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YANKS RAID BERLIN FOR SECOND STRAIGHT DAY; BUCHAREST HIT

African Warriors Postpone Dancing

By DANIEL DE LUCE
(Substituting for Hal Boyle)

ANZIO, May 3—(Delayed)—(AP)—Swazi warriors show no endearment for "Anzio Annie," the German Thunderbust, which drops 280-mm. shells on them from time to time.

DANIEL DE LUCE

"Mfongane" is the Swazi name for this most annoying of all enemy artillery. Simply translated into American it means: "Hell of a blow up!"

Because of "mfongane" 300 muscular black labor troops from the southeast corner of southern Africa have to keep their furry loin skins and feathered bonnets locked up, postponing indefinitely the high-kicking tribal dances they love better even than British beer.

To stomp and leap with the precision of the rocketes while the band beats out the rhythm on tom toms made out of gasoline cans requires a No. 1 chorus master.

Just the other day "mfongane" blew off one of the tarpedoheroes swazi company. The survivors say they feel that a dance festival at Anzio now would be like a Fred Astaire movie with Fred on crutches.

The swazis are the only British colonial troops in the beachhead and the only troops here, white or colored, who have an average of three or four wives waiting at home for each man.

To a swazi, single bloodiness is a contradiction in terms. In his native country of coastal plains and bracing withered highland he buys with cattle as many wives as he can afford. So most of the plane has less than three. When a swazi thinks of his multiple wives, whom he has not seen for two years and seven months, he gets naturally homesick.

TOLD TO STAY

Regardless of this metaphysical upset from Mbodane, capital of Swaziland, is that bulbous theatrical who takes a paramount chief's job ordered his warriors abroad to continue to carry the mortars.

Since privates earn two shillings and nine pence a day and save at least one third of the sum for after the war, people in the leading grass huts of Swaziland is understood to agree that there will be a big boom following.

Genial Major Douglas Pacey, who was born among the Swazis and worked in British administration of the little tribal protectorate, crowned the tribe here. He was organized in 1941 and followed the Eighth Army across Africa to arrive at Isonzhenwen n' Swazi captured yet!

The Swazis prove to ordinary British army laundry to the native dishes they used to know. Lieutenant Colonel Pacey, a fluent and practitioner of the British language, that Major Pacey's tribe "is still in Swazi in which to and it are proposed by clicking the tongue against the roof of the side of the mouth or against the front teeth."

LIKE MOVIES

They like American movies but after seeing a Shirley Temple picture they asked what that strange talked for was made of. They always ask when they work — or play.

Major Pacey discovered your social chances in Swaziland when the majority of Sebuza the Second recently been.

"They may be reform the system of polygamy said the major. "But they is bound to improve the problem."

Dames Battle German Guards

STOCKHOLM, Sweden—(AP)—Four Dames were killed and thirteen wounded in a battle between German guards and special handpicked partisans at a Dutch concentration camp at Hoogezand Sappemeer, the Göteborg Posten reported today.

The uprising developed when rumors spread that the inmates including numerous prominent persons were to be transferred to Germany.

Johnson Downs 2 Nazi Planes To Tie Record Of 27

First U. S. Pilot In European Theater To Better Rickenbacker Mark

A U. S. FIGHTER BASE IN ENGLAND — (AP) — Capt. Robert S. Johnson of Lawton, Okla., a Thunderbolt pilot, shot down two enemy planes over Germany today to boost his total to 27—all bagged in the air—and become the first American ace in the European theater to break Capt. Edward Rickenbacker's combat record of 26 aircraft kills in the First World War.

Johnson thus tied the record set in the Southwest Pacific theater by Maj. Richard I. Bong, 23, of Poplar, Wis.

Johnson's two kills today still were unofficial but there was little doubt they would be confirmed. He is a member of the famed Thunderbolt unit commanded by Col. Hubert Zemke, Missoula, Mont., which claimed a total of 48 Germans downed yesterday.

GETS THIRD 30

In the European theater, Capt. Don Gentile of Piqua, Ohio, now is home leave. He picked up his 30th victim April 11 when he shot down an American plane with a total score of 30 of which eleven were scored on the ground.

Johnson, a stubby, blond youngster who asked no additional hours of combat duty after completing his regular tour, and Major Bong are the only Americans bettering Rickenbacker's mark strictly in air combat.

Bong, a Lightning pilot, was the first to break that record, although both Maj. Gregory Boyington, Chungkiang, China, now missing, and Marine Maj. Joe Foss of Sioux Falls, S. D., who is not now on active flying duty, had equalled Rickenbacker's 26 in their exploits in the Pacific area.

Bong also has little probability which now seem almost certain that he will come to 25 Japanese planes he is credited with. This leaves only Gentile and Johnson, including six planes downed over Berlin. The location

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New Blows Hit Capital Of Romania

City Afire After Series Of Raids

By NOLAND NORGAARD
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES — (AP) — Allied heavy and medium bombers pounded Bucharest for the third time in 24 hours last night, guided to the Romanian capital by fires still burning from yesterday's American daylight attack, which ripped tracks apart and splintered locomotive shops in the city's railyards.

RAF Halifaxes and Liberators, carrying into its fourth straight day the terrific air offensive aimed at wiping out Romanian communications and industries, encountered very strong fighter opposition as they neared over Bucharest and rained explosives on industrial targets, headquarters said.

Bucharest's factories and refinery areas had been blasted Saturday night in a quick follow-up to an American daylight raid of five Romanian rail centers.

While 250 to 300 U. S. Fortresses and Liberators were smashing at the Bucharest railyards yesterday, other heavy bombers hit the Belgrade-Pancevo bridge in Yugoslavia in an effort to sever the only rail line recently open on the Orient Express route.

AIR BATTLES

Air battles near Bucharest, yesterday cost the Germans twenty fighters, of which the bomber gunners bagged eleven and Lightning and Mustang fighter pilots nine. Nine Nazi aircraft were destroyed in other operations, to bring the day's bag to 29, while the Allies lost two heavy bombers and twelve other planes in more than 1,500 sorties.

Lighter Allied planes hammered shipping off the Dalmatian Coast and German ports, dumps, and communications in Italy. In a sharp battle near Lake Bracciano north of Rome, eight RAF Spitfires shot down nine ME-109's out of a formation of eighteen.

NAZI PLANES INFERIOR

The Mediterranean Air Force Command declared, meanwhile, that the quality of planes available to the Germans for fighting off Allied raids on Southern Europe had deteriorated recently, but that there was "no diminution in the courage the caliber of German pilots."

Summarizing April operations, the statement said that fighter pilots had noted early in the month that the majority of the interceptors were "top notch" ME-109's, and FW-190's and the victory claims reflected it. Later, Fiat G-50's, JU-87's, RE-2001's and other inferior types were shot down, in most instances, however, the enemy formations continued strong and aggressive. The Allied fighters claimed 195 victories in April.

A LOUD YELL FOR DADDY IN THE PACIFIC—Four-day-old Robert P. LaBuoy Jr., lets go with a loud yell for his father, Warrant Officer R. P. LaBuoy, a Seabee in the South Pacific, as Mrs. LaBuoy holds the telephone. The father telephoned from 4,000 miles away to wish his baby a happy birthday, but it took a wallop by a nurse before the young one squalled. (AP Wirephoto.)

Nearly 2,000 Planes Strike At Nazi Areas

Brunswick Also Pounded In Relentless American Air Assault

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

LONDON—(AP)—Nearly 2,000 U. S. bombers and fighters blasted the Berlin and Brunswick areas today, with a great fleet of Flying Fortresses pouncing for the second straight day on Berlin—the battered capital that the Germans now called "condemned to death."

Another armada composed entirely of Liberators hammered Brunswick, 125 miles west of Berlin.

The powerful force—almost equal to that pounding Berlin in daylight Sunday—followed night assaults from west and south upon France, Germany, and the Romanian capital of Bucharest.

The Liberators and Fortresses today numbered close to 1,000, with about as many escorting Lightnings, Thunderbolts, and Mustangs. The Fortresses dropped perhaps 2,000 tons of explosives on Berlin today.

ATTACKS ON FRANCE

After the big fellows carried out what the German communique called "terror attacks" on Bucharest and Berlin, approximately 200 Ninth Air Force Marauders struck today at military objectives in Northern France and a railroad bridge on the outskirts of Rouen.

German fighters drove bitterly against the Liberators bombing Brunswick, returning crewmen said, and some estimated that as many as 150 Nazi planes engaged in battle at one time. The Germans attacked in waves for half on hour.

American fliers said it was the first German fighter defense in strength since the April 29 raid on Berlin. A heavy overcast forced the Liberators to bomb through the clouds. Flak was described as light.

BOMBERS RAMMED

At least three crewmen told of seeing German fighters ram or collided with American bombers in the Brunswick fight.

"There were fighters and bombers colliding all over the sky," said Lt. L. Houston of Helena, Mont. "My ship flew through the wreckage of a couple of them.

"One Focke-Wulf came in so close to us that I figured he was out of control and going to ram us. I nosed down and he did too. Then he nosed up at the same time as I did. I don't know how we missed each other."

One crewman said a Messerschmidt, its tail shot off, went down out of control "then nosed up" hitting a bomber head-on.

Today's daylight operations pressed the tremendous pre-invasion air offensive into its 24th consecutive day and capped a 24-hour period in which probably 6,000 Allied planes, thundering from bases in Britain and Italy, rained something like 10,000 tons of explosives on installations with which Hitler hoped to remake the Allies Western invasion and stem the Russian drive into the Balkans.

The main blow of yesterday's great daylight raids, perhaps the heaviest two-way assault thus far,

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Strike At Sevastopol

LONDON—(AP)—Soviet bombers and fighters lashed at Sevastopol in intense week-end assaults, Moscow announced today, and Axis broadcast asserted that "extraordinarily powerful" Red Army forces were assaulting the besieged Crimean port in an effort to overwhelm the German-Romanian garrison.

The Russians were silent about land operations at Sevastopol, but Moscow customarily refrains from preliminary announcements when the Red Army launches major drives. The German High Command, hinting that the Russians had cracked Axis lines, spoke of a "fluctuating battle" around the fortress.

Today's German communique said the Soviets attacked with strong forces after heavy artillery fire and "succeeded in effecting a salient" in the southern sector of the Sevastopol battle area. Attacks on the northern sector were repulsed, it added.

ROMANIAN ACTION

In Romania, the Germans said, Nazi troops captured a hill position east of the Siret River and the Red Army failed in a prolonged attempt to break through between the Prut and Moldava Rivers.

A Soviet communique said that Russian war planes, sweeping on Sevastopol from dawn to dusk, inflicted heavy losses on German and Romanian troops, blew up ammunition dumps, wrecked artillery batteries and damaged several ships.

The Axis garrison, estimated at 25,000 men, has been holding out in Sevastopol since mid-April under fire from Soviet siege guns commanding the heights overlooking the city. The Soviet Black Sea Fleet and air arm have reported sinking scores of escape vessels trying to reach Romania.

A German military analyst, commenting on the reported land assault, said that "evidently the Soviet High Command is staking everything on annihilating the Sevastopol garrison with one smashing blow in order to release the divisions engaged for other sectors of a Summer offensive."

Comparatively few Russian troops would be held down by continued Axis resistance at Sevastopol, however, since the Germans and Romanians are wedged into an area with a circular front of only about 25 miles.

The Soviet communique told of only minor land activity Sunday. German attempts to take a height west of last were repulsed, it said, and 200 Germans were slain south of Thaspul, on the west bank of the lower Dnestr River.

F. R. In Washington After S. C. Holiday

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Back on the job after a month' vacation on a South Carolina plantation, President Roosevelt conferred with Congressional leaders today on the legislative situation and heard that things were "getting along very well."

Senate Majority Leader Barkley said the Chief Executive had recommended no new legislation. He was no indication that Mr. Roosevelt would do so any time soon. There was no talk, he asserted, about Congressional inquiries into the Government's seizure of Montgomery Ward and Company Chicago plants.

"We reported the President of the status of legislation in both houses," Barkley asserted, "which is getting along very well."

BOOKS TIME

Barkley reported that the Chief Executive was "looking fine, indeed" after his stay at Bernard M. Baruch's plantation, Hobcaw Barony near Georgetown, S. C.

With Barkley at the White House were Vice President Wallace, Speaker Rayburn and House Majority Leader McCormack. Wallace remained a few minutes after the others left. Asked whether he had discussed with Mr. Roosevelt his projected trip to China which Wallace is planning in the next few months, the Vice President replied that "naturally it came up."

After the legislative review in his study, Mr. Roosevelt moved over to his offices for conference with Under Secretary of State Stettinius, recently returned from London, and with Secretary of State Hull.

HULL MEETS TRAIN

Secretary of State Hull met the chief executive's special train when it pulled in yesterday morning and brought him up to date on international affairs.

The President attested to reporters that he was feeling

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Eaker Lauds Gen. Twining

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Allied air commander in the Mediterranean, announced today that Romanian oil production had been cut to one fourth of its normal output by bombings.

In addition, Eaker declared in a statement, American combat bombers "have disrupted the flow of vital war materials to the eastern front by bombing every important supply route open to the Germans."

Gen. Eaker, congratulating 15th Airforce Commander Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining on the results, disclosed also that since Nov. 8, 1942, the bomb tonnage dropped by the Allies in the Mediterranean theater passed the 200,000 mark.

ENEMY WEAKENED

"The enemy's position has been greatly weakened by serious interruption of his rail and river transportation," Eaker said of the Italian raids.

"The Ploesti refining system, with a capacity of some 9,000,000 tons annually, has been supplying more than 30 per cent of Germany's needs. The low level attack on Aug. 1, 1943 seriously interrupted the output for several months, but prior to the recent attacks by RAAF units major plants had been restored to full pro-

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U. S. Priest Is En Route Home

MOSCOW—(AP)—The Rev. Stanislaus Orlemanski of Springfield, Mass., is on the way home by plane after a 12-day visit to Russia during which he had two audiences with Premier Stalin and received criticism in the United States.

Moscow newspapers yesterday displayed at the top of their French news pages Father Orlemanski's statement Saturday that Stalin "is very kindly disposed towards the Catholic Church," and that he had no intention of meddling in the internal affairs of Poland.

Father Orlemanski, a Polish-American, is pastor of our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in Springfield.

Freezing Technique Used To Save Wounded Limbs

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—A new freezing technique, says Capt. E. Eric Larson, U. S. N., has proved successful in saving wounded limbs of American service men.

Capt. Larson, former president of the Los Angeles surgical society just returned from two and one-half years of duty in the South Pacific, told the California Medical Association yesterday:

"When the circulation in a leg is cut off by a bullet or shell wound, the application of heat would merely increase metabolism (the sum of biologic processes) and burn down the circulation at blood. By a technique of freezing the leg, however, which has already been successfully used, metabolism is decreased until blood is able to circulate again, and the leg is saved."

Japs In Strong India Offensive

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, KANDY, Ceylon—(AP)—Japanese forces have gone over strongly to the offensive on all sectors of the Manipur Hill front in northeastern India seeking to regain recently lost forward positions but are suffering disproportionately heavy losses, an Allied communique said today.

Allied patrols pushing forward on the Kohima road have advanced 25 miles north of Imphal, said the communique from Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters. Early in their invasion of the Indian border territory the Japanese blocked this road along fifteen miles of its 60-mile length.

ALLIES TAKE VILLAGES

Two villages in the hills northeast of Palel have been taken by Allied forces, the announcement continued. Palel lies about nineteen miles southeast of Imphal. In the Buthidaung sector of the Arakan front in India's west, the enemy were killed in recent fighting said the communique.

In the Kohima area "heavy fighting" continues but there was no material change in the situation, headquarters said, while south of Imphal Allied troops made an attack which captured an enemy position with three guns.

Minor clashes marking hand-to-hand fighting in which the enemy suffered severely have occurred west of Bishenpur on the jungle road which leads to Calcutta, terminus of a spur line of the Bengal-Assam Railway, the Allied communique reported.

A headquarters communique meanwhile announced yesterday that Allied troops had withdrawn from Burhchuna, on the Myaungmaya peninsula, 6 miles west of Akyab port after having established outposts on certain

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Nazi Ships Sent Down

LONDON —(AP)— Carrier-borne planes of the Royal Navy pounced on two German convoys off Norway Saturday, sinking one and possibly two supply ships and damaging three other vessel, the Admiralty announced today, while French crews in an English Channel battle early today probably sank two other Nazi ships.

Barracudas of the fleet air arm struck the southbound convoys off Kristiansund, south of Trondheim, sinking a medium-sized supply ship with bomb and torpedo hits and breaking a large, heavily-loaded supply vessel in two. Two torpedoes hit a tanker, an escort vessel was bombed and a small supply ship was damaged by near misses, a communique described.

Two unescorted German planes were attacked and two British aircraft were lost.

Previously minutes later coastal forces in the channel battled with a strongly-escorted German convoy, probably sinking a large tug and trawler by torpedoes and damaging

Chennault Air Force Stronger

LONDON —(AP)— The British radio broadcast a dispatch today from Chungking that Gen. Claire Lee Chennault is going strongly forward from India and has moved 450 miles closer to Tokio in preparation for an air assault on Japan.

The dispatch asserted the transfer of the air forces base from Kunming east to Kweilin, region south another move the American strategy to build up Free China, the Chinese mainland and concentrating powerful units there for air raids on the Japanese motherland."

Harbor On Finland's South Coast Raided

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kotka Harbor east of Helsinki on the south coast of Finland was raided by twenty dive bombers this morning, the Finnish communique announced. The communique was recorded by U. S. Government monitors from a Finnish broadcast.

Nazis Face Crucial Strategy Decision

WASHINGTON, May 8—(AP)—Hitler's Germans are rushing to meet a crucial decision in the strategy of the European war, perhaps a decision which will mean the difference between victory and defeat for the Nazis in the coming months.

The decision is that of committing the bulk of their available reserves to throw the invaders into the sea, or of husbanding some of the strength for a strategic withdrawal.

Despite the little chance of ultimate victory, the chance for delay, recuperation, regrouping and establishing the beachheads as formidable fort are considered good.

TIME OF CRISIS

The time of crisis for the Nazis as well as for their Danish D Day invaders is now expected in about six or eight days when the Germans have had time to assess the power and meaning of the invasion of the Allies.

Should the Nazis believe it possible to mash the beachhead or beachheads completely, they may be expected to use all their strength to do it.

London dispatches apparently based on authoritative information place enemy reserve strength behind the Western Coast at 54 to 60 divisions. These could be able to move swiftly with or without railroads since the Germans must have made provisions against aerial destruction of their rail centers.

The same considerations that apply to the ultimate German use of land forces apply as well to their air fleet. Despite the recent poor showing of the Luftwaffe against the Allied aerial offensive, authorities here believe it still is capable of putting up a terrific fight.

The best-backed opinion is that the Nazis are hoarding fighter plane strength against two alternatives. If they see a chance for decision while the invasion is still developing they will throw it into action without restraint, otherwise they may seek to preserve it as long as possible as a threat, using the same "fleet in being" strategy that the Japanese now apply to their Navy.

Destroyer Set Afire In Eastern Mediterranean

CAIRO—(AP)—Middle East aircraft set fire to a destroyer in the eastern Mediterranean and worked over enemy installations on Crete and other islands and southern Greece, an Allied communique said today.

The Castelli and Meleme airfields on Crete were bombed. A fuel dump on Paros was exploded and smoke curled 2,000 feet. Installations on Kythera and southern Greece were attacked but scientified. Two Allied planes were lost.

WEATHER

Fair to partly cloudy and warmer tonight; increasing cloudiness and mild Tuesday.

Today's Temperatures:
2:30 P. M. 71
Sunset today
Sunrise tomorrow

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But whether you return this loaned copy of The News through the Junior Commandos, deliver it to the bins at a fire station, leave it for collection by the Sanitary Dept. or deliver it to dealers direct, it must be returned.

It is destined for front line service.

Stabs Beaten Off In Italy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples—(AP)—Strong German patrols stabbed through Allied advance positions in the upper Garigliano valley of the main Fifth Army front Saturday night, but were driven off two hours later after being heavily shelled, headquarters announced today.

The action took place about three miles south of Sant' Andrea, which lies about eight miles southeast of Cassino, where headquarters said German harassing fire had increased and Nazi transport movements were heard west and south of the ruined town during the night.

Pioneer artillery fire took place in the lower Garigliano Valley and an American patrol clashed with German patrols. The Anzio beachhead front was reported "extremely quiet" except for heavy enemy shelling in the vicinity of Carano in the center of the beachhead.