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Patrols May Have Linked Up Already Along Elbe

Drive To Split German Front

By JAMES M. LONG PARIS (AP) — U. S. and Soviet troops drove to day toward a junction to split the Nazi front, and the dramatic junction appeared to be only a matter of hours. Patrols may already have met along the Elbe some 75 miles south of Soviet-besieged Berlin.

Allied armies meanwhile chewed into the two great remaining German pockets in the north and south, and the American Third Army in a second thrust into Czechoslovakia captured Aush, a town named at blocking of the munitions cities of Pilsen and Prague.

Canadian troops have crossed the ports of Zand and Wilhelmshaven, and against the sea-flooded Holland defense line. The British cut off Bremen, and fought within a mile of Hamburg.

French and American forces closed on Stuttgart. The French broadened a corridor farther south within fourteen miles of the Danube. Headquarters, American of the Seventh Army, started 70 miles from Munich, and pushed to within 27 miles of Ulm, north of the Nazis' southern mountain redoubt.

Duernberg, towed ashore of the Nazis, was termed American-raided today. Sixth Army Group Headquarters announced the Seventh Army had killed or wounded 5,000 Germans and captured 5,000 more in the bitter four-day battle for the city.

The hookup between the eastern and western Allies will be the result of co-ordinated planning with the junction carefully planned to prevent confusion in the meeting of forces, Supreme Headquarters said.

Moscow dispatches early today indicated Soviet and American See JUNCTION of page 11

News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russian Front

The Germans are battling the Russians with cold, fire, and water—but the Soviets relentlessly are closing in on Berlin.

First broadcast says that a million and a half of Red Army troops have hammered their way into the city of the capital, within 10 miles of the center of the city at one point. The heart of Berlin is being surrounded by Russian artillery. And on the south, the city has been outlined by a Russian sweep 25 miles beyond the Spree river.

Below Berlin American and Russian troops are drawing nearer for a junction that would split the front. It is possible that patrols may already have met near the Elbe area, about 75 miles south-west of Berlin.

Western Front

On the Western Front, the Allied Armies are chewing into the two great remaining German pockets in the north and south. The Canadians are driving hard on the naval base at Zand and Wilhelmshaven, and the British, who have cut off Bremen, are within a mile of Hamburg. In the south, French and American forces are closing on Stuttgart. The American Third Army, in a push aimed at cutting off the munitions cities of Pilsen and Prague, has captured the Czechoslovak town of Aush.

Italy

The German armies in Italy now face a battle for their lives. They capture today of the great Nazi frontier city of Bologna. The cracked the barrier in the Po Valley where the Allies were set on

Bombing Record Set

RAF Hits Berlin 6 Times In Night

By HENRY B. JAMESON LONDON — (AP) — RAF Mosquitos set a record for bombing Berlin last night, hitting the besieged Reich capital six times as the climax of a day-long blitz on German railways by more than 3,000 planes.

Three times were the most. Berlin never had been raided in one night before. Last night's attacks, without loss of a single aircraft, brought to 22 the number of raids on Berlin in the last 30 nights.

More than 600 American flyers

Portsmouth yesterday slammed 1,600 tons of bombs on every key out-point in the city's defense perimeter.

U. S. Eighth Air Force Headquarters announced the planes had dropped 51,395,250 pounds of high explosives within Berlin's limits in nineteen attacks since March 9, 1945.

American bombers were back over Germany today for the ninth successive day.

Probably more than 1,000 of the fast, winged Mosquitos participated in the six Berlin raids.

Each plane carries a 2,000-pound block-buster bomb with virtually an explosive charge as a German flying bomb.

Allied pilots dealt the Nazi Air Force another heavy blow yesterday, destroying more than 112 planes on the ground and 28 in aerial combat and bombing to 1,184 the number knocked out in the last 32 days.

U. S. Ninth Air Force pilots led in the number of kills, with 71 on the ground and five in the air. RAF pilots downed five in the Brandenburg area.

The day's fighter scores also included over 100 freight cars and 500 motor vehicles destroyed or damaged.

Canadian Typhoon pilots reported shooting down 10 German ships and damaging a light cruiser in the Wilhelmshaven harbor.

Bologna Is Captured In Italy Drive

Taken By 5th & 8th Army Troops

By LYNN HEINZLERING

ROME — (AP) — Bologna, first major objective of the all-out Allied offensive in Northern Italy, fell today to troops of the Fifth and Eighth Armies.

Polish troops of the British Eighth Army under Maj. Gen. Bobusszky and the U. S. 6th Division commanded by Maj. Gen. William G. Lacey and the 34th Division under Maj. Gen. Charles Bolte all entered the historic Italian fortress city on the southern edge of the Po Valley at the foot of the Apennines.

NAZIS MOVE NORTH

With Bologna captured the major German defense position south of the Po River was eliminated and the Nazis once again moved northward.

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Gen. Mark W. Clark, Allied ground commander, said his 13th Army Group, which captured Bologna, has opened the gateway to the Po plain poised to destroy the Germans who continue to ravage and exploit northern Italy.

The fall of the city of 270,000, which had blocked Allied troops for months came quickly after Fifth Army troops had severed the important Bologna-Modena highway northwest of the city yesterday.

NO SIGN OF RETREAT

There was no indication of any general withdrawal in the face of U. S. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott's 5th Army, which has made considerable enemy movement was reported north and west of Bologna.

Eighth Army troops fighting northeast of Bologna rolled through heavy shell fire. They entered San Michelangelo, key village nine miles southeast of Ferrara.

The British troops which entered the city pushed on and forced the Nazis to retreat to two places southwest of the town.

Stars and Stripes Does Not Want GI As Delegate

PARIS — (AP) — The Army newspaper Stars and Stripes today vetoed a suggestion by Senator Morgan P. Fawcett, U. S. Representative from Maryland, to represent the GI's at the World Service Conference in San Francisco.

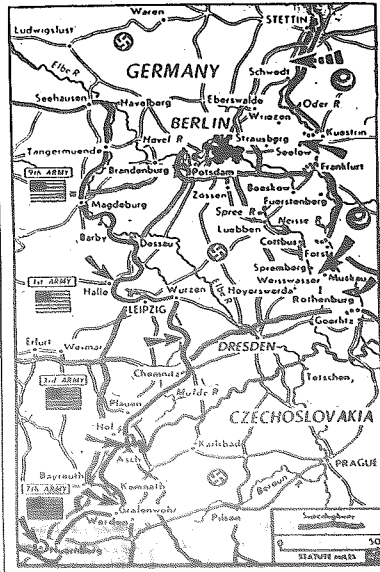
The typical GI, it would be a decorated combat soldier at a world conference for a "confusing situation," the newspaper said. "The GI is a fighting man, not a politician, and he should be sent to the front, not to a conference."

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Two fronts drawing nearer—American Third Army troops captured Aush today in a drive toward Pilsen and Prague. Other Third Army troops fighting south in Grafenwohr were 55 miles from Pilsen and 125 from Prague. Moscow dispatches said that Russian and American forces were 25 miles apart south of Berlin, although the latest word from Allied Headquarters was that 60 to 45 miles still separated Soviets northeast of Dresden from U. S. First and Third Army troops along the Middle Elbe east of Leipzig.

Yanks Drive For Naha

Japs Wage Fierce Fight On Okinawa

By AL DOPKING

GUAN — (AP) — Fighting on Southern Okinawa raged fiercely today as Japanese troops fought a stubborn defense action against three American divisions driving toward Naha, the island's capital.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's command yesterday said fifteen American ships of all types were lost during Okinawa operations between March 18 and April 18.

The Japanese lost 100 vessels, among them the prized 45,000-ton battleship Yamato. Added to this total in sea-land-air warfare were 2,550 blasted Japanese planes.

American losses included five destroyers, a destroyer transport, two minesweepers, a transport, four landing craft and two ammunition vessels.

Despite fierce casualties from artillery preparation for the southern push of the 27th, the command of Southern Okinawa was resting steadily. The 27th port headquarters said today that the 27th had passed positions of Japanese. The 27th advanced 1,000 yards in only 400 yards from the March 21st position.

The three-pronged drive, the 27th was backing toward Naha, its light tank division nearly a half hour from the beach.

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Nazis Report Soviet Troops In 5 Suburbs

Russian Guns Reported Pounding Heart Of German City

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

LONDON — (AP) — The Germans declared today that 1,500,000 Russian troops laying siege to Berlin had battered into five suburbs, and flanked the all-points capital on the southwest with a sweep to within 52 miles of American lines.

Even as Soviet guns pounded the Potsdam Plate in the heart of Berlin, Moscow dispatches the desperate defenders had fired forests and blown up a power plant, unleashing torrents of water on Soviet infantrymen who grabbed at trees, bushes, and barns.

A German broadcast said sixteen Russian divisions, including four tank armies, were pounding at Berlin gates in a battle "never surpassed in ferocity." Moscow reported the Germans were making suicide charges with fixed bayonets.

Soviet forces, by enemy account, had fought their way into Berlin from five places—Barnaul, Strauberg, Fuerstenwalde, Koehnigs-Wusterhausen and Zossen.

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Stettinius, Eden Confer

WASHINGTON — (AP) — British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden today declared "we are in complete agreement on all points" at a conference with Secretary of State Stettinius.

The two presumably discussed the situation they will take on the tangle with Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov, who was expected to arrive here tonight or tomorrow.

"We had very useful discussions on a number of subjects," Eden told reporters as he emerged from an hour and a quarter session with Stettinius. He would not elaborate.

LITTLE TIME TO TALK

Molotov's delay in reaching Washington has left very little time for the Big Three to settle the broad range of problems facing them as both Eden and Stettinius appeared to be growing impatient.

Eden was asked if he knew what Molotov would get here and he said he did not. Then a reporter asked him when he would leave for San Francisco.

"Those two things are connected," Stettinius said. "If Molotov is not here, we cannot discuss the situation."

Another part of the hurried international discussions taking place here was carried on at the White House where U. S. Ambassador to Russia W. Averell Harriman spoke three-quarters of an hour talking with President Truman.

Navy Operator Phone Operators Going Nautical

WASHINGTON — (AP) — As there, landlubbers, the Navy Department is going nautical. Beginning tomorrow, telephone operators at the department's 60,000-call per day switchboard will make use of nautical terms to write "thank you" acknowledgments of requests, in favor of the sailor's nautical phrase "awfully sorry."

"A little something extra," the Navy calls it "an attitude of concern with a personality."

High-Ranking German General Killed By Yanks

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY IN GERMANY — (AP) — A high-ranking German general was killed yesterday in the Ruhr pocket when his men ran from the American and Communist forces and killed a U. S. soldier with a machine pistol.

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Weather

Partly cloudy and a light breeze this afternoon and evening. Temperature at 1:30 P.M. 74. High and Low 74 and 54. Wind light and variable. See "Weather" page 13.