

THE GREAT OFFENSIVE WAR HAS BEGUN

News For The Reader In A Hurry

More detailed stories of major events are carried elsewhere in this edition.

Western Front

AMERICAN troops and tanks dashed forward deeper into Germany in a new drive north of Aachen today, suddenly breaking Nazi defenses. The Germans' bitter stand-off defense north of Aachen collapsed under growing American pressure. When our doughboys and tanks launched their attack this morning, enemy defenses gave way. Previously, there had been no indication that the German defense might break. But American men and tanks swept east of Beggenfort and south of Ubach. First Army forces are now six miles inside Germany.

Meanwhile, another American force has launched a new attack on the Siegfried line. In a forest area 25 miles south of Aachen. The new drive, made by the better part of an infantry division, has breached the Aachen front to about 10 miles. Doughboys attacked in a three-mile-wide forest 2 1/2 miles south of Aachen and fifteen miles westward.

American Third Army troops in northeast France are continuing the tough battle of Fort Dienard near Metz. The Third Army launched a new drive today on the Metz front. The drive is in the hands of the 10th Army Group. So far, the Yanks have gained one hundred tanks in savage fighting. American, Canadian and Polish troops of the Seventh Army have pushed in within six miles of Metz. The main Vosges mountain passes just Germany.

Air Warfare

The Allies are getting terrific air support today. The second largest force of American heavy bombers ever sent out from Britain smashed more than twelve targets in Germany and about 1,000 American bombers with an escort of 500 fighters, equipped with incendiary bombs, incendiary bombs and engine plants in central and northern Germany. At the same time a fleet of 400 Allied bombers from southern bases also attacked the Reich.

Russian Front

Russian troops speeding through Hungary are approaching the last major river barrier in front of Budapest. The Russians are now 80 miles from the Hungarian capital.

Greek Invasion

The British invasion forces which cleared most of the Greek Peninsula from the Italians, which they did the big southern peninsula in the Greek peninsula. The British say that the Nazis have been cleared from almost all territory south of the Corinth Isthmus. A representative of the Greek Government in London has taken over the administration of the Peloponnese. The British radio at Ankara has quoted a French source as saying that Allied airborne troops have landed on the Chios Islands off Rhodes. But this is not confirmed officially.

Italy

Allied headquarters in Rome has indicated that the Germans have failed to stabilize their line in Central Italy and are now building a new defense system farther north. American units of the Fifth Army again reached German lines to move within 10 miles of Bologna.

China

There still is no word from Chungking as to whether the Chinese have been able to recapture the captured by the enemy. Today the Japanese released capture of Pongshu, which is the last major east China port held by the Chinese.

Red Drive Aimed At Budapest

Rapid Advance Made In Hungary

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW — (AP) — Red Army infantry was surging across the Romanian frontier into Hungary on a 75-mile front, moved steadily toward the Tisza and Koros Rivers, last big natural obstacles before Budapest today. Indications were that the backbone of German-Hungarian relations had been broken and that the Soviets had an excellent chance of carrying the fight to the area of the Hunan capital within four or five days at the present rate of advance. Stopped was the line in a night's work this morning. "DEATH AND PANIC" — Kibran Cosaks were reported spreading "death and panic" in the rear of Hungarian troops unable to diverge themselves on the shattered front in Southeastern Hungary.

"Our tanks units are chasing the retreating enemy," said a front line dispatch to Leningrad. "And light Cosak units are in their rear." Already more than 100 companies of the last big Nazi puppet division had been seized, the latest communiqué announced. "A Berlin dispatch said Russian tanks had achieved 'breaches to major depth'."

Completed operations in the northeast corner of Yugoslavia, the Russian invasion of Hungary now is being pushed along a 50-mile front. The drive is in the hands of the southern front. German tanks and anti-tank weapons were reported in the line.

Air Warfare

Already thirteen miles inside the Reich the Red Army has seized three important railroads and highways leading into Budapest. They are cutting off the main lines of the Red Army from the west. Within fifteen miles of Szeged, Hungary's second city, and about 100 miles to the east, the war has broken out.

Russian Front

While Soviet planes dropped incendiary bombs on the Hungarian Reich, the Red Army has seized Hungary from the Yugoslav frontier on the south. Announced by Yugoslav radio, the drive reached the Uba River 45 miles west of Budapest.

Wolkie "Very Much Better"

NEW YORK — (AP) — Wendell L. Willkie, leader from a Republican ticket, has been attacked with pneumonia and is "very much better," his physician, Dr. Benjamin Sachs, announced. Dr. Sachs' report reported that the 1936 Republican Presidential nominee spent a comfortable night at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, which he entered Sept. 16 for a rest and physical checkup, and "is on the critical list."

Say Nazis Slew 150 Dutch Poles

LONDON — (AP) — The Germans were declared by the British to have executed 150 Dutch Poles in a concentration camp at Vught in middle and a half south of "Herzoginnendijk."



YANKS TAKE PRISONERS IN SIEGFRIED BREAKTHROUGH — American soldiers check German prisoners in their breakthrough of the Siegfried line in Western Germany. The zone of this line they captured is shown in background. (Associated Press)

Ships Sunk Off Indies

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea — Flying far-ranging bombers. Army airmen whittled four more ships from the Japanese fleet in East Indies raids, today's communiqué from Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported. October's shipping toll thus was enhanced to 23 seagoing vessels sunk or damaged by planes. A good start toward bettering last month's bag of 210 surface craft sunk or damaged. "These figures are for the flying force only and do not include Japanese ships destroyed by the U. S. Navy."

Japs Claim Foochow

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Foochow, capital of Fukien Province and the last major port held by the Chinese on the East China coast, was captured by a Japanese invasion force three days ago, a Tokyo broadcast of a Japanese imperial communiqué said today. There was no immediate confirmation of the claim from Allied sources but the Chinese High Command yesterday said Japanese troops had reached the northwest coast of the city located across a narrow strait from the northern tip of the Japanese occupied island of Formosa.

Relatively light units of the land forces of the Adriatic moved forward to liberate areas abandoned by the Germans. When the Germans failed to make a major stand at Patali, and then another, Patali was taken by a direct hit. Eight small surface craft also were sunk and eleven damaged. U. S. planes raided submarine supply depots at Crete and destroyed at least one ship. An Italian freighter transport probably was sunk off Crete. A 1,000-ton vessel was sunk near Ambracia and a 3,000-ton merchantman was blown up by a direct hit. Eight small surface craft also were sunk and eleven damaged. U. S. planes raided submarine supply depots at Crete and destroyed at least one ship. An Italian freighter transport probably was sunk off Crete. A 1,000-ton vessel was sunk near Ambracia and a 3,000-ton merchantman was blown up by a direct hit. Eight small surface craft also were sunk and eleven damaged.

6,000 Allied Planes Smash At Germany

By HENRY B. JAMPMON LONDON — (AP) — Approximately 6,000 Allied planes, including nearly 2,500 heavy bombers, smashed at Germany and the heart of the Reich today. The RAF also had 1,000 American heavy bombers from Britain, the second largest force ever sent out from here, attacked more than a dozen targets west and south of Berlin, and 300 British fighters and Liberators attacked the Reich from the south and 700 British bombers pounded the communications centers on the Western Front.

Fifth Army Moves Close To Bologna

Nazis Show Signs Of Evacuating

By NOLAN NORGAARD ROME — (AP) — U. S. Fifth Army troops have shoved ahead another two miles to within twelve miles of the Po Valley communications center of Bologna as the Nazis were reported working frantically to evacuate strategic war material from Northern Italy to the Reich. Allied Headquarters said today the German army had failed to stabilize their lines in the central Italian sector. Doughboys who crossed the Flaminio River near the town of Tivoli and were fighting yesterday two miles north of that important road junction, now are on the Bologna-Bologna highway, No. 63. On both sides of the highway the Fifth Army units kept abreast of the central salient. To the west, British and South African troops occupied Monte Vettore which dominates the Pistoia-Bologna highway, and to the east a spearhead north of the Savi river kept abreast of the central salient. To the west, British and South African troops occupied Monte Vettore which dominates the Pistoia-Bologna highway, and to the east a spearhead north of the Savi river kept abreast of the central salient.

Meanwhile, in the Adriatic sector Indian troops of the Eighth Army crossed the Flaminio River near its mountain slope, slugged the Germans out of San Martino Di Lupatone and moved on to fifteen miles southwest of Rimini. Further west in the valley of the upper Savi, British troops took Tezze.

The weather continued to hamper operations over the Mediterranean Allied Air Force was severely restricted in its operations over the sea. However, several attacks against airbases in Northeastern Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece. German fighters were reported missing.

Seventh War Loan Slated

ATLANTIC CITY — (AP) — On the "most optimistic assumption" a seventh war loan will be required to meet the needs of the war. The Treasury Secretary said today. "There is a possibility of delivery at a war bond rally, he told bond sales volunteers that "you cannot get on your hands" and said the toughest part of their job lies ahead.

Jap Railroads Reorganized

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — A "wholesale reorganization" of Japan's scattered railroads will become effective Wednesday, the radio news reported today, as announced by the Japanese government. "The most important part of the reorganization will be the grouping of lines into a few major trunk lines. The purpose is to provide more facilities for war workers and more efficient service for the war transport services."

Rites For Nazi General Involved In Hitler Plot

LONDON — (AP) — Gen. Paul Schmidt, Chief Adjutant of the German Army, died of wounds suffered in the July 20 attempt to kill Hitler and was given a state funeral at Tannenberg yesterday. A German news agency broadcast today.

Drive Toward Rhine Opened By Americans

Definite Break-Through Achieved On Sector of First Army Front

By JAMES M. LONG LONDON — (AP) — German lines north of Aachen in Germany crumpled suddenly today, and U. S. First Army tanks and infantry swept forward three miles to points six miles inside the Reich, seizing five towns. Simultaneously another American offensive surged through forest lands 25 miles north of Aachen, through anti-tank traps, concrete obstacles and mines in a new sector. The Aachen front before Dusseldorf, Cologne and Bonn flamed over a 40-mile area.

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Americans Break German Defenses

By DON WHITEHEAD WITH THE FIRST ARMY IN GERMANY — (AP) — The Germans' bitter stand-off in Germany collapsed suddenly today under growing American First Army pressure, and U. S. tanks and infantry surged forward on a sweeping drive.

SKY CLEAR

This morning the sky was clear for the second successive day giving the air force another chance to smash at the foe. Forward elements of the advance columns driving on against comparatively light opposition have penetrated to a depth of about six miles into Germany in the Baesweiler area. The thrust south to Aachen swept the Nazis back 10 miles. The 10th Army of the Siegfried defenses about six miles wide.

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