

BRITISH STRIKE INTO GERMANY; AMERICANS BATTLE INSIDE METZ

Reds Hurl Nazis Back Into Hills

Action Occurs In Budapest Area
By DANIEL DE LUCE
MOSCOW (AP)—Nazi defenders on a battle line stretching northward from besieged Budapest gave ground again today in the face of a sustained Russian flanking maneuver that pressed the enemy deeper into the Matra and Bakkt Mountains on the Slovakian frontier.



YANKS GET TONSORIAL SERVICE IN TACLOBAN—Yank soldiers await their turns at the "best barber shop" in Tacloban, Leyte Island, Philippines, where Filipinos are the barbers. Pvt. O. H. Scott, Nashville, Tenn., is in first chair; Pvt. F. Kader, Pittsburgh, Pa., second, and Sgt. E. W. Krueger, Shakopee, Minn., third. (AP Wirephoto.)

Japs Break Yank Leyte Road Block

Foo Reinforces Troops At Limon
By C. YATES McDANIEL
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES (AP)—Japanese tanks, large and small, broke through an American road block to reinforce troops stubbornly resisting the advance of the U. S. 24th Division against the important Ormoc road village of Limon. It was revealed today.

Allied Armies Push Ahead In Hard Fighting

Patton Forces Enter Reich at New Point-French In Sight of Belfort
By WILLIAM FRYE
LONDON (AP)—British Second Army troops have struck the enemy flank in Germany thirteen miles above the American sector at Aachen, a front dispatch disclosed tonight, while to the south doughboys of the U. S. Third Army fought house-to-house inside formidable fortress Metz.

8th Drives On Faenza

Two Minute News Roundup
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Western Front
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American Landings On Luzon Probable

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP)—Powerful new seaborne invasions of the enemy-held Philippine Islands appear probable in the near future.

Ohio Phone Crisis Grows

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—A continuing state of telephone crisis across Ohio reached its peak today as thousands of calls were blocked.

March of Tragedy Norse Wander Over Snow In Extreme Cold

LONDON (AP)—Thousands of Norwegian men, women and children driven from their homes by the last month of Norway's wintering over snowing had a temperature of 20 degrees below zero.

Yank Infantrymen Fight Inside Metz

By KENNETH F. DIXON
ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF METZ—(AP)—Tank-supported American infantry fought forward house to house today.

First Army Gains In Hard Fighting

By DON WHITEHEAD
WITH U. S. FIRST ARMY—(AP)—With the Air Force out in strength under the first clear day, the rugged U. S. First Army slowly edged forward against fierce opposition today.

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Italy

The U. S. 8th Army today launched a major offensive in Italy, with sixty tanks crossing the front line in the vicinity of Faenza.

DNL Claims German Hospital Ship Sunk

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A hospital ship of the German Navy, the DNL, was reported to have been sunk by the U. S. Navy in the Atlantic Ocean.

A New Underground

LONDON (AP)—A Nazi resistance movement based in France has been reported to have a new underground structure.

Loans Exceed Taxes In U. S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve Bank today reported that the amount of loans made by the bank has exceeded the amount of taxes collected.

Weather

Partly cloudy, continued cool. High 45, low 35. Wind light and variable.

Crater Hill Captured By Doughboys

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE
WITH U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY—(AP)—The U. S. First Army today captured Crater Hill, a key position in the Metz area.