

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1944

**2 BIG ATTACKS
ROCK GERMANY****1500 U. S., 1000 R. A. F.
Planes Spread New
Havoc on Reich.**

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chutes and Focke Wulfas 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 routed 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 crowned them the toughest they had in a long time.

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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 again.

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 Wulfas 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 bombardiers aimed wisely. 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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entered the Rumanian city of Iasi, where Marshal Fritz von Mannstein was reported to have established his headquarters.

The closing of the assault on Nikolae, 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 Nikolae 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.

Nudushia, 34 miles northeast of the Prut river and 17 miles north of the key escape railway junction of Balti, 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 Jurek, minister of agriculture and supplies, and Antal Kunder, minister of trade and transport.

The Hungarian minister to Sweden, Dr. Antal Ullman-Reviczky, announced at Stockholm that he would not recognize the new Hungarian government. He telephoned 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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real 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 Goebbel's 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 Goebbel's 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 24 and the oldest in line; Leerie Smith Yates, 23, and LaRayne Smith Zimmerman, 18, are married. Pfc. Birthi H. Smith, 19, is an army engineer in New Caledonia.

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

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**JOSEPH TAYLOR
KILLED IN ACTION**

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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 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 existed at that time caused poor visibility and greatly hampered rescue attempts."

When the letter came, Master Mechanic 1-c Michael Dean Taylor, the Taylor's elder son, was home on his first leave since joining the navy in January 1940.

Signalmann 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 Novoseltz of Washington, survived. 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 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 Yugoslav 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. Chelminski, son of Mrs. Helene Chelminski, South Bend; S. Sgt. Peter J. Piazza, husband of Mrs. Eva Mae Piazza, Hammond, Ind.; 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. Mary 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.

Lester D. Dovers, 22, U. S. navy; Juanita Maxine Russell, 19, of 5140 E. Michigan.

Nathaniel Gardner, 48, of 3011 Indiana; Donald W. Korte, 34, of 3165 Indiana; Albert Ernest Henke Jr., 22, U. S. navy; Virgil Adair Yapple, 22, of 424 S. James Place, Chicago, Ill.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Red Cross annual fund campaign.

Easter seal campaign.

Waste paper collection at schools 27, 28 and 29.

Friday, pupils in the northwest section of the city and county bring toys to school.

Aircraft exhibit in connection with the dedication of Weir Cook Field, at Indianapolis. Speakers club, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.

Indiana Marine Musical, Ayres Auditorium, afternoon.

State High school play, Caleb Mills hall, night.

Broad Ripple high school, play, school auditorium, 8 p. m.

American Welding Society, Columbus club, Indianapolis.

Indiana Business and Professional Women's club, World War memorial, 8 p. m.

Delta Delta Delta, Butler university chapter, Block's auditorium, afternoon.

Marion County Church School association, Third Christian church, 6:30 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 523 S. New Jersey; John W. Hartley, 24, of 113 E. Ninth; Sue Buggs, 27, of 615 E. Ninth; Sue Buggs, 27, of 615 E. Ninth.

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 Potash. They headed for it, swinging south and then east, cutting the station off from the line of retreat.

What they found there puzzled them. Twenty-eight Tigers were grouped to the north of the station. Apparently the German reconnaissance was through confused. Only a small number of machines were received by the Germans never touched off.

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Pierced Line

At the front it is used to carry bombs, rush wounded to hospitals and ferry officers about from point to point. It lands or takes off at about 30 miles an hour from fields or highways and flies comfortably at about the speed of a modern passenger car on a good road.

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Three days earlier Marshal Ivan S. Konev's troops, in the wake of an intense concentration of artillery fire, pierced the German defense lines, which had been located some 15 miles farther north. Some Soviet assault units suffered as much as 25 per cent casualties in killed and wounded in the first stages of the fighting. The Germans retired doggedly in good order, prepared to hold Mankovka.

Early on the morning of March 8, Russian infantry advanced along both sides of the highway that leads to Mankovka from the north. Their movement was not secret at all. It was simply slogging on foot through mud and sloughing off equipment as they went in an effort to lighten their load.

The Soviet T-34 tank proved its adaptability. Its high clearance, broad tracks and powerful axle could it through conditions which bog down German tanks, officers say.

As the infantry advanced from the north, two columns of Soviet tanks swung wide around Mankovka, cutting the roads to west and east and appearing suddenly south of the village, where the Germans least expected them.