

Yank Troops Isolate Cherbourg

Seek Victims Of Nazi Pilotless Plane-Bomb



Rescue workers dig through the wreckage of a south England house for a family that was thought to be buried in the ruins after one of Germany's new pilotless plane-bombs exploded against the structure.

5 Jap Freighters Sunk 50 NIP PLANES HIT BY YANKS Mannerheim Line Smashed By Reds

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Monday, June 19.—(P)—Mitchell medium bombers sank five Japanese merchantmen in a follow-up raid upon Sorong in Dutch New Guinea.

LONDON, June 19.—(P)—Russia's Leningrad army under Marshal Leonid A. Govorov has smashed through Finland's last main defense system the old Mannerheim line.

MERCURY SOARS TO NEAR RECORD

Wilmington suffered its hottest day of the year yesterday as the temperature soared to an even 100 degrees, within one degree of the all-time record for June.

"We are fighting for our freedom," Linkomies said in a Helsinki broadcast. "We cannot imagine life here except as a free and independent people."

Koivisto, western anchor of the old Mannerheim line, was seized by the Russians who pushed or through Makslahki, 17 miles south of Viipuri.

Viipuri, with a peacetime population of 70,000, is being evacuated, German broadcasts said.

The Russians were declared to have gained all along a 72-mile front from Koivisto and Makslahki in the west.

Other temperatures: Columbus, Miss., Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Butler and Adairsville, Ga., 100; Macon, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla., 99.

Rocket Planes Again Hit Southern England

LONDON, June 18.—(P)—Adolf Hitler's stubby winged comet bombs scattered destruction across southern England today, as the trumpeting Berlin radio applied the new tag of "Hell Hounds" to the weird weapons.

RAF fighters patrolling over the Channel and on the watch for the pilotless planes were believed to have bagged at least one during the morning.

Congressmen Seek Early Adjournment

WASHINGTON, June 18.—(P)—A month-long recess starting next Saturday its goal, Congress will step up its legislative machinery this week to dispose of a formidable array of major measures.

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Japanese Capture Chinese Positions

CHUNGKING, June 18.—(P)—Three Chinese strongholds have fallen to swift, slanting Japanese advances in Hunan province, and to the north in Hubei province.

There was no way out except to overrun the Yanks' strangling line to the sea—and the Germans already had tried that and failed.

The Americans cut the western coastline road in two places—at Barneville and at St. Lo D'Orville—and immediately got set to repulse the Germans' counterattack which came today.

It literally was a massacre—the massacre of St. Jacques de Nebou. That is where the Americans battered the Germans in one of the bloodiest encounters of the invasion.

French Repel Nazi Troops On Elba Isle

EIGHTH ARMY GAINS

Colonials Rout Germans From Fortifications On Barren Island

ROME, June 18.—(P)—French Colonials cleared the Germans from their central and southern strongholds on Elba today in a drive to secure the seaward flank of a mainland push rolling up the Italian peninsula all along the line.

The Eighth army fought yesterday into the outskirts of Perugia, big road hub 85 miles north of Rome, and about 72 mile southeast of Florence, near where the enemy may make a stand for what may be a final reckoning in Italy.

Dispatches from the barren isle where Napoleon spent his first exile revealed the operation was a combined effort of the Allies with the French storming ashore after British and United States naval units, with an assist from British commandos and Allied air forces, had cleared the way.

Associated Press Correspondent Joseph Dynan in a field dispatch said ships were bringing wounded to Bastia, in Corsica, across the narrow strait from Elba, and that a number of prisoners had been taken.

"The German communique declared forces landing in the north and southeast of the island were thrown back into the sea, but acknowledged a bridgehead had been established at Marina di Campo, on the south coast and said a coastal battery had damaged a British cruiser of the London class."

A brief naval announcement said British and U. S. units carrying the French to Elba were preceded by minesweepers while gunboats poured their fire on shore defenses.

Dynan reported British naval commandos slipped past the German garrison, entered Golfo di Campo harbor and knocked out a gunboat lying at a jetty in Marina di Campo with a sudden volley of 35 grenades.

The assault craft torpedoes grappled onto the gunboat in the old naval tradition, threw in the grenades, wiped out the crew with heavy machine guns and blackjacks, then withdrew as German batteries opened up on their own gunboat and blew it up with a shot into the ammunition locker.

Once ashore, famed French Colonials and a commando-type battalion made up chiefly of refugees from metropolitan France, assigned to a special mission of clearing out enemy strong points in southern, central and southeastern Elba achieved every objective ahead of schedule, headquarters announced.

Los Angeles Feels Strong Earthquake

LOS ANGELES, June 17.—(P)—Thousands of Sunday theatergoers in downtown Los Angeles, Long Beach and Inglewood felt the jolt of a strong earthquake at 5:03 o'clock this afternoon.

Windows in thousands of homes were rattled. Some glass was broken, and stock was knocked from store shelves.

Germans Beaten In Bloody Massacre

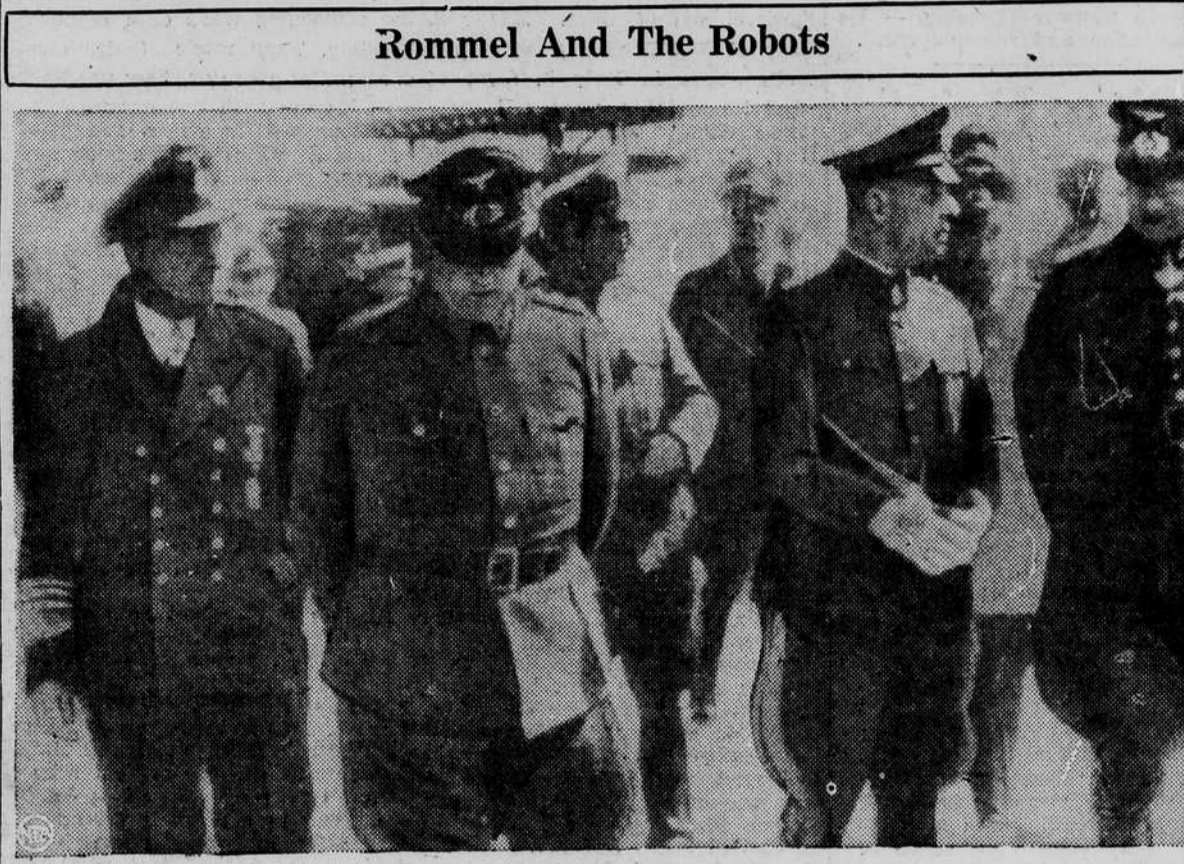
By DON WHITEHEAD WITH AMERICAN TROOPS ON CHERBOURG PENINSULA, June 18.—(P)—American troops have cut through the Cherbourg neck in a "last mile" drive and have beaten off the first fanatical German attempt to break out of the peninsula's trap.

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Now the stopper is in the bottle and the big question is how long it will take to clean out stubborn resistance and

SEVEN-MILE-WIDE PATH CUT ACROSS NECK OF PENINSULA; 25,000 GERMANS ENCIRCLED



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SHOW FEATURES BOND CAMPAIGN

As the Fifth War Loan drive enters its second week in Wilmington and New Hanover county, today a benefit show "And the Angles Sing" is expected to highlight the week tomorrow night.

Admission to the performance may be obtained only through a ticket received for the purchase of an extra war bond from an issuing agent.

The musical comedy, to be presented at 8:30 o'clock at the Bailey theater, will feature Fred McMurray, Dorothy Lamour and Betty Hutton, with supporting cast composed of Diana Lynn, Mimi Chandler, Eddie Foy, Jr. and Raymond Walburn.

This morning, the women's division of the war bond drive will start a survey of Wilmington merchants who are selling bonds in their stores. It is their goal to attain the cooperation of 100 per cent of the retailers in soliciting bonds, either by filling out applications or discussing bond sales with customers.

Reaching more than one fifth of the city-county quota of \$5,707,000 during the first week of the campaign war bond sales had reached \$1,249,637.50 up to last night. Sales of the E series of war bonds to date total \$584,837.50.

J. G. Thornton, chairman of the city campaign, said the pleasing aspect of the bond drive is that 40 per cent of the total sales are in E bonds.

MANY KILLED

LONDON, June 18.—(P)—A Yugoslav communique reported tonight that from May 25 to June 10, 10,000 Germans and Quislings in western Bosnia had killed 1,500 in eastern Bosnia in the past six days and another 900 in recent operations in Banija.

Rommel And The Robots



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Major General Uhl Visits Camp Davis On Inspection Tour

CAMP DAVIS, June 18.—Major General Frederick E. Uhl, commanding general, Fourth Service Command, left here this week-end to return to Atlanta after an inspection tour of this installation, his first trip to Camp Davis since assuming command of service units in this area.

Accompanied by his chief of staff, Brigadier General Sydney Erickson, General Uhl was received at the air field by Colonel Adam E. Potts, camp commander, who escorted the official party on a tour of the camp.

General Uhl met members of the camp staff and discussed with officers and enlisted men the work being done here.

1,100 ATTENDING LEGION MEETING

ASHEVILLE, June 18.—(P)—More than 1,100 delegates had registered tonight for the three-day state convention of the American Legion and its Auxiliary which was launched this morning.

Those who had registered included some 860 members of the Legion, including 300 members of the 40 and 8, Fun and Honor Society of the Legion, and about 250 members of the Legion Auxiliary.

The Legion convention program will get underway tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the city auditorium, with Department Commander Robert C. Stevens of Goldsboro presiding.

The visitors will be welcomed, on behalf of the Killfin Rockwell and C. W. Francy posts, by Mayor L. Lyons Lee of Asheville, and George K. Snow of Mount Airy, department vice-commander will respond.

OIL PLANTS HIT IN HAMBURG AREA

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 18.—(P)—An all-American armada of more than 1,300 heavy bomber dealt punishing blows to oil refineries and storage plants in the Hamburg area and other targets in northwest Germany today while up to 250 other heavy bombers pounded the Pas-De-Calais sector of France in the sixth Allied assault on that German "secret weapon" bases area.

This continued assault on the Pas-De-Calais area came as the Germans continued their flying bomb attacks on southern England throughout the day and on the evening, causing additional damage and casualties.

Just before dark, a long procession of RAF bombers headed across the Channel toward France. Several hours later their targets still had not been officially identified.

Although American planes struck from Hamburg on down through western Germany, where three airfields were bombed, and on into the Paris area, where Mustangs attacked supply lines, the German air force put up no serious opposition.

Not one enemy fighter arose to challenge the great fleet striking into Germany but the Germans threw up a flak barrage described as one of the heaviest ever encountered.

Numerous oil refineries and depots were battered in the Hamburg area raid, the headquarters announcement said.

Yugoslav Factors Reported In Accord

BARI, ITALY, June 18.—(P)—Marshal Tito and the royal Yugoslav government announced today an accord had been reached to help the peoples of Yugoslavia liberate their country as speedily as possible.

The accord was reached at conferences in Yugoslavia attended by Dr. Ivan Subasic, chaired by King Peter of Yugoslavia to form a new cabinet under the royal government in exile.

Marshal Tito, guerrilla chieftain and head of the national liberation committee, and other parties.

Chinese Troops Gain Approach To Mogaung

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, June 18.—(P)—Chinese troops have captured the northern approach to the town of Mogaung, and a juncture with Chindits east of the town appeared imminent as Maj. Gen. W. D. A. Lentaigne's forces penetrated to within 200 yards of the Mogaung valley bridge, it was announced tonight.

NAZI DIVISION BADLY SLASHED

Bloody Massacre Results When Enemy Attempts To Break Out

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Monday, June 19.—(P)—American troops, headed by the Ninth division blasted a seven-mile-wide path across the neck of the Cherbourg peninsula Sunday, putting a stranglehold on 25,000 to 30,000 Germans in and around the prized port of Cherbourg, and then slashed the Nazi 77th division to pieces in a bloody massacre when the enemy frantically tried to break out.

The Allied midnight communique, confirming earlier dispatches direct from the field, said the peninsula was cut off from the rest of Normandy when the Americans reached the west coast near Barneville-sur-Mer.

That was the exact point where the cut-off had been planned by officers who worked out the problem on sand-tables long before the invasion of France began June 6.

The battle on which the success of the bold American stroke hinged began seven hours after the first troops had reached the sea. It raged for two hours, with the ninth division laying down the heaviest concentration of mortar fire since D-Day and climaxing it with an artillery "serenade"—a thundering chorus of every available gun hurling shells into the point of greatest danger.

The German 77th division, attacking in waves, virtually committed suicide in this inferno. Its remnants finally fled north under relentless assault from Allied fighter planes and dive-bombers that littered the roads to Bricquebec with new Nazi dead. American Thunderbolts alone were credited by the Ninth Air Force with killing or wounding at least 800 of the fleeing foe.

Following up the Nazi retreat, the Americans steadily widened their salient and rushed up reinforcements and guns in anticipation of new counterattacks from either north or south.

Reports from 21st Army group headquarters said, however, that any real rescue attempt by the Germans was unlikely and that the vital port of Cherbourg would not remain long in enemy hands.

The Allied communique contained word of new developments elsewhere on the front but confirmed that in the center of the beachhead area a steady advance had brought the Allies within six miles of St. Lo, a key road junction. On the eastern flank, the British and Canadians still were tightly engaging German armor.

Despite low clouds over Europe, 1,300 Flying Fortresses and Liberators—the biggest single force yet hurled against a tactical target in daylight—pounded Germany, while lighter planes ranged the Normandy battlefield in a variety of attacks.

Postwar Group To Name Scientific High Command

WASHINGTON, June 18.—(P)—A twelve-man committee of Army, Navy and scientific experts will get to work this week on one of the least known but possibly one of the most important proposals for postwar security—the creation of a scientific high command ranking with the command staffs of the Army and Navy.

Some of the persons backing the project, who include Navy secretary Forrestal and War Secretary Stimson, are said to feel that this shares top place with their plans to prevent the scrapping of the nation's naval, land and air power after the war.

One of the main objectives is to set up the organization in such a way that it will be responsive to new and daring ideas in warfare and will not be open to the charge of "brass hat" conservatism or interference.