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FORTS STRIKE IN DAYLIGHT AT MUNITIONS

Third Blow Struck At Major Japanese Installations

By JOHN GROVER
A SUPERFORTRESS BASE IN WESTERN CHINA, July 29 (AP)—Giant, far-reaching American B-29 Superfortress bombers struck heavily today at the heart of Japan's arsenal of Greater East Asia, raising explosives on the heavy industry city of Anshan in the Mukden area of eastern Manchuria, and on Tangu, the port of Tientsin in occupied China.

Huge columns of smoke sprang up from the bombed works and it was estimated it would take 12 months to rebuild the installations.

High Altitude Smash

Taking off in favorable weather, the great bombers of the world-raging U. S. 20th air force loosed their explosives from high altitude over the targets in a powerful smash at installations important to Japanese munitions manufacture.

It was the first American air attack on Manchuria, the first daylight assault from high altitude for the new, giant planes, and their third blow against major Japanese installations.

The Japanese-controlled Hsingking home radio, in a Japanese-language broadcast reported by OWI, declared one B-29 was shot down over Anshan. The broadcast said raiders also had penetrated into the "Dairen area" near Port Arthur and were in "two groups consisting of several planes each." The 20th bomber command reported that its losses were "extremely light."

The Superfortresses took off from this base in a blazing-red dawn. One diversionary force headed for Chenghsien, bottleneck of the Peiping-Hankow railway in northern Honan province, where it bombed the rail yards which the Japanese were attempting feverishly to rebuild.

The others headed northward, and hours later the radio silence was broken by a flashed code word disclosing that the explosives had been dropped on the target area and that the bombers were starting on the long journey homeward.

(The Tokyo radio, heard by U. S. government monitors, said the important industrial city of Pehsiu, site of important coal fields, also had been attacked.

The Japanese, as usual, minimized the effectiveness of the raids, saying that "no material damage was suffered by industrial installations, but residential quarters sustained some slight damage."

(The Hsingking broadcast said (Continued on Page Three)

Vatican Paper Reports no Army Use of Casino

VATICAN CITY, July 29 (AP)—The Vatican city newspaper L'Observatore Romano said today that it had never found that the Monte Casino abbey was used for military purposes, "and that the contrary never has been demonstrated to us up to now."

This observation was made in comment upon a dispatch of the army newspaper Stars and Stripes which had said: "The krauts have no scruples in using historical monuments to save their skins—first Casino and now the leaning Tower of Pisa."

The allies shelled and bombed Monte Casino abbey, stating that German troops were using it as a fortress.

Marine Barracks Worker Injured

P. W. Jacobson, employed by Brennan and Cahoon on construction work near the Marine Barracks, fell from the roof of a house about noon Saturday, injuring his back.

Jacobson was working on the houses being built for officers at the installation when he fell. He was taken to Hillside hospital where he is receiving treatment for his injuries. He lives at 825 High.

French Avenue Patriots' Deaths

BERN, Switzerland, July 29 (AP)—French partisans have executed 10 German prisoners in retaliation for Nazi slayings of wounded and captured French patriots, a partisan unit communique announced.

The partisans warned that a similar eye-for-an-eye rule will be followed in the future unless the Nazis accord the French forces of the interior treatment guaranteed belligerents by Geneva convention. The communique was published by the Gazette Lausanne.

Yanks Spring Trap On Fleeing Nazis

SEVEN GERMAN DIVISIONS IN FRANCE CAUGHT

Massive Air Assaults Pound Rommel's Troops

By GLADWIN HILL
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 29 (AP)—Slashing columns of U. S. armor sprang a trap nine miles southeast of captured Coutances today and the remnants of seven fleeing German divisions including Tiger tanks pounded against it in a futile attempt to break out.

Cut off by a 30-mile line of tanks and guns from Canisy southwest to Sienne river below Lengronne, an unknown number of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces were under one of the most merciless air assaults of the war while the comrades from the south tried to break through to extricate them.

Dive Bombers

Dive bombers wheeled over the scene of burning towns and billowing clouds of dust and smoke, artillery and mortar crews poured in their fire, and tanks ran down infantry trying to break away and join the rest of the fleeing enemy forces.

Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher from a front line position said none could tell how many enemy were in this inferno of bombs and shells, but among 2000 prisoners taken in the last 24 hours were elements of seven divisions. German dead lay in heaps.

As enemy broadcasts conceded a withdrawal of its "entire western wing," other U. S. armored forces slashed on down the Normandy coast to within gunshot of the next German escape hatch at Brehal, 11 miles south of Coutances.

Rommel was drawing on fresh (Continued on Page Three)

Guderian Shows Confidence of Smashing Reds

By The Associated Press
Confidence that the Russian thrusts will be broken and the Russians thrown back was expressed by Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, new chief of the German army general staff in an interview broadcast by DNB from Berlin today.

"There is nothing more favorable for a belligerent than such self-deception on the part of the enemy," he was quoted as saying, after admitting that "the enemy's numerical superiority is making things somewhat difficult for us."

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press
1. Russian front—337 miles (measured from Kolbel).
2. Normandy front—630 miles (measured from Troarn).
3. Italian front—605 miles (measured from Senigallia).

Trailers Favored for Use Of Marine Families Here

Klamath chamber of commerce executive committee at a meeting today went on record in favor of a request to federal housing authorities to make available an ample number of trailer houses for use of families of Klamath Marine Barracks service men.

The action was taken after the committee received reports that many wives of marines are commingled in the available quarters within the community are inadequate in view of this influx. Charles Stark, chamber executive secretary, reported that many men now stationed at the barracks already have their families here with them and more are arriving hourly.

"Administrative and medical officers do not encourage the men to bring their families here," said Stark. "However, competent medical officers tell us definitely that the presence of a man's wife or family is an excellent aid toward his rehabilitation. From a health and morale standpoint, it is desirable for his family to be here."

The chamber executive committee also considered reports of excessive rents being charged service men in some cases here, and various methods of rent control were discussed. No formal action was taken, but the chamber office was instructed to inquire of the OPA as to what it plans to do in response to a request by the city council that OPA consider the rental control situation here.

Reds Penetrate Rail Hub, Threaten Nazis

LONDON, July 29 (AP)—Berlin announced today a Soviet penetration to the Latvian rail hub of Jelgava which threatens to trap Nazi garrisons as Col. Gen. Mikhail I. Kozakov's heavy artillery shelled Warsaw's distant suburbs in furtherance of the red army Polish plains offensive.

A Stockholm dispatch quoted a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman as saying there would be no further German stand east of Warsaw, but great battles "will be fought between the Vistula and the Oder—or perhaps between Warsaw and Berlin."

Russian troops have reached the Vistula, which passes Warsaw, on a wide front below the Polish capital. The Oder flows through eastern Germany from below Breslau to Stettin, winding at one point to within 35 miles of Berlin.

Dispatches from Moscow told of the opening of artillery fire against the German forces in the outlying settlements before Warsaw and British accounts said the city itself had been sighted.

Associated Press Correspondent Eddy Gilmore said Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's advance detachments possibly had "reached hill positions where the capital of Poland is in plain view just beyond the Vistula."

The German high command communique, broadcast from Berlin, disclosed the Soviet penetration of Jelgava, which would practically bisect the Baltics.

Reds Thrown Out

The German bulletin said a Nazi counterattack had thrown the Russian vanguard out of Jelgava, 120 miles northwest of Daugavpils (Dvinsk) and about 21 miles southwest of Riga, on an arm of the Baltic sea.

British dispatches from the eastern front said Warsaw could be seen by advance Soviet forces in the Polish offensive, made up of cavalry, scout cars and tanks.

Battle Rages

Fighting apparently raged on in the vicinity of Jelgava as the Russians threatened to pinch off German Baltic divisions by gaining mastery of the rail line from Siauliai to Kaunas. The Russians already held Siauliai, 50 miles south of Jelgava.

The Germans declared they still held Siedlce, 50 miles east of Warsaw, but Russian dispatches said Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's right wing was moving on the city for the purpose of joining forces which were battling Germans in the streets after capturing Brest Litovsk. Dispatches did not locate the Russian spearhead positions.

Rokossovsky Gains

As Ukrainian army units to the south seized Jaroslavl and Przemysl, Nazi strongholds on the route to Germany, Rokossovsky's forces (Continued on Page Three)

Negro Murdered In Pendleton

PENDLETON, July 29 (AP)—An unidentified negro, about 45 years of age, was found dead this morning on a warehouse freight loading dock four blocks from the center of Pendleton.

A blood-stained club studded with nails and an empty money belt lying beside the body indicated that he was murdered for whatever valuable he was carrying. District Attorney A. C. McIntyre said, following an investigation.

Only clue to the man's identity was his hat, purchased in Chillicothe, Mo.

Chinese Fight In Tengchung

CHUNGKING, July 29 (AP)—Chinese troops are fighting in the suburbs of Tengchung, main Japanese base on the Yunnan front, after capturing heights dominating the entire city, the Chinese high command announced today.

Loss of Pingsiang, 95 miles northeast of encircled and battered Hengyang in Hunan province, was acknowledged by the Chinese high command tonight, but a communique said 10 separate attacks upon Hengyang by Japanese troops trying desperately to capture the Canton-Hankow rail junction, were thrown back.

Positions at Hengyang, a communique said, remained unchanged.

Nazis Resume Communications

STOCKHOLM, July 29 (AP)—Loss of Berlin communications with Berlin were normal again today, after having been cut off since Friday, probably because of an allied air attack on central Germany. Telephone communications between Sweden and Switzerland still are cut.

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Thailand Cabinet Resigns en Bloc

NEW YORK, July 29 (AP)—The puppet cabinet of Thailand, headed by Premier Luang Bipul Songgram, has resigned en bloc, the Tokyo radio said today, following the national assembly's rejection of two measures apparently dealing with the construction of the new Thai capital at Pachabun, 190 miles north of Bangkok.

The broadcast, reported by the Federal communications commission, said one of the measures had to do with the creation of a special administrative district at Pachabun and the other with "construction of a Buddha city." The latter measure was not explained.

Bulgars Request Nazi Evacuation

ISTANBUL, July 27 (Delayed) (AP)—The government of Premier Ivan Bagrianov has asked Germany to evacuate all German armed forces from Bulgaria and there are indications that the request may be heeded, according to information received here today. The Bulgars were reported to feel that the government would defend the nation against attack "from any quarter."

The Germans at first refused to grant the Bulgarian request, the report said, on the ground that their other satellites might make the same demand and that prestige was involved, but developments suggest that this stand was reconsidered.

The Bulgars meanwhile are granting Soviet demands for establishment of Russian consulates in most of the country's chief ports and towns.

Mine Sweeper Loss Announced

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—Loss of the mine sweeper Swerve was announced by the navy today, bringing to 172 the number of American naval vessels lost since the war started.

The 890-ton mine sweeper, the Navy, was sunk in the Mediterranean recently as the result of enemy action.

No information was given on the number of casualties aboard the mine sweeper which carried a normal complement of 60 officers and men.

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WRIGHT ACQUITTED OF RAPE CHARGE

A verdict of not guilty was returned by a jury of nine men and three women early Saturday afternoon following a three and a half day trial for Charles Weldon Wright, who had been charged with the statutory rape of a local 12-year-old girl.

The 24-year-old seaman, who is married and has two children, is stationed at the Klamath naval air station.

Appearing on the stand for the first time in the trial Friday afternoon, the defendant throughout questioning stuck to his statement of innocence. His story of the alleged crime, was much the same as that of Mrs. Wright's Friday morning. The defendant's wife's story was to the effect that the interval in which her husband was alone with the complaining witness at the time of (Continued on Page Three)

Yugoslavs Seize Nazi Stronghold

LONDON, July 29 (AP)—Yugoslav troops have seized the town of Murino in southern Montenegro, cutting off the German stronghold of Pec, 20 miles to the east, and are slicing up the Germans' south Montenegro army, a communique of Marshal Tito said today.

Segregee Situation Not 'Hunger Strike,' Says WRA

War relocation officials declared today it is no longer reasonable to consider the demonstration in the isolation area of the Tulelake segregation center as a "genuine hunger strike."

WRA said the two main reasons for its conclusions are: 1. One of the strikers, hospitalized July 25, has been eating for three days and today, after returning to the isolation area, continues to take nourishment.

2. The amount of food in the isolation kitchen just prior to the demonstration was too great to have been entirely consumed by the men, and probably was hidden for future consumption.

Wrong Term

"With one of the so-called strikers eating in the midst of the other 13, it would be ridiculous to call the demonstration a hunger strike," said a WRA statement.

Although the men isolated as troublemakers stated they had not eaten since July 19, those (Continued on Page Three)

examined at the hospital at their own request were not in a serious condition, WRA stated.

Seem Weak

They seemed weak but still were able to get around in the isolated area unassisted and to visit with wives, children and relatives.

There were never more than 19 men in the isolated area between June 29 and July 19, WRA pointed out.

"It hardly seems possible," said the WRA, "that the men could have completely consumed a large quantity of food left in the kitchen in that period. This food included 115 pounds of fish, 300 pounds of rice, as well as regular quantities of meat, eggs, bread, vegetables and milk."

On July 19, when the strike began, the food was gone and the strikers claimed they had consumed it before beginning their campaign of self-starvation to force release from the isolated area.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
B-29s strike against Japan in MANCHURIA. This time the Japs have been moving their heavy industry OUT OF JAPAN, as the Russians moved theirs east of the Urals and the Germans were threatening Moscow.

HE consistently pooch-pooching Tokyo radio says the harm was negligible, but B-29s returning to Manchuria's industrial city of Anshan was so close it may take a year to rebuild.

HE big Forts also hit Chenghsien, away up on the Yellow River, where the Japs are pouring in men and supplies to rebuild the Canton railroad.

The attack was in DAYLIGHT, at high elevation. Losses are unreported as this was written. The Japs claim to have shot down at least one.

Normandy our Americans have broken through into WESTERN FRANCE.

They no longer face massed German strong points with fixed tanks. To stop us now, Rommel has to attack OUR TANKS with HIS TANKS.

Where to get tanks enough to stop the trick may be a problem for him. If he brings them from the Caen end of the Normandy, thus weakening himself, Montgomery will swing a smacker at him.

HE Germans say today the Americans are using 12 motorized divisions and 2500 tanks. They've identified 10 German divisions in the line against us.

Twenty-five hundred tanks is a LOT OF TANKS. If we have many in action, it looks bad for Rommel.

We'd better keep our fingers crossed a while on the 2500-tank army. The natural ally of the Japs who is taking a licking is: He's too big for me."

THIS is the big strategic question today: Will Hitler order the Germans to STAND AND FIGHT in Normandy?

He gave that order in Russia. TOO MANY DIED. He's suffering for it in Poland.

RUSSIAN spearheads (cavalry, light tanks, etc.) are IN THE NIGHT of Warsaw today. Their main forces, with heavy artillery, are only 20 miles away.

Up on the Baltic, they are almost to Riga (at Riga, they'll cut off by land whatever Germans may be left to the north).

IN southeastern Poland, the reds have taken everything from the Carpathian foothills and the dispatches say today that a Russian march into Czechoslovakia through the passes of the Carpathians looms as a possibility.

Beyond Czechoslovakia lies Hungary and the valley of the Danube. A thrust down the Danube valley would cut off ALL the Germans in ALL THE BALKANS.

WHAT possibility puts all the Balkan satellites on the spot, and the obvious desire of Bulgaria and Turkey to GET ON OUR SIDE.

There's a tale from Istanbul that Bulgaria has ASKED Berlin to evacuate all Germans from Bulgaria and that Berlin has REFUSED THE REQUEST.

HE HIGHER VOLUNTARILY gets out of Bulgaria, he's in a tight spot and knows it.

STILL, it could be. It looks as if he is pulling clear back to Germany from the east, hoping for a shorter front that can be defended by fewer men.

THE weather has been a little better in Normandy, and in the last three days our PLANES have knocked out 250 of Rommel's tanks. That must hurt.

ROBOTS fell in England in waves last night. There are persistent tales to the effect that the Germans are readying a robot army. Allied military men don't entirely discredit this rumor.

HOPE pinned to the robots are probably stiffening German will to fight to the death.

THE bloody work of killing Japs goes forward in the Pacific.

The little yellow men counter-attacked on Guam on Tuesday, and 2000 were slain. Today's dispatches say that our infantry and marines are pushing closer to the tip of Guam's Orote peninsula. The 2000 Japs doomed to die in defense of an airfield and the Sumay naval base.

On Tinian, our marines are chasing the Japs "who are racing toward eventual death in the island's hilly south sector." The Tinian ratio is now up to 20 to 1.

We've killed 27,000 Japs in the Marianas so far.

THE New York stock market is still in a bad state of jitter. The speculators can't figure out yet what the DOLLAR will do in the recent spectacular news will be.