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BATTLE NEARS ANCHOR POINT OF SAINT LO

Americans Engage 11 Of 25 German Divisions

By WES GALLAGHER
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 15 (AP)—American troops, engaging 11 of 12 of the 20 to 25 Nazi divisions committed in Normandy, struck forward today to the outskirts of Lessay, and battled to within little more than a mile of St. Lo, opposite anchor of the Germans' powerful road defense line on the invasion front.

Supreme headquarters disclosed the Germans have 60 to 65 divisions now in western France, with 20 to 25 hurried against the liberating armies in Normandy. Allied invasion strength was not disclosed, but 15 allied divisions—eight of them American—have been identified officially as in action.

Begin Battle

U. S. infantrymen reached the outskirts of Lessay soon after noon today, and began battling in the suburbs.

The Germans fought back savagely against steady American pressure against both these end bastions of their road line strung across western Normandy. Other doughboys fought two miles from Periers, central stronghold on the Lessay-St. Lo road, after striking ahead four miles and straightening their lines in that sector.

Guns Turned Loose

Street fighting raged this afternoon in Lessay's suburbs, and the enemy defending St. Lo, turned loose big field guns in the heaviest artillery duel of the five-day-old drive for that town. A front dispatch declared the Americans were within 2000 yards of St. Lo's outskirts.

British troops at the eastern end of the front recaptured hill 112—scene of bloody, sea-saw fighting in the last week—north of Esquay and again struck into Malot, four miles south-east of Caen, but there were no large-scale engagements in that sector. (Continued on Page Three)

Webb Says Jap Defeat Sealed At Midway

PORTLAND, July 15 (AP)—Japan's defeat was sealed at the battle of Midway, believes Wendell Webb, new managing editor of the Salem, Oregon, Statesman, who reported the battle for the Associated Press.

A Japanese victory would have cleared the way to the Hawaiian islands and possibly the Pacific coast, he told the city club.

Praising the pace of the armed forces since December 7, 1942, Webb said that "if anybody two years ago had told me we would take Saipan inside of 10 years I would have thought he was crazy."

German Generals Suffer Epidemic

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—German generals, faced with defeats on every front and unable to meet the demands of Nazi party leaders, are suffering an "epidemic" of heart failure and apoplexy, an overseas broadcast of the office of war information said today.

To people of Nazi-occupied Europe, the OWI beamed a message from Senator Hill (D-Ala.) relating that unsuccessful German military leaders are using illness as an excuse for retirement from their commands.

Yank Planes Raid Guam

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, July 15 (AP)—The Tokyo radio reported today that 85 American planes had raided Guam and that two American Liberator bombers attacked Two Jima in the Kazan group, 870 miles northwest of Guam, and added:

"A powerful unit, with carriers, battleships, cruisers and destroyers, is continuing activities near Guam. The war situation does not allow a moment of optimism."

Since the Kazan or Volcano island group heretofore has been beyond the range of American land-based bombers, a raid by Liberators would mean that the heavy bomber strip on newly-captured Saipan island had been put into operation.

Drive Opens in South

REDS CAPTURE TWO VILLAGES NEAR BORDER

Prussian Lines Now Within 20 Miles Of Push

LONDON, July 15 (AP)—The Soviet communists tonight announced the capture of Opochka, 24 miles east of the Latvian border, and also Alytus, Lithuanian city 32 miles south of Kaunas, and Berlin said the red armies had begun a long-awaited offensive in southern Poland.

The Russians were moving relentlessly ahead, Moscow said, challenging the last-ditch string of forts guarding the cradle of German militarism, East Prussia, whose borders now are less than 20 miles from the red army.

Opochka Taken

The town of Opochka was taken by the Russian second Baltic army after its rail station had been seized Friday, said the communistic broadcast by Moscow and recorded by the Soviet monitor. More than 40 other localities were swept up in this push toward the Latvian frontier.

Pushing on Kaunas, capital of the former Lithuanian republic, the Russians were within 19 miles of that city with the capture of the railway junction of Kaisiadorys, the Moscow bulletin said.

Altogether the Russians swept (Continued on Page Three)

Historic Oregon Takes Part in Third War

PORTLAND, July 15 (AP)—The battleship Oregon, famed veteran of the Spanish-American war, has gone to sea again to take part in its third war.

The historic vessel, which was turned in to the government for scrap and partially dismantled before naval authorities decided to reconduct it for sea duty, is being used as a barge.

Navy officials did not disclose the ship's cargo or destination.

Services for Roosevelt Held

U. S. FOURTH DIVISION CEMETERY IN FRANCE, July 15 (AP)—Machine guns rattled in the distance and anti-aircraft fire burst in faraway clouds as military funeral services were held in Normandy twilight last night for Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

The general's son, Quentin, watched as his father's body was lowered in the French soil on which he had fought in two wars against German aggression.

Beside the grave were six generals, including Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, in command of all U. S. troops in France.

Trial of Pearl Harbor Commanders Suggested

By WILLIAM FYE
WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—The possibility that courts martial may be organized before December 7 for the trials of Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short was suggested today in informed military quarters.

The appointment yesterday of special boards to inquire into the circumstances of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was followed by reports that courts martial might be convened to begin the formal trials by taking the pleas of the two officers, then recessing until after the war.

The special boards of inquiry were ordered by a congressional joint resolution which extended the statute of limitations, as it affected anyone

Air Facilities at Klamath Hub For Northwest

Due to military necessity and general aviation expansion, Klamath Falls has quietly, almost secretly, become the hub of airway facilities for the northwest, it was learned Saturday.

Although at present a quasi-military installation, the activity will give Klamath Falls a head start in the postwar aviation race. The information revealed Saturday, shows that Klamath Falls is now the main stopping point on Amber airway No. 8.

JOINT DEVELOPMENT

This main north and south airway was developed jointly by military, airline and civil aeronautic authorities in an effort to provide a north and south route through more favorable weather conditions. The airway also is carried over much less rugged terrain than can be found on other coastal airways.

Continuing the spokes from the Klamath Falls hub, airway facilities are now available via Alturas, Calif., to the well developed San Francisco-Ogden airways.

Radiating further is a highway through the sky to Tonopah, Nev., where the aerial roadway branches to Las Vegas or Los Angeles. This includes extensive facilities and installations at Fallon, Nev.

DESIGNATED AS STOP-OVER

As a result of the extensive development, Klamath Falls has been officially designated as an alternate stop-over by present commercial airline routes.

The huge mainlines of United Air Lines and other commercial transports have been frequent visitors in Klamath Falls recently.

Now approved for Klamath Falls by the civil aeronautics authorities is an instrument let-down procedure which enables both military and commercial aircraft to land at Klamath Falls under adverse weather conditions.

INFORMATION RESTRICTED

Although the exact let-down procedure is restricted information, it was revealed that an approach to the Klamath Falls airport, now occupied by the naval air station, can be made in overcast or foggy weather in complete safety from the south.

The approach is made by means of extensive radio and radio beam facilities located two miles south of the airport. It was pointed out by aviation officials that establishment of aerial navigation aids in and out of Klamath Falls, gives airman a wide choice of routes to take advantage of the best possible weather conditions.

Four Routes to Seattle

For example, it is now possible for an airman going north to follow four routes into Seattle. He will have such facilities as radio beams, cone markers (Continued on Page Three)

27 Arrested on Draft Violation Charges

Twenty-seven Tulelake Japanese-Americans were arrested late yesterday on charges of violating the selective service act. They had been previously indicted by a federal grand jury at Sacramento and bench warrants issued.

The evacuees are accused of failing to report for pre-induction examinations on May 2 and 3 at the Tulelake center.

Wesley Erich, deputy U. S. marshal, and three other U. S. officers, served the warrants and made the arrests. They moved 16 of the accused men to Eureka, Calif., and the others will be taken there later.

The Japanese-Americans will be tried in federal district court at Eureka.

Baseball Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R	H	E
New York	1	8	2
Philadelphia	3	6	0
Voiselle and Lombardi; Lee and Peacock.			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R	H	E
Chicago	5	10	2
Detroit	4	7	1
Ross, Maltzberger (5) and Tresh; Newhouser, Beck (9) and Richards.			
	R	H	E
St. Louis	2	8	3
Cleveland	13	15	0
Hollingsworth, Zoldak (3) and Mancuso; Klieaman and Schueller.			

Bond Sales Near 5 Million Mark

Klamath county Fifth War Loan sales hit \$4,931,935.25 today with strong indications they will go well over the \$5,000,000 mark. The quota was \$3,815,000.

The vital E bond phase of the campaign showed a total of \$1,087,091.75, against a total of \$987,000.

Large purchases and allocations totalled \$3,873,372 today.



Herald and News carriers have purchased a total of \$3450 worth of war bonds on their own initiative. Most of these boys and girls are buyierett Karnes, street seller; Eddie Mahan, route 14; Betty Nelson, route 12; Garry Ray, route 11; Robert Olson, route 32; Kenneth E. Karnes, street seller; Roger Dwyer, street seller; Ralph Carroll Jr., street seller; Tommy Schubert, route 16. Back row: Jack Fairchild, route 30; Bob Fisher, route 35; LuMont Wilson, Main street; LeRoy Lofdahl, route 15; Wesley Crane, street seller; Kathleen Pugh, route 10; Billie Lee Haney, route 12; Mack VanMeter, route 5; Bob Stiles, route 13, and Frank Dorsey, route 37. Not all of the carriers are shown here.

Two Japanese Forces Try New Guinea Break-Through

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, July 15 (AP)—Two starvation-threatened Japanese forces are attempting to break allied encirclement in New Guinea, one by bitter fighting and the second by escape through hazardous jungles, headquarters announced today.

The "fierce resistance" of American outposts halted an initial breakthrough attempt of the 18th imperial army, after vanguards of its 45,000 men crossed the Drinimor river, 21 miles east of Aitape, in British New Guinea. Fighting continued along a fluid front, while the main body was forced to reorganize for another attack under continual fire.

Move Into Jungles

Remnants of the now-impotent Japanese in the Sarmimanfin bay area, about 300 miles westward in Dutch New Guinea, plunged toward inland jungles from positions made untenable by allied advances.

American units occupied the strategic Se-war airfield, three miles west of the Meffin bay airstrip, without resistance Wednesday.

The Japanese attack in the Aitape area, which began Wednesday made some progress before it was halted, a headquarters spokesman said. One allied outpost withdrew, and the Nipponese crossed the wide, shallow (Continued on Page Three)

Forest Closures Published

Forest closure notices for the Fremont national forest areas appear in the legal publications of this newspaper today, and foresters urged that local people read the notices carefully.

Closures and other fire prevention measures are now in full force in the forests, and hazards are rising steadily.

Klamath Forest Protective association reported that out of 10 fires in its area so far five were man-caused.

A small fire in the Richardson ranch country east of here was discovered and checked Friday.

General Fegan to Inspect Marine Barracks Monday

Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Fegan, commander of all marines on the Pacific coast, is scheduled to make an inspection tour of the Marine Barracks here Monday. This will be the general's first visit to the newly-established Klamath Falls base.

Prior to assuming command of the Department of the Pacific on May 24, General Fegan was in charge of Camp Pendleton at Oceanside, Calif., the largest military establishment in the world.

The veteran marine served the corps 35 years in a dozen countries. He was appointed to the corps by President Roosevelt in 1908 and elevated to his present rank by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in August, 1942.

During his long career in the service, he has been stationed in Cuba, the Philippines, Santa Domingo, Haiti and China. He commanded the famous Fourth Marines in Shanghai from August, 1938, to December, 1939.

General Fegan is a graduate of the naval war college as well as the field officers' course, Marine Corps school. He has seen duty at numerous posts and stations on both the east and west coasts and also aboard ship.

A son, First Lieutenant Joseph C. Fegan, Jr. took part in the

NAZI RESISTANCE MELTS IN ITALY

By NOLAND NORGAARD
ROME, July 15 (AP)—American troops have driven to within three and a half miles of the seaport of Livorno (Leghorn), in the wake of suddenly melting German resistance, and have captured the town of Chianni, 13 miles inland from the west coast, it was announced today.

The most significant gains in the past two weeks of heavy fighting, putting the fifth army within artillery range of Livorno and nine miles from the Arno river, were made yesterday, with the battered Germans falling back at most points.

The French, who celebrated Bastille Day by seizing Poggibonsi in a combined flanking move and direct assault, pursued the enemy northward.

An allied spokesman said the (Continued on Page Three)

Hot Day on Way In Klamath

Saturday was well on the way to becoming a hot day. People on down town streets sweated as temperatures had soared to an official 87 degrees by 2:30 Saturday.

Maximum for the day was expected to reach a higher point by later in the afternoon.

Woman Killed in Auto Accident

Nellie Thora Manly, 42, was killed Friday morning when the car which she was driving from Tionesta to Tulelake, Calif., overturned on the state highway about six miles south of the Japanese relocation center.

Mrs. Manly was going toward Tulelake about 8 o'clock in the morning when it is thought that the accident occurred.

There were no witnesses to the accident but a passing car noticed the Manly car overturned off the side of the road. The car had evidently turned over four or five times.

The body was taken to the Kerr mortuary in Alturas and was removed Friday afternoon to Ward's funeral home in Klamath Falls where burial will be conducted.

Maj. Gen. Fegan

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
HERE is grim news in the papers these days. Our casualty list on Saipan is 15,053, of which 2359 were killed. Our wounded totaled 11,111 and there were 1213 missing. "Missing" are those who fail to answer roll call and are not known to be killed or wounded.

The Pacific war is REAL WAR. A few more casualty reports such as that and even the ones whose eyes are fixed on the exclusion of everything else, will realize that we have a war on our hands on this side of the world.

There will be more Saipans. Hitherto we have been merely nibbling at the edges of the stolen empire. We're beginning now to get in toward the heart of it.

The nearer we get to the heart, the harder the Japs will fight.

The Japs had from 20,000 to 30,000 men on Saipan. That's roughly two divisions. They are supposed to have better than 100 divisions.

Nearly all the Saipan Japs were killed.

But there are many MORE Japs to be killed.

The Russians, racing toward Germany so fast that they covered 19 miles in one day, are reported, as this is written, to be only 30 miles from the border of East Prussia—ancestral home of the Junkers, the German professional war chiefs.

Either Russian strength is overwhelmingly great—simply too much to be resisted—or the Germans are pulling back to a new and shorter line and fighting only rear guard actions.

Probably a little of both.

The Germans are fighting bitterly and stubbornly on the Normandy front. There are clear and definite signs that they are getting short of man power.

Other suspects that they are pulling back on the eastern front in order to shorten their lines and be able to spare more men for the fighting on the western front.

DON'T entirely overlook the Italian front. Nothing very spectacular has been happening there lately, but it CAN get important.

The Italian front is CLOSER to BERLIN than any other fighting front.

SPEAKING of casualties, we read the other day that the total for this war is already approaching the World War I total, including the final hard battles that brought the Germans to the breaking point.

Our military men tell us that this war we're just now beginning to get into the hard fighting that will bring the wind-up.

Get this idea that the war is all over but a few final details.

Minesweeper Kills Three

ROME, July 15 (AP)—The U. S. Navy disclosed today that a United States minesweeper's accidental fire was responsible for the killing of one officer and one man and wounding of three others aboard a P-T boat which was carrying Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and other army officers to the Anzio beachhead January 22.

An official announcement said an inquiry had established that the P-T boat and its escort entered the area while a "red alert" was on in the anticipation of a Nazi raid and the craft had not been identified as friendly.

The captain of the minesweeper, in reporting the incident, said the P-T boat and accompanying craft approached in attack formation at high speed, "and a red alert was on."

At the inquiry he was exonerated of any blame in connection with the incident.

Tropical Storm Reported

MIAMI, Fla., July 15 (AP)—The weather bureau today reported a tropical storm 450 miles in the Atlantic, due east of Melbourne, Fla., and advised naval forces to take precautions in the path of the blow.

The storm warning service indicated the disturbance, not of hurricane intensity, was moving northeastward parallel to the U. S. east coast, at 1 to 14 miles an hour, attended by 40 to 45 mile winds.

Winkler to Attend Confab

PORTLAND, July 15 (AP)—Harry Winkler, Portland drug and former state commandant of the Regular Veterans' association, will attend the democratic convention in Chicago next week as an alternate for P. Ivory, Klamath Falls delegate.