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Allied Bombers Gain Ruin On Germany

Big Bombs Smash Italian Rail Center

Big Fleet Leaves Sea Of Flame

Important Base of Salerno Raked By Bombers Winged Over Italy

By REILMAN MORIN
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—The mighty Allied aerial juggernaut rolled over Salerno, another important point in the Italian mainland railroad system, virtually smashing the city in day and night raids and leaving marshalling yards a sea of flame, headquarters announced today.

Salerno is on the coast south of Naples, around which Allied heavy and medium bombers left a trail of ruin in railway centers in raids Friday and Saturday. The British forces observed explosions and fires, some near an ammunition factory, a Carair announcement.

Seven Allied aircraft were reported missing from the Saturday night and Sunday raids, two of them from the Middle East Force.

British Wellingtons followed up the Marauder attacks on Salerno again last night.

For the first time A-26 Invader fighters accompanied the Marauder squadrons as escort.

The Italian communique broadcast from Rome and received by the BOMBERS HIT on page 1.

Japs Slowly Shoved Back At Salamaua

MacArthur's Veterans Tightening Net Around Pacific Stronghold

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (AP)—Allied ground troops pressing inexorably today on a ridge extending the Salamaua airfield, and the fall of that important objective seemed almost within sight.

Capture of the airfield probably will not come without a bitter and costly battle. In the six months since it had been captured, Allied strategists around the world have been planning the operation of the Salamaua airfield, and the fall of that important objective seemed almost within sight.

Under the pressure of these blows, the Japanese withdrew deeper within their last circle of defenses, continuing the general advance on two days.

This Salamaua captured with the Southwest Pacific offensive, American troops are now pushing forward to invest the enemy's extensive defenses.

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Football Coach Wallace Wade's Opinion Of Player Is Borne Out

downed Washington State College, 24 to 7.

Rhineland Points Hit In Slashing Air Attacks

CHEMICAL WORKS BATTERED
By LOWELL BENNETT
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MIDLANDS BOMBER BASE ENGLAND

Another pulverizing hammer smashed down from the skies over the Rhineland last night as hundreds of RAF heavy bombers opened the first of a new series of onslaughts aimed to complete the crippling of German industry.

The attack, heavy in both weight of concentration and directed against the chemical works of Leverkusen near Cologne, and station dropped over the area in readiness plus a number of 4,000-pound "rockets" without a loss.

The weather was poor and the visibility almost zero, but some of the returned crewmen reported over 100 fires in the target area.

The attack opened up the night sky over the Rhineland with only a few night fighters in the area.

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Allies Capture Segula Island In Aleutians

AMERICANS, CANADIANS SPREAD OUT FROM KISKA TO CONSOLIDATE GAINS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Spreading out from recaptured Kiska, Canadian and American troops have seized the little island of Segula and are consolidating positions on Kiska and in the adjacent Aleutian area.

Segula, at twenty miles east of Kiska, could have been used by the Japanese as an outpost for their main base, but the only information available the Navy said today, was that the landing had been made "with no Japanese being found."

Communication telling of the landings also reported that three Japanese midget submarines, which had attempted to destroy with bombs being fired from Kiska, had been found on the Marine railway at the submarine base there.

Navy communique No. 461: "United States and Canadian troops are continuing the occupation of positions on Kiska and in the adjacent area. A landing has been made on Segula Islands, about twenty miles east of Kiska, with no Japanese being found.

Three Japanese midget submarines, apparently damaged by demolition bombs, were found on the Marine railway at the submarine base on Kiska.

Segula, small island to the east of Kiska, is approximately five miles square.

Italian Press Openly Admits Nazis Block Peace Efforts

BERN (AP)—An open admission that Italian efforts to withdraw from the war are being blocked by German pressure on the Badoglio Government was contained in the Italian press for the first time during the week-end.

A Swiss Telegraph Agency dispatch from Chiasso on the Italian frontier said that the Italian Press clearly stated that the first aim of the Badoglio government is to remove the country from war, but Rome is seeking to prevent the peninsula from becoming the theater of a gigantic battle among the Germans there and the Anglo-Americans threatening to enter.

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Huge China Airforce Probably Is Planned

ARRIVAL OF KNOX IN QUEBEC LEADS TO BELIEF EASTERN BASE TO COME

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
QUEBEC (AP)—The arrival of Secretary of the Navy Knox and an announcement that Sir William Glasgow, Australian High Commissioner in Canada, would go indicated today that the Quebec war base was aiming for a new phase.

It is believed that the Allied High Command might have decided to mass sufficient bombers in the eastern bulge of China to play havoc with enemy lifelines in the China Sea and blast the Japanese mainland itself.

Knox came in from Washington in plane late this morning and was to dine with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill of Britain tonight.

It was reported that the British Minister who flew up on the way to Ottawa.

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New Air Power For China Front

NEW DELHI (Delayed)—Increased American air forces and equipment to pull weight behind the Chinese front was announced by Gen. George E. Stratemeyer today in his first press conference since his appointment as commander of the Tenth U. S. AAF.

The general said co-ordinated air action in the China-India theater was the first step toward the job of actually delivering increased help to China.

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Air Cade Killed in Kingstree Field

SHAW FLEW, S. C. (AP)—The State Public Relations Office said today that a pilot was killed in a crash landing at Kingstree field, S. C., yesterday when his training plane crashed three to five miles east of Kingstree, Fla.

Schneider's name of kin was listed as his father, George Schneider of 117 Sylvain Lane, Long Island, N. Y.

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Berlin Admits Loss Of Great Russian Base

SOVIET STRATEGY AGAIN FORCES GERMANS TO GIVE UP STRONG POSITION
By WILLIAM WHITE
LONDON (AP)—Premier Maxim Litvinoff today announced the capture of Kharkov today and the Germans appeared to be in general retreat across South Russia.

A Stalin order of the day to field commanders, broadcast by the Moscow Radio and recorded here by the Soviet city by storm.

Nazi Lines Threatened

SOVIETS HAMMERING AT DONETS BASIN FRONT
By HENRY C. GARDNER
MOSCOW (AP)—The Red Army Summer offensive push has now reached a new point today as big tank battles flared up near Kharkov and new assaults mounted in the Donets Basin.

A breakthrough in the Donets Basin there would mean the loss of the German Fascist position south of Kharkov and around Dnepropetrovsk at the easternmost end of the Dnieper, and would give an impetus to the new campaign similar to that supplied last Winter's offensive when a series of separated blows drove the Germans back over a great area.

The communique said local fighting had broken out south of Izyum and southeast of Voroshilovgrad along the German salient extending to Lisichansk, 120 miles southeast of Kharkov, and Pravda said German reserves already were being shifted to the area.

The dispatch said one German regiment had been forced to accept battle, four hours after reaching the front, and prisoners were quoted as saying they already had lost 20 per cent of its manpower.

Soviet attack bombers Sturmoviks were shown taking the Donets salient, including the city of Kharkov, and Pravda said German reserves already were being shifted to the area.

N. Y. Gamblers Must Start Work

PAPER DELIVERIES RETURN TO NORMAL
NEW YORK (AP)—Delivery of the New York Times, Herald Tribune and other New York newspapers and other New York papers, delayed for the past three days by a strike of 150 employees of distribution companies, returned to normal today.

President Roosevelt has proclaimed the determination of the Allies to send up aerial firms involving aid to fight war with few exceptions, all their men were back.

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