

United States Air Forces Blast Nazi Targets in France

Paste Air Field in Northeast France While RAF Sweeps Over Germany

London, July 10, U.P.—Three large formations of U. S. flying fortresses attack vital targets in France today, while hundreds of R.A.F. bombers were still returning from a heavy raid on the Ruhr, in the first literal around the clock air blitz of Europe.

One fortress formation attack the enemy airfield at Caen, another pasted the airfield at Abbeville—and the third headed for Le Bourget, just outside of Paris, but was prevented from dropping its bombs because clouds hid the target.

During the night, R. A. F. heavy bombers heaped new destruction on Gelsenkirchen. A estimated two thousand tons of explosives was believed loosed on Gelsenkirchen and nearby targets in one of the heaviest raids to date. Ten bombers were lost on what the Air Ministry said was "a very heavy raid."

The American fortress obtained the best results at Caen. Returned flyers said the clouds opened up just in time to give them a "good bombing run, and that bombs were falling all over the airfield, along the runways and among the buildings." No enemy fighters appeared and there was little anti aircraft fire.

At Abbeville the fortresses encountered no fighters and little flack, but the weather was bad and the bombing "wasn't" what it might have been.

Italy Claims Naval Action

London, July 10, (UP)—The Rome radio broadcast tonight that Italian naval forces had gone into action off Sicily.

The broadcast also said that Italian torpedo bombers attacking allied invasion ships, had hit and damaged three transports—of 7,000, 10,000 and 12,000 tons.

Violent air battles involving "masses of planes" were described.

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Weeping Water

Special Journal Correspondence

Mrs. Walter Wiseman and Mrs. Wilbur Long had birthdays quite close together, and that friendly group of neighbors, who delight in celebrating their friend's birthdays, gathered at the home of Mrs. Wiseman, and helped them to remember the occasion Thursday evening. Mrs. W. H. Waldo furnished a beautiful birthday cake, Mrs. Ranney provided delightful open-faced sandwiches, and with coffee they tasted very good. Twelve neighbor women joined in the evenings fun, and all report a delightful gathering. The honored guests received some very lovely gifts. Those attending were Mrs. O. C. Hinds, Mrs. J. M. Ranney, Mrs. Frank Marshall, Mrs. Willard Waldo, Mrs. E. Marshall, Mrs. O. B. Dill, Mrs. Stella Wiles, Mrs. Jean Jones, Mrs. Harry Potts, Mrs. Sam Potts, of Fairbury, and the two guests of honor, Mrs. Wiseman and Mrs. Long.

Pvt. W. J. Power is having a furlough and he went to Kansas City, and brought his wife, the former Patricia Sperry, and their twin sons, to his parents home at Nehawka. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Power of Nehawka, and Mrs. and Mrs. J. E. Sperry, of Weeping Water.

We have just learned (Friday) of the birth of a baby daughter, Beverley Ann, weight nine and one-quarter pounds, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Taylor, at their home near Weeping Water.

Western Limestone Products Company donated the rails from some abandoned tracks leading into their quarries to the scrap metal drive, providing that someone could be found who would remove the rails. Fred Allen, local chairman, and about a dozen local business men,

have been working of evenings removing them and getting them ready for shipping. Wednesday evening, while at work, Willard H. Waldo, county agricultural agent, was holding a rail while another man removed the bolts, when a sliver of metal about as large as a small lima bean, struck his cheek and embedded itself into the flesh, necessitating him having to go to Lincoln to have it removed.

We mentioned before, that Burton Eidenmiller is at home on a furlough. In the army he is known as John B. Eidenmiller, and he has just recently been transferred from Ft. Pierce, Fla., to Camp Pickett, Va.

The Red Cross surgical dressings workers finished their quotas about three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, so had a short session of work for that day. A new quota will be ready for next Wednesday.

Even the birds of the air seem to have caught the feeling of unrest and enmity, which is prevalent. Near our side porch, where we spend much of our time, we have a bird bath. Two years ago we would count as many as twenty-six birds perched around the side of the basin, all kinds, and all friendly. This year it is unusual to see more than two at a time, and if those two are not of the same family of birds, they scrap and fight until one is driven away. Yesterday we watched a Jenny Wren and a Turtle Dove scuffling, and believe it or not, the Wren won, and the Dove flew away only to return when the Wren had gone.

Mrs. Omer Clark and two sons, Robert and Jack, left us last week for Douglas, Wyo., to join her husband, who is employed there, and who has a home ready for them there.

Miss Shirley Steinkamp was down from Lincoln and spent the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Steinkamp, Thursday.

Mrs. Helen Wallick left for York, Friday, to spend the week end with friends.

Mrs. E. J. DeWolf has moved into her own home, near the school house, after spending the winter with her daughter, in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Ed Bobbitt expected to leave this week for Washington, D. C., but she was unable to secure a reservation from St. Louis east, before the 15th of the month, so she will leave here the 14th. Mrs. Bobbitt is employed in a government office in Washington, D. C., and was called home by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Ben Rich, and she remained to care for her until her three years ago.

Miss Margaret Giberson was expected here Friday, from Lincoln, where she is spending the summer with her father, Al Giberson. Miss Giberson is a teacher in the Grand Island schools. She will spend a few days at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Ray Wiles, and her many friends here will be glad to see her again.

Harvey Rich, city water commissioner, had the misfortune, while climbing down into the settling basin, at the city water plant, to have a rung in the iron ladder break and cut his foot quite badly, causing him considerable suffering. Roy Splitt, of Camp Barclay, Tex.,

is spending a fifteen day furlough with relatives and friends in this vicinity.

A fresh coat of white paint, with screens receiving a coat of dark green, has greatly improved the appearance of the Harley Thurston property, now occupied by the E. T. Stacey family.

Speaking of this property, other permanent improvements are being made in that vicinity. At last, after many thirsty years, for the people of the vicinity south of that property, a water main is being laid, and water is being piped south for two blocks, and then west one block, and from there water will be taken into the homes in that part of town. They have paid the same taxes but have had to provide wells or cisterns for their own use, or had to use the old town pump, which has lost its spout, and has to be primed. Just why this street, one of the busiest thoroughfares in town, should have been so neglected is a mystery. However, we have some councilmen, now, who are in sympathy with the property owners, and who are doing their best to relieve the water situation, where relief is needed.

Reports are that all telephone and power lines in Weeping Water are to be rebuilt, very soon.

Madame Chiang Nearing Capture

Chung King, China, July 10, (UP)—Madame Chiang Kai-shek barely escaped capture by the Japanese while flying back to China from her visit to the United States, she revealed today at her first press conference since her return.

Madame Chiang told newspapermen "if it hadn't been for the superb American pilots, we would be the guests of the Imperial government right now."

Enroute to Calcutta, she related the plane was lost in bad weather, but the pilot heard a radio beam and started to land.

"But he suddenly felt something was wrong," Madame Chiang said, "so he turned back. We learned later we would have landed on a Japanese-occupied airfield in Burma."

Madame Chiang was enthusiastic over the way all Americans—even the so-called isolationists' support the program of giving all aid to China.

Bomb Kiska

Washington, July 10, (UP)—An American warship pumped shells into Japanese positions on Kiska for several hours in the second bombardment of that enemy Aleutian base in three days, the navy announced today.

The attack was made by a light surface unit—either a destroyer or cruiser—early Friday morning and was directed against the Getrude Cove area on the southeast side of Kiska. Japanese shore batteries returned the fire in an effort to drive the American ship off, but caused no damage. This was the third naval bombardment of Kiska since the Japanese occupied the island in June of last year. The first was carried out last August 8th.

Mary Rosencrans Dies Suddenly At Home Saturday

Popular Figure in the Business and Social Life of the City—Funeral On Tuesday

The community was profoundly shocked late Saturday afternoon by the death of Mary Rosencrans, popular resident of the city and for a number of years identified with the business life of the city as well as in various social activities.

She has been suffering from a high blood pressure condition for the past few years and this is thought to have brought on the fatal attack. Miss Rosencrans had been at work at the Style Shop as usual Saturday, altho she had complained of a very severe headache and returning to work after lunch on Saturday she had been advised to go to her apartments in the Bates building to rest for a time and try and relieve the headache. Shortly after she had gone to her home, other residents living in nearby apartments had heard her difficult breathing and going to her room found her partially off a day bed and unconscious. Medical aid was called but she failed to rally and died in a few moments later apparently suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mary Jane Rosencrans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans, was born at Elmwood, Nebraska, July 23, 1900, and was brought by her parents to Plattsmouth in 1905 when the father was elected county clerk and the family have since resided here. She grew up in this community and was graduated from the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1918. Later she attended the University of Nebraska and was a member of the Pi Beta Phi at Lincoln. Later after her school work she made her home in Chicago but in the more recent years has been a resident of this city.

There is surviving her passing the mother, Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans, of this city; three brothers, C. A. Rosencrans, Plattsmouth, B. A. Rosencrans, Mobile Alabama, B. U. Rosencrans, Chicago; one sister, Mrs. W. C. Soennichsen of this city.

Miss Rosencrans was of a very friendly and social type and had in the years of her residence here, made many friends among those with whom she had come in contact and who will share with the members of the family the sorrow of her passing.

The body is at the Caldwell funeral home at 7th and Oak street where services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. The service will be private as had often been the request of the departed. Dr. H. G. McCusky, of the Presbyterian church will officiate. The interment will be at the Oak Hill cemetery in this city. Pall bearers will be old friends, Clement Woster, Robert M. Walling, Emmett Lindsay, Herb Schuetz Pollock Parmele of Lincoln and Wilbur Hall.

To Respect Churches

Washington, July 10, U.P.—President Roosevelt in a message to Pope Pious said today that during the present invasion of Italian soil, churches and religious institutions would "be spared the devastation of war," and that the neutral status of Vatican City would be respected.

It was explained at the White House that Mr. Roosevelt refers to the landing on Italian soil in reference to invasion of Sicily.

But his promise that neutrality of the Vatican territory would be respected was taken as a clear indication that the campaign will be carried later to the Italian mainland. The city of Rome, which surrounds Vatican City, has not been bombed, but a recent British announcement said no commitments had been made against bombing it.

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Ask Flour Prices Up

Washington, July 10, U.P.—Ten wheat belt senators decided today to meet with Food Administrator Marvin Jones, Monday to demand that ceiling prices on flour be increased to assure the planting of an additional eighteen million acres of wheat this year.

The Senators arranged the conference with Jones after a meeting in the office of Senator Clyde M. Reed, R. Kansas. They said they hoped War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes and Economic Stabilization Director Fred Vinson would attend the conference. The Food Administration has asked that wheat acreage be increased from 52 million to 70 million this year.

Reed charged that the "dam fool vassalation of the administration" and the House's insistence that funds for parity payments be stricken from the 1944 agricultural department appropriations bill which had brought the chief threats to the program.

Reed said that because of transportation cost differences and many other elements involving flour milling costs, there was no specific ceiling price on flour. It varies from mill to mill, he said, but the Senators want an increase all along the line so that farmers can get more for the wheat. The parity price of wheat is \$1.45 a bushel and there is a ceiling of approximately \$1.24 at present.

Senators who met with Reed included Arthur Capper, R. Kansas, Kenneth S. Wherry, R. Nebraska, and Bennett C. Clark, D. Missouri.

Bomb Italian Postoffice

Cairo, July 10, (UP)—American heavy bombers attacked the headquarters of the general postoffice at Taormina, 30 miles southwest of Messina in northeastern Sicily, without loss yesterday, a communique announced today.

Another formation attacked Comiso, also in Sicily. Direct hits threw wreckage and debris high into the air at Taormina and large fires followed the bomb explosions. Bursts also were seen on nearby railroad tracks.

A fire was touched off in the fuel installations area at Comiso. One stick of bombs landed squarely on the airfield runway and others hit around the hangars in the dispersal area. No losses occurred on the Comiso raid.

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Here is the situation six months after the last barrel of new whiskey rolled out of a distillery to the storage warehouse.

Distilleries are setting new records, working 100 per cent on the production of ethyl alcohol for munitions, synthetic rubber and other materials needed by the armed forces. Plants of the Schenley Distillers Corp., for example, have increased war alcohol output 536 per cent in the past year—operating on a "round-the-clock, seven-days-a-week" schedule.

Producing at the rate of 250,000,000 gallons a year, beverage distillers today provide the largest single source of war alcohol. Yet, so great is the demand for the chemical that the government is negotiating for the construction of five distilleries in the Mid-west.

Beverage stocks produced prior to conversion, which started before Pearl Harbor, are enough to slake normal consumer thirsts for about three years. How long this supply will be available will depend on the duration of the war, future allocation of stocks, and whether distillers are granted "vacations" to replenish diminishing reserves.

To prevent hoarding and conserve available supplies, 12 of the states operating government stores have limited bottle purchases. These are: Alabama, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

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