

FIGHTER RUSHING TROOPS TO ITALY

GERMAN GUNS RAIN FIRE ON ALLIED FORCES MASED AT ANZIO BEACHHEAD

Germans Throw "Everything" At Bridgehead

Unparalleled Armored Strength Brought To Bear On Allies Near Anzio

CASSINO BATTLE RAGES

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Vatican radio reports the Pope's summer residence near the Anzio bridgehead in Italy, has been bombed for the third time.

The latest attack caused "damage and casualties," the Vatican radio said.

AT THE ANZIO-NETTUNO BEACHHEAD, Feb. 10.—Hitler, throwing everything at the 5th Army's beachhead in a desperate attempt to give Germany a victory, is rushing in troops from everywhere available and putting them into the battle raging here.

Troops from Northern Italy, Southern France and even Germany are being rushed into the fighting. Obviously, after an 18 months' diet of defeat, Hitler thinks he has the opportunity to hand the German people a dramatic victory.

He has called top-notch pilots from other theatres in his bid to knock out the Allied threat to Rome. He has massed armored strength unparalleled in this theatre for an attempt to crash into the beachhead's defenders from the north, hoping to cut off the road from the sea.

Violent street fighting continued at Cassino. The fiercest of the beachhead attacks came north and west of Carroceto (Aprilia).

The three thrusts were directed against American positions west of Cassino, but they were beaten back and some ground was recaptured.

(Homer Bigart, New York Herald-Tribune correspondent, said the situation was a "tough grim" for the Allies because of heavy casualties inflicted by British troops on the Germans.)

DEFENSIVE POSITION. (The Germans had gained such superiority in numbers, however, that "new" formations of a certain battalion meant only momentary relief," he said.)

Allied headquarters spokesmen said the position of the beachhead was a "defensive one."

Allied air forces struck heavily at German gun positions, communications and other targets in front of the beachhead line.

The violence of the German artillery fire was increasing and the pressure of the German attacks was mounting.

The fighting at Cassino went into its seventh day, with no rest for either side.

SHARP CLASHES. The Germans clung to the ground part of the town. Tanks rumbled through the streets and engaged in short sharp clashes at point-blank range.

Allied troops crept among the stones to snaf, shoot and stab. The Germans lost 40 heavy tanks.

Northwest of the town Americans slowly approached the crest of Mount Cassino. This was being used by the Germans as the keystone of their defense.

Allied bombers, in sweeps that hit the west coast of Italy, hit three merchant vessels near Corsica and one in Nice harbor.

Report Russia Ready To Make Peace. LONDON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The "Geneva" newspaper La Suisse reported the Soviet Government through its legation in Stockholm has informed the Finnish Government that Russia is prepared to discuss an immediate separate peace.

Today In Europe

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U. S. Bombers Battle Huns In Vast Air Duel

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Sunset, July 18, 1937, and a U.S. Navy task force turned homeward from a search of more than 200,000 square miles of the Pacific with the announcement that Amelia Earhart had been given up for dead.

The United States Government wrote this to the search for America's tawny-haired, tomboy aviator who had vanished into equatorial skies 16 days before while on a world-flying flight.

Now, almost half a century later, the government has been asked to reopen its investigation into the disappearance of Miss Earhart.

The search for Amelia Earhart was led by the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army.

It will not affect the summer training period.

In addition, it orders the disbandment of units that can no longer maintain a satisfactory strength.

No units in B.C. will be disbanded, but it will eliminate a number organized in small towns in other parts of the Dominion where the manpower shortage has become acute.

In the move, designed to eliminate the "dead wood" in the non-essential units, the government ordered reductions in the full-time status engaged as instructors for reserve units and a measure of "streamlining" for the reserve force to ensure a sharp increase of efficiency for reserve units.

STRENGTHENING UNITS. Col. A. W. Sparring, D.S.O., officer commanding the 26th Reserve Brigade Group, declared there is obviously no intention of dropping the reserves, and predicted the changes would strengthen the local units.

The official statement released from national defense headquarters reads:

"While the necessity for the Reserve Army remains unchanged, it is possible, in view of the present emergency, in the military situation and the efficiency that has been achieved, to decrease the intensity of training for the Reserve Army."

Under the new plan, reserve troops will still spend two weeks in camp during the summer; but the number of days in training will be reduced to 10.

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EXCHEQUER COURT HEARING APRIL

Japan Properties At Stake

Federal Government powers to order compulsory sale of Japanese-owned property on the Pacific Coast will be tested before the Exchequer Court at Ottawa in April.

Following MacLennan, counsel for an organized group of evacuee Japanese now detained in British Columbia camps, said today he will leave for Ottawa on April 1 and hearings will be heard soon after.

The Exchequer Court decision, the test case will then likely be carried to the Supreme Court of Canada, said Mr. MacLennan.

"If the government loses the case they will likely take it to the Supreme Court, and if we lose we will take it to the highest court, provided the Japanese want it," he said.

Whether the several hundred cases of Japanese property should be returned to the Japanese owners, should the Federal Government, may also be decided by the Exchequer Court.

Three properties about which the suit will centre are in the names of a Japanese national, a naturalized Japanese and a Canadian-born Japanese.

The properties in question, however, have not been sold.

Sale of these was ordered held up by the Federal government that they were under litigation.

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