

NEW CONQUERORS DRIVE AHEAD New Smashes At Japan Loom After Fall Of Saipan REELS WITHIN 100 MILES OF BRUSSIA

Storm Past Wilno And Race West

Reds Drive At Great Speed

LONDON — (AP)—British press reports that Russian vanguards within 60 miles of East Prussia tonight while the Red Army clamped tighter a death hold on Wilno (Wilna), where the German garrison had been forced behind barricades into the center of the virtually encircled city.

Russian columns racing westward at storming speed toward the Baltic coast to the west-northwest approach to East Prussia. Forward, the Soviets appear through the German Wilno-Poznan gap line, penetrating to Ustka more than twenty miles into the Baltic coast.

Red troops had cut a 20-mile gap in German lines across from the Baltic Sea and narrowed the land corridor between the beach and the sea to less than 120 miles.

The Moscow radio asserted German and Lithuanian troops mounded in Wilno and Kaunas. The latter city, capital of Russian Lithuania republic, was menaced by Russians charging less than 50 miles away.

Further south, the Red Army made fresh progress in a swift advance toward the major rail road center of Bialystok and Brest-Litovsk on the Bug River. Red forces guard the approaches to Warsaw.

Reconnaissance has observed heavy railroad and highway traffic on the right bank of the southern sector. The Berlin radio said in the last several Red Radio dispatches that the German command staff is clear that the Soviet Command staff will force the Baltic front.

Northeast of Wilno troops of the Baltic front, sweeping up more than 200 miles, reaching the Baltic coast more than a mile from the Laxian border. Also, several weeks ago, Soviet troops had only 25 miles from Danzig.

Gen. Eisenhower Warns Against Over-Confidence

Long And Bitter Fighting Before Victory In Europe Predicted

By MERRILL MUELLER NBC Reporter Representing the Combined American Networks

GEN. EISENHOWER'S HEADQUARTERS — (AP)—The Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces today warned against the growing optimism prevalent throughout the world and predicted long and bitter fighting before the final victory in Europe.

Yanks Take Nazi Bastion In Italy

By NOLAN NORGAARD ROME — (AP)—Overcoming dogged enemy resistance, American infantrymen who yesterday captured the German stronghold of Volterra have bifurcated another four miles and driven a significant wedge in the German defenses fronting the so-called "Gothic Line," Allied Headquarters announced today.

De Gaulle Will Move

WASHINGTON — (AP)—General Charles de Gaulle, reporting his conversation with President Roosevelt, had attained the principal objective of creating a better understanding between the two nations and that he would move his capital from Algiers to liberated French territory.

I had very broad and frank conversations with President Roosevelt, de Gaulle told a press conference during which he was talking away with him "the best possible impression on my part in the context of the United States."

The French leader said he explained to the President "as well as I could how France, gradually emerging from her temporary paralysis, intends to participate with her Allies in the fighting phase first in the way and then in the life of the world as planned."

De Gaulle said President Roosevelt had been very helpful in his efforts to bring about a better understanding between the two nations and that he would move his capital from Algiers to liberated French territory.

In a brief talk north of Bastonia, the American tank, 20 planes, Northwest of Cadix in the night, and heavy fighting in the night.

Noemfoor Isle Also Captured

Two Conquests Completed

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor. (AP)—Vast new possibilities of sea and air smashes toward Japan and the Philippines surged into view today with the conquest of Saipan and Noemfoor Islands in the Western Pacific.

The 23 days of battle American forces had battered the first great hole in Japan's iron defense armor and carried the war more than 1,000 miles westward.

From Saipan American planes can fly across Japan's sea and air routes outward from the empire and even Japanese home islands will be in reach of long-range planes.

The final yesterday was an ugly spectacle of senseless dying. The enemy troops, weakened to a point of exhaustion by two days of futile counter-attacks, were pushed steadily backward. The desperation and pain behind the enemy's desperate to crumple Japanese defenses.

On the west coast, an Allied spokesman said, American troops made an advance of 200 yards, capturing a 200-yard stretch of the island.

Another American force moved up to attack Pomaia, eight miles inland and fourteen miles south of Laveza. This village is a strategic point.

Elements of eight German divisions have been identified in the line facing the Fifth Army. Among them are the 30th SS Regiment and the Ninth Panzer Grenadier Regiment.

Supported by 20 tanks, the German launched a strong counter-attack against the French in the vicinity of Saipan, 2 1/2 miles east of Volterra, and heavy fighting raged in that section.

An important gain was reported by the Eighth Army (Spain) following the vital conquest of the great city of Arzew, where the Sixth Army, and heavy fighting raged in that section.

Raiders Back Up Invasion Forces

Caen People Very Happy

LONDON — (AP)—Large forces of Allied bombers and fighters streamed across the English Channel in improving weather today in support of the British and American troops advancing on the Normandy battlefield.

During the night RAF Mosquitos and Mustangs, escorted by Spitfires and Hurricanes, attacked German railroads and bridges.

Mosquitos bombed a synthetic rubber plant and a bridge of about 1,000 feet in length, which was a major supply line for the German army.

Caen people were very happy and the city was in a state of jubilation. The city had been liberated from the Germans.

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British Plunge Forward After Seizing City

Chain Of Towns And Strongpoints Falls To Montgomery Troops

By WES GALLAGHER SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE — (AP)—Gen Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British Second Army, starting to swing shut the door on Germans still standing across the Orne River in the southern suburbs of captured Caen, seized today a chain of Normandy towns and strongpoints guarding the enemy imperiled flank.

Striking in typical hard-smiling Montgomery style, the British plunged eastward from their Ordon bridgehead behind the embattled Germans in the suburb of Faubourg de Vaucelles, and captured Bretteville-Sur Ordon a mile south-west of Caen.

Etterville, next in the chain and three miles southwest of the city; Maltot, four miles southwest, and Hill 112, a bit farther southwest, all fell in quick succession in plunges which took the British within a mile of the Orne River.

Montgomery's bludgeon, more than three miles broad, was matched by a British bridgehead across the Orne to the north and east of Caen which also threatened the last-ditch Germans with a squeeze offensive.

The British fought forward two miles in this latest attack with the objective of freeing the docks of Caen from the threat of German artillery fire so that a stream of Allied freight might soon begin pouring in to match the reinforcements from Cherbourg. All the points fell before noon after the initial jump off at 5 A. M.

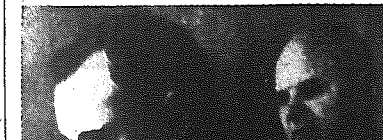
In the center an American smash into the German lines from the Vire River bridgehead at St. Jean De Daye also made steady progress on a seven mile front to depths of more than a mile in hard fighting through difficult low-lying terrain by fog and drizzle.

Gen Omar N. Bradley's columns, accompanied by a steady drumming from artillery, captured Sainteny, six miles south of Carentan and about the same distance from the road junction of Periers, a junction bordering a deep inlet from the sea where the Germans might attempt to defend a bottleneck against other Americans rolling swiftly southeastward from captured La Hève Du Puits.

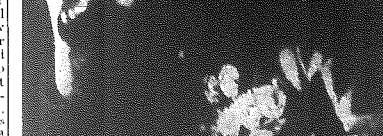
Franklin D. Roosevelt said the later drive was breaking through German strong defenses and opening an exit out of the Cherbourg Peninsula through the few channeled passages between swamps and lowlands. The Germans were said to be falling back to new defenses.

Some of the American gains were as deep as two miles. Headquarters said however that there was no sign of German disorganization, that the Germans were withdrawing in orderly fashion and not seeking to disengage their forces.

Only a few hundred prisoners had been captured in Caen, although the numbers were growing. Already pocketed were the remnants of a division and a half of German troops caught at Herouville, northeast of Caen.



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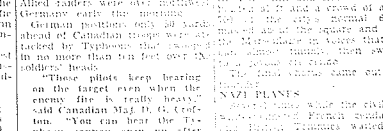
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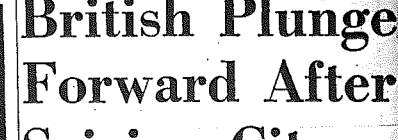
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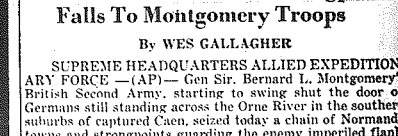
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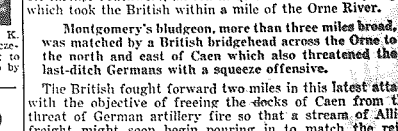
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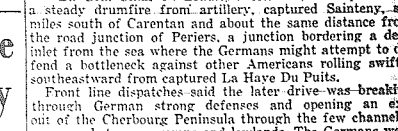
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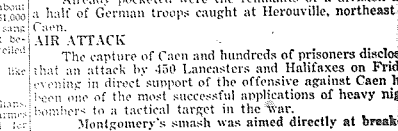
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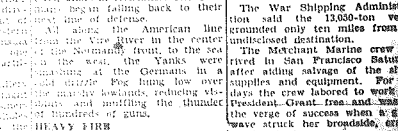
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WEATHER

Early clouds and moderately heavy tonight and tomorrow, with scattered rain, showers and drizzles.

Highs: 75-80. Lows: 55-60. Wind: S.W. 10-15. Clouds: Partly cloudy. Precipitation: 0.10-0.20.

Old Glory Floats In Breezes Over Saipan

By MERRILL JAMES Accredited Press Correspondent. Representing the Combined Allied Forces.

Confederate Flag Flies In French Town

LA HAYE DU PUIT, (AP)—The flag of the American Confederacy flew over this French town.

Mighty Assault Is Made By Americans

By DON WHITNEY AP Staff Writer. The American assault on the German defenses in the vicinity of Saipan, 2 1/2 miles east of Volterra, and heavy fighting raged in that section.

Liner Grounded; No Lives Lost

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP)—The former ground-the-world liner President Grant has been lost on a submerged reef in the Pacific with no loss of life.

Japs Lose Over 11,000 In India

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon. — (AP)—Defenders of Imphal in Manipur State killed more than 11,000 Japanese since the enemy launched its drive into India.