quickly silenced all batteries.

Nimitz did not say whether the air strip from which American planes have been operating two weeks, was damaged.

Aircraft
The third phase of the attack saw Japanese sending small groups of aircraft against American ground positions and shipping before dawn July 6 and again that night.

Nimitz said none of the American ships was damaged but did not report whether installations or troops ashore were hit.

One enemy raider was shot down.

Strongest Counterattack
It was the strongest counter-attack in the Central and Western Pacific campaign and one of the strongest in the entire Pacific.

The battle raged far into the day. Nimitz said the counter-attack was halted before noon (Continued on Page Eight)

Scout Returns Woman's Purse

Billy Kitchens is a good example of the ideal Boy Scout. The other day Luia Dougherty, an employee of Long's, Inc., lost a purse containing \$114 in cash while she was climbing into the bus.

Billy picked up the purse and looked inside where he saw the big roll of bills. Without the least hesitation he ran down to the radio station and gave them the money to be returned to the owner.

The next morning the money was returned to Miss Dougherty, but Billy, like a true Boy Scout, didn't want to take the reward. Billy belongs to Troop 8 of Klamath Falls.

Rusan Faces Murder Charge

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 8 (Canadian Press)—Alexander Rusan, 55, Vancouver logger, faced a double charge of murder today over the fatal shooting of two Vancouver women and wounding of two men yesterday.

Rusan was Mrs. Lucy Rusan, his estranged wife, and Mrs. Jack Preston, a friend of Mrs. Rusan.

Jack Preston was shot in the head and Fred Remizoff in the stomach and arm.

The double killing occurred in the home the two women shared while the men were shot later while working on a house construction job.

Practical Joke Takes Life

PORTLAND, July 8 (AP)—What may have been an intended practical joke turned out tragically for Alfred L. Overton, 42, who died of a gunshot wound yesterday after sticking his gun muzzle in his mouth and pulling the trigger.

Known as a practical joker, Overton, newly hired guard at the city Isolation hospital, banteringly pointed the pistol into his mouth after alighting from the auto driven by a friend, Harry A. Gauman.

Gauman told officers this was one of Overton's favorite jokes, and expressed a belief Overton thought the gun empty.

Imphal Defenders Kill 11,000

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, July 8 (AP)—Defenders of Imphal in Manipur state killed more than 11,000 Japanese since the enemy incursion into India began in March, a southeast Asia command communique said tonight.

Bitter fighting continues in the area around Ukhrul, 24 miles northeast of Imphal, where the enemy still is strongly entrenched in the northern outskirts, the bulletin said.

British Sweep Into Outskirts Of River City

By WES GALLAGHER
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 8 (AP)—British second army troops fought their way into the northeast outskirts of Caen tonight after sweeping forward on a seven-mile front and capturing at least nine towns.

A front dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Roger D. Greene said that some German vehicles already have been spotted pulling out of the doomed Orne river city.

Authis, on the west flank of the ever-narrowing German defense arc, fell to Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's troops and on the east they have moved beyond Herouville and are well established atop hill 64 at the road fork between Caen and Epron.

The British thrust at Caen, the German hinge in eastern Normandy was the heaviest blow of the invasion.

YANKS CAPTURE ITALIAN TOWNS

By JOHN F. CHESTER
ROME, July 8 (AP)—The viciously-defended town of Rosignano and Castellina on west coast highways to Livorno (Leghorn) and Pisa have been captured by American infantrymen after three days of bitter street fighting, allied headquarters announced today.

The Italian resistance communique was quoted by the London radio as saying that street fighting was raging in Livorno (Leghorn), and that "all the fascist chiefs have left the town." The bulletin was recorded by CBS.

The doughboys drove the enemy from both Risognano, 13 miles below Livorno, and Castellina, six miles to the east, late yesterday.

The enemy fought to the last house, a headquarters officer said.

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Forest Fires Destroy Towns

VAL D'ORE, Quebec, July 8 (AP)—Fifteen hundred residents of three Quebec mining communities found refuge today in Senneterre and Rouyn after raging forest fires, worst in the province since May, 1943, destroyed one town and roared seriously close to the other two.

The fires, whipped by a high wind, wiped out the town of Pascal, with a population of 300, after citizens were evacuated.

Cadillac, 28 miles north of Val d'Ore, was seriously threatened for a time yesterday and women and children were moved by bus and train to Rouyn, 32 miles westward. The situation there this morning was less tense.

Transports Sunk By British Subs

LONDON, July 8 (AP)—The sinking of two large transports, one large tanker and a medium supply ship and seven smaller vessels by British submarines was announced by the admiralty today.

All the sinkings were in the Mediterranean theater.

The two transports were torpedoed in a harbor in south France that was not identified by the admiralty communique.

The admiralty said the tanker was intercepted near Toulon while under a strong naval and aircraft escort.

Investigation Continues In Tragic Circus Fire

HARTFORD, Conn., July 8 (AP)—The death toll in the nation's greatest circus disaster counted 154 men, women and children today as authorities pressed swiftly with an announced determination to fix responsibility, if any, for "the tragic loss of life."

Although scores of performers, workers and spectators already have been questioned and five persons charged with manslaughter, various investigating agencies sought out still others to tell their versions of Thursday's blazing inferno in the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey big top.

More Arrests
The intention of investigators to attempt to fix responsibility as well as determine the cause, was announced by State Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn Jr., in a formal statement in which he said additional arrests probably would be made after an adjourned fire marshals' hearing and a coroner's inquest Tuesday.

Alcorn declared it appeared from the preliminary inquiries that there was "inadequate fire fighting equipment" on the circus grounds, manned by "inadequate personnel."

"Highly Inflammable"
"There is also in our possession," he added in the statement, issued late yesterday, "information that the tent itself had been in use only since the road show started this season and that it had been treated with gasoline, making the entire tent highly inflammable."

As the investigations proceeded, the ordeal of trying to identify burned and charred bodies (Continued on Page Seven)

Klamath Rockets Over Quota

E BOND SALES TOP MILLION MARK IN DRIVE

Total of \$4,500,000 Reached Here In Campaign

WE THANK YOU
To The Herald and News:
May we use your columns to express at this time our earnest appreciation to all the people of Klamath county for their magnificent response to the Fifth War Loan drive.

The time and energy given by all campaign workers, and the patriotic interest of the entire public, are emphatically demonstrated today in the exceeded quotas in all phases of the campaign.

JOE HICKS,
Drive Chairman.
E. A. THOMAS,
President, Kiwanis Club.

Klamath's Fifth War Loan campaign today rocketed over all quotas to an amazing total (Continued on Page Eight)

Klamath Service People to Get Theatre Passes

Through the co-operation of Lloyd Lamb of the Klamath Theatres Incorporated, any man or woman in the armed services who is home and whose name appears in the column telling of service people home on leave can have two free passes to any movie in town.

These passes can be had by calling at the Esquire box office. Names can be left for the service men and women's registry by calling Scott Reed at 3124 before 3 p. m.

Second Lidice Reported

IZMIR, Turkey, July 7 (Delayed AP)—Copies of a Greek puppet government communique which reached here today said the nazis on June 10 slaughtered more than 1000 residents of the Greek village of Distomo in a cold-blooded reprisal comparable to that carried out at the Czechoslovak town of Lidice.

The communique said that not even babies in arms were spared and the massacre was crowned by the burning of the village, familiar to many American tourists.

The killing was carried out by the nazis as revenge for the death of 30 German soldiers in a battle with the Eam and Andars resistance groups near the village.

Bomber Fleets Strike at Rocket Launching Sites

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
LONDON, July 8 (AP)—U. S. heavy bomber fleets smashed at nazi flying-bomb launching sites and other planes hit out in slashing support of Normandy offensives today on the heels of an RAF strike with six-ton blockbusters at a huge cave-protected robot-bomb supply depot in France.

Night-flying British Lancasters searched out the depot, located in great limestone caves of St. Leu-d'Esserent 30 miles north of Paris, and up to 500 Flying Fortresses and Liberators hammered at launching platforms by daylight this morning in heightening air blows against this grim German weapon.

Medford Hen Goes All Out

MEDFORD, July 8 (AP)—A hen at the home of Mrs. Laura Jones went all out for a production record, and produced an egg nine inches around the end, and seven inches around the center. Inside Mrs. Jones found another egg—shell and all—of grade A size.



Screaming crowds—spurred by panic—make mad dash from flaming tent of Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey circus at Hartford, Conn., as fire, with unbelievable speed, raced up the walls of canvas. Nearly 150 persons, mostly children, were killed, hundreds injured in greatest circus catastrophe in nation's history.

REDS TAKE TOWNS; LAUNCH OFFENSIVE

LONDON, July 8 (AP)—German military commentators said today that the Russians had launched a new offensive "on a wide front at the approaches to the Carpathians east of Lwow and west of Kowel," and Premier Marshal Stalin announced that red army troops have captured Baranowicz to the north.

In an order of the day broadcast by the Moscow radio and addressed to Marshal K. K. Rokossovsky, Stalin said that Baranowicz—nearly midway between Berlin and Moscow—was taken by an "outflanking maneuver by cavalry and tank formations together."

Burglars Leave Garbo—Alone

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., July 8 (AP)—Greta Garbo routed burglars from her home early today with shouts for help.

The screen star told police she was awakened in her upstairs by voices and, opening the door, saw a figure in the hall. She slammed the door and called for aid. A neighbor summoned police.

The prowlers had entered through a lower bedroom window. They carried off \$40 and ration books from the actress' purse, she reported, but left two of her coats, one of mink, one of cloth, in a hedge.

Nazi Militarists Hold Conference

AT THE GERMAN FRONTIER, July 8 (AP)—Germany's military leaders have been holding the most serious discussions with Adolf Hitler on the reich's critical military situation and a complete revision of defense plans may be made before the end of the month.

The conferences with Hitler, reported through trustworthy information, began early this week, were said to be comparable with the kaiser's famous grand council in August, 1918, when it was decided the war could not be won, but that it was not yet lost and that bitter fighting may yet bring an acceptable peace.

(Reports originating from the German frontier, often are inspired by German sources. Reports suggesting that the Germans are at the point of making peace feelers may have been deliberately planted with the purpose of creating a feeling of over-confidence in allied countries. A similar technique has been used by Berlin before.)

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B-29s Intact After Raids on Japanese Nerve Centers

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—U. S. B-29 Super-Fortresses which struck five Japanese naval, industrial and military nerve centers in Japan and China last night have returned to their bases without loss of any planes, a 20th air force communique reported today.

In addition to hitting vital targets in Nippon's homeland in their second strategic mission, the big bombers attacked the Japanese supply bases of Laoyao and Hankow in China.

The Japanese targets are on the highly industrialized northern end of Kyushu, southernmost of the principal home islands.

The targets in China are regarded as important to the enemy's extended supply lines for his ground troops' push against the Chinese.

INDIAN WOMAN HURT IN FREE FOR ALL

A free-for-all fight between Indian women late Friday night sent one of them to the Klamath Valley hospital and the other two to lodgings in the city jail.

Gertrude Herrington, Klamath Indian living in Jacksonville, received cuts and abrasions and was recovering Saturday in Klamath Valley hospital. Pearl Jackson and Rose Marie Jackson, sisters, are being held in the city jail.

Police Called
According to city police reports, police were called about 11:30 Friday night to the home of Louie Connato, 427 1/2 Broad, where the three women were fighting. The house had no electricity and the two women had hit Mrs. Herrington with an old fashioned lamp, according to city police who are investigating.

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Today's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The big B-29s get back. (Official as this is written.) They came from China again. They bombed three places in Japan and the farthest south main island in addition hit two Japanese points in China going or coming. One of the Jap points bombed was the Sasebo naval base (very useful to the Japs for repairing the ships we're damaging).

The Chinese points bombed were Hankow, a river port in the Yangtze, and Laoyao, just south of Shanghai on the Shanghai-Changsha railroad. The Japs are probably using both heavily to bring in men and supplies for their Canton drive.

We had base facilities on Saipan. The B-29s would probably have come on there to fill up with gasoline that doesn't have to be flown over the Himalayas.

Maybe we have base facilities on Saipan already. Maybe the B-29s did come there. We're obviously not telling the Japs about these things.

The Chinese counter-offensive at Hengyang is still going. They're reported to have driven the Japs back 80 miles at one point.

On Saipan, "considerable" numbers of Jap civilians are reported to be "shuffling" into our lines and giving themselves up. (The Jap civilians don't all have the suicide complex.)

The Jap troops still left alive and the remaining civilians are compressed within an area of four square miles on the island. Some Jap soldiers are trying to flee in barges to Tinian island, just north of Saipan, but the barges are smashed by our artillery.

The correspondents report some signs of suicide attacks, as at Altu.

In Normandy, Montgomery and his British and Canadians launched an attack on Caen at daylight this morning, under one of his famous rolling barrages. Last night British planes hit at least 10 German positions, with undisclosed results.

A British staff officer says as this is written that the push has broken through the crust of Caen's major outer defenses.

Keep clearly in mind that Caen is another port—of considerable importance.

A CORRESPONDENT of Pravda (Russian newspaper) reports today that Hitler himself has taken over command on the western front. The lesson of the past is that the Germans usually lose when Hitler takes over personal command.

AN interesting sidelight: SHAEF (our supreme European headquarters) says today: "French forces of the interior are operating within 20 miles of our Normandy beach head and all through France are materializing to help the allies. Their activities have become a major occupation (and probably a major headache as well) for the Germans."

Remember how the Russians have been helped by guerrillas operating behind the German lines.

THERE'S a tale today (believed worth noting, but not guaranteed) of a conference somewhere between Hitler and his generals. The correspondents recall the Kaiser's grand council in August, 1918, when it was decided that the war couldn't be won but hard fighting might win an acceptable peace.

The conferees are said to have discussed getting out of the Balkans and Norway to shorten lines and make more Germans available on the hot fronts and to express the hope that a battle might be made in the east by the end of July—maybe on the Vistula (Warsaw is on the Vistula).

THE report of the conference is supposed to have come from the underground and the dispatches say it is entitled to at least respectful attention. Naturally we aren't mentioning the source.

THE Russians today are fighting in the outskirts of Wilno. Maybe Vilna on your map; all these Central European places change names too fast for the map-makers to keep up.)

Wilno is only 100 miles from East Prussia. German civilians are reported today to be getting out of East Prussia as fast as they can—going to refugee camps in eastern and southern Germany.

The Russians take Baranowicz, nearly halfway from Minsk to the Bug. The Germans say the first just east of Lwow in southern Poland. Their active front is now nearly 400 miles long.

The Germans generally seem to be heading back behind the Bug river, which is assumed to be their next defense line.

Paper Salvage Pick-Up Throughout City and Suburbs Sunday --- Have Paper Ready