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# GERMANS TRAPPED FOR LAST

## Battle Flames Over Most Of City Of Vienna

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

LONDON — (AP) — The flame of battle rolled over three miles of Vienna today and the Germans sent the Russians had fought into Schoenbrunn Park, site of the Summer palace of the Hapsburg monarchs, and also had reached Franz Josef railway station in the northern part of the city.

In the south the Russians were fighting within a mile of the ring, the circular street around the heart of the city, and in the north within 1 1/4 miles of the city's center. They were reported within eight to twelve miles of eluding the escape gap on the north side of the Danube.

Schoenbrunn Park is west and southwest of three railway stations already seized by the Russians in the southern part of the city. Schoenbrunn Palace is a vast Versailles in its sumptuous plan.

The Germans said the Russians reached the Franz Josef railway station, depot controlling traffic northward out of the city, by advancing across the historic Kahlenberg, a mountain overlooking Vienna on the north and through the famed wine-growing suburbs of Grinzing.

### STORM RIVER

Just east of Grinzing, the Germans said, the Russians were attempting to storm the eastern bank of the Danube at Rudofz, a suburb. Moscow dispatches said it was believed the Russians already had crossed farther out, in the vicinity of captured Klosterneuburg.

Other forces had stormed across the 25-yard-wide river east of Vienna and the two columns were driving toward a junction on the east.

### Two-Minute News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Western Front

Driving Allied forces are carving up the northern area of Germany today with giant strokes. The Allies have cut the last railway from Western Holland, thus closing the door on some 60,000 Germans in the Netherlands. Canadian troops in the vicinity of the Zeevluis have made contact with Allied airborne troops to take over control of north Holland communications but not before the Germans exploded mines flooding 40 miles.

#### Air Warfare

The American Ninth and British Second Air Forces have fought within sight of the shell and burning German cities of Hannover and Bremen. The Allies are within 50 miles of the Elbe River, the last water barrier on the plain leading to Berlin. Heavy bombers are ending at great and small intervals over the cities in flames. Some of the cities in flames are Hamburg, Hannover, Brunswick, Frankfurt and Leipzig. Press correspondents are speculating on the possibility the Nazis themselves have set the fires.

#### Mecklenburg Casualties

MECKLENBURG (Reuters Staffed)  
KILLED  
1st Lt. Charles Eugene Bryant  
WOUNDED  
Capt. Edwin Hartmann  
1st. Russian Colonel Gavrilin  
2nd. Russian Colonel Gavrilin  
1st Lt. Carroll S. Skinner

#### WEATHER

Fair and slightly warmer today. High 64, low 48. Tuesday, 74 high & low 52. Wednesday, 74 high & low 52. Thursday, 74 high & low 52.

## Japs Charge Americans On Okinawa

Yanks Driven From Hill

By LEIF ERICKSON

GUAM — (AP) — Japanese charging with fixed bayonets in their first counter-attack of the Okinawan campaign drove American troops off a dominating hill as tank-supported Jap infantrymen hammered at strongly defended caves and pillboxes beneath a developing artillery battle.

Riflemen poured out of caves and crags on southern Okinawa when Japanese tanks, artillery and mortar began blasting at five U. S. tanks huddled through a field studded with 500-pound bombs which had been converted into anti-aircraft mines. The Japanese showed the tanks with Molotov cocktails and then charged the hill.

Three American tanks were lost. The Third Battalion of the 180th Regiment withdrew from the hill. American reformers had been expecting strong opposition in their attempt to retake the hill.

Riflemen were strongly dug into crags, hills, ravines and caves on southern Okinawa, 232 miles from Japan, behind the largest concentration of artillery encountered in the Pacific campaign, with heavier guns than they've used heretofore. These batteries kept up a swelling, round-the-clock duel with superior U. S. artillery.

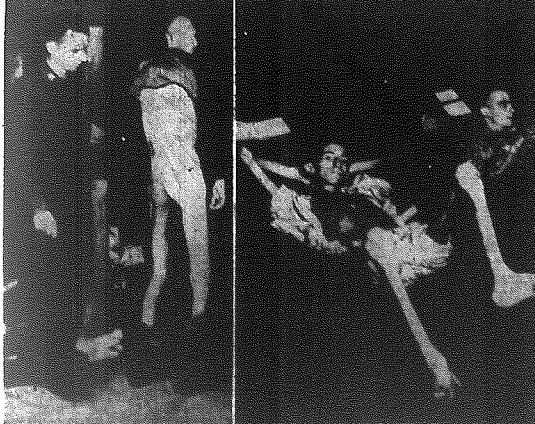
Lightly equipped Marines were assaulting through the terrain, reported Mrs. Milton Barrett Jr. of Huntington, W. Va., wife of a Navy flier killed in this war.

### Light Cruiser Launched

CAMDEN, N. J. — The 600-ton light cruiser Huntington was launched yesterday at the New York Shipbuilding Corporation.

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## The Germans Don't Coddle Prisoners



AFTER THREE MONTHS IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP — An American soldier (left) who weighed 165 pounds when he was captured during the Belgian blitz fighting displays his wasted body as evidence of the ordeal he endured during three months in a German prison camp. Another Yank (right) who was captured during the same fighting rests on his cot after he and others were liberated by the U. S. First Army, from a camp in the Limburg area.



GAUNT AFTER ORDEAL — The gaunt, set faces of these three men are those of American soldiers who were freed when the First Army liberated the prison camp at Limburg. Left to right: Lt. Charles Berry, Gates Mills, Ohio; Sgt. Leonard Nevius, Washington; T-4 Herbert Borden, New York Mills, Minn. Pictures by William C. Allen, Associated Press photographer with wartime still picture pool. (AP Wirephotos).

## Argentina In Good Graces

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States resumed "normal diplomatic relations" with Argentina today.

The action was announced by Secretary of State Stettinius who said it was taken in conjunction with the nineteen other American republics represented at the recent Rio de Janeiro Conference at Brasilia, Brazil.

It follows a declaration of war by Argentina against Axis countries and her adherence to the resolution adopted by the Mexico City Conference March 27 and other steps called for by the conference.

Smaller action was announced by Great Britain, France, Canada, the Netherlands, and Latin American countries including Uruguay, Brazil, Colombia and Peru.

Stettinius declined to discuss whether Argentina would be included in a similar list for the United Nations membership, whether that subject had been discussed with Soviet Russia which has been publicly critical of the Argentine Government or whether eventually Argentina would participate in the San Francisco Conference on an international organization.

The action today by the United States appeared to mark a sharp change from the policy followed by Secretary of State Cordell Hull who had urged non-recognition of the Argentine Government.

## Air Offensive Yanks Smash Ten German Airfields

By HENRY B. JAMESON

LONDON — (AP) — More than 1,250 American heavy bombers and 750 fighters smashed ten German airfields, an underground oil storage depot and a powder plant, all within a 60-mile radius of Munich, today.

RAP Leaders credited the Fifteenth and Sixteenth unladen eleven-ton and six-ton bombs on eleven airfields at Hamburg and destroyed oil plant near Leipzig last night.

The raids followed up sweeping assaults on Germany yesterday by more than 1,250 planes of the U. S. Eighth Air Force, which bombed and burned without being challenged by the Luftwaffe.

The RAF attack on the Wehrmacht plant was the fifth heavy bomber raid on that objective within a week. The plant, which was destroyed by the Air Ministry last night, was probably the most important shipbuilding plant in Germany.

The remainder of the week-end was accounted for by RAF fighters.

Many of the destroyed German planes were the last left-propeller craft but reports indicate they are being flown by inexperienced pilots.

## Last Railway From Western Holland Cut

Americans & British Within Sight Of Hannover And Bremen

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS — (AP) — The Allies, having exacted 600,000 casualties from the Germans in ten days, cut the last railway from Western Holland today, trapping the bulk of 80,000 more Germans believed still in The Netherlands.

The American Ninth and British Second Armies fought within sight of the shell and burning North German cities of Hannover and Bremen. They were within 50 miles of the Elbe River at Hamburg and 70 of the stream at Magdeburg. The Elbe is the last water barrier on the flat country leading to Berlin and flows within 60 miles of the capital.

Hannover and Bremen both were five miles from Allied infantry and tanks. An entry into both was imminent, although the Germans were fighting hard for Bremen, one of their greatest ports and shipbuilding centers.

### TOWNS AND CITIES BURN

Great and small cities and towns all over Northern Germany burned mysteriously, even though Allied bombers stayed away from most. Flames were reported specifically in Hamburg, Hannover, Brunswick and Lubeck. Of these, Lubeck and Brunswick had not been raided recently.

Tanks by-passed both Bremen and Hannover, hopelessly outflanking both.

The Ninth Army at last reports hours behind the swift pace of battle — 125 miles from Berlin and on open flat country with no coherent German lines before them.

### BY PASS HANNOVER

The Hell on Wheels (Second) Armored Division bypassed Hannover ten miles to the south and then went "out of sight" in a wedge within twenty miles of Hannover.

Supreme Headquarters received no word from the Ninth Army of further operations today, presumably because of this communications and moving headquarters at the front.

Canadians pushed eight miles northeast of Zwolle and made contact with Allied airborne troops to wrest control of the North Holland communications. The junction established close to the rail junction of Meppen, ten miles from the Zelder See. There the last rail line was snarled and the last rail bridge was blown.

The Germans exploded mines flooding 400 square miles. At Supreme Headquarters, officers said up to 80,000 Germans of Army Group H were left in Holland. They are combat fit, but most are garrison and auxiliary personnel.

### GERMANS SPLIT

Indoed the Germans facing the Canadian First Army on a 150 mile front from the Dutch city of Arnhem to the Ems River were split into two distinct pockets.

One pocket was west of the Ems River including Amsterdam, Utrecht and The Hague. The other stretched the German naval bases of Emden and Wilhelmshaven, 30 and 35 miles from closest Allied troops.

The liberation of northeast Holland is likely to come quickly. The Canadian First Army is 100 miles north of the Ems River.

### Meat Complaints Against Price Ceilings Discussed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board today discussed with the War Relocation Authority the possibility of price control extension, a possible banking subcommittee today discussed with OPA officials meat industry complaints against price ceilings.

### Krupp Works Found Blasted

By ROBERT KURSON  
ESSEN, Germany — (AP) — Ninth Army forces entering Lower Silesia today reported that the Krupp armament works perhaps the most important in Germany, had been blasted by the Allies on March 22, when RAF bombers gave the Krupp works a severe blow.