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British Reported Wheeling North

Toward Bremen And Hamburg

By JAMES M. LONG PARIS — (AP) — The American First Army, boldly cutting off the Ruhr, thrust powerful armored forces inte Paderborn, 185 miles west of Berlin, today and thrust on toward a junction with the 21st Army Group, racing on the open roads of Northern Germany.

Front line dispatches said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' Third Armored Division shoved into Paderborn at 9:38 A. M. today and kept going in the news blackout that elseured its further movements,

The sensational drive was meeting virtually no opposition and was less than 65 miles from a junction with Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces, whose exact whereabouts likewise were hidden.

Paderborn is on one of the main railways connecting the Ruhr with Berlin and is 25 miles south of Bieledd, the only other major railway link between the industrial treasure chest and the German capital.

The First Army shot forward so fast its spearhead lost contact with headquarters. The Germans said own armored column had reached Bad Windungen, 20 miles southwest of the great rail center of Kassel, 170 miles from Berlin.

The Ninth Army broke loose overnight in a race along the northern rim of the Ruhr, bypassing most of the great industrial cities of the valley.

The First Army's armored drive curling around the east end of the Ruhr was the fastest of the war.

The armored drive now has carried more than 125 es in five days. Reports from leading elements were running at least 1/2 hours behind actual advances.

MOVE TOWARD JUNCTION

Twin Soviet Thrust Made Toward Vienna

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LONDON — (AP) — Russian troops have thrust over the Austrian frontier, Moscow dispatches said today, and Marshal Stalin announced a 31-mile advance north of the Danube in a twin thrust upon the same time. Danzie, where the wars shooting began in 1939, relief to the Red Army.

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RIVER CROSSED

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The advance was on a 24-mile front from the broken Hron River defenses in Slavakia, and brought the Russians up to or across the Nitra on a 27-mile front to within 49 miles of Bratislava.

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Komarno Is on the north bank
of the Danube opposite the captured stronghold of Komaron.
Ersekulyar is on the west side of
the Nitra, and Surany and Komjaty are in a line to the north
along the banks of the Nitra.

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from Szombathely, 102 miles morth oners
of Zagreb, capital of puppet said.

British Task Force Joins II.S. Assault

> Helps To Strike At Řynkyns

By ELMONT WAITE
GUAM — (AP) — A poworful British task force has
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Tolbukhin's advanced units moved along two good roads leading west and northwest from Szombathely, with "on to Vienna" scrawled on their armor.

The headlong flight into

Soviet war reporters found it difficult to keep up with the tanks, so swiftly did they whip shead.

ROADS STRAFED

The Pacific

News Roundup Western Front
The Allied troops on the Western Front have accred new adarces, but a security black of the Brute and the Brute an By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rawlings replied, "Thank you very much. I hope we meet again, Commedore, nearer To-kyo,"

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Mecklemburg (asmalties

KILLED Capt. Francis Leonard Fort. WOUNDED Pre. Ernest B. Cook.



WESTERN FRONT—Continuing to spread over Central Germany under a security "blackout". American and Allied Armies in 24 hours recorded important gains. British and U.S. Ninh Army armored spearheads broke loose and are driving over little opposition toward the strategic Weser River. U.S. First Army columns hit the key junction Paderborn and rushed northward, aiming to close encirelement of the now dogmed Ruhr. 'U.S. Third Army pushes are carrying war rapidly eastward, less than 100 miles from Czechoslovakia. U.S. Seventh Army tankers are swirling southeastward toward Nuernberg. Far to the southeast, Russian envelopment of Veinna advances steadily. Arrows indicate "blackedout" spearheads; the white line limits conquered area.

Japs Apply Torch

Yanks Sweep Isles Nazi Ports In P. I. Ship Lane

MANJIA — (AP) — Invasion-seasoned doughboys— Yanks have landed on thriteen Philippine islands this month alone—swept ushore on Mactan and Cauit Islands off con-quered Cebu City Wednesday to clear the shipping lanes into that second port of the archipelago.

The biggest eccount oil refliery
i the Philippines is on Mactan,
in island about nine miles by
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y Japanese demalition crews Monay when the Yanka landed on

Inside Germany

Yanks Raid

Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose's Third Armored Division, which led the drive from the Roer River to the Rhine, was spearheading the new plunge cutting off the Ruhn. Censorship also permitted the naming of Maj. Gen. Terry Allen's 104th Infantry Division, following up behind the Third Armored and Maj. Gen. Robert W. Hasbrouck's Seventh Armored Division. LONDON—67—More than 1400
American heavy bombers and an eccept of 900 (ighters—the largest concentration sent out by the Eighth Air Porce. This year—attacked Germany's North Sea port of Southern Pines, N. C., are running almost even with years of Brench, Hamburg and wul-

The British Second Army appeared to be veeting northeast-ward toward the great ports of Hamburg. Bremen and Wilhelmshaven. The whole orsurge on the class Army group front in the north was in high gear from the Music Hamburg and the Colembial. In the Colembial in the Octowald. In the seventh of the Ruhr had penetrated demants alone the collections.

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Nazis Use Terror To Rouse

People To Last-Ditch Battle

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