

BOMBS BLAST OIL PLANTS, FACTORIES

LONDON, July 20 (AP)—Another 2000 American planes blackened the skies of central Germany today, bombing a great array of airplane factories and synthetic oil plants around Leipzig.

The armada consisted of more than 1200 bombers and up to 750 fighters.

Enemy broadcasts declared other American bombers from Italy were striking the roofless Reich for the third straight day, this time in Tyrol and Bavaria. On both Tuesday and Wednesday, fleets struck Germany from Britain and Italy, 2000 from the west yesterday and 1000 from the south.

RAF heavy bombers streamed across the channel in daylight against the robot bomb platform of northern France after bombing caves housing the missiles at Thiverny, 30 miles northeast of Paris, at dusk.

American Havoc light bombers jabbed against air opposition nearby to the Belgian border, hitting rail yards at Chaulnes, 20 miles east of Amiens where much German activity had been noted. Waves of Marauder medium bombers were reported over the battles in Normandy.

Leipzig is 90 miles southwest of Berlin. Targets today included:

- A Junkers airplane engine factory at Dessau.
- Focke-Wulf engine works at Eisenach and Eisenach-Stockhausen, 100 miles southwest of Leipzig.
- A ball bearings factory at Leipzig.
- A Messerschmitt fighter assembly plant in the Leipzig suburb of Mockau and another at Gotha, 80 miles to the southwest.
- An airplane parts and truck factory at Russelheim, a suburb of Mainz, near Frankfurt.
- Synthetic oil plants at Merseburg and at Lutskendorf, near Leipzig.

Russian planes, enjoying absolute and almost unchallenged air superiority in the Lwow sector of old Poland, struck that city of six major trunk lines and the Warsaw area. Moscow said 34 German planes were destroyed. The Russians also bombed invested Daugavpils in Lithuania.

With the harvest of a record-breaking acreage of snap beans in Oregon just around the corner, the state emergency farm labor office today was mobilizing forces of boys, girls and women who will do most of the picking this season.

A total of 4700 acres of snap beans have been planted for processing this year—400 more acres than in the \$3,000,000 harvest of 1943. In addition, some acreage has been planted for the fresh market.

The bean harvest will begin in some areas about July 25, but the peak demand for workers will not come until about the middle of August.

Two grade school children under proper supervision can pick as many beans as an adult man, a bean harvest labor efficiency study indicated. The study also showed that boys and girls in platoons under adult leadership picked about 10 per cent more beans than youngsters not in platoons.

The average amount of beans picked per day by all ages was approximately 150 pounds.

CHILDREN CALLED TO PICK CROPS

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OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



FOR HEROISM as a gunner in the North African campaign, T/Sgt. Robert L. Martin, formerly of Klamath Falls, is shown receiving the DFC from Col. John R. Kane, station commandant at Gowen Field, Ida., where he is now stationed since returning from overseas. The sergeant, who was in the forestry service before he entered the army, is the son of Robert H. Martin of Glendale, Ore. (Official photograph of U. S. army air forces).

15TH AAF IN ITALY—First fiftieth combat mission. Pilot on of 901 Liberty street, The Dalles, Ore., has successfully flown his fiftieth combat mission. Pilot on an AAF Flying Fortress in the Mediterranean theater of operations, he flew his "golden" mission on June 16, when the 15th AAF attacked oil refineries outside of Vienna, Austria.

A graduate of Merrill high school, the lieutenant was a bank teller at a Klamath Falls bank when he enlisted in the army on April 14, 1942.

Two months later he was accepted for aviation cadet training and won his wings and his commission on May 24, 1943, at Ellington Field, Texas.

Upon leaving the United States for overseas flying duty, he was assigned to the oldest heavy bombardment group in the theater. This group has flown over 275 combat missions and has bombed enemy installations in almost every axis-dominated country in Europe from bases in England, North Africa, Russia and Italy.

Lt. Stover flew his initial mission on January 3, when the "Queens of the Airways" bombed the railroad yards at Turin, Italy.

Lt. Stover has been awarded the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf clusters.

Mrs. Roy Wimer, formerly of Fort Klamath and now living in Prineville, has the honor of having all of her three sons and a daughter-in-law in the service.

A sister of the boys, Mrs. Elmer Zumburn, is a Fort Klamath resident.

The oldest son, Pvt. Dale Knox, is stationed with the U. S. army at Camp Roberts, Calif. His wife, Mrs. Frances Knox, is with the WACs at Fort Lawton, Wash., and expects soon to be assigned to overseas duty.

Sergeant F. D. (Buster) Knox is somewhere in New Guinea with the army and is employed as cook for his division.

PFC Ival Knox, youngest son of Mrs. Wimer, is at present in Italy after having participated in both the North African and Italian campaigns with a tank division of the United States army. In the former campaign, he was awarded the Purple Heart after having been wounded in action, and in the Italian theater of war, he has won the Bronze Medal for gallantry in action.

Word has been received here by relatives and friends from Lieut. Alfred B. Castel, Jr., U. S. air corps, from his base somewhere in England, telling of his narrow escape when his squadron had a skirmish with the German Luftwaffe. Lt. Castel stated that none of the German planes were shot down, but that his plane was shot full of holes in the encounter, and that he considered himself lucky to be able to again write home.

T. Sgt. Glenn Miller, U. S. army air corps, is here on furlough visiting his brother, sister-in-law and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. James Miller and son Kenneth. Sgt. Miller has been in the South Pacific war zone for 32 months, and was wounded while on duty in New Guinea. He is looking very fit, and stated that he was very glad to be home after his long absence, and that the Golden Gate in San Francisco looked mighty good to him.

Harry Orem is now receiving his basic training with the U. S. navy at Farragut, Ida., after having been under medical observation there for three weeks for a highly nervous condition, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Orem of Fort Klamath.

Buy bonds for brother . . . Tommy Greene of Rt. 1, Box 811, Klamath Falls, bought a \$1000 war bond for his brother, Pvt. Martin J. Greene, who is stationed with the army in Alaska. Pvt. Green, who is better known as Teddy, is with the utility division of the army.

Friends have heard from Larry Ferrell, AOM 3/c, that he is now stationed at Jacksonville, Fla., after finishing training at Norman, Okla.

His address now is Larry Ferrell, AOM 3/c, Box 35, USNAS Squadron VPB-2, Jacksonville, Fla.

HOME—Pvt. Ellsworth Funk is at home at 345 Martin on furlough after release from the Palm Beach hospital, Palm Beach, Fla., where he was confined for 10 months with a broken neck. When his furlough is finished he will return to MP duty at Boca Raton Field, Fla.

HALT ON SHIP PRICE FIXING PROPOSED

PORTLAND, July 20 (AP)—A proposal that congress wait three to five years before fixing prices on war-built merchant ships was before the conference of Pacific Coast Association of Port Authorities today.

R. F. Burley, freight traffic manager of McCormick Steamship company, told the conference the tentative plan of selling ships to private industry at an estimated pre-war cost might not fit in with post-war operating conditions.

The Victory freighter, he predicted, will be easily adapted for future intercoastal trade.

Burley proposed that the interstate commerce commission fix rail, truck and steamship rates on the Pacific coast to enable cargo to be divided up between the three transportation systems.

The three-day conference, called to draft plans for expansion of Pacific coast trade, will end tomorrow.

MEDICAL OFFICERS VISIT BARRACKS

A group of army medical and commanding officers were guests of Commander Lowell T. Coggeshall at the Marine Barracks yesterday. The men made an informal inspection of the medical dispensary and were guests of Comm. Coggeshall at lunch.

Officers visiting were Major Gen. Hugh Morgan, chief medical consultant to the surgeon general; Col. Mason, medical consultant to the ninth service command; Col. Berle, commanding officer of Barnes General hospital, and Col. Chamberlin, commanding officer of Camp White and Camp Hackett.

SHIPYARD WORKER SHORTAGE REPORTED

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—Ralph A. Bard, undersecretary of the navy, reported today a shortage of 30,000 workers in navy shipyards and production plants, "principally on the Pacific coast."

He gave the figure in a statement addressed to production workers in all navy establishments, in which he said that the navy's production program "is still increasing."

He said that the increase in the last six months of 1944 will be approximately 10 per cent above the program for the first half of the year. In the first six months of next year, he said, an increase of approximately three per cent in the building program is anticipated.

An end to the war in Europe, he said, is not expected to affect the program.

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A WFA spokesman said, however, there probably would be little if any cut in the cigarette supply for the nation during the next year compared with the past year.

The order was based on the July 1 agriculture department estimate of a flue cured crop of 834,000,000 pounds, but good rains in the tobacco areas since then have caused the trade to estimate a crop of up to 950,000,000 pounds, Charles Gage, head of the WFA tobacco section, said.

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