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3rd Division Is Hailed for Italy Victory

Yanks Get Major Credit In Smashing Back Nazis; Bombers Batter foe

Major credit for the Allied victory in the Anzio beachhead was credited to the U.S. Third Infantry Division in a citation issued from headquarters yesterday paying tribute to its effectiveness in turning the Germans' third major onslaught into a costly failure, a Reuter dispatch said last night.

Meantime, American and British guns still were hammering last night at Gen. Von Mackensen's battered 14th Army while Forts were striking at Rome's airfields.

At the deepest point of penetration inland, Gen. Mark Clark's men now are 13 miles from Anzio. The beachhead lines, officially disclosed yesterday for the first time in weeks, now run from a point ten miles up the coast from Anzio due east to a point two miles southwest of Cisterna, then at right angles to a coastal point ten miles east of Anzio.

Forced Back at First

The Third Infantry Division, veterans of Tunisia, Sicily and early Italy battles, met the German thrusts head-on Tuesday with other elements of the Fifth Army, and in fierce fighting was forced to give ground.

Wednesday morning, the Third counter-attacked, drove through the German lines and regained two-thirds of the enemy's initial penetration. By nightfall, with artillery intensifying its concentrated fire, the Third had cleared the entire area completely.

Yesterday, German infantry and tanks made two more unsuccessful attempts to batter against the same 1,000-yard front—between Carroceto and Cisterna. Both these efforts were smashed. A single U.S. tank destroyer alone reported knocking out nine tanks.

Rome was bombed heavily at 11 AM yesterday by tight formations of British and American planes, German-controlled Rome Radio claimed last night. It added the Ostiense area was "particularly hit" and a shelter crammed with people was demolished by a direct hit.

Yesterday's record air attacks in support of the Anglo-American invasion force saw virtually the whole strength of Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker's Mediterranean air forces thrown against the German positions. Including fighters, more aircraft were employed than ever before on a ground co-operation mission, although, as events showed, the operation was in no way designed to rescue the Fifth Army from a perilous position.

FDR Nominates Lee for Lt. Gen.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt today nominated Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, deputy ETO commander and chief of SOS, for promotion to lieutenant-general.

The President also nominated Maj. Gen. Holland V. Smith, who commanded the victorious U.S. marines in the battle for Tarawa island, in the Gilberts, for promotion to the same rank.

Three more major generals were named for promotion. Maj. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland, chief of staff to Gen. MacArthur; Maj. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, now serving under Gen. Stilwell's command, and Maj. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, commander Third Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

New naval promotions include Capt. Forrest B. Royal to Rear Admiral and Rear Adm. Louis E. Danfield from temporary to permanent rank.

Approval by the Senate is required, but is virtually automatic.

6,000,000 Reported On Strike in N. Italy

ZURICH, Mar. 3 (Reuter)—War industries and transportation in northern Italy were reported completely tied up today by a general strike that started in Genoa and spread throughout the German-occupied area, affecting 6,000,000 workers. Serious riots were reported in Milan and no trains from Milan had reached the Swiss border since Thursday night.

The Swiss press said workers demanded more food and cancellation of conscription for military and labor service in Germany. Fascist authorities claimed the only stoppage was because of a power shortage.

RAF Now Dropping A 12,000-Pound Bomb

A 12,000-pound bomb, with "enormous destructive effect," is now being dropped by RAF Lancasters, the Air Ministry disclosed last night.

Invented by British scientists for attacks on special targets, the new super-blockbusters were used Thursday night in an attack on an aircraft factory at Albert, northern France. They left the plant a burning "ruin," the squadron leader reported.

"A few of these bombs brought down the greater part of the very large Gnome-Rhone aero-engine works at Limoges Feb. 8," the Air Ministry said.

'Luck' in Blow At Admiralties Comes to Light

U.S. 'Followed Up' When Little Resistance Met 'Reconnaissance' Force

The U.S. landing in the Admiralty Islands Tuesday was originally planned only as a "reconnaissance in force," but a favorable turn in the situation was exploited by Gen. MacArthur, who decided to land more troops and turn the operation into a full-fledged invasion.

This was disclosed yesterday in a South Pacific communique which said also that "heavy reinforcements had been landed on Los Negros to join the initial invasion troops who were pushing inland toward complete occupation of the island."

Engineers were reported rushing final repairs on the captured Momote airfield. No mention of Allied casualties has been made yet, although a naval spokesman said the cost was "very light."

In air activity in the Southwest Pacific U.S. heavy bombers scored several direct hits at night on a 7,000-ton Jap vessel off Hollandia, New Guinea, leaving it flaming and sinking.

Mediums, escorted by fighters, struck at Rabaul, dumping fire bombs on warehouses along the harbor and on Duke of York islet. Explosions were caused along the waterfront, and two blocks of buildings were enveloped in flames.

At Hansa Bay, New Guinea, heavy bombers and mediums dropped 170 tons of high explosives on airfield installations. In the Solomons U.S. torpedo bombers and fighters raided Bougainville, sinking several Jap barges.

Stilwell Reported Wounded

Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, commander of U.S. forces in China, Burma and India, has been wounded by Japanese artillery fire, according to Jap reports quoted by German radio.

Ella Logan Will Appear In Show's London Debut

Ella Logan, Broadway swing singer, will be guest star of the USO-Camp Show "On With the Show" at its London debut tomorrow. Two performances will be given for American soldiers, at 2:30 PM and 6:30 PM, at Victoria Palace Theater.

On the bill are George Formes, MC and comedian; Kathleen Quinn, vocalist; Canfield Smith, ventriloquist; Trudy Simmons, acrobatic dancer, and the Donna sisters, dancers.

His Comment: 'What, Only Two Days!'

Last-Minute Stay of 48 Hours Saves Lepke From the Chair

NEW YORK, Mar. 3—An hour before Louis (Lepke) Buchalter was to go to the electric chair last night, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey granted a 48-hour reprieve to permit counsel for the notorious boss of Murder, Inc., to make a last-ditch appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lepke's sixth stay since he entered the Sing Sing death house for the first time three years ago was announced a few hours after his lawyers had lost another attempt to save his life.

Three judges of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, granting Lepke's case priority over others on the docket, rejected an appeal from a Federal District Court decision denying New York's public enemy No. 1 a writ of habeas corpus.

Lepke already had selected, and eaten, his last meal—chicken, potatoes, salad, pie and coffee—when the Governor's office announced postponement of the execution about 10 PM. He and his two aides reprieved with him—Louis (Boss) Capone and Emanuel (Mendy) Weiss—already had been moved into the pre-execution chamber and given the black trousers and white shirts they were to wear to the chair.

Berliners See First U.S. Planes As Fighters Sweep Over City; Heavies Hit Northwest Reich

'Ike,' From Abilene, at Rainbow Corner



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, paying a surprise visit to Rainbow Corner, sticks a flag marked "Ike—Abilene" into the Kansas map to mark his home town. The Allied invasion commander stayed a half-hour, looked the London Red Cross club over from top to bottom, chatted with soldiers and signed the visitors' book before he left.

Third of Italian Fleet Will Go To Russia, FDR Discloses

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3—President Roosevelt announced today that one-third of Italy's Fleet, seized by the Allies following the Italian armistice last November, would be turned over to the Russians as soon as plans had been completed.

The President explained that since Italy officially surrendered to the U.S., Britain and Russia, it was thought advisable to distribute the Italian Fleet roughly on the basis of one-third each.

Marshal Josef Stalin, the President said, had raised the question through his ambassador in Washington.

The U.S. and Britain already are using some of these vessels, but no tonnage as yet has been turned over to the Soviet, he said.

Declining to say how much tonnage actually was involved, the President stressed that so long as the war lasted we would use everything afloat against the enemy.

After the war something more permanent "would have to be done," he added.

Did Soldier Punch Lewis in the Nose? Miners' Chief Mum

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3—The soldiers say it happened, the press agent says it didn't and John L. Lewis isn't talking—so Washington's latest mystery is still unsolved.

Cpl. John Kania, 20, of Schenectady, N.Y., formerly with a heavy bomber group in North Africa, was reported in the press to have walked into Lewis' office and punched the president of the United Mine Workers in the eye—"a present from the soldiers in North Africa," Kania said.

Lewis' brother, Dennis, and press agent K. C. Adams, though denying the punch story, admitted Kania and another soldier, Pvt. Jacob Ricotta, 20, of Rochester, N.Y., were in Lewis' office.

Kania said he was carrying out a promise made by members of his bomber group that the first one to return to the states would punch Lewis in the eye in protest against the mine strikes.

Both men admitted they were AWOL from a rest station at Atlantic City. They said they had met in a hospital in England. Kania claimed to have taken part in the Ploesti raids, and Ricotta said he had been wounded in the leg by a Nazi bayonet.

Nazis Say New Bomber Is in Use Over London

A new German bomber "highly maneuverable and better able to engage enemy planes in combat" is being employed in the raids on London, according to the German Overseas News Agency.

The new plane was said to have proven "much better technically and practically than the four-engine bomber, which is too clumsy for single combat and which finds doubtful protection only in close formation."

4 French Airfields Pounded in Deep Thrust by B26s

American airplanes droned through the skies over Berlin yesterday for the first time in the war.

The planes were fighters, making an offensive sweep over the German capital while U.S. heavy bombers were striking targets elsewhere in northwest Germany for their second consecutive day of blows at the Reich.

Eleven bombers and seven fighters were lost in the day's operations, it was announced at headquarters. American fighters claimed eight enemy aircraft destroyed, while the claims of the bomber crews had not yet been tabulated. The targets were not specified in the communique.

To Berlin, however, the appearance of American planes for the first time was sharp warning that it was possible for the daylight raiders of the fast growing U.S. air forces in Britain to carry into the daylight hours the heavy pounding which the RAF has given the capital at night.

1,100-Mile Trip

Berlin is approximately 550 miles by air from London, indicating that the fighters had made a round trip of at least 1,100 miles in carrying out the sweep.

The planes which flew to Berlin were a group of Eighth Air Force P38 Lightnings. Every plane returned.

Lt. Col. Jack S. Jenkins, of Levelland, Tex., leading the Lightning group, said that the ground was covered with snow, and it was very cold around Berlin.

At the time he thought to himself, "It sure looked cold here for people to be running to air-raid shelters."

The group flew to the outskirts, then circled around the city, going about 15 miles beyond. Returning they remained in the vicinity of the city for about 15 minutes before heading for home.

Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, commanding general of the Eighth Fighter Command, pleased with the success of the mission, sent a congratulatory message to the Lightning group.

Berlin's lack of defenses was "almost unbelievable," Col. Jenkins said. The planes saw no fighters or ack-ack bursts at all.

"We caught some flak from other cities we passed, but none from the big town and did not get a single fighter scrap coming or going," he related.

"The toughest part of the trip was the stiff headwind on the way home, and the intense cold which seemed to get worse on every mile of the 560-mile trip out and back. For two hours after I got back I could not even feel my feet with my fingers."

"We drove on south to Leipzig, made a circle of the town, and came on home."

Other Lightnings over the city met no enemy fighters but reported heavy flak.

Mustangs were also near Berlin—so close that returned pilots say they could have seen the city but for the clouds.

The bomber force dispatched to Germany yesterday was possibly one of the largest ever sent out, though headquarters withheld details of the size.

Thick cloud and an overwhelming

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Beckham Down; 8th's Top Ace

Maj. Walter C. Beckham, leading ETO fighter ace with 18 Nazi planes to his credit, was announced last night as missing in action.

The 27-year-old P47 pilot from Defuniak Springs, Fla., who wrested top-scoring honors from Capt. Walker Mahurin, of Fort Wayne, Ind., last month, was lost while returning from strafing an enemy-occupied airfield on a recent mission.

Another Thunderbolt pilot flying with Beckham said they were coming home "down on the deck" when something hit the fighter ace's engine. Shortly afterward, Beckham told his wing man, "I can't make it."

Beckham then climbed to 12,000 feet, the last his wingman saw of him.

Beckham, who held the DFC with two clusters, joined the Air Forces in April, 1941, and was commissioned five days after Pearl Harbor. He saw service in the Canal Zone before coming to the ETO, where he shot down his first Nazi, an FW190, last Sept. 23.

Presentation of Edward J. Neil Plaque



The Edward J. Neil Plaque, annual award to the individual who accomplished the most in deeds and sportsmanship for boxing, went this year to the 4,100 ringmen now in uniform. Viewing the plaque at the Boxing Writers' Association dinner in New York are, left to right: Lt. Benny Leonard, USMS; S1/c Gus Lesnevitch, Coast Guard; Capt. Jimmy Braddock; Al Buck, president of the Boxing Writers' Association; Sgt. Barney Ross, USMC, and Seaman Lou Ambers, Coast Guard.

Sports SIDELIGHTS

Old Satchell Paige recently named the three toughest white hitters he ever faced. They were Joe DiMaggio, Charley Gehringer and Dick Bartell—and, believe it or not, Satch called Bartell the toughest. He said that the way to pitch to Lou Novikoff, the Chicago Cub screwball, was to throw a fat strike right down the middle. Satch said Lou might knock a wide, inside, or high ball out of the park, but he couldn't hit a decent pitch.

Whitey Kurowski, Cardinal hot shot infielder, became the first St. Louis hold-out when he returned his unsigned contract. On the same day, the usually stubborn Chicago Cub screwball, Lou Novikoff, signed his document on the first offer.

Price Brookfield, former All-American forward at West Texas State and now center for the Iowa State Cyclones in the Big Six, is proving that often-quoted adage that a man really hits his peak after his normal college days are over. Brookfield lead the Big Six scoring average after a late season start.

Boston is installing a new floor in its Garden to give the public some big-time basketball, as has been done so successfully in New York, Philly, Chicago and Kansas City. Tom Kanaly is behind the move.

Bill Dickey just about broke up the recent baseball writers' dinner when he was presented with the Player of the Year Award. Bill rose to receive the token, looking surprisingly thin without his catching regalia. About 100,000 words had been spoken in his praise, so when Bill got up everyone quieted to see what he would say. He stood looking at the award in his big paws, sidled up to the mike, and said, "Shore is purty." After the house had regained normalcy, he again spoke. "Shore am glad to get it," he said, looking at his watch. It was nearly midnight. Bill continued, "Got pretty nervous waiting for it, cause I've had to go to the bathroom since nine o'clock and didn't want to leave. Much obliged; now I can go."



Bill Dickey

Dartmouth University's hot-shot collegiate hockey club recently ruined Middlebury, 30-0. Indian star Dick Fondeau blasted 12 goals into the nets and was credited with the same number of assists. It made the 41st win in a row for the ice sextet from Hanover.

When Wisconsin knocked Northwestern out of a tie for the Big Ten Basketball title race, the defeat was doubly bad for the Cats. The Badger who tossed in the winning goal in the second overtime period was Russ Wendland, former Northwestern captain now at Wisconsin as a Navy trainee.

The Big Ten has dropped spring practice for footballers mainly because there won't be anyone to practice. All the vets on hand will be occupied with other sports, and the freshmen won't get to the campus till summer. Marshall High, of Chicago, still is piling up the wins. The record now stands at 92 straight.

Ensign Roy Cochrane, whose 52.2 for the 440 hurdles recently was recognized as the world's record, was a protege of the late E. C. Hayes, of Indiana. Cochrane is now serving aboard a sub-chaser after graduating from Great Lakes.

When Syd Howe, of the Detroit Redwings, slapped six tallies into the net against the New York Rangers recently, he set a new National League hockey scoring mark. One Detroit headline writer came up with this beauty: "Here's Howe, Howe Howe Howe Howe—and How."

College athletes are the backbone of many sports, with football heading the list, and they are gradually coming to the front in baseball—but boxing is still ruled by non-collegians. In fact, Bob Pastor, who recently left Fort Logan, Colo., to go to OCS, is the only college grad ever to fight for the heavyweight title.

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Change in Date THE South Carolina dinner dance scheduled for Mar. 7 at 7:15 PM at the Mostyn Club, Portman St., London, W.1, has been changed to Mar. 14 at the same hour.

Beau Jack Is 2-1 Favorite Over Bob Montgomery in Title Bout

NEW YORK, Mar. 3—Shoeshine boy Beau Jack, brown-skinned Georgia fighter, is a two to one favorite to retain his lightweight title, New York version, when he matches punches with former champ Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia Negro, over the 15-round route tonight at Madison Square Garden.

This is the rubber-match, each puncher having won once previously, and 18,000 fans are anticipated for tonight's edition of the Mike Jacobs follies. Two factors have swung the wise bettors to Jack's corner. He turned in a thorough job of beating Montgomery to regain the crown last November, and Bob was pathetic in being kayoed by Al "Bummy" Davis in 63 seconds two weeks ago.

The winner will tackle Sammy Angott, National Boxing Association champion, to clarify the lightweight muddle Mar. 31 at the Garden. Angott risks his title next Wednesday when he meets Uan Zurita at Los Angeles, with Sammy a prohibitive favorite.

Clark Griffith Goes South of the Border For Baseball Talent

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3—Nobody can accuse Clark Griffith, Washington Senator boss, of failing to cooperate with the United States' good neighbor policy south of the border, and the wily baseball chief has solved his club's manpower problems by doing so.

Of 38 squad members listed on the Senator roster, ten are Cubans, one is a Mexican, and another hails from Venezuela. Alex Carrasquel, Venezuelan pitcher, and Gilberto Torres, Cuban hurler, are the only foreigners who played last year. Carrasquel was with the Senators, while Torres pitched for Chattanooga.

Filchock Assigned to Sea Duty

MEMPHIS, Mar. 3—Ensign Frank Filchock, former Washington Redskins fullback and later star of the Athens, Ga., Pre-Flight school and Memphis Air Technical Training Command, has been assigned to sea duty it was learned.

Brooklynites Object To Claim by Chisox

CHICAGO, Mar. 3—Headline writers here have threatened to picket the Chicago White Sox office unless the club does something about the name of a rookie third baseman—Cass Kwietniewski.

Harry Grabiner, vice president of the Sox, immediately claimed his newcomer had the longest name in baseball, which set off a howl in, of course, Brooklyn. "He's a bum," wailed a Dodger roofer, "we still got Fritz Ostermueller, ain't we?"

Li'l Abner



Canisius Wins Tourney Berth

NEW YORK, Mar. 3—The eight-team field for the annual Invitational basketball tournament in Madison Square Garden was completed today with the addition of Bowling Green (Ohio) and Canisius, of Buffalo. The meet opens Mar. 16.

One vacancy still must be filled in the eastern section of the National Collegiate Athletic Association post-season whirl. Temple, winner of six games in seven starts, accepted a bid yesterday to join Dartmouth, Ohio State and another yet unnamed foe for the right to play the western NCAA champion.

The eastern playoff will be staged Mar. 23-24 in New York, with the eventual NCAA titlist facing the survivor of the invitational affair for the mythical national crown.

In addition to Bowling Green and Canisius, the Invitational field is comprised of Utah, De Paul, Muhlenberg, St. John's of Brooklyn, Kentucky and Oklahoma Aggies.

Basketball Results table with columns for team names and scores.

Tunney Casts His Vote for Dempsey

NEW YORK, Mar. 3—Navy Cmdr. Gene Tunney, the gent who coined a fortune in the ring then retired to become a Shakespearean scholar and anti-tobacco crusader, took a definite stand today on the much-discussed question of who would win if Jack Dempsey met Joe Louis with both punchers at their primes.

Tunney, who retired before Louis invaded the heavyweight picture, knows from experience what Dempsey could do with his fists, and he cast his vote for Dempsey.

"Of course, that is only an opinion," Tunney pointed out. "We cannot be sure of these things."

Had Killer Instinct The former champion believes that Dempsey had much of the animal cunning and killer instinct necessary to make a great fighter, and also had the power to back it up. Tunney explains away his two victories over the Manassa Mauler with the fact that Dempsey's legs had lost their steam.

Dempsey himself has admitted that he was lucky Tunney didn't murder him in their second fight despite the renowned long-count. Most people think

Hawks Move Up To Third Again With 4-2 Victory

Clint Smith Paces Chicago Sextet to Triumph Over Bruins

CHICAGO, Mar. 3—Clint Smith paced the Chicago Black Hawks to a 4-2 victory over the Boston Bruins here last night, moving the Hawks into a third place tie with Toronto in the National Hockey League standings. Smith personally contributed the first and last goals and assisted in the other pair of Hawk tallies. He started his

Hockey League Standings table with columns for team names and win/loss records.

one-man-gang show after 1:30 of the first period when he snared a pass from Russ Wiebe and netted the shot. Pat Egan knotted the count early in the second frame, but Smith passed to Billy Mosienko shortly thereafter to again move the Chicagoans ahead. Smith's scoring pass to Doug Bentley cancelled a Bruin counter by Norm Calladine as the stanza ended.

Smith registered the final goal of the game in the final period, assisted by Mosienko and Bentley.

Rangers Drop Eighth to Wings, 6-5

DETROIT, Mar. 3—The lowly New York Rangers limped out of town today elated that they don't have to tackle the Detroit Red Wings again until next year's National Hockey League season gets under way.

In last night's finale between the two teams, the Rangers absorbed a 6-5 setback, their eighth loss of the campaign in the Motor City. The Rangers salvaged one triumph, while the other game on the docket ended in a tie.

Adam Brown and Carl Liscombe collaborated for five goals to spark the Wings' assault, while Johnny Mahaffy scored twice for the cellar occupants.

Dodds Entered In 2 KC Events

NEW YORK, Mar. 3—Gil Dodds, current sensation of the indoor milers, will compete in the 1,000-yard grind as well as the mile in the Knights of Columbus Games Mar. 11 at Madison Square Garden, he announced today.

The Boston divinity student apparently made his decision to run in two events because of the furious pace he maintained for three-quarters of last Saturday's AAU mile. In that race Dodds propelled three-quarters in 3:01, clipping John Borican's record.

Dodd's mark is not official, however, because there were only two timers instead of the required three.



Gene Tunney

Dempsey would have won had he hurried to a neutral corner after dumping Tunney, but Jack suggests that Tunney was wide awake and merely took advantage of the lull to rest for the full 14 seconds.

While Tunney was willing to discuss the comparative merits of Dempsey and Louis, he refused to be cornered about the long-count episode or whether he thought he could have beaten Louis with both champions at their peak.

A Close Call Tunney speaks of the Dempsey "mistake" as "a close call that all champions experience during their reigns." And he recalls that Dempsey, too, had a similar close shave when Frenchman Georges Carpentier belted Jack a lethal shot on the jaw at Boyles Thirty Acres in Jersey City and staggered Dempsey, but failed to capitalize on the temporary advantage.

Could he beat Louis? Well, Tunney sidestepped that one like he used to weave and bob under his opponents' gloves.

"I haven't the slightest idea," was his cautious reply, which leaves the mythical argument dangling just where it was before he answered.



By Al Capp

