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RUSSIAN CRACK VITAL RAILWAY LINE

123 Nazi Planes Shot Down Over German Capital

Indications Point to R. A. F. Carrying More Destruction in Night Raid, 68 U. S. Planes Lost.

By W. W. HERCHER (Associated Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, March 6 — (AP) — More than 850 United States heavy bombers battled their way through enemy fighters and flak today to pour probably more than 2,000 tons of bombs on battered Berlin and tonight indicated that R. A. F. night raiders were carrying more destruction into the heart of the Reich.

The daylight attack by "divisions" of heavy bombers cost the Germans 123 planes shot down. The raiders travelled the most dangerous aerial highway in Europe to penetrate 600 miles to Berlin and good weather allowed the planes to send up great swarms of defensive fighters.

The Berlin radio, while claiming that damage done to the capital was negligible, acknowledged that the battle in the air was of great intensity.

The extent of tonight's continuing of the round-the-clock operations by the R. A. F. was not immediately known. Some continental radio stations left the air for a short time, but in Stockholm was interrupted, and the Frankfurt radio early in the night disclosed "enemy aircraft are circling over our town."

Must Check On Military Status Of Employees

OTTAWA, March 6 — (CP) — Detailed instructions to employers in the method to be followed in making a check of all male employees to determine whether they have complied with military call-up regulations now are being circulated. Selective Service officials said today.

Set Dates For Issuing Of Ration Books

OTTAWA, March 6 — (CP) — The Royal Canadian Air Force's billion-dollar budget for the fiscal year 1944-45 was approved tonight in the House of Commons as the committee of supply passed the last item in the air section of the war appropriation bill.

U.S. Infantry Units Strike Surprise Blows In Attack In Northern Burma

By PRESTON GROVER (A. P. Staff Writer)
NEW DELHI, March 6 — United States infantry units in action for the first time on the Asiatic continent, have opened an attack in northern Burma under the direction of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell who swore he would get even with the Japanese for the "hell of a beating" they gave him two years ago.

Veterans of the jungles of Guadalcanal and the southwest Pacific, scoring their first success in the drive to open a short cut to China's northern Burma, have marched 200 miles through the thick bush and struck the enemy a surprise blow from the rear, a communique from Stilwell's headquarters announced.

About 2,000 of the enemy were believed to have been killed. The units which marched 117 miles from northeast India, then struck eastward then southward and eastward again and came out on the Walaubun trail.

Gen. Stilwell's Chinese troops, who have been pushing the Japanese back steadily for nearly two months in the Hukawng Valley, pressed in from the north, taking Mungkwun, while the Americans took Walaubun, 10 miles south-east of Maitkwun.

The Americans are led by Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill, a 39-year-old buck private who has specialised

Forced Down, Plane Crew Is Rescued

HALIFAX, March 6 — (CP) — Rescue of four R. C. A. F. fliers after their bomber had been forced down on a frozen lake in Nova Scotia, Guysborough County was disclosed by the Eastern Air Command tonight.

Lost while returning from a patrol flight over the Atlantic, the bomber set down on the small lake between Sherbrooke and County Harbor Mines. It reported its plight by wireless to the Command, and Aircraft Detachment Observers, who sighted it flying low, helped fix its position.

A plane from the bomber's home base at nearby Eastern Passage located it and dropped supplies. Searchers with sleds went out from the two villages by nightfall.

Under the cover of darkness, the fliers had been brought out. None had been injured. Their names were not disclosed.

Appropriation Bill Approved By Commons

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The total estimate air department outlay is \$1,137,774,638 compared with \$1,213,075,625 last year. Deductible from the total is a sum of \$47,744,638 recoverable from the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand in respect of pay of R. A. F. members in Canada and for training aircrew here.

Air Minister Power, answering questions through the afternoon, disclosed that the air force has nearly 12,000 training planes in Canada and has ordered 900 others to cover requirements of the air training plan during the next two years; training runways cover enough ground to make a highway 2,198 miles long and 20 feet wide, and 6,988 buildings have been erected.

Educational activities carried on within the force were outlined by Henry MacMillan, Parliament Assistant to the Minister.

Tito's Partisans In Heavy Fighting

LONDON, March 6 — (AP) — Heavy fighting between Partisans of Marshal Tito and the Germans near the Kozara and Minejuba mountains was reported tonight in a communique issued by the Yugoslav Telegraph Agency.

The communique, from the headquarters of Tito, said the efforts of the Germans to capture Yugoslav positions had been repulsed and that the Partisans now were launching counter-attacks.

Victoria Cross Awarded To Quebec Major

By JOHN DAUPHINEE (Canadian Press Staff Writer)
OTTAWA, March 6 — (CP) — The second Victoria Cross won by a Canadian army man in this war has been awarded to Maj. Paul Triquet of Capbec, Que., 35-year-old company commander in the Royal 22nd Regiment, for valor during the Moro River battle in Italy.

In the face of overwhelming German opposition he rallied the

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst
A grave threat to German armies in Russia is developing out of the new Red Army mass offensive south of Shepetovka where Russian penetrations to neutralize or cut the Odessa-Warsaw railroad are admitted by Berlin.

Loss of that line would make inevitable a general retreat from all the southern Ukraine into Rumania under threat of a Russian flanking drive down the valley of the Siret. That could cut off the whole Nazi right flank and pin it against the Black Sea coast at a time when the approaching spring thaws in southern Russia, are likely to become an added Nazi menace and bog down the impending great retreat from the Dnieper bend.

It has been clear for weeks that the Russians were preparing to deal a body blow in the south-central section of the front, Moscow now reports street fighting in Volochisk station on the Odessa-Warsaw trunk railroad between Tranolop and Proskurov, both important junction centres.

The two junction cities are important because they command the railroad and highway approaches from southeastern Poland to Rumania through the Cernauti gateway city at the head of the valley of the Siret. A Russian invasion of Rumania at that point might force Rumania out of the war to leave the whole German southern flank in the east stranded.

Even assuming Rumanian resistance to the Russian drive, however, the Cernauti-Siret route completely outflanks the successive river-bolstered defence fronts in the south behind which Nazi leaders may have hoped to organize shortened defensive fronts.

It seems likely that two or more Ukraine armies have been concentrated to exploit the initial success of the Red drive. Weather probabilities in that area call for several weeks yet before spring thaws develop so there is time yet, apparently, for the decisive battle of the whole Russian winter campaign to be fought out in that area.

Legislation Re Assessment Board For City

LONDON, March 6 — (CP) — Under the heading "Japan is scheming to fool us again," the Daily Mail printed an editorial page article today by Simon Fraser Smith, which was directed against appeasement with Tokyo and said a certain group in the financial city of London and in the House of Commons has lately begun work for a compromise peace with Japan.

The Daily Mail said Harcourt Smith's personal interpretation of the editorial opinion of the newspaper.

The article's constructive war objective cannot be fulfilled in our time, it will be carried forward to the next generation and if it is still not done, it will be turned over to the succeeding generations until final victory and peace are achieved.

The article traced at length the Japanese course since entering the war and commented that the British government's "optimistic" new Japanese policy of 1944 — a policy no less fraught with danger for us than the overt manoeuvres which led to the capture of Singapore.

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Land Behind Japs On New Guinea Coast

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, March 6 — (Tuesday) — (A P) — Reinforced American troops on Los Negros Island in the Admiralty Islands advanced north of Monote airdrome Sunday against Japanese artillery fire to cross the narrow isthmus which connects the main island of the island with a plantation-covered peninsula.

Other aggressive action announced in an Allied communique today was the amphibious landing by 32nd division units behind Japanese positions on the northeast New Guinea coast, 30 miles west of Saldor.

The last cavalry division and reinforcements which have been constantly landing on Los Negros Island since the invasion Feb. 29, secured the first advance from Monote airdrome since beating off heavy Japanese attacks around the field Friday night and Saturday.

The amphibious landing west of Saldor was made against enemy shell fire but a nutcracker pressure on the Japanese caught between the newly landed troops and advance units of the main American force which have moved about 20 miles west of Saldor.

The whole operation is aimed at making the enemy base up the coast about 300 miles from the scene of the new American landing.

Colombus-based bombers and fighters continued their blows on Rabaul, the enemy base in New Britain, striking with 151 tons of explosives in a midday attack Saturday.

Announce Retirement Of 5 Officers

OTTAWA, March 6 — (CP) — Five high permanent R. C. A. F. officers are being retired, not because of their age, but because rapid promotion in wartime had its penalty of early retirement, Air Minister Power said today in the Commons.

Replying to a question by Alfred Bence (PC-Saskatoon City), Maj. Power said it was imperative to show young men overseas that the ceiling of high officers could be broken so that with service experience in this war might reach the top.

The retiring officers would receive pensions of from \$4,500 to \$5,500 a year to which they have contributed as members of the permanent force, the Minister said.

(The five officers of air rank who are being retired this fact was announced previously — are Air Marshal Harold Edwards, Air Vice-Marshal A. E. Godfrey, Air Vice-Marshal G. M. Croll, and Air Commodore A. H. Hull.)

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Car Ferry Resumes Operations

Crossings to the mainland were resumed as 3:47 yesterday afternoon by the car ferry Prince Edward Island after damage to the tiller had held the steamer at Borden since Friday afternoon. Railway officials announced last night. The ferry arrived at Cape Horn line at 6:55 leaving on the return trip to Borden at 9:15. Heavy ice, led to the trip taking over three hours, the ferry arriving at Borden at 12:24 this morning. It was expected that the train, with mails and passengers, would reach the City around 3:30 p.m.

The tiller was flown from Moncton on Saturday but when fitted to the ferry's hull the opening was found to be too small. It was enlarged at the C.N.R. shops here and sent back to Borden by a special train which left the city at 7:30 Sunday night, work being completed at the above-mentioned time.

Warns Against Agreement With Japan

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Nazi Plans For Opposing Invasion Get Severe Jolt With Losses At Beachhead

By Edward Kennedy
ON THE ANZIO BEACHHEAD IN ITALY, March 6 (AP) — Bodies of German soldiers "piled up like cordwood" on the Anzio beachhead — 24,000 have been killed, wounded or captured in the fighting here — represent a serious dislocation of Nazi plans for opposing an Allied invasion from Great Britain, it was disclosed authoritatively today.

Crack divisions, including the Hermann Goering, which had been earmarked for transfer to the French "invasion coast" now are pinned down by the fighting around the beachhead and have suffered bloody losses in three abortive attempts to drive British and American troops into the sea.

Of the 24,000 casualties suffered by Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's forces in this area, 3,500 have been captured and a high percentage of the remainder killed, it was disclosed.

The Germans, it was learned had expected to hold the rugged Italian front hinged on Cassino with second grade troops while their best, most experienced units held light off the threatened invasion from Britain.

Artillery Fire Lessens
That the Germans have been badly hurt in their three major assaults on the beachhead is attested by the falling-off of their artillery fire in recent days, especially their shelling of Anzio harbour.

The enemy made only one brief offensive gesture against the beachhead Sunday, when about a platoon of Germans started a thrust against American lines near Cassino. Artillery and mortar fire broke up this small push before it was well started. Allied artillery knocked out a German tank northwest of Littoria.

Continued rain on the beachhead and rain and snow on the original 5th and 8th Army fronts held operations to a minimum Sunday it was announced at Allied headquarters in Naples.

It was announced that about one-third of the beachhead's civilian population of 20,000 has been evacuated to Southern Italy.

15,000 Nazis Said Slain In New Push By The Red Army

Soviet Forces Outflanking Manoeuvres Cutting off Germans' Retreat As Nazis Suffer Heavy Losses in Manpower and Materials.

By TOM YARBROUGH, Associated Press Staff Writer
LONDON, March 6 — (AP) — Red Army troops of the 1st Ukrainian front—battering their way through the northwestern hinge of the Germans' Dnieper Bend Salient—have captured Volochisk and cut the Odessa-Lwow railway line along an 18-mile stretch, Moscow announced tonight.

Severance of the important double-tracked railway by Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's troops cut the Nazis their last important rail outlet in southern Russia.

It came in the third day of the new Russian push and the broadcast midnight Soviet communique supplement declared that "Soviet troops, by outflanking manoeuvres, are cutting off the Germans' retreat."

Canadian Catholic Prelates Appeal To Save Rome

QUEBEC, March 6 — (CP) — A plea that the city of Rome be spared from devastation was made public here today on behalf of the 50 Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops of Canada.

The statement was signed by Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, in his capacity of Cardinal of the Church and chairman of the plenary meeting and chief executive of the Canadian hierarchy, and was made public by Rev. Fr. Paul Bernier, French-speaking secretary of the Canadian hierarchy.

The statement, issued in English and French, said:

"The time seems to have come for us to direct to authorities responsible for the leading of the war a supreme appeal. We outline them to spare the city of Rome, the glory of our civilization, the home of art and culture, the centre of christianity, which 20 centuries of history have respected and venerated even to proclaim it the eternal city."

"We eagerly invite not only our Catholic brethren but all those who can remain indifferent to the fate of Rome, to join their prayers and their endeavours to our own, so that the nations at war dare not, in devastating that City, holly amongst all cities, inflict upon christianity a wound and upon themselves a wrong no victory would ever redress in the eyes of posterity."

"We are confident that the political wisdom and military valor of our leaders shall be equal to that achievement no less noble than uneasy, to save both the human lives entrusted to their care and the heritage of the whole of mankind."

Loss Of Destroyer Inglefield Announced

LONDON, March 6 — (CP) — Loss of the destroyer Inglefield was announced tonight. The Admiralty gave no details.

The Inglefield completed in 1937, was described by James's fighting ships as an Admiralty type of flotilla leader of 1,530 tons. She had a normal complement of 175 men and was commanded by Cmdr. C. H. Churchill, D. S. C. Cmdr. Churchill is reported to be a survivor.

In a recapitulation of the first two days of fighting, the war bulletin said that Russians killed more than 15,000 German officers and men and took more than 3,000 prisoners.



High tide this morning at 10:40 and tonight at 10:12. Sun sets this evening at 6:54 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:27. Full moon March 9, 9:28 p.m. Summerside tide 15 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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