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YANKS DENT SIEGFRIED LINE

Atlantic Hurricane Threatens North Carolina Coast

HUGE AIR FLEETS SMASH AT GERMANY

Eisenhower Warning Is Carried Out

Assaults Scar Enemy Nation

LONDON — (AP) — Procession of air attacks against Germany today sent upwards of 10,000 tons of fire and explosive bombs crashing and searing the nation which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower warned to prepare for "high and low level air attack at any hour of the day or night."

An armada estimated to number up to 6,000 planes easeaded explosives at the rate of ten tons a minute on the area between Berlin and the Siegfried Line.

Thousands of heavy, light and medium bombers and clouds of fighters flew through sunny skies against the Reich from England, Italy and France. Before dawn, massive fleets of British heavy bombers had saturated Frankfurt and Stuttgart behind the Siegfried Line, while Mosquitos plunged two-ton bombs into Berlin.

50 NAZI PLANES OUT

Preliminary counts showed at least 50 German fighters destroyed in this sixth successive day of heavy air offensive against the Nazis. These fell victims to a thousand Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings which accompanied an equal number of bombers striking deep in Central, Southern and Western Germany in quest of oil resources, jet-plane plants and other military targets.

The count of the Flying Fortress and Liberator victories was not yet made.

Thirty Germans were shot from the sky; twenty more planes were destroyed against American losses were not immediately tabulated.

The German Air Force has been forced back from the Rhine to Central Germany and gave trouble to the Americans only in the Leipzig area, and on a smaller scale than in the past two days.

The end was not yet. At 6 P. M., the German radio said bombers were approaching West-

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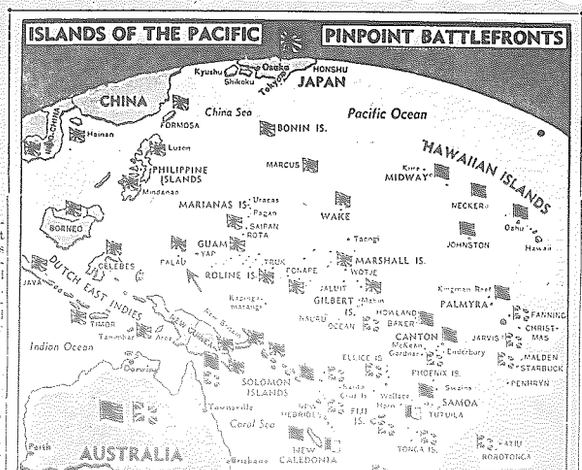
Jack Benny Reveals He Expects To Be Father

HONOLULU — (AP) — Comedian Jack Benny, concluding a tour of Pacific island bases, told a Navy audience yesterday he is expecting to become a father.

Mr. and Mrs. Marie Livingston wanted to make this trip with me but one of us had to stay home and have the baby," Benny said. "We tossed a couple of diapers to see who would go and I won."



WAR SURGES CLOSER TO PHILIPPINES—The mighty arms of Uncle Sam's fleet and air forces have reached again to the approaches of the Japanese-held Philippines. Palau, 600 miles east of Davao, on Mindanao Island, was hammered by battleship and cruiser guns and by planes. Gen. MacArthur's airmen hit the Dutch Celebes and Halmahera Island between Celebes and New Guinea. Since this map was released the American flag has supplanted that of Japan on many islands of the Pacific, notably in the Gilberts and the Marshalls and on Guam and Saipan in the Marianas.

Battleships Add Thunder To Raids Below Philippines

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR —(AP)— Japan's deteriorating island fortresses of Palau, Celebes and Halmahera, which shield the Southern Philippines, have been dealt new sledgehammer blows by battleships, bombers and rocket-firing aircraft operating in concert from the Southwest and Central Pacific.

The rising pitch of destruction visited on the Japanese bastions was evident in communiques from Admiral Chester Nimitz yesterday and Gen. Douglas MacArthur

Palau, 600 miles east of Davao, came under carrier aircraft attack Sunday (U. S. Time) next day battleships and cruisers moved in to shell the islands. Planes dumped 120 tons of bombs on buildings, gun positions and coast defense at Babelthuap, Peleliu and Angaur, principal islands of the group, Nimitz reported.

ROCKETS BURST

More than 150 rockets burst among defensive positions during the two-day carrier force attack, wrecking many installations.

The entrance of battleships into the Palau raids was remin-

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Red Forces Capture Lomza In North Poland

LONDON —(AP)— Marshal Stalin announced tonight the capture of Lomza, twenty miles south of East Prussia and one of the strongest German positions in North Poland.

Earlier the German High Command said Lomza was "given up" to prevent a Russian breakthrough on a broad front.

Stalin's order of the day ordered a victory salute of 12 salvos from 124 guns.

Soviets Reported In Outskirts Of Sofia

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MOSCOW —(AP)— Powerful Russian tank forces and Rumanian infantry emerged today from the Western foothills of Transylvania and fought for control of the rail network, radiating from Timisoara, 40 miles south of the pre-war Hungarian border and 75 miles north of the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade.

(The Paris radio said the Red Army had reached the outskirts of Sofia and that the Bulgarian capital was preparing a reception, having arrested all members of the former pro-Nazi Government.)

LINE BROKEN

Marshal Malinovsky's offensive was rolling forward during his brief absence to sign an armistice with Rumania in Moscow and his Russians approached within 25 miles of Cluj, capital of central Transylvania and largest Rumanian city still in enemy hands. He broke a permanent fortified line which the Hungarians had been building since 1940 when Hitler awarded them the northern half of the Rumanian province.

His drive also directly threatened Arad, another important rail center ten miles from Hungarian soil on the north bank of the Mures River. Cluj is a city of 100,000; Timisoara 90,000 and Arad 76,000.

The battle in the Balkans for Transylvania now is becoming a campaign to envelope Serbia, southern Yugoslavia from the north and reach the Tisza River, which flows north and south across the heart of the Hungarian plain, one of Hitler's major bread baskets.

ROMANIANS HELP

Russian front dispatches told of hundreds of combined German and Hungarian prisoners marching back into the Transylvanian mountains as streams of Soviet armor rolled west. Correspondents credited the Rumanians with obstructing enemy reinforcements headed toward the Mures Valley.

Bob Hope's Communique

By BOB HOPE

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—(Back planning tent shows and tanks) "This week a crew vote on the Presidential race among the soldiers here in New Guinea the other day and Betty Grable leads her by 10,000. Before I left Hollandia I had my hair cut by Pvt. Clarence Drumka of Pomfnlue, Wis., a former barber-boy man . . . He did a fine job with what I had to offer.

Ran into Sgt. Harry McLemore here, one of my favorite wits, and he is going to travel with us for a few days . . . Paul Lillis, Notre Dame football star, took us over to the Navy base on a near-by Island in a PT boat to do two shows . . . Nice title over—he touched water twice . . . You have to be plenty rugged to operate these seagoing jeeps.

These PT boys hadn't seen a girl for almost fourteen months, and when Patty Thomas walked on the stage in her dancing costume, one of them yelled out loud: "Is that real?"

Then Frances Langford came on and sang the first line of "No Love, No Nothing" and one of the kids in the audience cracked: "You ain't kidding."

Believe me, any one traveling with girls down here is a minor attraction . . . About the only thing that saves boys out here from flipping the lid is the mail from home . . . when they get a letter they get a new personality, and pin-up girls force into the woodwork.

I have been speaking to Staff Sgt. J. C. Bryant of Denver, Colo., who has been cooking out here quite awhile . . . I asked him if this jungle racket bored him and he laughed and said, "I am getting so I have to speak up when I talk to myself".

We did a show at Wakde the other day . . . They had a stage set up right near the runway so we could escape if we had an egg, I guess . . . And the show was almost ruined by the planes taking off . . . Every time you read a straight line you have to wait until the plane took off before delivering the punch line . . . It plays havoc with one's timing . . . Mclemore called it sort of stupidcase.

Frank Robertson, International News Service war correspondent, has been helping gather this trivia . . . It's nice to have someone to share the blame . . . We've typed this stuff in plane, on tree stumps, and any place where we could set a typewriter up.

I got into a dice game the other night with some infantry boys . . . I'm glad the Army is supplying transportation home . . . Check with you later . . . I've got to talk to the natives here again. They can't understand why I want them to brush their teeth three times a day . . . But we know, don't we?

V-Day Dope: May Be Sometime In October

LONDON —(AP)— United States war planning chiefs were reported tonight to have established Oct. 31 as the tentative "outside" date for the collapse of organized resistance in Germany.

Without discontinuing the possibility that victory may come more quickly, a responsible non-British source said the date had been jettisoned by the United States War Production Board after consultation through usual military channels in plans for partial industrial reconversion from war to civilian production.

It was emphasized, however, that while plans were predicated upon the end of widescale warfare in Europe by Oct. 31, there would be

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Wilmington Area Feared In Danger

Beach People Told To Move

WILMINGTON, N. C.—(AP)—Paul Hess of the Wilmington weather bureau said at noon today he believed the hurricane now in the Atlantic Ocean would strike the Wilmington vicinity "sometime tonight."

He recommended that residents of nearby Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches move inland before nightfall.

At 12 o'clock, EWT, Hess estimated the storm was 375 miles south or southeast of Wilmington and moving north or northward.

"It will get very close to Wilmington sometime tonight and we ought to be prepared," he said. He said the tides and winds would be very high here tonight.

Hess said he thought the hurricane would strike the nearby beaches and Southport.

The sun was shining through clouds in Wilmington at noon and there was little wind.

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — A dangerous Atlantic hurricane with winds reported up to 140 miles an hour swirled today along a course which offered its greatest immediate threat to the North Carolina coast.

There was a somewhat lesser threat to the South Carolina coast, the Weather Bureau reported. If the great tropical disturbance continued its north northwestward movement.

STORM CENTER

A 2 P. M. bulletin placed the center about 300 miles east of St. Augustine, Fla.

"It is moving west," said the bureau, "that all interests on the coast from Savannah, Ga., northward, including all the North Carolina area, prepare for this severe storm and stand by for the next regular advisory about 5 P. M."

The bulletin said the storm "is moving north northwestward about 14 to 16 miles per hour, with indications that it will continue north northwest to northward movement, and if so, will offer the greatest threat to the North Carolina coastal section with somewhat lesser threat to the South Carolina coast."

Crewmen in an Army plane who braved the intense winds to send back observations which persuaded the storm course to be charted encountered winds of about 100 miles an hour.

Another pilot last night estimated that there were winds up to

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Nazis Slay 230 For Killing 3

ROME—(AP)—Germans killed 230 residents of Civitella Della Chiana, 50 miles southwest of Florence, in reprisal for the slaying of three hostages, including a parish priest, were seized in church June 26. They were lined up in a school courtyard and machine-gunned. Twenty-one boys were seized on a road near the town and also were machine-gunned.

Other residents were shot in doorways of their homes when answering knocks.

Indians Win Burma Hill

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon —(AP)—Indian troops pressing southwest of Buthedaung yesterday gained another strategic hill, following up the conquest of an important Arakan Ridge. Headquarters announced today.

Fourth Indian Army troops who moved out from the monsoon base at Maungdaw won the Arakan Ridge, a 1,400-foot highland three miles south of the Maungdaw-Buthedaung Road.

Japanese defenders fled by night after the attackers cleared away some of their strong positions, but the enemy retaliated with increased shelling of forward areas, in one of which is an advanced hospital.

TRAPPED—Caught in one of the war's greatest pincers, Field Marshal Maximilian von Weichs, above, commanding German troops in the Balkans, appears trapped as Red Army's drive through Bulgaria nears effective junction with Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Partisans. Von Weichs' forces include twenty divisions in Yugoslavia and six in Greece, totaling some 250,000 men.

Berlin Admits Loss Of West Wall Outpost

ON THE GERMAN-LUXEMBOURG BORDER—(AP)—American troops opened an assault on the Siegfried Line in this sector today with a terrific barrage which failed to provoke a single answering shot from the Germans.

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON—(AP)—American doughboys invading Germany have captured Rotgen, nine miles southeast of the stronghold of Aachen, and stormed today against pillboxes and anti-tank obstacles of the Siegfried Line beyond the town.

Rotgen is six miles east of Eupen, Belgian border town from which the First Army launched this northernmost breakthrough into Germany.

The troops quickly penetrated "primary enemy defenses" in this area, an Associated Press dispatch from Rotgen said.

Berlin acknowledged loss of "an outpost of the West Wall," without identifying the area.

There was no news of the other invasion column which burst five miles into the Reich 65 miles farther south, northwest of Trier.

THIRD ARMY DRIVE

Americans of the U. S. Third Army below this front also crashed forward from their bridgehead across the Moselle above Nancy, armored columns advanced eight miles in less than two hours today, a front dispatch declared, and steel spearheads of Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton's Army "swung into high gear for the first time in almost two weeks."

This armored advance, flushing Germans from woods into the sights of circling Allied planes, outflanked the Germans' defense position at Pont-A-Mousson on the Moselle. It followed repulse by infantrymen of a German night attack that once penetrated 500 yards into American lines.

Other American columns on the northern sector of the front had thrust to or near the Reich's frontier at two or more points.

Berlin's broadcast of loss of a West Wall outpost was the first disclosure to the German people that the ground war had surged into their homeland.

The invasions, gaining new power from reinforcements of men and armor, have struck from Eupen in Belgium to a point ten miles south of Aachen, a Siegfried Line Bastion, and five miles into Germany northwest of Trier from Luxembourg.

Artillery battered at Nazi defenses, and Allied planes tumbled 10,000 tons of bombs on the Reich.

ALLIED STRATEGY

Allied strategy was apparently developing multi - pronged threats to the German line, seeking breakthrough points.

Units of the **First Army which is carrying the double assaults into Germany, also pushed within sight of the German border in northern Luxembourg, advancing fifteen miles beyond Bastogne to near Clervaux.**

Another U. S. column, presumably from the Third Army, curved up from fallen Aumets through the capital of Luxembourg and reached the Our River border of the Duchy and the Reich, apparently at a point below Clervaux. This push through captured territory took less than 60 minutes. These Americans stood yesterday within a mile of the Siegfried Line.

Metz was being shelled. To the north more heights were won commanding Thionville, ten miles from Germany.

First Army men who captured Malmedy, eight miles from the Reich and thirteen below Eupen, were on a road route leading into Hitler's land.

Supreme Headquarters wrapped all operations in secrecy, and at the evening press conference gave no word of American advances nor of fresh developments on any other sector of the huge Allied front.

Hate and fear were the Americans' welcome from a people whose dream of world tyranny was shattered and whose homeland defenses

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Early Attack On Philippines Seen

By W. L. BEALE JR.

QUEBEC—(AP)—An Allied onslaught on the Philippines before the last echoes of this Roosevelt-Churchill victory conference die away seemed possible today as the British and American commands discussed the shortest cut to global victory.

In President Roosevelt's map room on the second floor of the Governor General's residence on the moated Citadel, the European battle lines as well as those of more fluid naval attacks spearing toward Tokyo are carefully charted. But in all official statements, the gold-braid conference of staff officers in the 800-room Chateau Frontenac is nailed to the Pacific War and Britain's determination to help blot out Japanese aggression.

The informal get-togethers between Mr. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill are bound by no geographic limitations, however, and at the moment Allied Armies are slugging into Germany ahead of D-Day schedule. International political relations across the narrow channel between Britain and France, involving the Dumbarton Oaks security talks at Washington and the future of the British-American-Soviet Advisory Commission in London, press for swift dispatch of strictly military business.

ATTACKS SET PACE

In the Pacific Ocean, air and naval attacks set the pace for events to come. Mr. Roosevelt, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Southwest Pacific Commander, and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific Fleet Commander, reviewed strategy for this huge war theater less than two months ago in Pearl Harbor. Since then, Allied power has mushroomed at terrific speed toward Mindanao, southernmost of the major island islands in the Philippine chain.

Some military men say G.I. Joes will be opening R-rations

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Third Army Rolls Again

By WES GALLAGHER

MOSELLE VALLEY, France—(AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's armored spearheads crossing the Moselle in force, advanced eight miles in two hours under fire today, flushing Germans from woods into a rain of explosives from waiting American battle planes, and outflanking the Nazi river defense bastion of Pont-a-Mousson.

Armored columns of the U. S. Third Army swung into high gear for the first time in almost two weeks.

They thrust forward after infantrymen had smashed a great German bid to seal the breach in their Moselle defenses between Pont-a-Mousson and Nancy.

ATTACK SMASHED

German tanks and infantry attacking from just south of Pont-a-Mousson at 2 A. M. today overran a doughboy command post. Although the commander was wounded, infantrymen seized bazookas, knocked out eight tanks and then cut off the German force, capturing most of it.

At one time the penetration was about 500 yards into the bridgehead across the Moselle.

Then an American tank attack force poured across at dawn.

Watching from a high peak overlooking 50 square miles, one could see the armor expand the battle area from two to eight miles wide and similar distances deep in less than two hours.

In the post directing the fire on the retreating Germans was Capt. Paul Sullivan of Duncan, Okla., who for a week has been watching German defenses gradually yield to incessant pounding.

Russia Printing Names Of Divorce Applicants

MOSCOW —(AP)— In compliance with a recent change in laws governing divorce in the Soviet Union, Russian newspapers today began publishing the names of all persons petitioning for divorce decrees.

Japs Report Kuriles Attack

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Tokyo radio said today that ten U. S. heavy and medium bombers had attacked the Kuriles north of Japan yesterday morning. Tokyo Times while another force of Liberators struck at the Japanese base at Marcus Island some 1,200 miles southeast of Tokyo, on Monday and Tuesday.

The broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said two of the Kuriles raiders were downed and another damaged.

Nazis May Be Moving Back Towards Rhine

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE

ROTGEN, Germany —(AP)— Germany's primary defenses have been shattered by American tanks and doughboys in this area near the Belgian border and there were many indications tonight that the heading German retreat, begun in France and Belgium, was continuing back toward the Rhine.

It is too early to draw general conclusions on the invasion of Germany, but this far resistance has been far less than might have been expected.

Backed up by howling 105-millimeter self - propelled guns, the doughboys as this is written are assaulting anti-tank obstacles and pillboxes beyond Rotgen. This town is six miles east of Eupen, Belgian jumping-off place for the U. S. First Army, and nine miles southeast of Aachen, important German industrial city. It is 36 miles from Cologne on the Rhine.

The first American tanks entered Rotgen at 4:50 P. M. and this correspondent arrived in a jeep at 5:08 P. M. The clock on the shell-gutted railway station had stopped at 11:05.

The first man to cross this

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WEATHER

Cloudy to partly cloudy with light rain and moderate temperature tonight; mostly cloudy with moderate temperature tomorrow.

Today's Temperature	
2:30 P. M. 71	Lo. 65
Sunset Today	7:00
Sunrise Tomorrow	7:01

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 7.