

WARRIORS FORWARD

Offensive Threatens Nazi Trap

Main Nazi Escape Route Severed

By WILLIAM FRYE LONDON (AP)—Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's five-day British offensive surged toward the Meuse (Meuse) today in a three-mile advance which undercut the doomed enemy citadel of Tillyburg in Holland.

Dempsey's main thrust forward to Loin Op. Zand, four miles north of Tillyburg, cutting the German main escape route and was being reinforced by badly armed German rearwards.

GRAVE THREAT TO NAZIS Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt's "face the grave prospect of a sequel to the Palgrave campaign" was the main theme of a dispatch from the front.

While long columns of British armor, guns and men surge through the mud toward the westward push past St. Heriborgh and behind Tillyburg, Canadian forces farther west put fresh momentum into their campaign on both sides of the Schelde in the drive to Antwerp to Allied supplies.

Thousands of British troops are in the front. American amphibious tanks employed in numbers on the front examined across the three to five-mile wide front and established a seven-mile square beachhead of St. Heriborgh and land guarding the north side of the river.

Churchill Reports On Stalin Parleys

London—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told Commons today "a very good working agreement" had been reached with Russia on the problems of Southeastern Europe, but acknowledged his efforts to end the Russian-Polish dispute, prime objective of his mission to Moscow.

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Reds Drive 15 Miles In Czech Area

Former Ruthenian Capital Captured

LONDON — (AP)— Russian troops advanced fifteen miles in Czechoslovakia today and captured Ungvar (Uzhograd), virtually completing the capture of the Carpatho-Ukraine which Hungary seized from the republic.

A broadcast order of the day by Marshal Stalin announced the capture of the city of 27,000, which was the capital of Ruthenia, an autonomous province under Czechoslovakia. The city is 160 miles northeast of Budapest.

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Reports Pile Up On Nippon Naval Defeat

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR—(AP)—A Japanese naval disaster, threatening momentarily to surpass Nippon's 35-warship tragedy of 1942 off Guadalcanal, stemmed today from an amazing gamble which actually succeeded in getting enemy warships perilously close to America's invasion beaches on Leyte.

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Two-Minute News Roundup

The For West The Navy has announced American losses in the Philippines battle which started the Japanese fleet. Six American warships were sunk, two carriers, two escort carriers, two destroyers and a destroyer escort.

Russian Front A new Russian victory in East Prussia appears imminent. The Germans have announced the Russian capture of the town of Gumbinnen.

Italy and Greece Allied troops in Italy have been moved down considerably by very bad weather. Heavy rain is hampering the advance of the British, American, French and Polish forces.

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Navy Celebrates 169th Birthday With All Hands Proud Of Victory

By HAMILTON W. PARSONS WASHINGTON—The United States Navy proudly celebrated its 169th anniversary today, all hands jubilant over what may prove to be its biggest victory in battle.

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WEATHER

Clear tonight with scattered frost; continued clear and cool tomorrow; light and steady breeze; high 45, low 35.