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CHERBOURG TAKEN BY ALLIED ARMY

Defence Of Marianas Costly To Japs Battered Nazis Being Mopped-Up

Canadian Bombers Blast Robot Bases In France

Plane Piloted By Flt.-Lt. C. W. Higgins Of Charlottetown Runs Into Heavy Flak.

Expect Quick Repairs To Port Of Cherbourg

LONDON, June 25—(CP Cable)—Canadian heavy bombers switched from the long Germany run to concentrate on buzz-bombing bases around the Pas de Calais area Saturday night and this morning hitting those robot plane launching areas through heavy flak and belts of searchlights. One R.C.A.F. aircraft is missing.

Two Canadian fliers returned from today's daylight attack with some minor damage to their aircraft. Flt.-Lt. C. W. Higgins, D.F.C., Charlottetown, hit a storm of flak as he was passing over the French coast. "To get away from it," said Higgins, "we were obliged to dive to the deck. We were so low the altimeter read 300 feet below sea level."

Bishop Boyle At Antigonish

ANTIGONISH, N.S., June 25—(CP)—Returning to the Antigonish diocese for the first time since his consecration as Bishop of Charlottetown, the Most Rev. James Boyle celebrated pontifical benediction here today both at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church the parish of his childhood, and at St. Paul's Church, Havre Boucher, where he served as pastor for 15 years. On behalf of the Roman Catholic people of Tracadie, the bishop presented with a purse of money.

War Situation Last Night

By Elton C. Fay, Associated Press War Analyst

Savage fighting at the southeast corner of the Normandy front manned by British and Canadians has developed essentially from two basic factors.

That area represents the point of farthest advance into France and can become the springboard for a major offensive directed toward the Seine and Paris.

It is there the Allies' left flank exists and flanks are the favored attacking point for the opposition.

How essential the Nazis consider this area is attested by the tenacious manner in which they have maintained their grip on the city of Caen. They hope that by holding there they can keep shut the door to the Seine estuary and the coast between the Orne and the Seine Rivers—and to the rail and highway lines that lead to Paris.

Marshal Von Rundstedt has thrown perhaps the greatest weight of his armor and infantry on the Normandy front into the region of the Orne, Caen and Tilly-Sur-Seuille.

Until the last 48 hours, there has been little evidence that either side had succeeded in building up effective superiority. But early yesterday morning General Montgomery's staff apparently believed they were ready and a drive was opened which carried past Tilly-Sur-Seuille, west of Caen, and set off fierce fighting to the northeast.

Such terrifically fought contests for position emphasize the fact the Allied foothold on the European west coast still must be viewed as a beachhead in process of development.

The time when military men will speak of it as a true "invasion area" however, should be hastened by capture of Cherbourg, expediting the landing of still more soldiers and munitions, and by the British offensive.

747 Planes Destroyed, 30 Ships Sunk

PEARL HARBOR, June 25—(AP)—Japan's defence of the Marianas and Bonin has cost the Japanese 747 planes destroyed, 30 ships sunk, 51 damaged and two probably sunk and 13 barges destroyed, it was announced tonight.

A communiqué from Pacific Fleet headquarters revealed losses inflicted on the enemy in the two weeks June 10 to 25.

It added 190 planes shot down, three ships damaged—a light carrier, a heavy cruiser and a light cruiser—and transferred a tanker previously reported sunk to the damaged list.

At the same time headquarters said American plane losses ran a carrier force which sank or damaged nearly a score of Japanese ships. Losses were increased to 86 but only 22 pilots and 27 air crewmen were lost.

On Saipan Island troops advanced 500 to 800 yards yesterday on the western flank and in an attack on entrenched Japanese at Mount Topochau, the communiqué said.

Strong enemy opposition continued in the sector beginning around Mt. Taichau and extending northward.

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, June 25—(AP)—United States assault troops battered into smoke-shrouded Cherbourg late today from three sides, clamping a firm grasp on the city. And Supreme Headquarters announced at midnight that France's third largest port city was "almost in our possession."

An Associated Press dispatch from Cherbourg said veteran troops broke into the city on the 20th day of the invasion under a shell-shocking artillery, sea and aerial bombardment that crumpled Nazi fight-to-the-death resistance.

NAZIS ADMIT LOSS

The power drive swept on against Germans still holding out in the main portion of the city, and several hours later Supreme Headquarters termed the city almost in Allied possession. German broadcasts earlier had virtually written off the port as lost.

The American forces smashed into the city from the south, east and west, said Associated Press correspondent Don Whitehead, who entered the city with the troops.

The Germans turned the harbor facilities into an inferno of destruction, he said.

A tremendous artillery barrage helped crush stubborn Nazi defences on the outskirts, and the Americans won the high ground defences overlooking the port city, Supreme Headquarters said in its 40th communiqué.

Coastal City In Italy Occupied By Allies

REPORT COUP IN DENMARK

NEW YORK, June 25—(AP)—The Swedish Radio said yesterday 70 to 80 armed men destroyed German coastal defenses in the Copenhagen harbor. The Danish Red Cross is in the biggest coup of patriots so far carried out in that German occupied country.

Storm Into Jap Base At Mogaung

KANDY, Ceylon, June 25—(AP)—British and Chinese troops have stormed into the Japanese north Burma base of Mogaung on three sides, seizing an important stretch of railway between the Mogaung station and the railway bridge over the river, headquarters announced tonight.

Elements of Gurkha and British regiments broke into the town from the east and captured the bridge and rail stretch, while Maj.-Gen. W. D. A. Lentaigne's Chindits assailed the base from the south and Chinese troops pierced the outer defences both north and south of the city, the communiqué said.

At the same time American troops continued their slugging advance from the north toward the heart of the besieged north Burma Japanese bastion of Myittha, 45 miles east of Mogaung, still holding out against determined Allied attacks on all sides.

Three Japanese garrisons based in North Burma, two, Myittha and Mogaung, now are under attack from the inside, while the third, Kamaung, is being struck from the north.

In India, British troops thrust 20 to 30 miles north of Imphal and east of the Kohima Road in swift pursuit of the fleeing Japanese, recently routed from the Kohima-Imphal Road.

Reds Encircle Nazi Stronghold At Vitebsk

By RUSSEL LANDSTROM

LONDON, June 25—(AP)—The Russians have encircled the White Russian stronghold of Vitebsk, are lighting in one street with the trapped garrison of perhaps 45,000 men, Moscow announced today, as the Red army advanced along a 325-mile front and the Red army snatched the vaunted "fatherland line" built to guard the shortest road to Berlin.

Seven as a communiqué recorded this triumph and Premier Stalin was announcing sweeping Russian drives on the positions of Mogilev and Kobulev to the south. The Red army had opened yet another push in the Ostrov area, some 165 miles northwest of Vitebsk.

The sweep westward, ranging up to 25 miles and timed as the Allies broke through the German lines in Italy, over-ran more than 140 populated places, the communiqué said.

The trap snapped on Vitebsk, last major German fortress in Russia, when troops pushing up from the south and east cut the city off from the north and then knifed south to cut the last avenue of escape westward.

In two successive orders of the day Stalin announced a 50-mile breakthrough that carried the Red army to within 16 miles of the Dnepr River fortress of Mogilev, and said his troops had launched a railway station, five marshalling yards, and many important government buildings. These included the Reich Chancellery, the Gestapo headquarters, the war office and propaganda headquarters.

Retired Banker Dies In Toronto

TORONTO, June 25—(CP)—C. W. Rowley, former assistant general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Toronto died Saturday at the age of 74 after an illness of several months.

A native of Yorkville, N.S., he entered service of the Bank at St. Catharines Ont. in 1887 and later served at the Chatham, London and Collingwood branches. In 1920 he was appointed superintendent of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan branches.

He came to Toronto in 1926 as assistant general manager and retired in 1929.

ONLY CLEANUP JOB

Whitehead said there remained tonight only "the slow job of cleaning out the main part of the city." The outpost defences were virtually all blotted out.

"At 6 p.m. (noon E.D.T.) there were only two strong-points at Fort De Roule, and a few other scattered defence points holding out," Whitehead said.

COMING EVENTS

- *Show—Morell Tuesday, 6-24-21.
- *Show—St. Peter's Wednesday, 6-25-21.
- *Dance in Westmoreland School June 26th, 6-26-21.
- *Dance at Mrs. Gordon Murphy's, Emerald, Wednesday night, 6-26-21.
- *Borden, Monday, Town Hall, N.F.B. Movies, 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., 6-26-21.
- *Ice cream festival in Wheatley River Hall Tuesday, June 27th, 6-27-21.
- *Unloading car bulk wheat Saturday and Monday, McQuigan and Boyle, 6-26-21.
- *See Graham's Road play, Breadalbane Hall, Tuesday, June 27, 6-24-21.
- *Cape Traverse, Monday, National Film Board, Free movies, 8:45 p.m., 6-26-21.
- *Dance Johnston's River School Monday, June 26th, Charlottetown Orchestra, 6-26-21.
- *Hunter River Tuesday, June 27th. See film "If I Had My Way." Proceeds in aid of Library. Admission 30c and 15c., 6-24-21.
- *Reserve Wednesday, June 28th. Congregational Tea at West Colesed Church, 6-15-21-26.
- *Long Creek Hall Tuesday, June 27th. Refreshments, Good music, 6-22-11.
- *Ice cream and dance, Spring Valley Hall Thursday 26th. If not line on Friday night, 6-26-21.
- *Scurie—Falkie "Above Suspicion" Benefit Red Cross, Thursday, June 29th. Matinee 3:45 P.M., 6-26-21.
- *Come to Covehead Y.P.U. Concert in Hunter River Hall Thursday, June 29th. Proceeds for Red Cross, 6-26-21.
- *See "Aunt Bessie Beats the Band" by players of Morell Hall Thursday 26th. Also tap dancing and singing, 6-26-11.
- *The Ladies Aid of the New Glasgow Christian Church will hold an ice cream social on the church grounds on Tuesday evening, June 27, 6-26-21.
- *Kensington Girl Guides sponsor musical show "If I Had My Way" in King George Hall Wednesday. Children's show 7:00 p.m., admission 15 cents, Adults 9:00 p.m., admission 35 cents, 6-26-21.
- *Collecting hour Thursday of this week. Bulman and Bagnall, Hunter River; Elmer and Wigmore, Breadalbane; Summerside and Kensington, Roy Adams, Morris Casley, H. S. McEwen, 6-26-21.

To Evacuate Nazi Capital?

LISBON, June 25—(AP)—Twenty Hungarian passengers who arrived here tonight on a German airliner said Nazi authorities had ordered the evacuation of Berlin.

Hitler's Reichschancellery was among "many important buildings" smashed or damaged during the most devastating daylight air attack Berlin has ever had, made last Wednesday by American bombers and Fortresses," the BBC reported Sunday in a broadcast recorded in New York by CBS.

"Pictures taken during the attack show more than 30 concentrations of buildings in the heart of Berlin," the BBC said. "They damaged more than 25 separate industrial plants, four railway stations, five marshalling yards, and many important government buildings. These included the Reich Chancellery, the Gestapo headquarters, the war office and propaganda headquarters."

First Canadian Senior Officer Killed In France

By ROSS MUNRO

WITH THE CANADIANS IN FRANCE, June 25—(CP Cable)—Lt.-Col. J.R.W.T. Bessonetie of the 3rd Canadian division, the first Canadian senior officer to be killed in action in France.

On June 17 Col. Bessonetie was hit by an 88-MM shell while running to the assistance of a fellow officer who was fatally wounded by a shell which had crashed into their camp a minute before.

Col. Bessonetie evidently heard the shell which hit him, or he ran he fell flat. The shell landed right on him.

The two officers were buried in a little graveyard by a Norman Church, its spire shattered by gunfire. Maj. Gen. Keller, commander of the 3rd division, attended the front-line funeral service with guns banging a few fields away and fighter planes droning overhead.

Bessonetie, a big rawboned permanent force soldier with a huge moustache, became commander of the divisional army service corps in June 1942. He built it up and here in France it is functioning efficiently.

L-Cpl. U. J. Walsh Home From O'seas

After almost four years continuous military service in England, L-Cpl. U. J. Walsh, 48 Longworth street, city, returned home Saturday in the original transport he listed in June, 1940, and two months later found himself in England, serving with a Provost corps. He was very seriously injured in a motor-cycle accident in March, 1943, and not having fully recovered from its effects was recently sent to Canada.

L-Cpl. Walsh has the distinction of having been the special medical officer who treated D. Bouchard, injured was Captain Mustard, formerly M.O. at Beach Grove Inn.

L-Cpl. Walsh married while in England and has one child, a boy. His wife (formerly Miss Kathleen Shepherd, Enson, England) and two children are in the St. John's hospital shortly rejoin L-Cpl. Walsh here.

L-Cpl. Walsh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Walsh, 48 Longworth street, city.

Budget Speech Scheduled Tonight

OTTAWA, June 25—Finance Minister Isley will make his annual budget speech in the Commons tomorrow night. Until then it will not be known what changes in taxes he will propose.

Prominent Liberal members of the House expressed the view yesterday there would be few tax changes.

Belief is that there may be some adjustment here and there in the income taxes and possibly some relief in the excess profits taxes to give business firms a chance to pile up some reserves to meet expenditures when they have to change from war work to peacetime production.

There have been vigorous urgings by some Liberals that the income taxes in the lower brackets be lightened and that the limit of \$600 annual income below which no taxes are collected from single persons and the \$1,200 limit for married folks also be moved up. But if the government is heeding these urgings it has given no intimation.

Four Great Allied Air Fleets Out

LONDON, June 25—(AP)—Up to 3,000 Allied heavy bombers thundered out over France from Italy in four great fleets today, shattering German installations all the way from the rocket emplacement at Pas de Calais to the southern coast in one of the war's greatest daylight assaults.

Some 1,000 United States heavies escorted by 500 fighters thundered out toward Spain from Britain, blasting the fuel depot and air-dromes near Toulouse and other enemy plane nests in Central France including those at Bourges, 125 miles south of Paris and Avord, 12 miles east of Bourges.

Cardinal Villeneuve Refers To Speech

ST. HYACINTHE Que., June 25—(CP)—Cardinal Villeneuve, apparently referring to last Wednesday's Senate speech on Senator D. Bouchard, whom he only referred to by the words "a public figure I need not name," said here Saturday "in my name and in the name of the country's Catholic hierarchy in the name of the people we love and we guide, I deny the truth of such unqualified denials."

Cardinal Villeneuve, who was 63 years old at the time of his appointment as Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, was Mayor for more than 25 years, added "I solemnly say that none of those who live according to the church's teachings and are loyal to the true French-Canadian traditions, is a menace for Canada nor an element of national disunity."

Another C.C.F. Man Elected In Alberta

REGINA, June 25—(CP)—Election of a C.C.F. candidate appeared certain today in the far-northern Saskatchewan constituency of Cumberland.

Jap Troops Threaten Important Chinese City

By SPENCER MOOSA

CHUNGKING, June 25—(AP)—Japanese troops plunging down the Canton-Hankow railway have pierced the outer defences of Hengyang, most important city yet attacked by the enemy since the fall of Canton and Hankow in 1938, the Chinese High Command announced tonight. Men were taking a gloomy view of the developing battle for the city, fall of which might upset Allied plans to use China as a base of attack on Japan.

Less than 200 miles of the railway remains in Chinese hands southward from Hengyang to north of Canton, along with a few small gaps north of Hankow. The Chinese charged in a later

Home After Five Years In Army

Pte. J. J. Doucette, 40 Connolly street, city, after almost five years of service in the Army, returned home from overseas Saturday night. He enlisted in September, 1939, and was in England for sixteen months serving in the 3rd Division. He was recently honourably discharged because of ill health. Mr. Doucette is married, has two children, a boy and girl. His wife is the former Muriel Dunn of Vernon River, daughter of the late James Dunn and Mrs. Dunn.

10-Hour Fire As Oil Burns At Saint John's

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., June 25—(CP Cable)—Fire raged at the Imperial Oil waterfront warehouse here for 10 hours Saturday, a menace to the wooden city of St. John's but the blended efforts of the St. John's fire fighting brigade and service firemen and fireboats confined the blaze to Imperial Oil's section of the waterfront.

The flames broke out shortly after the lunch-hour—a few minutes past 1 o'clock when 14 workers had left for dinner. The three men remaining on duty heard an explosion and a bare had time to escape skyward. The central building—300 by 50 feet one-story structure—was enveloped in fire.

It housed apparatus for filling

High tide this afternoon at 3.01 and tomorrow morning at 4.20. Sun sets this evening at 8.50 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.15. First quarter moon June 28, 2.27 A.M. Summer tide eleven minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown—Summerside—Mandow
Leave Charlottetown 7:35 a.m.
Leave Summerside 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1:10 p.m.
8:45 p.m. 7:05 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.
Arrive Summerside 8:45 a.m.
P.E.I.—N.S. FERRY SERVICE
DAILY INCLUDING SUNDAYS
Leave Wood Islands—7:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.
Leave Charlottetown—8:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.
Burning May and June the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. sailings will be cancelled, as usual.

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