

British Tanks Push To Mile From Hamburg

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS — (AP) — Americans of the Seventh Army fought for the kill in the heart of Nuernberg today after smashing through the old walls surrounding the trapped Nazis, and British tanks struck to within a mile of the suburbs of Hamburg, within point blank artillery range.

The French First Army established 60 miles southeast of Strasbourg to Rottweil, 14 miles from the Danube and 35 from Lake Constance, western limit of Nazi national redoubt in Southern Germany. The Polus was 20 miles north of Switzerland.

The whole Allied right flank, including the French and the American Seventh and Third Armies, was closing down on the mountainous Nazi lair, where Hitler was believed observing a gloomy birthday anniversary.

Stuttgart — like Nuernberg — a Nazi pilgrimage city — was enclosed on three sides by the 56th birthday anniversary. The Americans, however, had captured his vast steadman where he used to spend \$50,000 a month, and was beating down south of Nuernberg within 70 miles of Munich and 120 of Hitler's mountain home at Berchtesgaden.

CITIES ABLAZE

However, many of the eighteen major cities of Germany which Hitler still rules were ablaze like candles in the grimness and perhaps here the birthday party never has spent. Italle (pop: 200,000) fell yesterday and it is the 40th German city of more than 100,000 persons already captured.

For all practical purposes, organized German resistance on a well-defined front had ceased and the war had become a battle of pockets.

Gen. Omar Bradley's American Twelfth Army refused line voluntarily on the line of the Elbe and Mulde Rivers, but the Sixth Army Group of Gen. Jacob L. Devers was pushing forward in the south and the 21st Army Group of Field Marshal Montgomery was besieging or impeding all the North Sea ports.

The siege of Bremen (312,000) was intensified from three angles. The British were a mile from Hamburg.

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Bomb Ahead Of Armies

LONDON — (AP) — More than 2,000 American warplanes spread out over almost the entire length of unoccupied Germany today, bombing mainline railways along the Berlin frontiers from the outskirts of Berlin southwest to Prague and Munich.

The Eighth Air Force dispatched 600 heavy bombers and 500 light bombers in morning and medium bombers and fighters of the 15th Air Force had been sent to bomb the area.

The day operations followed a similar night raid on Berlin by RAF bombers.

One formation of the American heavy bomber force of 100 B-24 Superfortresses and other strategic points ranged in a 25-mile arc around the city, west and south sides of the city. About half the bombers concentrated on rail junctions, transport stations and bridges on trunk lines linking Prague and Munich.

In Italy American Liberators and Flying Fortress attacked highway bridges over the Adige River. A possible line of the Germans north of the Po River. The heavy bombers also attacked Bolzano on the Brenner Pass line.

Italy-based Lightnings attacked a rail bridge at Verona, 100 miles southeast of Munich. Tactical planes hit targets in the active west coast of Bologna and southeast of Ferrara. A German headquarters at Megliorata, 100 miles southeast of Ferrara (Padua), was another target.

News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russian Front

Russian troops may be fighting within seven miles of the Berlin city limits. The German news agency DNB has declared that Russian units have reached Hamburg, a city in the Hamburg region, due east of Berlin. The town is seven miles from the Nazi capital. The German broadcast said the Russians are pouring more men and machines into a relentless Berlin drive.

The Pacific

It looks as if American air blows in the Pacific war are forcing the Japanese to set up their defense measures. The Tokyo radio says the Jap Cabinet today adopted emergency measures to speed the evacuation of Jap cities. Three hundred and twenty-five Japanese warplanes were reported on Southern Okinawa have started an offensive against the strong Japanese line. The Americans are moving forward slowly under an artillery support. Japanese resistance is intense.

Western Front

On the other side of Berlin, American troops are within 45 to 52 miles of the Nazi capital. The Ninth Army across the Elbe River captured an important prisoners today. The entire staff — except the commander — of the German Von Clausewitz Division was taken. That's the Nazi division which counter-attacked Ninth Army positions yesterday. Back in the Ruhr, the Ninth Army captured Colonel General Joseph Dietrich, the commander of the German Fifth Panzer Army. That's one of the two main German divisions in the Ruhr pocket.

Meanwhile, American troops of the Seventh Army are fighting in the center of the Nazi front. French Army troops to the south have advanced 23 miles. And in the north, the British are driving into the suburbs of Hamburg.

Air Warfare

American heavy bombers and fighters were out in strength today from both Britain and Italy. Bombers attacked seven rail points around Berlin, fall lines near

British Make Three-Mile Gain In Italy

Push Forward In Po Valley

ROME — (AP) — Eighth Army troops, in an advance of three miles, have captured Portomaggiore, 12 miles southeast of the Po Valley city of Ferrara, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Portoferrara, a small town just east of Portomaggiore, was taken as the British pushed forward after storming the Argenta Gap West defenses.

Fifth Army forces were reported advancing slowly along Highway 65, between Florence and Bologna, and nearby Messera, just south of Bologna.

Rolling along with the momentum gained in the capture of Argenta, the Eighth Army reached the Canal Roncole on a wide front.

The 46th London Division drove on through Portoferrara and reached the Canal Diverno, another of the many rivers in this region of the lower Po Valley.

While Portoferrara was being cleared, the British 7th Division moved along and captured Portomaggiore, where a bridge over the Argenta Canal was intact.

Other Eighth Army forces driving along Highway 65, between Florence and Bologna, which lies only a few thousand yards from the Po River.

The Portoferrara-San Nicolino Ferrarese Road was cut near its junction with Highway 16 and 70 German prisoners were taken. The Portoferrara-San Nicolino Highway was reached little over a mile west of Highway 16.

Meanwhile, Fifth Army gains ranged up to several thousand yards in the territory adjacent to the Florence-Bologna Highway, south of Bologna.

West of the Highway Fifth Army troops captured Mount Sanchele, about eight and a half miles southwest of Bologna.

Ground on both sides of Planoro was seized. British troops are capturing up pockets of resistance in the town itself. Mount Bello, 1,500 feet above the town, was captured. Other advances were made west of the town and northwest of Mount Bello.

In the west coast sector, Fifth Army troops were within eight miles of the port of La Spezia, headquarters last.

Big Storage Plant Planned

WINSTON-SALEM — (AP) — A. G. Shore, produce and fruit broker, announced tentative plans yesterday for the construction of a \$250,000 cold storage and refrigeration plant in the vicinity of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Shore said possible sites were discussed here yesterday by representatives of the York Corp. of York, Pa. D. P. Schweitzer, a D. George Rawlins of the J. N. Pease and Co. and the station at York Corp. Mr. Shore, who will be president of the new corporation, said the plant would have a capacity of 150 carloads.

Architects of the York Corp. will design plans and the firm will supply machinery for the plant, which will occupy a site of between 10 and 15 acres.

Mr. Shore said bids for the construction of the plant would be opened within the next 30 days.

British Consolidate Their Positions In Burma Area

CALCUTTA — (AP) — British troops are consolidating their positions today around the captured town of Chindwin, 100 miles south of the east side of the Irrawaddy River, about 35 miles southwest of Pakokkya.

An Allied communiqué said new advances were made in the Arakan peninsula south of the station at Pakokkya. Infantry and armored forces continued to make good progress south of Maktin in the Central Burma mopp.

Allied aircraft, meanwhile, attacked targets such as the Rangoon-Mandalay Railway, hitting oil dumps at Panyathong, four miles south of Pakokkya and the station at Banwegon, thirteen miles south of Yotagone.



Yanks Block War's Fury Loosed

Yank Drive Hits Japs On Okinawa

By AL DOPKING

GUAM — (AP) — A powerful American offensive supported by terrific naval and artillery shelling, was under way in full fury today against elaborate Japanese defenses across Southern Okinawa.

Three U. S. divisions — presently 45,000 troops — were hammering fiercely-defended enemy positions along a four-mile battle-front before the capital city of Naha.

Breaking a thirteen-day virtual deadlock in the south, tanks of the 7th, 27th and 98th Army Divisions launched their all-out push early yesterday and by noon had scored gains of 300 to 350 yards on both flanks. The advance was slowed in the center.

The Tenth Army's big push pitted the greatest American offensive force ever employed against a single sector in the Pacific war against the best defended Japanese line ever yet encountered.

The Japanese were fighting back

Yanks Block Borneo Oil

By SPENCER DAVIS

MANILA — (AP) — American doughboys seized the 44th and 45th islands of their Philippine invasion Wednesday. Capture of one, Balabac, put them only 45 miles north of Borneo, Betars of the other. The Canales, in Manila Bay, wiped out a troublesome force of 500 to 600 Japanese troops.

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Swings Lot Of Weight

By BURKE DAVIS

Associate Editor of The News

WASHINGTON — Henry Wallace may have won his battle for the great powers of these zones, after all, as Secretary of Commerce, he won't say grace over the RCP's billions; but he'll be swinging so much weight that his opponents will be dumb. Almost as important as the pending powers, for example, is the disposal of surplus property, which has just been decided to Mr. Wallace.

When I sought the much-embattled Secretary in the Commerce Building, I discovered that he was tied up in Small Business Conference with executives from all over the country, and as my business was even smaller, I got no closer to him than Harold Young, his secretary, and a key man in the Wallace organization. From him you can get a good idea of what Commerce has in mind for American business.

Mr. Young is a tremendous man, an expansive, sure-knows-most-of-the-answers-to-the-Wallace future in Commerce — though he said quickly that, with his lawyer and Undersecretary still unconfirmed, he was not sure of the Wallace future in Commerce — though he said quickly that, with his lawyer and Undersecretary still unconfirmed, he was not sure of the Wallace future in Commerce.

Henry Wallace Gets Vast Power

At the moment, Mr. Young was hoping that Surplus Property disposal would come to Commerce. If we can get a lot of good for the people of the country. You know, we'll see to it that big automobile companies can't buy all the cars for instance — or that big brokers can't pile up the stock there's more than \$100,000,000 worth of it already and make a killing out of it, selling it to the people.

That is in line with the Wallace philosophy, and almost before I left his office, the big deal had been made for him.

WILL GET ADVISOR

Our thing is certain. Before Mr. Wallace makes any move in Commerce he is going to have the advice of top-grade experts on every phase of the Department's operations. When possibilities have been checked, he will then set his sights and fire.

Mr. Young said "Mr. Wallace always says, or at least lets it be known, that there are two ways to do our job here. We can put folks on the back and be good fellows and let the work slide, or we can set up our program, let everyone know what it is, and push it forward — and then take time out to be good fellows."

Mr. Young didn't say as much but that statement contrasts sharply with the Wallace way in which some Government departments are reportedly operating here today.

Missing the chance to hear Mr. Wallace himself, I tried to probe Mr. Young on the feeling as to how relations, and the public reputation of the Wallace way in which some Government departments are reportedly operating here today.

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Germans Place Soviets Seven Miles Distant

Double Battle For Capital Reported At Decisive Stage

By RICHARD KASHCHKE

LONDON — (AP) — DNB, German news agency, reported tonight that Russian forces had moved within seven miles of the city of Berlin, seven miles east of Berlin in the Havelberg street.

German broadcasts said the Russians were driving relentlessly with increasing masses of men, tanks and guns. The climactic stage of the battle for Berlin and was at the gates of the capital.

"The double battle for Berlin now has reached decisive stage," said the German commentator Max "The Americans on the Elbe are regrouping their divisions and have received reinforcements. The Russians, on the other hand, have now fully developed their great offensive. The German barrier positions have been broken. The other, and Neisse, are now within the city limits of the capital, where they are engaged by German divisions and special formations."

It was Krul who said the Russians had reached the town of Havelberg.

Earlier the German command announced that the Russians had smashed six miles into the city system between the Elbe and the city limits. The 1.23 million of the city limits are now surrounded and trapped on all sides.

Yanks Seize Nazi General

U. S. AIR FORCE

Germany — (AP) — The 21st Army Group has captured a high-ranking German general in the Ruhr pocket. The general was taken by the 10th Airborne Division, commanded by Major General William H. Tunnicliffe.

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Mecklenburg Casualties

(Statistics Inside)

KILLED

Pfc. Lewis A. Gray

Pfc. Otto W. Jambon

PRISONER

Pfc. Joe M. Butler Jr.

World Court Plans Made

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Jurists of 44 United Nations today announced plans for a world court and a permanent court of international justice which formerly was in dispute in Belgium.

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Charges Of Atrocities Made By Japanese

Genocide Denied By Jap

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Japanese government today denied charges of atrocities in the Pacific war. The Japanese government today denied charges of atrocities in the Pacific war.

Weather

Partly cloudy
Warmer today
Temperature at 10:45
44 degrees
Wind light
Sea calm