

ALLIES THREATEN TO TAKE THE NAZI BOMBERS ATTACK SOUTHERN FRENCH COASTAL AREA NAZIS WITHDRAW FROM FRANCE

Soviet Armies Endangering Nazi Flank

Germans Move Frantically To Meet Danger To East Prussia

MOSCOW (AP)—Two Soviet armies, moving through 250 captured settlements over a 100-mile front, advanced upon the Masurian Lake country of East Prussia today in a maneuver which seriously endangered the Germans' entire left flank.

Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's troops driving northward from positions north of Warsaw and Gen. Zakharenko's forces striking out from west and northwest of Bialystok toward the world war battle theater in East Prussia were applying severe pressure on the Germans.

The Germans who had massed reserves of armor in the East Prussia-Lithuania frontier began a frenzied shifting to meet the new danger.

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Old Italian City Spared War Ravages

Allies Still On South River Bank

By LYNN HEINZERLING ROME (AP)—The Germans withdrew all their forces from Florence today and the ancient cradle of Italian art and culture was spared from the ravages of battle.

Allied troops, who have refrained from firing on the northern part of the city lying beyond the Arno River, remained on the South bank of the stream, but officers of the military Government crossed over to assist the northern civilian population.

It was apparent, an official announcement said, that the enemy withdrew the bulk of his forces during the night to the north of the Mugello Canal, which flows through the northern outskirts.

The Eighth Army, believing it had broken on the west face of the Arno and an advance on the German Gothic line to the north, reached a number of villages west and southeast of Florence.

An official source said that the German garrison in Florence was ordered to withdraw to the north of the Arno.

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RUSS PUSHER THREE-WAY DRIVE ON GERMANS—Attacks show red drives on the "road to Berlin".

Yank Raiders Hit Metz Rail Yards

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Hit Enemy Military Facilities

Also Blast At Northwest Italy

South France Coast Bombed

ROME (AP)—Fifteenth Air Force heavy bombers, numbering upwards of 750 delivered a blistering attack on enemy military installations in the coastal areas of Southern France today, following up an opening attack yesterday by the tactical air force.

Coastal defenses in Northwest Italy also were hard hit in the second day of heavy hammering of Nazi defenses guarding the Mediterranean coast approaches to Hitler's rambling garrison at Florence.

American bombers, flying back to British bases after a shuttle trip to Russia and Italy, joined the attack during an airfield at Toulouse, also in Southern France.

The latter force was accompanied by fighters which met the three-point circuit, with the fighters attacking the bombers.

Bombing returns to Italy and against enemy fighters were countered by the raiding formations, but good results were reported from the attacks.

Yesterday German defenses along an eight-mile stretch of the South French Coast and a 40-mile stretch of the Italian Riviera were hit by tactical bombers and fighters which concentrated on smashing airbases, fuel facilities, gun emplacements in waterfront areas. The enemy was caught by surprise and only an Allied plane was lost.

CHURCHILL IN ITALY—The attack coincided with the arrival in Italy of Prime Minister Winston Churchill and comment in the Italian press that his visit was a sign of the importance the British were placing on the Italian front.

The American Mitchell, in comparative strength, hammered gun positions and airbases in the Riviera, 15 and 30 miles respectively west of Cannes. Explosive shells and high explosives ammunition stores were hit.

Four other coastal gun batteries in the vicinity of Toulon, including the one in the Du Levant, were blasted by the Mitchell, which failed to encounter any fire of caliber other than light anti-aircraft.

Stipules strafed road installations and caused loss of Cap d'Antibes, St. Raphael, Cap Bernat and Cap Camarat, all between Menton and Nice.

Coming in at 10 feet above the ground at one place, the Spitfires reached the Italian soldiers and impaled on their guns, drove many back into shelter and killed others.

Nazis In Dark About Drives West Of Paris

Bulk of German West Wall Forces Reported Being Put in Caen Area

By GLADWIN HILL. SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (AP)—The Allies by land and air developed a two-way threat to Southern France today, as Supreme Headquarters announced that the four-day mystery operations west of Paris had the Germans so much in the dark that strictest secrecy was of paramount importance.

Field Marshal Gen. Gueder von Kluge was reported to be checking the bulk of his West Wall forces into the area below Caen, despite the development of an Allied encirclement threat.

The plan to Southern France, developed with an American Army, called for a push across the Seine River while up to 100,000 British troops, including the 15th Army, blasted Nazi coastal defenses along the Mediterranean. This thrust against positions guarding the estuary as yet unreported.

Supreme Headquarters announced formally that the Allies' dazzling sector-like sweep across Northern France has opened the way for a push westward on Wednesday to be directed at Metz 100 miles from Paris as indicated on a battle plan drawn up by the Allies.

The only news since then has been front reports of a push northward toward the Channel coast might cut off the great German concentration locked in heavy fighting south of Paris and north of Falaise.

British and Canadian armies, both this morning, further advanced on new gains. The British advanced 2,000 yards to within 5,000 yards of Caen. The Canadian 1st Airborne Division advanced 2,000 yards to within 5,000 yards of Caen.

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Volcano Isle Attack Made

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Strange Gamble Made By Nazi Commander

By ROGER D. GREENE. ON THE ORNE RIVER FRONT—Field Marshal Gen. Gueder von Kluge today made a bold gamble in the Orne region.

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WEATHER. Partly cloudy and hot tomorrow. Fair and warm tonight.