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YANKS DRIVE INTO LA HAYE

YANKS ADVANCE ON BALTIC STATES

Headed For Latvia And Lithuania

Nazis Unable To Halt Russians

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW (AP)—Two powerful Russian armies, pondering on today toward Latvia and Lithuania, at a pace that may reach one or both of the Baltic republics in three or four days, menacing Danzavills (Dvinsk) in Latvia and Wilno and Kaunas in the Soviet Lithuanian republic.

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PLANS HIT WILNO
Russian planes hammered Wilno (Vilna) in softening-up attacks, breaking back disorganized German resistance, Gen. Ivan Bagration's First Baltic Army pressed up the valley of the western Dnieper, toward Danzavill (Dvinsk), key rail junction in southeastern Latvia, while the 2nd and 3rd Belorussian armies, Third White Russian Army made fast progress toward Wilno and Kaunas.

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(The Berlin radio acknowledged that the Soviet advance is accepted as fact, a considerable number of German forces suddenly found themselves in the rear of the Soviet line.)

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FINE RAILWAY This is one of Europe's best rail- ways and its highly important to Nazis as German hopes of holding the Baltic or eastern Poland.

At other tracks, it is extremely difficult.

The factor which the Red Army is exerting the most pressure toward the route is through the lake- district country between Wilno and Danzavill, the southern route of this advance carrying westward to- ward the latter city from Poland, which fell yesterday.

It was believed in London that cutting of the railway would seriously affect the supplies, maintenance and retreat of the German 16th and 18th armies in a position which probably forcing them to retire to East Prussia or face entrapment.

The Wilno-Kaunas bridge is the key to the Baltic.

Wilno, which is the key to the Baltic, stands astride the Wilno-Kaunas railway, while Kaunas is an important junction on the route from East Prussia. The cities are 40 miles apart.

Home Is Broken Up By Tragedy

ARMONK, N. Y.—The two-ton woman child of a divorcee man was found dead in her room here yesterday. Her mother, Mrs. Helen M. Armonk, 40, was found unconscious beside the body.

Police Chief John Heragan Identified the mother as Mrs. Helen M. Armonk, 40, who lives at 100th Street, Astoria, N. Y.

Heragan said that the child, three years old, had been strangled in her room.

District Attorney Robert T. Gal- lagher said the case is being handled in the name of a joint investigation by police and his office.

Reports Caen Houses Levelled

LONDON (AP)—A U. S. Third Army report says that Caen, France, has been levelled by the advance of the American First Army.

Uncle Sam Has His Eye On It—Photo above is a view of the N. S.-owned Island of Guam, seized by Japs on Dec. 13, 1941, now high on Uncle Sam's "priority" for recapture.

Nazis Quit Polish City

LONDON (AP)—The German Command announced today the evacuation of the old Polish city of Brest, 122 miles southeast of Warsaw and west of the Polish capital, and the whole bitterly contested salient around it "in order to shorten the front."

A Berlin commentary said that the White Russians to the north, the Soviets to the east and the Italians to the south, are in a position to attack the German front.

At midday, the Russians announced the capture of Polotsk and nearby cities, including Dubovka, eight miles from a river which runs through the city.

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Last Leg Of Shuttle Raid Is Completed

Fly From Italy Back To Britain

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
LONDON (AP)—American Flying Fortresses completed a shuttle bombing tour of Hitler's Europe today by bombing French rail yards on the last leg of a Britain-Russia-Italy-Britain circuit while other U. S. bombers assailed the naval base of Toulon where the French fleet lies scattered.

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Troops Enter Nazi Western Flank Anchor

Junction Town's Rail Station Seized; Caen Front Fight Violent

By WES GALLAGHER
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (AP)—Doughboys fought hand-to-hand today through the streets of La Haye Du Puits, German anchor on their western flank in France, after seizing the railway station 300 yards from the heart of that important junction town.

Fierce fighting raged at both ends of the Nor- mandy battlefront as Supreme Headquarters disclosed that more than 58 French cities, towns, and villages had been liberated in the first month of the invasion.

Resides battering into La Haye Du Puits, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's men scored advances of more than two miles along the entire front near the town, six miles inland from the western coast. A field dispatch said the railway station fell shortly after 9 A. M.

The Germans counter-attacked with infantry and tanks, throwing in giant Tiger tanks for the first time on the U. S. sector in Normandy in a vain effort to save the town, the dispatch added.

Violent fighting flared also at the eastern end of the front near Caen. Field Marshal Erwin Rommel attacked heavily against the lower tip of the British wedge southwest of Caen, seeking to break through the Allied line, and Canadian troops were forced back in the battle for Carpiquet in a fiercely fought day.

The Germans held all but the northern bastions of the airfield after counter-attacking with 80 to 100 tanks, a field dispatch said, and the Canadians withdrew a few hundred yards. But the Canadians consolidated their hold on the town of Carpiquet itself, three miles from Caen and one of the fortress points guarding that bomb-blasted city of 61,000 population.

The Americans closed in on La Haye from three sides. The Germans resisted bitterly on the Cherbourg Peninsula front, and little progress was made in the swampy country further east from St. Jores to Carentan.

The doughboys drive on the peninsula had freed seven- teen Carpentier-Ferret road, and in hours before the final assault that broke into the highway center.

Today's morning communiqué said the Americans had gained from a half-mile to two and one-half miles through swampy, canal-crossed country.

The long-quiet Carpentier sector erupted into bloody fighting when the Americans launched an attack down the Carpentier-Ferret road. The doughboys advanced half a mile in an attack starting at noon yesterday.

Each foot of the advance had to be covered with artillery. Swamps and canals channeled the fighting to the narrow area along the road.

On the Carpentier-Tilly-Sur-Seules sector of the front there was only patrol activity.

East of Gavrus at the butt of the Odon River bridge- head the Germans launched a night counterattack, but it was smashed by Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery's big gun batteries. Another similar attack to the south three hours later also was smashed.

The Germans have lost a large number of men killed and considerable numbers of tanks, the Allied Supreme Command said in describing the repulse of a long series of German counterattacks.

The British advance which captured Verdon, two miles below Carpiquet and four miles southwest of the latter town, was met by German tanks. Digging tanks in to the turret is a device the Germans used with considerable success in Russia and at Caen in Italy during the past month.

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