

ALLIED PLANES BATTER REICH

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great fires burning in the enemy troop equipment centers.

British Lancasters and Halifaxes "in great strength," some of them packing 11-ton "volcano" bombs, joined with attacks on three command posts north and east of Wesel, the industrial and railway town of Hildesheim and two big railway bridges leading from the Ruhr.

Low-level medium and fighter bombers raked enemy positions mercilessly. The entire German communications network north of the Ruhr was said to be a tangle of wrecked freight yards and stations and shattered bridges which made the movement of reinforcements virtually impossible.

Today the tactical planes concentrated on 10 small German villages in a blazing rectangle west of Wesel. They loosed bombs, rockets and machine gun fire on the villages, believed converted into strongpoints, ammunition depots, signal posts and transport points. Farther south, the lighter warplanes took a terrible toll of German troops still west of the Rhine.

Anti-aircraft fire was intense over many targets. The Luftwaffe offered some resistance, but most of the Nazi planes were beaten off before they could fire a shot at the American bombers. The Mustangs shot down 13 German planes in combat, including three jets, and nine more were destroyed on the ground for a total of 22. Most spectacular were the American assaults on the German command posts, described as directed against the "immediate rear" of the enemy and patterned on the recent raids on supreme Wehrmacht headquarters at Zossen and the north German army posts in Holland.

These headquarters targets and concentration centers were located in the towns of Mulheim, Bottrop, Gladbeck, Barmingholten, Dorsen, and Geresheim. The RAF Halifaxes and Lancasters hit other advance bases in the cities of Bocholt, Dorsen and Dulmen.

The five enemy airfields attacked were located at Kitzingen, Giebelstadt, Rhein-Main, Schwabsh-Hal and Ahlhorn. Today's attack brought to 15 the total number of Luftwaffe bases blasted in the two days of attacks in coordination with the ground forces.

Some of the escorting Mustangs flew past Berlin to attack a formation of 15-Focke-Wulfs, carrying bombs, and heading for the Russian front. The American fighters shot down nine of the Nazi planes.

LEGWIN PLANNING FOR RE-ELECTION

Robert S. Legwin, 812 Chestnut street, a member of the City Council since Wilmington's adoption of the City Manager form of government, is the first current Councilman to file candidacy for re-election. He entered his name yesterday, according to H. G. Carney of the Municipal Board of Elections.

Whether or not any other members of the present City Council will run again was still in doubt last night, except in the case of Edgar L. Yow, who re-iterated his previously announced intention not to run.

The first two entries to file were Kingsley Lee King, of 705 South Fourth street, and George H. Brinson, retired postal employe, of 406 North Fifth street.

The advanced filing date this year for the third primaries to be held in Wilmington under election plan "D" is expected to bring out a larger vote than either former run-off.

Candidates may file for the municipal election through April 13.

Italian Front Activity Limited To Patrol Work

ROME, March 22.—(AP)—Activity on the Italian battlefield was limited today, for the ninth straight day, to patrol clashes and intermittent artillery duels, it was announced.

A small-scale enemy raid was repulsed on the central sector of the Fifth Army front. A number of prisoners were taken.

On the Eighth Army front, enemy raids on a strong point southeast of Alifonsine were beaten off. German raids directed against San Polito and San Severo likewise were repulsed.

Tactical Air Force fighters and fighter-bombers concentrated their attacks on communications, supply dumps and enemy-held buildings in the immediate battle area.

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Yanks Figure About 300 Japanese Left On Leyte

EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Leyte, P. I., March 22.—(AP)—Eighth Army forces which have been doing what military men term "mop up" on Leyte, now figure there aren't more than two or three hundred Japanese left on the entire island.

During the first 67 days from the initial invasion until last December 26 when the Sixth Army turned the job over to Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger's Eighth Army, by actual count, Japanese dead totaled 55,344. These burial figures ignored estimates of others probably killed or wounded. It does not attempt to figure in probable enemy losses when convoys were sunk off Leyte's west coast.

When Eichelberger took over from Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger of the Sixth Army December 26, 1944, the backbone of the Japanese organized resistance had been broken.

The job ahead was mopping up all right, but to Doughboys slugging it out with the fanatical enemy in the mountains of western Leyte it was mopping up on a large scale.

From December 26 to March 18, 1945, Eighth Army troops killed and counted 21,774 Nipponese—about as many as were killed on two Jima.

Before Eichelberger took over,

375 Japanese prisoners were taken. His troops have captured 373 more. Most of the Japanese not killed preferred to starve in their hopeless mountain and jungle isolation.

Occasionally there were Japanese counterattacks. On January 15, a battalion made a well coordinated infantry-artillery attack near Bilalaba, on the west coast. They were in good condition, well trained and apparently unhurt in previous combat on Leyte.

The attack carried through the Yank lines briefly but like most others petered out and ended in bitter defeat.

More than 380 Japanese dead were counted after the battle and 77th Division Doughboys who met the attacks took an exceedingly dim view of the phrase "mopping up."

However, attacks like this were infrequent. Most of the work was done by patrols probing far into the mountains and occasionally making concentrated drives when the target merited it.

Some days as many as 40 patrols would be out.

Now the Doughboys can rest. If only a hundred disorganized Japanese are left the Yanks can turn the job over to the First Filipino Regiment—a fighting unit comprising American and Filipino volunteers and draftees.

All Major Resistance West Of Rhine Ended

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one column slashing eight miles southeast through the Phalzerwald forest, where it severed the enemy's last good east-west road and railway by capturing Annweiler, six miles west of Pivotal Landau.

Westward, other armored columns drove south to the vicinity of Munchweiler, only five miles north of Seventh Army forces battling against the Germans doggedly holding a 35-mile stretch of the Siegfried Line from near Pirmasens eastward to the Rhine.

After capturing Annweiler, the Tenth drove two miles east to near Albersweiler, three miles west of Landau. There the Third Army was seven miles north of the Seventh Army fighting in the Siegfried line at Dorrenbach, 17 miles west of Karlsruhe.

West of Pirmasens, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh and Patton's Third Armies were meshing together, crisscrossing each other's path in total disregard for army boundaries in a mop-up that was netting more prisoners in large numbers.

Fighter-bombers speeded the cleanup by catching a concentration of enemy vehicles trying to pull out beyond the Rhine and destroyed 200 of them.

It was this kind of beating from air and ground that had destroyed 350 tanks, 200 heavy guns and more than 5,000 vehicles on the Third Army front alone since Patton broke across the Moselle river into the rear of the Saarland and the Palatinate.

Mechanized cavalry cleared a six-mile stretch of the Rhine bend between Mainz and Bingen, and the Fifth Infantry and Fourth Armored Divisions closed up to the river bank on a seven-mile stretch six to 13 miles south of Mainz.

Patton's forces took 11,300 prisoners Wednesday and a late front dispatch said the Germans still were surrendering "in droves."

Indicative of the close teamwork of Patch and Patton, the Third Army's 65th Division and the Seventh Army's 63rd Division cleared Neunkirch, northeast of Saarbruecken.

Patch's Sixth Armored Division, 28 miles beyond last reported positions, was in the vicinity of Grunstadt, 10 miles west of Worms, after passing through Kaiserslautern in the Third Army lines.

Right behind came the Seventh's 45th Division, which also sped through Kaiserslautern and on four miles north to Otterburg. This division alone took 1,400 prisoners Wednesday.

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EDEN SELECTION BRINGS PROTEST

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Churchill defended his choice of delegates by saying that Eden was leader because he was Foreign Secretary. He said that Attlee had agreed to the arrangement and praised Attlee for always trying to "play the game and do the best he can in the circumstances."

He charged that Shinwell was trying his hardest to break up the coalition government.

"Any fair minded man would say that the Labor party have had fair representation," he added. "Not from you!" shouted Shinwell.

"I am the persons responsible for nominating this delegation," Churchill said, "and the Labor party have had fair representation in it."

Amid interruptions from the Labor side, Churchill continued: "I must say I think it is a curious manner in which to receive a statement of this kind. All my colleagues are in full agreement. I do not mean with what I have said just now, but with my statement on the delegation."

Churchill commented half-jokingly that the coalition government must continue until after the San Francisco Conference April 25. Actually, it has been agreed to hold an election after the war ends in Europe.

Three members of the San Francisco delegation are Labor—Attlee, Tomlinson and Miss Wilkinson, Eden and Miss Horsburgh are Conservative. Foot and Mabane are Liberals. However, Lords Halifax and Cranborne are conservative peers.

Assembly Appropriated \$3,060,544 For State Agricultural Program

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RALEIGH, March 22.—(AP)—The 1945 General Assembly appropriated \$3,060,544 for the development of agriculture in North Carolina during the biennium 1945-47.

Of the total funds, \$1,632,269 were set aside for the Department of Agriculture to be used for the development of marketing facilities, to improve laboratories, carry out a program for improvement of the poultry industry, control poultry diseases and to assist with research projects.

The Agricultural Experiment Station received \$610,983 for the biennium. The funds will be used especially for food processing and nutrition and for tobacco investigations and research. Extension service funds total \$617,292 for 1945-47. In this field, increased appropriations will be used for educational services.

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DRAFT CALL DROP SEEN AFTER JUNE

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after donning the uniform, if necessary.

Many members had talked of keeping teen-age draftees out of combat until they had been trained a year in this country. They still may seek to write such a provision into the bill on the house floor.

Such a restriction, said Major General Idwal Edwards, assistant chief of staff in charge of training very definitely would be harmful to the orderly system of furnishing fighting men.

General Edwards disclosed to the committee the present training program by which a man can reach a fighting front five months after induction. He told of one man who was a combat casualty "five months and nine days" after entering the service.

The average training for a green recruit, he added, is about six months for a man going into the European theater and seven months for a man who will fight the Japanese. That time includes a furlough before embarkation and a short waiting period abroad prior to assignment to a combat unit.

Edwards told the committee the Army never intended to give 12 months of home training to its combat troops. Any impression Congress had received to that effect during discussion of the teenage draft bill, he said, was based on a misconception of the testimony.

While an earlier policy restricted the use of 18-year-old inductees, Edwards testified, war developments, including the German winter offensive of 1944, upset a good many plans.

Major General Henry, assistant chief of staff in charge of personnel, testified that to meet the needs for replacements, draft calls up to June would approximate 100,000 monthly for the Army and 35,000 monthly for the Navy, with "substantial" replacements thereafter.

Following the defeat of Germany, Henry said, the Army plans to release the men who have been abroad the longest, and who have been subjected to "the severest hardships."

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