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## U. S. Forces Wipe Out One Of Three Main Japanese Positions In Aleutians

**Americans Reported To Be Following Up With Drive Against Main Position; Army Heavy and Medium Bombers Supporting Assault On Enemy**

Washington, May 26.—United States troops have wiped out the Japanese position in Chichagof valley, one of three main areas held by the enemy on Attu Island, the Navy announced today, and were reported following up with a drive against a second main position around Chichagof harbor.

Army heavy and medium bombers and fighter planes supported the continuing assault, a navy communiqué said. The planes bombed and strafed enemy positions in the Chichagof area and started fires.

The Chichagof valley sector was cleared of enemy forces on Monday. Although there was no report of enemy casualties, it was assumed that the dwindling Japanese units on the bleak north Pacific island had again lost heavily and that those which survived the attack fell back upon Chichagof harbor for a final stand over their comrades in the ridge overlooking the narrow coastal plain.

Since the Attu action disclosed today was accomplished Monday the communiqué left uncertain the military situation on the island at this time.

The navy had reported last Saturday that as the battle for Attu entered its final phase the battered Japanese defense forces had been split into three groups.

These groups occupied Chichagof Harbor, at the northeastern tip of the island; Chichagof valley which lies southwest of the harbor and the north side of Lake Nicholas which lies still further south and to the east of the valley.

There was no apparent effect of the Monday victory directly on the Lake Nicholas enemy force except that the United States troops released from fighting in the valley might be diverted against the Lake Nicholas contingent to the extent that they were not needed for the follow up assault on Chichagof harbor.

Loss of the auxiliary vessel Niagara, as reported in the communiqué, came without any casualties, according to reports received by the navy here, a spokesman said.

The commanding officer was Lt. Commander David Buncome Coleman, 37, of Whitmore, S. C., whose wife, Mrs. William Coleman now lives at route 1, box 1, La Mesa, Calif.

A break in the weather lasting long enough to permit heavy air power to be brought to bear, probably would hasten the mopping up operations considerably, authorities here said. However, frequent fog and sometimes snow, sleet and rain all in the course of a few hours were reported to be slowing the American advances, although it was understood to be moving steadily forward.

A navy communiqué yesterday which told of the heavy weather encountered early this week, also boasted considerably the score of American fighter planes in their engagement with a flight of 16 Japanese twin engine bombers which attempted to get through to American positions and ships on Sunday.

The fighters forced the enemy craft to jettison their bombs before they could get over their targets and then definitely destroyed five of the bombers and probably destroyed seven others.

## Orthopedic Clinic Greenville, June 4th

We wish to remind our readers of the State Orthopedic Clinic to be held Friday, June 4th, in Greenville from 12:30 to 4:00 p. m.

This Clinic takes all types of cripples, both white and colored, free of charge who are unable to afford private treatment. It is desired, though not required, that patients be referred by a physician or the Welfare Officer, and that the patient bring with him to the Clinic.

The Clinic is set up to serve especially the Counties of Beaufort, Currituck, Pamlico, and Tyrrell, though patients from other counties who desire to come may do so.

The Clinic is conducted by Dr. Hugh A. Thompson, orthopedist, of Raleigh. The Clinic has been running for something over five years and has been a very successful one.

## WAR IN BRIEF

The Anglo-American aerial offensive to drive Italy out of the war and wreck Germany's war production facilities continued in full swing Wednesday. The Royal Air Force dumped more than 2,000 tons of bombs upon the Nazi industrial center of Düsseldorf while the Americans were blasting the Italian island invasion stopping stones of Sardinia, Sicily and Pantelleria.

Japanese resistance is crumbling on the bleak island of Attu in the Aleutians. The Navy announces that one of the last three pockets of enemy resistance has been wiped out and that a vigorous attack upon another now is under way.

Fighting is spreading on the long Russian front. The Russians report attacks by the Nazis repelled in the Donets and Kuban sectors to the south while the Germans report fierce Russian attacks on the northern end of the front, especially around Velikie Luki.

Greece's sea guerrillas are harassing Axis coastwise shipping and doing their part in the way for a hoped-for Allied invasion.

Korean spokesmen who predicted the Pearl Harbor attack tells Congressmen that Japan proposes to offer peace in China this year and also has chosen the commanders to lead an attempt to invade the United States.

## STATEMENT

Washington, May 26.—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill are shaping a brief joint statement touching on the nature of their more than two-weeks of war talks, the White House disclosed today.

It was not forecast, however, when the statement would be released.

The two leaders already have made plain that plans for an accelerated Pacific offensive have commanded much of their attention. But they also have left no doubt that stronger measures against the Japanese do not mean abandonment of the basic Allied strategy—liquidation of the Axis in Europe first.

In the light of Churchill's remarks at a joint press conference with the President Tuesday, the most immediate goal of the Allies seems to be forcing Italy, the Axis weak sister, out of the war by inciting revolt, bombing the country heavily or by invading it. Perhaps a combination of all three will be resorted to.

## Movie Actress Helps Bond Sales In Pitt County

**Constance Bennett Autographs \$173,000 Worth of Bonds At Auction Rally**

Greenville, May 26.—Pitt County bought \$173,000 worth of war bonds at a rally here today, featured by the presence of Constance Bennett, Hollywood screen star.

M. O. Minges bought a \$20,000 bond when her autographed picture was offered and R. M. Garrett followed suit for \$10,000, and then the sale was under way.

A crowd of more than 5,000 persons was at the courthouse.

Mayor Bruce Sugg presented Miss Bennett. Sales of bonds in large denominations proceeded so rapidly with Wayland Semons, tobacco auctioneer, chanting the bids, that there was some delay in recording them. Miss Bennett autographed the bonds. She was given an ovation when she announced that the sales totaled \$173,000. "My greatest thrill here was hearing the tobacco auctioneer and understanding what he said," the star stated.

W. H. Woodard, president of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company and Pitt County war bond chairman, reported that the county went over the top in the last war bond drive.

J. B. James was master of ceremonies. John G. Clark, president of the Chamber of Commerce and district highway commissioner, was general chairman. T. V. Walker, motion picture theatre manager, arranged the rally for the Treasury Department and the motion picture industry.

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## Germans Attack On Two Sectors

**But Russians Declare Attacks Repelled; Nazis Report Fighting In North**

London, May 27.—Russian troops have thrown back strong German attacks, one made under cover of artificial fog, on the Donets River and Kuban fronts the Russian midnight communiqué said today, and Germany reported the Red Army was attacking fiercely on two northern fronts.

It was in the Lischansk sector of the Donets front that the Germans made their artificial fog attack, trying to cross to the Russian-held side, the midnight communiqué said as recorded from the Moscow radio.

The Red Army troops met the enemy with a blast of fire and sent them reeling back in retreat, the communiqué said. Many of the Germans drowned, it was asserted.

Along the lower reaches of the Kuban River the Germans attacked in strength up to two battalions and midnight communiqué said, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

Northeast of Novorossiysk, the communiqué said, Russian artillerymen destroyed two German anti-tank guns, three mortars and seven supply trucks.

**Predict Attack.**

German broadcasts reported that the Russians continued to regroup their men in the Kuban and again predicted that a big attack would come soon.

A broadcast by the official German agency DNB reported that Russian shock troops had penetrated the German lines southwest of Velikie Luki, where the Red Army holds a line about 80 miles from Latvia, and in the Saraya Russa sector on the Lake Ilmen front south of Leningrad.

Both penetrations were "sealed," the broadcast said as recorded here, but it was added that the Russians were in great numerical superiority around Velikie Luki.

(A long Berlin radio review of the front, heard in New York, said that in the Lischansk attack the Germans crossed the Donets, "cleared" hundreds of yards of Russian trenches, topped up Russians in a fortified group of houses and returned to their side of the river.

(Describing the Velikie Luki attacks by the Russians, Berlin said that the Russians tried to dent a German bridgehead, and the German troops had to yield because of Red Army superiority in numbers. This version, however, was that though the Russians took a town, the Germans regained it.

(The Russians penetrated the German positions southwest of Staraya Russa, Berlin said, "but the dent was sealed quickly by counter thrusts and the enemy was prevented from establishing himself firmly in this combat line.")

**Russian Account.**  
The Russian Wednesday noon communiqué had reported that the capture of four inhabited places, one fortified heavily, in the Velikie Luki fighting.

The midnight communiqué said that west of Novosveta a German offensive reconnaissance had been forced back and that Russian guns had destroyed two enemy blockhouses, several pillboxes, two observation points and five loaded trucks.

Guns on the Smolensk front destroyed five pillboxes, silenced two artillery batteries and killed 200 Germans, the midnight communiqué said. Red Army scouts in a trench raid killed 40 Germans and returned with prisoners, it was added.

The communiqué said that fighter pilots had shot down two German planes in the Lischansk sector and that ground guns had destroyed one.

The communiqué reported that in operations Tuesday Russian planes had sunk two enemy transports and a landing barge, silenced the fire of five artillery batteries, blown up an ammunition dump and destroyed at least 30 troops and supply trucks.

Describing the capture of four inhabited places by the Red Army in the Velikie Luki area, the noon communiqué said that patients operating separately captured three of them, killing 100 Germans and taking prisoners and spoils. In another sector a patrol stormed and captured a strongly fortified inhabited point, the communiqué said and wiped out the entire German garrison.

**SLEEPING SICKNESS**  
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## Farmville High School Closes Successful Year

**Twenty-nine Graduates Receive Diplomas In Exercises Wednesday Evening**

The Farmville High School closed another successful school year this week with the Baccalaureate Service delivered by Rev. H. G. Hanes, Greenview pastor, on Sunday evening and the graduation exercises on Wednesday evening when Professor E. C. Deal of East Carolina Teachers College gave the address.

On Sunday evening the opening prayer was offered by Rev. M. Y. Self, and Rev. C. B. Mashburn introduced Rev. Hanes who spoke on "Courage To Face The Future," which "is that quality of mind and heart which absolutely is indispensable for you who have the tomorrow. Let me gather that quality into one familiar command—Forward March!"

—to face outward and march outward with great courage to possess this dream of a world wide kingdom which will bring peace and righteousness to all peoples. You will need courage to build a new world out of the ruins of the world of today. It must be dreamed, it must be planned, preparations must be made to realize it. . . . preparations of hand, head and heart. You will need courage to possess it and make the dreams of a world order where a durable peace, justice and goodwill can prevail, come true. Perhaps you will need courage most of all to believe that all this is possible. Arrange your faith in the fundamental basis upon which a new world order can be built that you may believe in them and have courage to pursue them."

Special music was rendered by Miss Nellie Butler and Elbert Holmes who sang, "Hold Thou My Hand, Dear Lord," and by the other members of the choir, composed of Mrs. J. M. Hoggood, Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. G. Alex. House, Mrs. Mary Jerome Simons, Miss Margaret Smith, Mrs. Jack Williford, Mrs. Lath Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beamon and Billie Morton, singing an anthem, "Blessed Are They."

On Wednesday evening splendid addresses were given by Miss Marie Lorraine Gregory, Salutatorian, and Miss Evelyn Lois Jones, Valedictorian. Irvin Morgan, Jr., introduced Prof. Deal who spoke on "World Changes," in the realm of transportation, medicine, science and religion, saying, "that, ever since the beginning of time there have always been movements and changes—the world has never stood still. You are graduating under conditions no other graduation classes of former years in the entire world have ever seen or conceived. You will assume great responsibility. Nations either progress or fall backward. They never stand still. I charge you to never be satisfied with conditions as they are, but to do your duty to improve on everything we now have."

The twenty-nine seniors, robed in cap and gown, received their diplomas from Dr. Paul E. Jones, Chairman of the School Board.

The following prizes were presented by J. H. Moore, Superintendent; Best Attendance, won by the 7th and 11th grades, given by Mrs. Frank Davis, Sr.; Most Improvement in Mathematics, formerly given by Mrs. J. Y. Monk in memory of her mother, Mrs. Annie Lang, and which is being continued by James Y. Monk, Jr., was won by Carl Leroy Ivey, Jr., music awards given by Mrs. Haywood Smith, went to Joyce Tyson for excellence in stage performance, to Jackie Willis for most improvement in sight reading, and to Dora Mae Barrett for the most improvement in piano. He announced that scholarships awarded to seed students in Girls' and Boys' State, which is sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary and the Farmville Rotary Club, were this year given to Miss Margaret Tyson and Rob Paylor of Farmville and to Lucie Yalverton of Fountain.

**LONGER LIFE FOR BLUE STAMPS**  
Grocers will be relieved of an eleven hour buying rush as the result of the one-week extension of the blue G. H. and J. stamps for processed foods in War Ration Book Two. These stamps are now good through June 1, instead of expiring on May 31. Validity of the next stamps, K, L, and M was also extended, through July 1.

**EGGS**  
Restrictions on eggs in storage have been relaxed to provide sufficient supplies for the armed forces, according to the War Relocation Authority, which said.

**LIFE**  
Life is slowly coming back and most of us are going back.

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**NEW AIRCRAFT FACTORIES**  
New aircraft factories already are turning out German planes in Yugoslavia, and a housing shortage has developed in Vienna, Austrian capital, because of the concentration of industry, he said. Hungary, short midway between the long arm of the RAF and Russian planes hitting from the east, also is a new industrial center.

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## ANGLO-AMERICAN AIR FLEET STEPS UP RAIDS UPON AXIS

**Royal Air Force Drops 2,000 Tons of Bombs On Düsseldorf While Americans in Mediterranean Continue Battering Islands and Approaches To Italy; Air War Area Growing**

London, May 26.—The Royal Air Force hatched the German arms center of Düsseldorf with nearly 2,000 tons of explosives last night while an American-led armada gave another "get-out-of-the-war" warning to Italy in a paralyzing attack eliciting cries of pain and anger from the weaker Axis partner.

A total of nearly 900 planes based in Britain and Africa struck the Axis in a violent general air offensive which authoritative sources said was just a foretaste of greater blows aimed at tearing out by the roots the enemy's war-making capabilities.

Perhaps 500 British bombers, most of them four-engine giants packing two-ton blockbusters, left a carpet of flames to eat through cratered Düsseldorf in a saturation raid almost equalling Sunday night's record of destruction heaped upon Dortmund, 80 miles away.

The rolling sky barrage continued today as a strong force of Allied planes sped across the English Channel toward the invasion coast.

In the Mediterranean, nearly 400 Allied aircraft, spearheaded by United States Flying Fortresses and Liberators, rocked Italy's invasion outposts of Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria in what officially was described as "a terrific hammering." Messina, Sicilian ferry terminus only a few miles from the Italian mainland, was a particular target.

**Attack Area Spreads.**  
This onslaught on the softer underbelly of Europe extended as far eastward as the Aegean Sea between Greece and Turkey as the newly-conquered African shores allowed Allied airmen to stretch "wings" across the entire Mediterranean.

Twenty-three Axis planes were shot down over Sicily yesterday out of a total bag of 28 enemy aircraft. This sent the Allied African command's record appalling to 355 planes destroyed in a week at a cost of 38 planes—better than a 10-to-1 score.

More than five two-ton blockbuster bombs per minute hurtled down on Düsseldorf, the British Air Ministry said, in the biggest attack yet carried out under unfavorable weather conditions.

Thousands of incendiaries also plummeted upon the Ruhr city, the resulting fires casting a red glare on the cloud layers through which the British attacked "in every phase used to describe the destruction showered on Dortmund.

"One huge explosion came up in a red mass and penetrated right through the clouds," said returning airmen. "There were several other good explosions which sent up bright orange flashes."

**Cost of Raid.**  
Twenty-seven British bombers failed to return from this assault attack which was regarded as a quick step toward realization of the long-term strategy of pounding the Axis behind its fortified walls until the enemy's war plants falter in their efforts to supply Axis armies which must face fully-equipped Allied land invaders.

Two German night fighters were shot down by the RAF force, which included Halifaxes, Stirlings and Lancasters.

It was the 52nd attack on Düsseldorf, Germany's third largest inland port equipped with iron and steel works comparable to the great Krupp plants which one existed at Essen. An RAF attack December 3 was said to have left 150,000 homeless at Düsseldorf.

The German high command communiqué today announced "losses among the population as well as damage to buildings." It did not name Düsseldorf, referring only to "the west German area."

Germany already has been forced to speed up the transfer of many of her war industries, particularly aircraft factories, to southeastern Europe, a spokesman for the British Ministry of Economic Warfare said today.

New aircraft factories already are turning out German planes in Yugoslavia, and a housing shortage has developed in Vienna, Austrian capital, because of the concentration of industry, he said. Hungary, short midway between the long arm of the RAF and Russian planes hitting from the east, also is a new industrial center.

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repair the Bremen Pocket-Wulf air plant, raided by the Americans April 17, and the Par's Renault tank and motor works blasted March 4.

But the American crewmen have not yet even hit their stride. Great clouds of United States daylight raiders still are to take to the skies over Germany in a swelling experiment which Prime Minister Churchill says is well worth trying in an effort to knock out the Axis from the air.

Italy thus far appeared to be the most vulnerable to this aerial assault. The Allied American precision bombers had the clear Mediterranean weather on their side as they continued to pick off choice targets over a wide area off the Italian mainland.

Nearly a score of targets were attacked yesterday. Gun, shipping, airfields, supplies and communication lines were bombed and gunned to such an extent that the Italian high command acknowledged serious damage.

**Italian Reaction.**  
Italy's reaction to the attacks was a mixture of taunts that the "victory in Tunis is two weeks old and still is unexploited," and a threat of retaliation on the part of her more powerful partner, Germany. However, there was frank admission that damage had been serious.

Roma dispatches reaching neutral Switzerland said Premier Mussolini's newspaper Il Popolo D'Italia claimed that Prime Minister Churchill had assumed responsibility for a "war without pity" on civilians.

"Churchill would see," said the newspaper, "what will happen to the English population when exposed to 'super bombs' recently discovered by German industrialists." However, broadcasts from Germany did not resurrect the threat of any Nazi "super bombs," appearing more concerned with Italy's immediate reaction to the Allied air punishment.

One German broadcast recorded by the British Ministry of Information again referred to the "imprudent defenses" and said the only effect of the "war nerves" on the Italian people "is to harden them and make the war at Germany's side and victory is won."

When you speak of cooperation always remember that this includes your cooperation when matters are not being done exactly as you would like to see them done.

## Death Claims Auto Magnate

**Edsel Ford Succumbs After An Illness of Six Weeks**

Detroit, May 26.—Edsel Bryant Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company, died at 1:30 a. m. today.

Death came to the 49-year-old president of the world's greatest family-owned manufacturing enterprise at his home in suburban Grosse Pointe Shores, after an illness of many months starting that became critical 10 days ago. With him at his bedside were his wife, the former Eleanor Lowthian Clay, and three of their four children.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, were not present, but hurried to the home immediately upon being advised of their son's death, according to a member of the household.

A statement issued by a member of the Henry Ford hospital staff at 2:30 p. m. (EWT) said: "Mr. Edsel Ford died at his home at 1190 Lake Shore road, Grosse Pointe Shores, at 1:30 a. m., after an illness of six weeks."

"Death was due to a condition which developed from a former stomach malady for which an operation was performed 18 months ago. Undulant fever was also present."

Edsel Ford, only son of the founder of the Ford Company that grew from an initial paid-in investment of \$25,000 to a world-wide organization for which Henry Ford once was reported to have refused \$200,000,000, had been ill for a long time, he insisted upon "harrying on."

It was about 10 weeks ago that he gave indications of an impending breakdown. It developed he had contracted undulant fever—an ailment usually contracted from animals and transmitted through milk, and which manifests itself in extreme languor and weakness. In an effort to rid himself of the new ailment he went to Florida for a short vacation. His condition did not improve and he returned home.

Last Saturday he took to his bed. From that on he failed to rally.

Surviving Edsel Ford besides his widow and parents are three sons, Henry, Benson and William, and a daughter, Jacqueline. The sons are all in the armed services; the daughter, recently married, lives in Detroit.

## Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria Blasted Again By Allied Warplanes; Still Heavier Blows To Fall On Italy

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 26.—Italy soon will be struck by aerial blows of such magnitude as to dwarf yesterday's terrific hammering in which nearly 400 planes blasted and burned the island outposts of Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria, authoritative sources declared today.

As the Allies' great North Africa aerial circus settled into its day and night routine of bombing and strafing Italy out of the war, optimism ran high. Yesterday's loss of 11 planes was described as "remarkably small in view of the large attacking forces, and proof of the superior tactics, equipment and leadership of the Allies."

The two-way pounding of the Sicilian ferry terminus of Messina by American four-engine Flying Fortresses and Liberators was believed virtually to have paralyzed the city's port facilities. The Fortress raid in particular was called "one of the most successful attacks of the North African campaign."

The Liberator fleet alone dropped 175 tons of bombs on Messina.

**Dowry 12 Nazis.**  
After having taken a heavy beating on Sardinia the previous day without offering much opposition, the enemy threw up an intense anti-aircraft and fighter defense over Messina yesterday. One group of 10 Fortresses was jumped by 40 German fighters before it reached Messina and shot down 12 of the Nazis without losing a bomber.

One American pilot, stressing the futility of the Axis defenses, declared "if they had a thousand fighters, we still would have gotten through." The anti-aircraft fire gave enemy crewmen what he described as the "roughest show of my entire 50 missions," but it did not prevent the big planes from smashing Messina's ferry slipways, railroad yards, supply dumps, railway shops and military stores.

The daily Italian communiqué acknowledged that Messina "was attacked repeatedly and important damage was caused."

Both the American heavy and medium bombers and their Lightning and Warhawk fighter escorts maintained their great combat superiority over the best Axis was putting into the air in this theater. Twenty-six more enemy aircraft were reported shot down yesterday and the previous night—23 of them by American raiders over Sicily and three by British Wellington bombers. This brought to 355 the number officially reported destroyed in the past week.

**REPEAT PLEDGE**

Moscow, May 26.—Official Russian newspapers, in editorials today on the first anniversary of the Russian-British mutual aid treaty, pledged the Soviet Union to fight until the Axis surrendered unconditionally and emphasized that Russia and Britain did not seek to assume dictatorial powers over Europe.

They repeated the pledge that neither Russia nor Britain sought territorial gains as the result of the war or intended to interfere in the domestic affairs of other countries.

Pravda, official organ of the Russian Communist party; Izvesti, official organ of the government, and Red Star, official organ of the Army, were among the newspapers which commented.

"Unconditional surrender or destruction of the Hitlerite armies and the Hitler state is the preliminary condition for discussion or settlement of post-war European problems," Pravda said.

"No negotiated or compromise peace!" said Izvestia. "The Anglo-Soviet pact and the Soviet-American coalition, born during the struggle. This coalition is determined to carry out the job to the end—the complete smashing of Hitlerite Germany and its accomplices in Europe. This is the only road to real and solid peace. The firm unity of the coalition has frustrated peace feelers by Hitler's agents."

**WEAR A POPPY SAT. MAY 27TH**  
The American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor the sale of Poppies here tomorrow, when young girls and boys as volunteer workers will offer the little red flowers of remembrance to everyone. A Poppy Over Every Heart is the Goal!

The Auxiliary is offering a first prize of one dollar and a second prize of fifty cents to the two young people making the largest sale. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services, please call Mrs. P. E. Jones.