

# THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

## AMERICAN WEST FRONT ADVANCE 30 MILES OF

**Resistance Gradually Weakening**  
**Move Forward On Rolling Plain**

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
MOSCOW (AP)—Russian armored spearheads were reported within 30 miles of Budapest today and advancing steadily against stiff but gradually weakening resistance on the rolling plain south of the city.

Soviet dispatches said advance elements of the Red Army had penetrated beyond Lajosmizse 33 miles from the Hungarian capital, following an advance in which more than 100 occupied places were captured.

Rail centers at Keszthely and among the latter was the important railway center of Keszthely.

The Germans and their Hungarian allies were reported falling back upon defenses which the people of Budapest have been forced to dig out for the city.

Budapest was said to be in a turmoil.

The Russians were numbering hard going. Great numbers of anti-tank weapons have been concentrated by the enemy on the broad treeless plain over which the Red Army is advancing. Thirty-mile front between the Danube and Tisza Rivers.

The pace was surprisingly swift at some points, as evidenced by the fact that 48 planes were reported abandoned by the flight from the Tisza airfield 17 miles southwest of Keszthely.

At Keszthely, a city of 60,000 population which fell after 24 hours of street fighting, represented the biggest prize in the renewed offensive that has brought confusion to the enemy defenses. It was the last important barrier before Budapest.

Russian forces in this sector increased the total of enemy prisoners taken in the drive to 5,518, having captured 1,600 Germans and Hungarians in the last 24 hours, the communique announced.

The Budapest airfield, where 2,000 dead in the Keszthely battle, and 1,000 at the rail town of Tisza, and 300 more at Keszthely.

The Germans lost another 300 dead in an unsuccessful attack on the Budapest airfield, the communique said.

On the Tisza River above Warsaw in Poland, the announcement said, the enemy reference to fighting on that front.

**GENERAL HODGES DECORATED**—For "meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Athens," Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges (right), commander of the First U. S. Army, is decorated with the Bronze Star by Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley in the field. Gen. Hodges is a native of Perry, Ga. (AP Wirephoto)



**AN ATHENS VENDOR MAKES A SALE**—A young woman makes a purchase in an outdoor market at Athens, Greece, where the introduction of some table items sold for as much as 400,000 drachmas in American money. \$4.87 is worth 8,000,000,000 drachmas. This picture was made by William G. Allen, Associated Press photographer with the war time still picture pool. (AP Wirephoto)

**Yanks Battle Inside Key Leyte Town**  
**Carigara Village Tottering**

By MURLIN SPENCER  
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES (AP)—The village of Carigara tottered today, with elements of one American force actually in the town and another probably less than two miles away.

The last Japanese concentration east of the Leyte Mountains was on the verge of falling to units of the First Cavalry Division, reported already battling for control of the town and its southern defenses were being pressed tighter by the forward push of the 24th Division, moving northwest from the Jaro area.

The cavalrymen first entered Carigara from the east more than a week ago during a patrol action after their amphibious landing on the northeast coast had to be held when more powerful Japanese forces appeared.

The 24th Division, its advance slowed by a series of road blocks, met a new obstacle beyond the village of Carigara where the retreating Japanese blew up a bridge and thus added further delay to the American difficulties.

The Carigara fight if it would open the coastal road to the town of Misamis, and thus permit closing of the enemy's only vehicle route across the mountains from his reinforcement point at Ormea Bay on the southwest coast. It was the principal action of the last 24 hours on Leyte.

Far to the south of this winged advance, units of the 24th Corps were pushing west straight across the jungle under artillery fire reported half across the island, their objective of attacking the Japanese at Ormea Bay now mostly downhill from their partially gained positions. Terrain rather than the enemy apparently affected most of the obstacles there. No important fight had been reported by these units since the capture of the town of Misamis, which were wiped out in the Dagami and Catmon Hill areas.

Small groups of forces were nearing the area of Catmon Mountain, six miles away from the hill where the main Japanese force was reported to be.

**AIR WAR**

In the air, the Leyte battle continued to show that American fighters based on newly won island airfields blasting at the German force in Italy.

Information from Italy said the Marshall's automobile overturned near Bologna after an Allied plane maneuvered it.

The extent of his injuries was reported not yet ascertained.

Allied troops have been fighting on the southern approaches of Bologna for several weeks.

**Gym Shoes Ration Free**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Leather reinforced gym shoes become ration free today, the Office of Price Administration announced.

**Fight Through Dense Hürtgen Forest Sector**  
**Allies Mop Up Walcheren In Winning Battle For Antwerp**

By WILLIAM FRYE  
LONDON (AP)—American infantry, fighting through the dense Hürtgen Forest southeast of Aachen, advanced from one to nearly two miles in a new attack today, overran two villages and reached a third.

With heavy preparation by artillery, stealthily placed the last two weeks, infantrymen of the U. S. First Army hopped off to the attack through Hürtgen Forest this morning. They overran the village of Germeter and reached the town of Hürtgen, seven miles southwest of Duren on the road to Cologne for a gain of a mile. The village of Vassonack was overrun in another advance of nearly two miles.

Meeting stiffened rearward resistance in the drive toward Rottemburg, however, Americans and Poles were forced to give up their narrow hard-won bridgehead over the Meuse River, last barrier before the Naam (Meuse) and Eifelhoch Dren bridges.

**WALCHEREN ASSAULT**

British commando and Canadian infantry assaulting dike-girded Walcheren Island were in the last phase of the battle to uncover Antwerp, they fanned out rapidly along the two to three mile wide zone and flushed the Germans out of all but the northern outskirts of the port of Flushing (Vlissingen).

The second and longer drive was a costly one, acknowledged last night that the Germans already had lost the battle for Antwerp.

British Commandos who invaded Walcheren near Westkapelle early Wednesday had bypassed the village of Domburg and knocked out at least two miles of the German gun line in the area.

Although the Americans and Poles yielded their Meuse River bridgeheads in the drive toward the Maas, they had forced the Germans to evacuate the Germetenburg bridge north of Tilburg. The Allies had the remaining two bridges, but most of them were destroyed and one of these was considered captured.

A concrete bunker at Knocke, about 100 yards from the sea, was holding out a gun emplacement near Cadzand with a smaller group, and town of Heyst were all that remained of this former port.

**Poles And Indians Moving On Forli**

ROME (AP)—Polish and Indian troops, advancing several miles northward from captured Predappio toward the Po Valley highway junction of Forli, have joined a bridgehead won by other Eighth Army forces advancing westward across the Ronco River above Meidola, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Meidola is seven miles south of Forli.

Polish Steeds progress in expanding the bridgehead since to the north has been reported since it was mainly to the work of other Eighth Army troops some days ago were reported only two miles from Forli along the Ronco immediately eastward.

South of Bologna on the central sector American troops cleared the Germans from the village of Caserta, in the communications area.

NAZI SHIELDS FALL

German field units continued to pour shells into Allied positions along the Fifth Army front, but there was a marked decrease from the intense shelling of recent days.

**German Air Force Challenges Yanks**

LONDON (AP)—For the first time in a month the German Air Force came up in strength today, challenging American bombers pounding the Reich. Incomplete reports tonight showed at least 38 German planes were shot down in two separate air battles over Bielefeld and Bielefeld.

By night the RAF had switched from disintegrating Cologne to Oberhausen, until now the least bombed city in the Ruhr.

**BOMB OIL PLANT**

Some 100 British Fortresses and Liberators, conveyed by 200 fighters, bombed the vast Lena synthetic oil plant at Merseburg in Central Germany and other oil plants in the Ruhr. They bombed railroads at Bielefeld and other and struck other targets in the west which were not specified.

Weather was bad.

RAF Mosquitoes, kept up the assault upon Cologne during the night and other Mosquito forces went for Berlin, the fifth raid on the capital in six nights.

**ICE PRIZE**

RAF Mosquitoes attacked transport in Germany and Holland, dropping or damaging 46 trains, six barges and four small ships.

**Kesselring Reported Hit**

AT THE SWISS-ITALIAN FRONTIER (AP)—Field Marshal (Gen.) Albert Kesselring, commander of German forces in Italy, was reported wounded today in an Allied strafing attack similar to the one which cost Marshall (Gen.) Albert Kesselring his life in France.

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**Small Storm In Caribbean**

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The Weather Bureau today issued a warning of a small hurricane in the Caribbean Sea about 100 miles east southeast of Miami.

An alert was sounded for the Nicaragua coast south of latitude 14 degrees and for the Caribbean Sea 200 miles offshore.

A 9:30 A. M. advisory said the storm had a maximum wind speed of 45 mph, but that it probably was taking a west or west-northwest course.

Highest winds reported were 60 to 75 miles an hour.

**Strikers Hold Up Vital Work**

SENEHAWKA, Ind. (AP)—Mergers of self-selling fuel oil for B-29 Superfortresses by the United States Rubber Co. plant here today as 200 employees were idle for the third day.

The workers were called to a mass meeting this afternoon at which Sherman H. Dalrymple of Akron, Ohio, international official of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, was to urge them to return to work at once.

The workers walked out after failing to settle differences over production schedules.

**British Capture Burma Junction**

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND (AP)—The British 17th Division, driving southward in Northern Burma, has captured the important junction of Mawla, 92 miles southwest of Moulmein, and 140 miles from the sea.

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**Western Front**

The American First Army in Germany has launched a new drive through the forest of Hürtgen, a short drive southeast of Aachen, and several spearheads have captured from one to more than two miles.

Associated Press correspondent William Smith White says in a front dispatch that the new attacks are being mounted. They were launched after strong artillery preparation by American artillery, which met unopposed invasion.

Strong air support of the new push was not possible, because of weather. But the artillery barrage apparently caught the Germans by surprise and did the job of cutting in a path.

It's charged forward from positions about 10 miles southwest of Aachen. The second and latest thrust was aimed due east and east-southeast toward the German town of Vassonack.

British and Canadian troops have cleared almost all the cities of the Hürtgen Forest, including the Red-Bell Island, in the Scheldt Estuary. British amphibious forces, who landed on the west coast of Walcheren Island yesterday, have now increased their beachhead and captured a Nazi air battery.

**Air Warfare**

Two thousand American planes, braved bad weather today to smash targets in central and western Germany.

Eleven hundred heavy bombers, 100 B-29 Superfortresses, and other aircraft plants in the Ruhr and also raiding the southern and eastern coastal fronts.

For the first time in a month, the German Luftwaffe, now in strength today in an effort to beat off the powerful American

**U. S. Invasion Of Northern Japan Feared**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A Tokyo broadcast today said the Japanese government expects an American invasion of Northern Japan.

A panel dispatch, rendered by the Federal Communications Commission, quoted a Tokyo broadcast that the Japanese navy is more important than sea forces after the enemy landing in the Pacific.

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**Clear Big Stretch Of Slav Coast**

LONDON (AP)—British troops and Partisans have cleared 100 miles of the Yugoslav Dalmatian Coast, including the major harbors of Split, Metkovic and Dubrovnik (Ragusa), the German communique announced today.

After the buildings, the communique said, "our protective formations detached themselves to prepared mountain positions in the coastal strip according to orders."

**Nazi Secret Weapons**

LONDON (AP)—Walter Fair, Daily Mail correspondent, said today in a Stockholm dispatch he had been informed the Germans soon would reveal their secret weapons, probably launch rockets against the United States.

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**Girls, You'll Have To Stretch Those Girdles**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Garter belts and suspenders also may stretch more, but elastic girdles probably will continue as scarce as ever.

The War Production Board today revoked an order which prohibited use of elastic fabric in girdles in which are "less" for anything but military or industrial use.

Use of elastic fabric was frozen early in 1942.

**On The Home Front**

American war casualties now exceed 400,000 men killed, wounded, captured and missing, up to Oct. 21.

The inventor of ethyl gasoline died. He was 55-year-old Thomas Midgley, Jr., who lived in Columbus, Ohio, and had been blind since an attack of infantile paralysis four years ago.

In Washington, Chairman James E. Doolittle of the Federal Communications Commission has announced his resignation from the agency. He will leave the agency in New York when his resignation becomes effective Nov. 15.

**After 47 Years, She Objects To His Smoking**

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A 47-year-old woman of married life in the Federal Communications Commission has announced her objection to her husband's smoking.

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**Rocket Attack On U. S. Talked**

The following additional information:

That the V-2—a long, fat fat projectile with tail fins like an ordinary bomb—had been fired on England from experimental stations in Germany and Norway, and that Holland and Denmark bases also could be used.

That the first V-2s carried about a ton of explosive and that larger V-2s have been designed.

That the quantity of explosive is governed by the distance the V-2 is to travel.

That V-2s propelled by gasoline or some other liquid,

**Japs Claim Sinking Of Four Capital Ships**

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Japanese communique today claimed that the U. S. Navy had sunk four battleships in Leyte Gulf of the Philippines.

**WEATHER**

Clear and partly cloudy with moderate to heavy showers and occasional rain and drizzle tonight.

Temperature at 8:00 P.M. High 64 Low 50 Wind Light Variable