

2 BIG ATTACKS ROCK GERMANY

1500 U. S., 1000 R. A. F.
Planes Spread New
Havoc on Reich.

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chmitts and Focke Wulfs swarmed through a hole in the clouds like bees out of a hollow log and fought a fierce 20-minute running battle with the Fortresses until Lightning fighters ended them.

At another city nearly 100 planes of the same types flashed through their own curtain of anti-aircraft fire and gave the Fortresses a tense few minutes which crewmen called the toughest they had in a long time.

"The attack was the most suicidal I have ever seen," said Lt. Tom Dexter of Washington, D. C., pilot of the Fortress Little Bear. "Several of them flew right through their own fire and attacked us head-on. Many of them even tried to ram us, and we had to take violent evasive action."

Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of U. S. strategic air forces over Europe, apparently gratified with the results of sustained attacks on German aircraft factories, now was trying to destroy the Luftwaffe ground.

An authoritative source said the 8th air force heavy bombers fanned out over Germany "like a railway traffic pattern" and picked out specialized targets.

Luftwaffe Fights Back
In contrast with yesterday's attack on Berlin, when the Germans refused aerial battle in defense of what the airmen call the "big city," they showed fight today.

At least one force absorbed a quick saturation attack by about 50 Messerschmitts and Focke Wulfs just before it reached its target. On the other hand, some formations reported they did not see a single German fighter on the entire trip.

Improving weather over Germany left ragged patches of clear sky over the air fields at which the Fortress and Liberator bombers aimed visually. In many recent attacks they have been forced to use the overcast bombing technique, employing secret aiming devices.

RUSSIANS STORM BLACK SEA PORT

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ened the Rumanian city of Iasi, where Marshal Fritz von Manstein was reported to have established his headquarters.

The closing of the assault arc on Nikolai, at the mouth of the Bug river and last major Black sea port east of Odessa, followed the toppling of Pervomaisk to the northwest, where field reports said a "huge" German evacuation column was cut off and smashed up.

The British radio reported that an entire German convoy of 17 ships putting out from Nikolai was sunk by Russian artillery fire and bombs a few days ago, according to C. B. S.

Steadily widening and deepening their bridgehead across the Dniester river, Marshal Ivan S. Konev's flying columns smashed through enemy rear guard resistance and broke up German groups rallying for an attempt to stem one of the most amazing Soviet advances of the Russian war.

Nuduhita, 34 miles northeast of the Prut river and 17 miles north of the key escape railway junction of Balta, was seized by the Soviets yesterday. To the west, other Russian units advanced to within 20 miles of the Prut.

REPORT RUMANIA CHIEF IS 'ON SPOT'

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minister of industry; Bela Zuczek, minister of agriculture and supplies, and Antal Kunder, minister of trade and transport.

The Hungarian minister to Sweden, Dr. Antal Uillein-Revisky, announced at Stockholm that he would not recognize the new Rumanian government. He telegraphed the foreign ministry at Budapest that "I do not recognize any situation created by force, in the belief it is my duty to fight against any intruders until my country's constitution and liberty are restored."

Bern dispatches estimated that the Magyar army consisted of at least 30,000 well-equipped and well-armed men at the time of the occupation, although it was believed the Germans were able to bring them under control by severing contacts between the various army units.

SIMMS: HULL CHEERS PEOPLE OF EUROPE

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eral interpretation on the part of some and apparent acquiescence on the part of others, silence that seemed to give consent.

And while the Moscow and Tehran meetings gave rise to new hopes, the promise did not seem to materialize. The little peoples of Europe suffered a letdown.

Meanwhile, Nazi propaganda has been taking full advantage of the situation. For years Goebbels had been telling Nazi victims that the allies did not intend to live up to their promises, but he was such a notorious liar nobody believed him. Now he keeps on saying, I told you so.

German morale, I was told, is higher than it was six months ago. Then the people were pretty low. Now thanks to Goebbels' propaganda they think they may yet be able to wriggle out even if they do lose the war.

Mother of 15 Licks Problem

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eight of those 11 are pupils at School 35.
Slee, who is 34 and the oldest in line; Leerie Smith Yates, 23, and LaRayne Smith Zimmerman, 18, are married. Pfc. Birth H. Smith, 19, is an army engineer in New Caledonia.

The rest of the lineup is: Kemul, 15; Denzil, 12; Evert, 11; Travvy Lee and Lyda Dee, twins, 10; Calvin Lester, 9; Dathan, 8; Joseph, 7; Shirley Jane, 6; James, 2, and Sharon, 1.

"We're so proud of our children," the 40-year-old mother said. "It's just like a reunion all the time."

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who both came from a "small family" of only seven, are among the grocer's favorite customers on Saturday night.

6 Quarts Milk Daily

A loaf of bread hardly is enough for one meal but the table usually is loaded with home-made cornbread or biscuits for substitutes. A case of milk . . . 12 quarts . . . is delivered to the home every other day and a gallon of buttermilk, every day. Six dozen eggs a week also are on the grocery list. Ration points are no worry, however. They are plentiful.

"It just comes natural to go into the kitchen and cook for all of them," Mrs. Smith said. "I usually bake three cakes at a time, or else just make one in a big, long pan."

There's a big gas stove in the kitchen with burners large enough to hold a "man-size" iron skillet more than a foot in diameter. And right next to the stove is a restaurant-style steam table to keep the food hot until the "come and get it" call.

Chicken and gravy, biscuits and fried "taters" are favorites of the children. And they all go for the more than \$2 worth of pork chops that it takes to go around for one meal.

Teaches Sunday School

Besides doing the cooking, Mother Smith takes care of her eight-room house, sews, canners more than 1000 cans of fruit and vegetables and teaches Sunday school every Sunday.

Thursday usually is wash-day . . . a half-day's labor . . . and Friday is for ironing . . . all day.

"I just iron the boys' shirts and let them figure out which belongs to which," she said. Three boys are one size and three the other and can wear the same clothes. Sometimes they get into some good fights picking out their outfits."

But Mrs. Smith took the old saying of her grandfather to heart. She believes that you always can bend a bush but never bend a tree. Therefore, the Smiths learn how to be "mother's little helpers" even before they go to school.

Twins Care for Babies

Kemul, Denzil and Evert take turns mopping the floors, cleaning up the bathroom, making the beds and doing the dishes.

The twins, Lyda and Travvy, take care of the babies, feed them and clean them up. The three oldest boys can cook and even the little ones know how to fry eggs.

Mr. Smith, who is 41, works at DeMoss & Son, diemakers, 660 Virginia ave., along with his son, Slee, and daughter, Leerie. He's 1A-H in the army and would get quite a pay increase if the 36-age limit was lifted and he donned the G. I. uniform. The Smiths have two granddaughters one 3 and the other 3 months old.

"But I'd like to have just one more baby boy," the proud mother added. "Boys are rough and tough and I just love them."

CONNALLY SEEN CHOICE

WASHINGTON, March 23 (U. P.)—Chairman Tom Connally (D. Tex.) of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, was reported the most probable choice today for chairmanship of the 11-man senate committee set up to investigate domestic and foreign oil policy.

IN INDIANAPOLIS—EVENTS—VITALS

EVENTS TODAY
Red Cross annual fund campaign.
Easter seal campaign.
Waste paper collection, at schools 22, 45 and 87.
Scottish Rite initiation, night.
Post-war social problems lectures, University building, 7:30 p. m.; Cio Black-burn, superintendent Planner House, speaker.
Junior Civic theater tryouts, Civic theater, 8 p. m.

EVENTS TOMORROW
Red Cross annual fund campaign.
Easter seal campaign.
Waste paper collection at schools 27, 29 and 81.
Fate Friday, pupils in the northwest section of the city and county bring fairs to school.
Aircraft exhibit in connection with the dedication of Weir Cook field, at the War memorial.
Indianapolis Speakers club, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.
Indianapolis Matinee Musical, Ayres auditorium, 2:30 p. m.
Sherridge high school, play, Caleb Mills hall, night.
Broad Ripple high school, play, school auditorium, 8:15 p. m.
Ben Davis high school, minstrel show, school auditorium, 8 p. m.
American Welding society, Columbia club, night.
Indianapolis Business and Professional Women's club, World War memorial, 8 p. m.
Delta Delta Delta sorority, Butler university chapter, Block's auditorium, afternoon.
Junior Civic theater tryouts, Civic theater, 8 p. m.
Marion County Church school association, Third Christian church, 8:30 p. m.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
These lists are from official records in the county court house. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in name and address.

Jacob William Pittman, 27, of 439 W. 31st; Mary Elizabeth Melton, 23, of 823 S. Xth.
Philip C. Bell, 49, of 618 E. Ninth; Sue Busa, 27, of 618 E. Ninth.

JOSEPH TAYLOR KILLED IN ACTION

Sub-Chaser Crewman Dead
—Lt. L. G. Kirkpatrick
Reported Missing.

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off the east coast of the United States near Cape Hatteras.

Mr. and Mrs. Robin J. Taylor received the navy department notification about their son's death Monday, just a year after he was reported missing.

The letter, signed by Secretary Frank Knox, said that "unfavorable weather conditions which existed at that time caused poor visibility and greatly hampered rescue attempts."

When the letter arrived, Master Mechanic L. C. Michael Dean Taylor, the Taylor's elder son, was home on his first leave since joining the navy in January, 1940.

Signalman Taylor, who was 19, was born in Indianapolis and graduated from Cathedral high school. He enlisted in the navy in March, 1942, taking his training at San Diego, Cal. When the fatal collision occurred, he had been on the subchaser about two months.

Besides his parents and brother, a sister, Mrs. George Novosiltzoff of Washington, survives.

His father retired from the Indianapolis police department three years ago.

Mechanic Taylor, who is 23, also was graduated from Cathedral and enlisted in the navy in January, 1940. He has been on convoy duty in the Atlantic and has seen much action, including the invasion of Sicily.

Lt. L. GENE KIRKPATRICK, pilot of a Flying Fortress, has been missing in action over Germany since Feb. 25.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Kirkpatrick, he entered the service in August, 1942, and went overseas in January, 1944. He is 22.

Before joining the air forces, Lt. Kirkpatrick was employed at the Commercial Credit Co. and was graduated from Warren Central high school in 1939. He attended the University of Kentucky two years.

His sister, Miss Kathryn Kirkpatrick, is stationed with a clubmobile unit of the American Red Cross in England.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT today confirmed the previous report that Pvt. Raymond Montgomery, son of Mrs. Minnie Montgomery, 252 N. Addison st., was wounded in marine action.

SECOND LT. ALBERT D. ROMANS, son of Mrs. Albert D. Romans, 424 N. Riley ave., today was listed by the war department as missing in action but since this news has been reported a guest of the Free Yugoslavian army.

TWELVE INDIANA men today are on the war and navy departments' lists of soldiers and sailors missing in action.

In the European theater the missing are Sgt. Richard L. Chelminiak, son of Mrs. Helene Chelminiak, South Bend; S. Sgt. Peter J. Piazza, husband of Mrs. Eva Mae Piazza, Hammond; and S. Sgt. Billie L. Ramsey, son of Eura E. Ramsey, Ft. Wayne.

Missing in the Mediterranean area are Pvt. Louis P. Auble, husband of Mrs. L. Auble, Valparaiso; Pfc. Edward L. Burk, son of Mrs. Gertrude A. Burk, Union City; Pfc. Dennis B. Lambert, husband of Mrs. Iva A. Lambert, Stiles-

ville; Pvt. Emmet C. Love, son of E. C. Love, New Haven; Pfc. James P. Mitchell, son of Mrs. Anna Mitchell, Terre Haute; Pfc. Harold J. Raasch, son of Mrs. Ida Raasch, Hobart; 2d Lt. Alfred E. Snyder, son of Alfred L. Snyder, Ft. Wayne, husband of Mrs. Phyllis E. Swan, Oxford, La. (J. G.) Charles William Quigle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Quigle, Wingate, is missing in naval action.

Pfc. Merlin H. Poe, son of Arthur Poe, Jeffersonville; Pfc. Philip A. Reeves, son of Mrs. Helen Reeves, Alexandria; and Seaman I. C. Thomas, Alinsworth Rich, son of Jacob Rich, Anderson, have been wounded in action.

BIRTHS
Delmar, Jane Harger, at St. Francis. Robert, Mary Ottenbacher, at St. Francis. Edward, Grace Roland, at St. Francis. Clarence, Marilyn Taylor, at St. Francis. Clio, Rose Whitem, at St. Francis. William, Juanita Rite, at Coleman. Herman, Mary Jane Jones, at Methodist. John, Betty Barrow, at Methodist. Stanley, Marion Lamb, at Methodist. Lewis, Norma Todd, at Emhardt. Dewitt, Janice Lusk, at Emhardt. Walter, Clara Perry, at 343 S. State.

DEATHS
Thomas J. Southern, 81, at 804 N. Jefferson, arteriosclerosis.
Theresa M. Frey, 67, at 520 E. Vermont, cerebral hemorrhage.
Herbert Atkinson, 63, at 1253 Kentucky, acute dilatation of heart.
Claydon Clark, 50, at 818 Walderme, carcinoma.
Ethel Rudolphson, 43, at 8230 E. Washington, pulmonary hemorrhage.
Mary Elizabeth Nihof, 33, at 2453 N. New Jersey, rheumatic fever.
John J. Sharkey, 74, at 333 E. 20th, acute myocarditis.

Nazis' Road to Rumania Littered With Huge Amounts of Material and Their Victory Hopes

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road was after bigger game.

Russian scouts had learned of a tank concentration at the station at Trojash. They headed for it, swinging south and then east, cutting the station off from the lines of retreat.

What they found there puzzled them. Twenty-eight Tigers were grouped to the north of the station. Apparently the German reconnaissance was thoroughly confused. Only a small number of machines were guarding the southern approaches. They fought a brief, savage engagement, then lit out cross country.

Fuel Captured
Not only was trainload after trainload of almost new tanks captured, but the booty included an immense fuel dump and stores of ammunition fired to be exploded but which the Germans never touched off.

The captured ammunition will suffice for some of the tanks. In other Russian mobile repair crews are installing Soviet guns.

There is a story told of one commander who placed 12 Tigers around his command point, rather than stop to build fortifications.

Meanwhile, alarm and uneasiness, approaching panic at the immediate front, had been spreading back through the German lines much more rapidly than the Russian advance itself.

In Uman the German supply columns began to move to the rear. The people of Uman told us of almost solid streams of Nazi transports, virtually nose to tailgate, that moved spasmodically along the roads to the south throughout March 8 and 9, and of columns of cursing, sweating Germans trying to free themselves from the clinging mud and sloughing off equipment as they went in an effort to lighten their load.

One German tank division commander, his Prussian military dignity completely gone, escaped through the town on a Soviet tractor.

Roads Clogged
By nightfall of March 9, the Uman roads were hopelessly clogged. German demolition squads had blown up and burned the few principal buildings when, at 10 o'clock, rocket signals flared along the whole line.

Precious gasoline streamed out over the roads. The German retreat became a serpentine path of fire.

Cripple Machines
Mankovka shows the effects of this pounding. Much German equipment was crippled there.

With the equipment they could still use the Germans hastily tried to defend the southern edge of the village.

It was here, officers said, that the element of "bewilderment" appeared among the German forces. Their only road to the south was under fire from both sides by Soviet tanks.

They fought a brief engagement, then fled, leaving Mankovka's streets lined with abandoned transport.

South they rushed, toward the important east-west railroad, but the narrow crossing there was a bottleneck.

Like a dammed stream the German columns spread to either side and sank into the fields. What was not fired by Soviet airplanes the Germans themselves put to the torch, then moved farther on.

The Soviet tank column to the west of the road continued a parallel retreat, harrying the Germans at every step.

But the column to the east of the village, Pvt. Emmet C. Love, son of E. C. Love, New Haven; Pfc. James P. Mitchell, son of Mrs. Anna Mitchell, Terre Haute; Pfc. Harold J. Raasch, son of Mrs. Ida Raasch, Hobart; 2d Lt. Alfred E. Snyder, son of Alfred L. Snyder, Ft. Wayne, husband of Mrs. Phyllis E. Swan, Oxford, La. (J. G.) Charles William Quigle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Quigle, Wingate, is missing in naval action.

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What had been confusion now approached panic. Soldiers threw down their packs. Helmets and gas masks littered the streets. Valuable staff records were thrown to the winds.

It is difficult even now to walk along the two principal thoroughfares leading south through the city, so closely packed is the wreckage.

In three short blocks alone, 1 counted more than 88 heavy vehicles, motorized infantry transports that had rolled so insolently into Russia three years ago, searchlights, mortar batteries and field kitchens.

These streets bear mute testimony to Nazi looting. Not only are there military supplies, but quantities of items which the Germans had stolen from the Ukrainian people.

Among the wreckage are smashed sewing machines, torn feather quilts, pots and pans and even household furniture.

Large Plane Found
Some supply dumps were left virtually untouched. In the yard of what formerly was Uman's principal machine tractor station stands a solid line of the nearest invading column was still some 30 miles from Impfal, a major highway center through which supplies and troops had been funneling to the allied forces inside Burma.

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SEVER JAPAN'S BURMA LIFELINE

Airborne Native Troops Cut
Main Railway, Imperial
Foe's Rear in India.

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highway routes, including the Kabaw valley and Somra hills invasion roads to India, 120 miles to the west. Several of these roads pass through Indaw and Mawlu.

Meanwhile, strong British forces were reported moving through India's Manipur state toward the Indo-Burmese frontier to counter a "token invasion" by Japanese columns converging from three directions on Impfal.

All reports indicated the Japanese were across the frontier in considerable force, accompanied by renegade Indian nationalists and driving small allied patrols through the mountainous jungles before them.

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Towns Covered By Volcanic Ash

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pouring down from the volcano. The main stream, 1000 feet wide and 50 feet high, was on the southern slope - and appeared headed halfway between the towns of Torre Del Greco and Torre Annunziata.

Sluggish during the early days of the eruption, the main stream has increased in volume and was expected to reach the sea within three days if it maintains its present rate of flow. The town of Boscorerese is directly in its path.

The road circling Vesuvius was cut by ash so deep that army jeeps could not get through and had to be hauled out by trucks. Army bulldozers were called out to open the road. Ash also was reported blocking traffic on the main Torre Annunziata-Salerno highway.

Prof. Guiseppe Imbo of the Royal Italian observatory estimated Vesuvius has been emitting 1,000,000 cubic yards of lava, smoke and ash hourly since Saturday.

The eruption became more ominous late yesterday as a new outburst of black smoke and ash was followed by an accelerated flow of lava on the southern slope.

King Victor Emmanuel spent the afternoon visiting the sites of what had once been San Sebastiano and Massa Di Somma.

He said the present eruption appeared much worse than the one in 1906 when he also visited the scene of disaster.

RULES SCHOOL'S FARM IS SUBJECT TO TAX

Property owned by religious, educational and charitable foundations, is subject to taxation unless the property is occupied and used exclusively for purposes of the foundation, Attorney General James Emmert ruled yesterday.

The opinion was given in answer to a question asked by Tax Board Chairman Charles H. Bedwell pertaining to the operation of a dairy farm in connection with Taylor university at Upland. Since not all of the farm's products go to the school, the farm is subject to taxes, Mr. Emmert said.

STRAUSS SAYS—IT'S ONE DAY NEARER VICTORY



E touch our hats in reverent Memory
to Col. H. Weir Cook — and Salute his Memorial,
the Weir Cook Airport!

The Hat-in-the-Ring Ace of World War I—(and immortalized a year ago in World War II)—was always intensely ardent in his endeavors to make Indianapolis the Center of Aviation—because of the City's industrial strength, its heart-of-America location, its favorable terrain and climatic conditions—and because Indianapolis had the pioneering spirit and vision and air-mindedness.

In honoring Weir Cook by the bestowal of his name to the Municipal Airport—and by the attendant ceremonies (the display of Uncle Sam's Air Power on the Memorial Plaza—and the Dinner in his honor at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Tuesday night)—we honor ourselves.

The mind can scarcely grasp a more fitting memorial—it's an inspiration to us to LOOK UP—it's a challenge to work to the utmost for the Victory that is in the Air—it will always be a beacon and an incentive to give Indianapolis its place in the Sun—as the Center of Aviation—And in Indianapolis' Great Destined Air Age—the spirit of Col. H. Weir Cook will live—eternally!