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NAZIS HURL NEW "SECRET WEAPON" AT THE ALLIES

Tanks Loaded With Explosives and Radio Controlled Slugging Out New Attacks Aimed at Driving Troops Into Sea

Allied Headquarters, in Naples, March 1.—German troops, armed with a new "secret weapon" tank loaded with explosives, have slugged out in new assaults against the Anzio beachhead, and Allied headquarters said this may be a third great offensive aimed at driving the invasion troops into the sea.

The Nazis opened a heavy attack midway between Carroceto and Cisterna Tuesday morning, and this was growing stronger.

Artillery duels thundered, and front dispatches Tuesday night said the enemy had pounded the beachhead with the heaviest bombardment since the initial landings.

Headquarters disclosed the Germans had used new radio-controlled tanks, bearing 1,000-pound charges and designed to blow up within Allied lines, in their second major offensive against the beachhead, but that Allied artillery had exploded 14 of them before they reached the Allied line. The blasts probably caused great damage to Nazi positions instead.

Strike At Two Points.

The Germans struck at the beachhead at two points Monday and Tuesday night, and continued to "exert pressure" without result, headquarters said.

There were no details on the thrust against the eastern half of the beachhead between Carroceto and Cisterna, but if it develops into a major offensive, it would be the third attempt to wipe out the strongly-held Allied sector.

Allied artillery and bombers lashed back, with U. S. planes hammering Nazi troops and tanks massed in the Cisterna area.

The Germans were probing the beachhead lines, apparently seeking a soft spot, and Nazi tanks appeared in increasing numbers.

Third Attack.

Allied artillery and mortars broke up a small but determined attack on British positions in the ravine-cut Moletta area southwest of Carroceto, where close fighting continued. This was the third attack there in three days of skirmishing in which four Nazi tanks were knocked out.

A British company on patrol captured prisoners in this area.

The Germans heavily shelled American positions southeast of Carroceto Monday night, and then two strong enemy patrols pressed forward, but were thrown back. Allied shells scored hits on what seemed to be two enemy ammunition dumps.

Artillery also repulsed a German patrol in the coastal area along the northern part of the beachhead.

The beachhead battle was developing in rain showers.

On Cassino Front.

On the main Cassino front to the east, British troops threw back a Nazi attack near Mt. Ornito in the lower Carigliano River bend, and Allied guns successfully shelled German motor-borne troops on highway Six near Cassino.

Along the Adriatic sector, Eighth Army forces improved positions on a ridge south of Guardiagrele, and Allied patrols felt out Nazi lines. Heavy guns were active.

An official announcement described the Nazi radio-controlled tanks as having a low silhouette, with a radio aerial for directing it and then exploding it by remote control against a chosen target.

The former Legr regiment, a crack unit which had been stationed in a German training center to demonstrate the latest weapons and tactics, was brought to Italy to put the tanks into action.

DRAFT GOAL

Biloxi, Miss., March 1.—Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service chief, told the Biloxi Lions Club today that 1,200,000 additional selectees will be taken into the armed forces between now and July 1.

Of 5,000,000 men now deferred from military duty, 1,600,000 are in agriculture and 3,300,000 in industrial defense work, he said, and of the 2,600,000 now classified as 2-A 800,000 will go into 1-A.

Of this number Hershey said about 250,000 soldiers will be secured and the balance will be placed in 3-A, 2-B, 2-C, and 2-D.

Hershey added that of the 1,600,000 men in 1-A, 420,000 of them will be soldiers and the balance of the quotas will come from the 18-year-olds "of whom 80,000 to 60,000 reach draft age each month."

A lazy man can always gave judge on the refusal but fortunately he cannot take excuses on them.

Major Battle Won By Allies In Burma Area

New Delhi, March 1—Admiral Lord Louis Mounthatten announced on Wednesday that Allied troops had killed or wounded 4,500 Japanese soldiers since February 4 in routing an enemy force 8,000-men strong which had attempted unsuccessfully to encircle the Fifth and Seventh Indian divisions in western Burma.

Mopping up of the remnants of the enemy force, part of which now is retreating southward toward Akyab, is continuing successfully, the announcement said.

Many small parties of Japanese "straggling lost through the rear of the Seventh Indian Division area" are being rounded up and Tuesday one of these parties was surrounded and offered no resistance, the communique said.

Heavy Casualties.

British artillery went into action Tuesday west of Buthedaung and the infantry followed through with a small scale attack which made some progress. The night before the Japanese suffered heavy casualties when their strong local attack north of Buthedaung was thrown back.

West African troops kept up their advance in the Kaladan Valley and in the China hills a party of Japanese was ambushed on Monday and the majority killed.

The communique reported continued progress by forces pressing east and south in the Hukawng valley where the Chinese have been pressing forward steadily.

Among the air actions which spread over the Burma area was a strike by U. S. heavy bombers on the night of February 28, in which a heavy bomb load was dropped on railway yards at Mandadalay, Akyab and Monya. Japanese headquarters as Pakokku also was attacked. RAF heavy bombers made two attacks on railway yards at Rangoon Tuesday night, starting one fire visible 40 miles.

U. S. mediums, RAF and India air force fighters, fighter-bombers and dive-bombers slashed at many targets in southern Burma. Two Allied planes were missing from all the operations.

NOTICE!

Income Tax and Intangible Personal Property Tax

Any person subject to filing either or both of the following State tax returns must file such returns with the DEPARTMENT of REVENUE on or before March 15, 1944 and pay the tax due thereon.

Income Tax

Any unmarried man or any woman, either married or unmarried having an income of $1,000 or more during the year 1943, and any married man having an income of $2,000 or more must file an Income Tax return.

Intangible Personal Property Tax

Any person owning on December 31, 1943 Intangible Personal Property; such as, Money on Hand, Accounts Receivable, Notes, Bonds, Mortgages, or other evidences of debt, or Shares of Stock of Corporations (not wholly in this State), must file an Intangible Tax return.

J. C. Herring and W. O. Bersch, Deputy Commissioners, will be in the office of the City Hall at Farmville, N. C., on 8th day of March, 1944, for the purpose of assisting the Taxpayers in filing their State Tax Returns.

Be sure to see them.

Air Offensive Still Goes On

February Set High Record For Attacks On Nazis

London, March 1.—Mosquito bombers attacked objectives in western Germany last night, an Air Ministry communique announced today. The British planes returned from their mission without loss, the communique added.

The overnight assault followed a heavy daylight attack by U. S. Flying Fortresses on the German aircraft center of Brunswick and a Liberator raid on the Pas-De-Calais coast of France, which were carried out at a cost of one bomber and eight fighter planes.

It was the third assault in 10 days on Brunswick and was a far different story from the raid January 11, when 60 heavy U. S. bombers were lost. At that time 152 of the swarms of Nazi planes which rose to battle with the bombers and escorting planes were shot down. Yesterday the opposition was weak and only three of the few German planes which attempted to contest with the Americans were shot down.

The Germans made a weak retaliatory attack on London last night and one raider was shot down.

The Eighth air force attacks on Brunswick and Pas-De-Calais rounded out a month in which record after record for aerial warfare was wiped out by the Allied air fleets.

During February the Eighth air force carried out 19 missions against enemy territory—seven more than the previous record. At least 832 enemy aircraft were destroyed while 245 American heavy bombers and 61 fighters were lost. The bomber loss exceeded by 69 the previous record loss for the Americans set last October.

The RAF was hindered by heavy weather last month but managed to make seven heavy assaults.

In a giant attack on Leipzig on the night of February 19 the RAF lost the record number of 79 planes to boost British bomber losses for February to 193.

Following up the RAF night attack on Deipzig the U. S. strategic air force hit the same city and other targets the next day with more than 2,000 planes in what was described as the greatest daylight aerial undertaking of the war.

Another aerial record set up last month was the simultaneous smash on Regensburg, February 25 by American planes based in Britain and Italy.

The bombers participating in yesterday's assault were heavily protected by fighters but the losses contrast sharply with the heavy cost of the other blows against Brunswick and emphasized the attrition of German fighter defenses since the Allies opened their campaign against Nazi aircraft production.

Berlin has been virtually knocked out of the war by the RAF, Sir Archibald Sinclair, air minister, told the House of Commons.

He said the RAF lost 446 aircraft—about five per cent of the raiding forces and about 3,300 men—in the battle to obliterate the Nazi capital as a war center. Nearly 24,000 tons of bombs smashed at the city, Sinclair said.

COTTON

Cotton following peanuts, where both hay and nuts are removed from the land, shows a profitable response to high potash fertilizers, report research men of the Agricultural Experiment Station at "State."

MacArthur's Forces Land on Admiralty Islands

New Invasion Thrust Cuts Off Thousands of Japs In Southwest Pacific Area

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, March 1.—American troops of the sixth army have pushed far into Japan's south Pacific defenses with a bold landing on the Admiralty islands under the personal supervision of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who announced the invasion today.

Dismounted units of the first cavalry division hit the beach at Los Negros island in the northeast corner of the Admiralty and quickly captured Momote airdrome in one of those perfectly coordinated army-navy-air thrusts which caught the Japanese completely unaware.

Not a single enemy plane or ship disputed the operation.

Only 20 minutes after snipers had been killed along the captured Momote airdrome, MacArthur went ashore, visited the area, commended troops on their clock-like operation and then returned to a warship.

MacArthur, who directed the amphibious operation from the bridge of a warship, was accompanied by Vice Adm. Thomas C. Kincaid and other high-ranking Allied officers.

MacArthur immediately presented the Distinguished Service Cross to First Lt. Frank Henshaw, Alice, Texas, who was the first man ashore in the landing assault.

The supreme Allied commander in the southwest Pacific walked through the debris caused by the terrific naval and air bombardment which preceded the landing and congratulated officers and men of the first cavalry division on their performance before he left the area.

Destroyers of the seventh fleet carried the troops to the island through the Bismark Sea, which a year ago was almost wholly enemy domain.

The invasion, MacArthur said, makes the end of the Bismark campaign "clearly in sight," and "in addition to troops trapped in the Solomons some 50,000 of the enemy, largely in New Britain and at Rabaul, are now inclosed."

The soldiers swept aside enemy resistance and soon Brig. Gen. William C. Chase of Providence, R. I., on-the-spot commander of the drive, reported that Momote airdrome, one of the best the enemy possessed in the south Pacific, had been seized. The airstrip still was in excellent condition.

Often has MacArthur indicated his interest in returning to the Phillippines, where he first met the Japanese fighting strength, and his communique announcement of the landing promptedly remarked that the Admiraltys are "almost due south of Guam and 1,300 miles from the Philippines."

The islands, he said, stand at the "northern entrance of the Bismark Sea" and the invasion tightens the blockade of the enemy's remaining bases in that area.

First reports mentioned only invasion of Los Negros island, which lies off the northeastern tip of Manus island, the largest in the group.

Lorengau, on the northeast tip of Manus, may be the next objective of the Americans. It is on Seadler harbor, a 55-mile waterway formed by a logoon which could accommodate a large fleet.

The enemy base at Kavieng, New Ireland, which American destroyers have bombed three times in recent days, lies 250 miles to the east of the Admiraltys; 350 miles to the southeast is Rabaul, heavily bombed Japanese base in northeastern new Britain. Wewak, enemy troop and supply center on the northeastern coast of New Guinea, is 275 miles southwest.

DOLLAR DAYS FOR FARMVILLE MARCH 16th-17th

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, held yesterday, it was decided to hold Farmville's Annual "Dollar Days" event this year on Thursday and Friday, March 16th and 17th.

The following were appointed as a Publicity Committee: Josh Mundon, Maynard Thorne, Frank Williams, Bill Fisher and Hal Winters.

Watch The Enterprise next week for more about this great event.

4-H WEEK MARCH 4-12

March 4-12 will be National Mobilization Week for 4-H boys and girls. They will enlist additional members in the "Feed a Fighter" program and will appear before various groups in the interest of 4-H.

Britain Agrees to Terms Offered Finns By Reds

Finland Must Cease Military Operations Immediately; And Intern All German Troops and Ships

London, March 1. — Britain has agreed to the peace terms submitted to Finland by the Soviet Union, official quarters reported Wednesday.

Britain's agreement was given after consultations with Russia.

As to whether Britain still would be at war with Finland if the terms were accepted, an authoritative source who cannot be further identified said that under the terms of the Anglo-Soviet treaty "a separate peace cannot be negotiated."

This informant explained that under the treaty one of the signatories cannot negotiate peace without consulting the other. He called Russian terms thus far published a "press description" rather than the actual, formal terms.

Some Of Terms

As a preliminary to Russian-Finnish peace negotiations Moscow has demanded that the Finns cease "military operations," immediately break relations with Germany and intern all German troops and ships in Finland — with Soviet help if necessary.

The Moscow radio broadcast these armistice demands and said that if Finland accepted the conditions immediately the Soviet Government was ready to open negotiations for a "concrete agreement" at once.

There was no immediate comment on the Russian proposals from Helsinki, where the Finnish parliament held two secret sessions to debate the question of peace or continued war with Russia. An official communique gave no indication that a decision had been reached.

The British press termed the Russian proposals "generous" and the Daily Mail said they "should be accepted without delay."

The Stockholm newspaper Morgon Tidningen said the proposals "can very well be taken as a starting point for further steps looking toward an armistice." The paper, which has close contacts with the strong Finnish Social Democrat party, added that the terms "are harsh, but one must admit they do not mention Russian occupation or any threat to the country's independence."

OVER JAPAN?

London, March 1. — German-controlled Radio Vichy broadcast today under a Tokyo dateline that American reconnaisance planes based in the Aleutian Islands had made flights over Japan proper.

"The Japanese imperial command is expecting invasion of Japan from the northwest," the broadcast added. "The high command spokesman said that Japan's fortifications in the north country — Japan's 'Atlantic Wall' are in preparedness."

Allington Kennard, British Broadcasting Corporation broadcaster in Delhi, said that Japan is planning to speed up civilian evacuation of her principal cities in view of the increasing threat of Allied air attack, but that so far slow progress had been made.

We can't just shoot our way to peace with guns nor buy our way with bonds. In the long run we must BUILD the way—build a foundation of human character on which peace will stand.

FIERCE FIGHT IS RAGING FOR THE CITY OF PSKOV

REV. CAPT. B. B. FORDHAM
(formally of Farmville)
Attended a Meeting of the Rotary Club in London recently.

Russian Forces Push Way To Outskirts Of Important Communications Center; Other Units Far To South Open New Offensive Blow Below Krivoi Rog

London, March 1.—Russian troops were reported fighting on the very outskirts of Pskov as the battle for the great German communications base and key to control of the Baltic raged on with unabated fury today.

"Our troops are overcoming German resistance and advancing swiftly," a Russian communique declared.

The bulletin said that Red army troops had captured more than 250 additional towns and villages, including Pogorelka, six miles north of Pskov, and Kutnzovo, 11 miles to the east.

Helsinki dispatches routed through Stockholm, meanwhile, reported a Soviet drive across ice-bound Lake Peipus and had established bridgeheads on the Estonian shore and asserted that the Russians were also attacking across the narrows between lakes Peipus and Pskov, 35 miles northeast of the strategic gateway city. There was no immediate Russian confirmation of these reports.

Twenty-eight miles southeast of Pskov, Soviet columns stormed into the town of Malkova, three miles from the railway running south from Pskov to Polotsk and 11 miles from the Pskov-Ostrov-Carsaw trunk line, both possible escape corridors for the Nazis. At Malkova the Russians were within 26 miles of the Latvian border.

Thirty-seven miles further to the southeast, other Red army troops, driving up from the Novosokolniki area, smashed the 218th German infantry division and captured the large town of Novoroshev, mounting an additional threat to the Pskov-Polotsk railway, the Moscow bulletin said.

The Germans were fighting desperately to hold the Soviet advance, the communique said, mining roads, blowing up bridges and staging frequent but ineffective counterattacks.

Moscow reported a new Soviet offensive in the Ukraine south of the iron ore city of Krivoi Rog, where the Russians were declared to have captured 70 towns in a 26-mile drive down the Ingueta river to Nikolsevka, liquidating a German regiment and 700 other enemy troops on the way.

The Germans also said the Russians were attacking in the Vitebsk and Nevel areas, south of the Pripet marshes and on the Kerch peninsula in the Crimea. The Russian communique failed to report any activity in these sectors.

Farmville Rotarian Attends Meeting Of London Rotary Club

The following letter will be of interest to local citizens:

London, Feb. 9, 1944

L. E. Walston, President
Farmville Rotary Club,
Farmville, N. C., U. S. A.

Dear President Levi:

It was our great pleasure a few days ago to welcome your member Rotarian, Rev. Capt. B. B. Fordham, at an Anglo American Dinner, organized by the International Service Committee of the Rotary Club of London.

Our President, Malcolm Dunbar, has long been convinced that the very few American Rotarians attending our weekly luncheon meetings, were not really representative of all the considerable number who must, by now, be in this country, and within reasonable distance of London.

With the assistance of Colonel Ensley M. Llewellyn, the Editor of the "Stars and Stripes", wide publicity was given to this event, and we were favoured with the presence of twenty-seven Rotarians and five sons of Rotarians—all officers and men serving in the U. S. Army and Navy.

Twenty one members of the London Club were present, to act as hosts to the nineteen U. S. A. Rotarians who had accepted our invitation, but, as another nineteen turned up without letting us know they were coming, I was unable to provide one Banker, two Doctors, three Chaplains, three Advertising Agents, six Automobile Distributors, and others, with an "Opposite Number" from our Club.

Fifteen others, who also omitted to tell us they were coming, had to be turned away at the doors, owing to the severely limited accomodation available under war time conditions here.

Letters, subsequently received, from a few of our guests, indicate that they had an enjoyable evening, and we are encouraged to organize a similar event in the near future, in the hope that the "Fourth Object" may be furthered by these contacts.

When telling your Members of the pleasure we had in entertaining Rev. Capt. B. B. Fordham, will you please convey to them, also, the greetings of our President and all Members of the London Club.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,
and Service,
GEO. T. HARGREAVES,
Chairman I. S. C.

Calling a man "honorable" after he is elected is likely to make him believe that he is.

Court Tourney In Full Swing Here

The Farmville Invitational Basketball Tournament, which is being held in the Farmville High School Gymnasium, got underway Wednesday night when Winterville was victorious over Grifton, 16-12; Belvoir won from Grimesland 16-11; and in the Girls' game Arthur defeated Grifton, 28-11.

On Thursday night 4 games were played as follows — Boys: Arthur versus Winterville; Fountain versus Bethel — Girls: Walstonburg and Stokes; Farmville and Grimesland.

Tonight at 7:30, Walstonburg Boys meet Belvoir Boys; at 8:30, Fountain Girls meet Belvoir Girls; and at 9:30, Farmville Boys play Stokes Boys.

Semi-finals are scheduled for Saturday night beginning at 6:30 and the Championship contests will take place on Monday night, with the Girls' game at 8:00 and the Boys, at 9:00.

FARMVILLE DEFEATS KINSTON

On Tuesday night of this week, the local Varsity defeated Kinston, 30-25. Walston and Paylor scored 12 points each and Jones of Kinston was high scorer with 13 points. The Junior High Team played the Kinston Junior High the same night, defeating them 12-8. Horton scored 8 points for Farmville and Jackson, 8. Larkins was high for Kinston with 4 points.

CABBAGE

Thousands of tons of the new cabbage crop will be dehydrated this spring. The armed forces will take about 6 million pounds and about 2 million pounds will go to Lend-Lease, chiefly Russia.

VITAMIN A

The War Food Administration is assigning about 60 percent of the available vitamin A to producers of poultry feeds. This vitamin largely will save hatch in the hatching eggs allowed producers to place.

PRODUCE MORE EGGS

North Carolina hens produced more than a billion eggs last year—a record production. Sanitation, good flock management, and better laying stock played a vital part in this increased production, say Extension poultry specialists at N. C. State College. They suggest that poultrymen take full advantage of green growing crops and the opportunity to grow a full supply of grains on the home farm.

GROW MORE VEGETABLES

Uncle Sam needs 2,000,000 extra gardens this year, filled with plenty of green and yellow vegetables—to furnish a bountiful supply of nourishing food for the table, plus a surplus for canning, say the food economists and Extension garden specialists at N. C. State College. Plant a succession of crops during the spring and summer and don't forget the fall garden. Eight insects and diseases that may rob you of the rewards of your labor.