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YANKS SWEEP INTO BRITTANY

REDS DRIVING ON FLAMING WARSAW

OLD GLORY FLIES AGAIN ON GUAM—Eight minutes after U. S. Marines hit the beach at Guam, Old Glory flew again for the first time since the days seized the American base on Dec. 10, 1941. Planting the flag on the beach under enemy fire are Marine Captains Paul B. O'Neal of Brighton, Mass., and Milton F. Thompson of Upper Montclair, N. J. The flag was hooked to a boat hook which was used for the mast. U. S. Marine Corps photo.

Nazis Put Pole City To Torch

East Prussia Advance Made

LONDON — (AP) — Marshal Stalin announced tonight the capture of Kaunas, old capital of Lithuania.

LONDON—(AP)— Warsaw was reported in flames tonight as Russian masses pressed upon its northeast suburbs behind a deluge of shells and bombs.

Farther north, other Red Army forces forced the Nazi defenders of East Prussia back along a 145-mile front to within 11.8 miles of the pre-war frontier of that cradle of German militarism.

Billows of black smoke were reported rolling from the ancient Polish capital, indicating the Germans were putting it to the torch in preparation for evacuation. Moscow said Warsaw was under siege, that three columns were assaulting Praga, the eastern industrial suburb across the broad and swift Vistula River.

GUNS FIRE

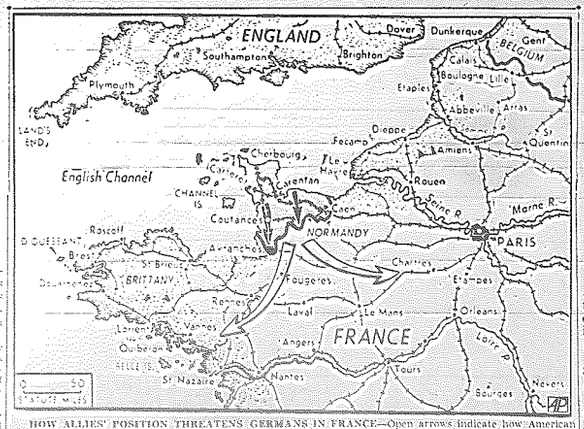
Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's First White Russian Army group was reported firing heavy guns over open sights at the besieged German Warsaw garrison. The German High Command said the Vistula had been bridged by the Russians in the bend southeast of the city.

Polish Underground reports said 25,000 German civilians already had evacuated Warsaw, leaving only the army and Gestapo.

The 37-year-old Jewish general, Ivan D. Chernikovsky, pressed his drive upon East Prussia in the directions of the five-way road junction of Insterburg, 55 miles in the west, and on Lyck, 56 miles southeast of Insterburg and twenty miles from Russian vanguards. His spearheads were reported 48 miles east of Tilsit, 75 miles from Memel and 105 miles from the East Prussian capital of Koenigsberg, whose 368,433 population make it Germany's eighteenth largest city.

Tanks and Tommy-gunners supported by motorized infantry drove along a road to Riga, the Latvian seaport capital of 393,211, from a position 21 miles away. The drive threatened to split up 58 German divisions (perhaps 350,000 men) into north and south Baltic zones, and thus, perhaps tens of thousands behind Russian lines.

A Berlin broadcast said Russian armies in the north had been driven back twelve miles in the Siauliai area, ending the pressure. The Germans also claimed success for a counterthrust away from Tukkum.



HOW ALLIES' POSITION THREATENS GERMANS IN FRANCE—Open arrows indicate how American end of Allied line in France might swing southwestward to chop off Brest peninsula or swing eastward around Germans toward Paris. Shaded area is territory now in Allied hands. Solid arrows indicate current Allied drives. U. S. armored and doughboy columns raced 16 miles in 24 hours to reach Avranches and break out of the Cherbourg peninsula into France. (AP Wirephoto).

U. S. Legions Keep Up Big Coast Drive

British-American Spearhead Approaches Key City Of Vire

By GLADWIN HILL

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE—(AP)—American doughboys and tanks ramming into Brittany seized two key dams 10 miles southeast of fallen Avranches today while a swift British-American force advanced to within five miles of Vire, important communications center.

Capture of the dams carried the Yanks across the Selune River east of Avranches, on the See River, the Americans seized Brecey.

The total of German prisoners for the eight-day campaign rose to 18,587.

Tonight the Americans were driving back the Germans without pause in the coastal corridor of the western offensive.

Canadians burst forth with new fighting on the Paris-pointed east flank of the advance line.

The biggest offensive of the invasion hurtled into its second week with augmented power. The Germans' Trans-Normandy line was smashed in a dozen places. Disorganized Nazis yielded themselves as prisoners in droves.

Fighter-escorted American columns pushed south of Avranches across the Selune River, the Normandy-Brittany boundary line four and a half miles to Pontaubault and beyond and ran through Ducey, six miles below Avranches.

The lieutenant headed for Vire was only five miles away from that key communications center. On the way the column captured Le Beny Bocage. German hill strongholds eight miles north of Vire.

Behind the drive from Avranches in the corridor between the Vire River and the sea another American column swept south through German resistance at Villedieu and other forces drove the enemy back in the streets of Percy, to which the Germans had been clinging desperately for two days.

The British enlarged their bridgehead over the Souleuvre River in a width of half a mile and the Eveque Forest and the village of La Ferriere were in Allied hands. In the British sector east of Caumont German tanks were made in the area of St. Germain Perriel.

The Germans' whole 80-mile front appeared shattered and their disorganized legions were surrendering in disconsolate droves.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's tank advance beyond Avranches puts the Americans in position to strike

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Four Stars For Stilwell

Key Dams Taken In Yank Advance

By WES GALLAGHER

GAVRAY, France—(AP)—American infantry today captured Brecey on the See River and pushed 10 miles southeast of Avranches to capture two key dams on the Selune River.

The total of prisoners of war captured in the present offensive mounted to 18,587.

Brecey is nine miles east of Avranches.

Allied officers said seven enemy divisions have been decimated since D-Day to the point where it will be impossible to reconstruct them. Others have been badly mauled.

The Germans launched a three-divisional counter-attack east of the Vire River on Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's left flank and slowed up the advance temporarily, taking Tessy-Sur-Vire, but late reports showed the counter-attack had been thrown back and the Germans were in retreat from Tessy.

STILWELL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Roosevelt today nominated Lt. Gen. Joseph Warren Stilwell, American commander of Chinese forces in Burma, to be a full general in the Army of the United States.

The proposed promotion, raising Stilwell to a rank held by Gen. George C. Marshall, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Gen. Henry H. Arnold, suggested the probability of new and more important work for Stilwell in the Burma-China area.

UNDER CHIANG

In the American military organization, he holds the assignment of commanding general of U. S. Army Forces in the Burma-China theater. He also holds a top-flight position under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek of China and has certain staff duties under the Allied Commander-in-Chief in Southeast Asia, Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Authorities here would not be surprised if Stilwell's promotion as recommended to the Senate today by the President foreshadowed an intensification of Allied war effort in the Southeast Asia area, particularly by strengthening the organization of Chinese Armies. The problems in this connection are two-fold: Initially, how to keep a maximum amount of supplies flowing into China by air while creating a land route through Burma which must serve until such time as the naval forces driving across the Pacific from Guam and New Guinea can open a China seaport on the Asiatic mainland.

Secondly, it is to bring about the full training, and, so far as necessary, the reorganization of Chinese military forces into a powerful combat team.

One of the main concerns of the Allied war leaders here has been how to use China's vast manpower resources in finally crushing the Japanese.

Gale Blows Off Coast

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — A tropical storm of gale force swirled off the Atlantic coast today, offering its greatest threat to parts of North and South Carolina.

In a 1 P. M. bulletin, the Weather Bureau placed the center of the disturbance about 200 miles southeast of Charleston, S. C.

A slackening in the forward motion might indicate a change in course, observers said, but they advised caution along the coastline where storm warnings were up—from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, to Brunswick, Ga.

The bulletin, issued for press and radio, said:

"Reports available up to noon on the tropical storm indicate that it was central at that time about 200 miles southeast of Charleston, moving northwestward or north northwestward at an estimated rate of twelve to fifteen miles per hour.

"This is a relatively small storm and attended by gale winds estimated at 50 to 60 miles per hour near and to east and north of the center.

"So far no winds of hurricane force have been reported.

"The forward movement has apparently slowed down somewhat, which may indicate a later change in direction.

"Unless present reports certainties it offers the greatest threat to the southeastern coast of South Carolina and also North Carolina coast south of Cape Hatteras.

"The threat south of Charleston seems to be diminished. However, residents should be continued from Cape Hatteras to Brunswick.

"Small craft on usual regular advisory about 5 P. M."

Draft Orders Go To States

WASHINGTON—(AP)—State draft directors have been ordered to resume drafting men over 25 who are making no contributions to the war effort.

The order Selective Service officials said today, took the form of a letter from Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey directing them to conform to the national policy.

This policy permits deferment of men 26 through 29 only if they are necessary men in essential industry and men 30 and over only if they are making a substantial contribution to the war.

The state directors simplified this policy by ordering a "skip-day" so all men over 25, regardless of jobs, Hershey's letter said, ensured time now has elapsed since the policy was announced in May to make it clear to all local boards.

Hershey also asked for a review of all 1-A's—those subject to induction—in order to remove from that class the older registrants whose jobs entitle them to deferments. Some local boards have been slow in placing these men in occupationally deferred classes, it was said.

French Patriots Keep Nazis Busy

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE — (AP) — French patriots providing "a constant threat to the enemy rear" have forced the Germans to employ considerable strength of artillery, planes and parachute troops for repressive measures, a communique from Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters said today.

Splitted brushes in widely scattered sections of occupied France were reported along with considerable attacks on railways which enabled Allied fliers to destroy several trains carrying troops, gasoline and munitions.

A 36-hour battle in southwest France at Velcors in which the Maquis repelled nineteen attacks was reported. Other successful defense against German thrusts were reported in Dordogne, the Haute Vienne, Indre and Loir-et-Cher.

Airfields Are Bombed

LONDON — (AP) — Up to 1,700 American planes, 700 of them heavy bombers, attacked German airfields south of Paris today.

Other installations near the French capital and in central France were bombed and strafed along with three airfields in the massive attacks marking the United States Army Air Force's 37th anniversary.

British Typhoons deluged quarters suspected of housing German headquarters in Le Beny Bocage and Auney with some 30 tons of bombs yesterday. It was in attacks such as this that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, German ground commander, recently was reported either killed or wounded seriously. Another German army commander was previously killed in such an attack.

The Flying Fortresses and Liberators were escorted by about 1,050 Mustangs, Lightnings and Thunderbolts. They attacked airfields at Chateaudin and Orleans-Bricy, southwest of Paris and at Melun, southeast of the capital.

WEATHER CLEAR

For a change, the bombers found weather sufficiently clear for visual bombing. The preliminary announcement described the other objectives as "military targets throughout central France and in the Paris area."

British heavy bombers, stepping up the campaign to wipe out the German flying bomb menace, struck last evening and again last night at two widely separated robot supply depots and a number of launching sites in northern France.

Before dark Lancasters and Halifaxes attacked one depot, ten miles southeast of Rouen, and another in the Pas de Calais area while continuing to bombard platforms from which the "doodlebugs" are launched. Flying bombs fell intermittently in southern England last night and today.

Japs On Guam Now In Tight Squeeze

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor — (AP) — American soldiers and Marines, sweeping swiftly across Southern Guam and through the capital town of Agana, today squeezed the Japanese tighter in the island's northern half, there to be pounded mercilessly from the air, ground and sea.

On Tinian, 120 miles north of Guam, the battered remnants of the enemy force huddled in a small pocket near the island's southern end with no hope of escape. Marines on Tinian opened an assault Sunday on what Admiral Chester W. Nimitz termed the "last enemy defenses".

WORST OVER ON GUAM

With Tinian's conquest near, a Nimitz spokesman said also that the worst is over on Guam — most of the difficult fighting is behind the Americans."

The American line on Guam Sunday night extended from a point on Agana Bay, a mile north of the central west coast town of Agana, across the island's five-mile waist to

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Nazis Hurry To Ankara

ANKARA — (AP) — The overnight express train from Istanbul arrived here this morning packed with "Germans and their families."

A special plane was loaded at Istanbul yesterday with another group of Germans hastening inland to Ankara, the capital, before the meeting of the National Assembly Wednesday when it is commonly expected that the Turks will announce a break in relations with Germany.

"This dispatch, which passed through Turkish censorship, did not bring out why German nationals in Istanbul, on the Marmora Sea only 90 miles from Bulgaria, would choose to flee the 220 miles southeastward to Ankara rather than to the Balkans. However at least a few of them probably would prefer internment by the Turks to a return to their war-ravaged homeland. The Germans may expect the Istanbul sector to become a war zone and wish to avoid being held there. Friends diplomatic establishments in Ankara perhaps would provide a haven for some.)

Istanbul newspapers announced that blackouts would begin along Turkey's Black Sea and Mediterranean coasts Thursday.

Industrial Suburb Of Warsaw Attacked

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MOSCOW — (AP) — Driving from three directions under hundreds of Red-starred planes, Russian and Polish troops today attacked Praga, industrial suburb of Warsaw across the Vistula River east of the capital.

Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky, himself of Polish descent, personally directed the Red Army's mammoth assault on the metropolitan area of the Polish capital of 1,265,700 from an advanced headquarters.

One of the greatest artillery concentrations of the entire Eastern front zipped into German entrenchments on the edge of Praga

FLANK THREATS

Warsaw, first United Nations

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Donald Nelson Says:

Although waste paper receipts have been increased by nearly 100,000 tons a month, we are still short 79,000 tons a month.

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U. S. Drive May Cut Off Brest Peninsula

By JAMES M. LONG

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE,—(AP)—The American breakthrough which covered 40 miles in seven days to Avaranches and turned the Battle of Normandy into a fight for France has put Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's armor in a position where a wedge of 40 to 50 more miles virtually could cut off the Brest Peninsula.

There is no way of telling whether this course is any more likely a part of Allied strategy than any other, but it represents one more threat to Field Marshal Guenther Von Kluge's defenses and spreads them that much thinner along an arc where the Allies may pick their spot and punch at will.

Except for road and secondary rail lines into the Brest Peninsula along the south coast the whole communications network into Brittany from interior France funnels through Laval, Vitre and Rennes.

Vitre is 40 miles due south of Avranches and Rennes is just over 50 miles south and slightly west. The country between Avranches and these two cities is more fa-

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Refund Of Excess Tax Is Speeded

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Internal Revenue Bureau said today more than 3,000,000 of the 18,000,000 persons entitled to 1943 income tax refunds have received their checks. The remaining 15,000,000 are being repaid at a rate exceeding 200,000 a week.

Gen. Twining Warns German Force Strong

By NOLAND NORGAARD

ROME — (AP) — Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commander of the 15th Air Force, warned American airmen in the Mediterranean theater today that the German Air Force was dangerously desperate and must be given no chance to recover from their steady hammering.

In a message marking the 37th anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Air Force, Twining told his men they could multiply the enemy's air power by relentless pounding at the enemy's industrial centers.

"Our enemies are desperate and in preservation there is often hidden strength," he said. "No opportunity must be given them to recover."

Mediterranean Air Force planes had just dealt another blow at German oil supplies and communications and knocked down 39 more enemy planes. Ten Allied planes were missing.

Thirty enemy planes were knocked down in yesterday's Liberator and Fortress raids on the Moravska oil storage depot at Bucharest, where smoke from blazing oil rose 15,000 feet.

Finn President Reported Out

LONDON — (AP) — President Risto Ryti of Finland was reported in a Reuters dispatch from Stockholm today to have resigned.

The dispatch, quoting reliable reports from Helsinki, said the new President was Premier Edwin Linkomies.

Gerald K. Smith Is Assailed By Dewey

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — (AP) — Gov. Thomas E. Dewey charged Gerald L. K. Smith, head of the America First, Inc., today with a "sinister effort" to smear Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, the GOP vice-Presidential nominee.

Commenting on the action of the America First group in nominating Bricker as a running mate for Smith, its Presidential candidate, Dewey said at a press conference:

Gerald Smith is one of those rabble rousers who, like Adolf Hitler, makes racial prejudices his stock in trade.

"His contemptible attempt to associate himself with Gov. Bricker is a sinister effort to smear the Republican candidate for Vice-President."

Bricker previously had repudiated the America First action, asserting in Ohio he knew nothing about the matter.

Dewey said he thought that Bricker, scheduled to arrive in St. Louis this afternoon, would speak in a forthright and unmistakable way about the unsought endorsement.

WEATHER

Scattered showers and thundershowers tonight and tomorrow, with moderate temperature.

Today's Temperatures	
7:30 P. M.	75
Sunset Today	8:26
Sunrise Tomorrow	6:33

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 7.