

RUSSIAN LINES CUMULATING IN DRIVE IN SOUTH

Drives Against Roof Of Hitler Alps Redoubt

U. S. First And Ninth Armies Await
Junction With Russian Forces

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS — (AP) — Lt. Gen. George Patton's Third Army slammed down 28 miles against the roof of Hitler's Bavarian Redoubt today, joining the general offensive in the south which burst through the enemy's Danube River line within 50 miles of Munich.

In the north, the British opened the final onslaught against Bremen and the American First and Ninth Armies anxiously awaited a junction with the Russians — expected momentarily.

The First Army captured Dusseldorf (120,000), 50 miles southwest of beleaguered Berlin, along with 21,378 prisoners. The fall of Dusseldorf left only fourteen German cities under the Red Army.

SECURITY BLACKOUT

Patton imposed a security blackout soon after his Third Army captured two bridgeheads across the Naab River, a tributary of the Danube, northwest of Regensburg. Blackouts in the past have checked breakthroughs of transcendent importance.

Resistance stiffened late in the day, however, as Third Army troops started encircling hundreds of scattered SS troops, possibly garrison forces of the redoubt.

Patton's new offensive carried within 125 miles of Barching and within 25 of the Danubian city of Regensburg. His troops reached within 125 miles of the Austrian stronghold of Linz in a swift advance which severed many of the routes between the redoubt and the Pilsen-Prague mountain area — Hitler's last known arsenal of arms.

The Third Army operated on the left of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army, which closed up to the Danube to within 50 miles of Munich and 110 of the Brenner Pass. The French on the right cut the highway between the western edge of the redoubt, and closed up to the Swiss border behind a 1,000-square-mile death trap sprung in the Black Forest.

Stuttgart and Freiburg, two of Hitler's last major cities, fell to the Third Army. The Seventh Army Group. The Seventh Army Group.

Two-Minute

News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Front

In the west, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower has launched a general offensive against Adolf Hitler's last, best-drawn defense in the Bavarian Alps. The American Third Army has slammed down 28 miles against the roof of the enemy's Danube River line to within 50 miles of Munich.

Further north, the American First Army has captured Dusseldorf, 50 miles southwest of beleaguered Berlin. More than 21,000 prisoners were taken.

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Berlin

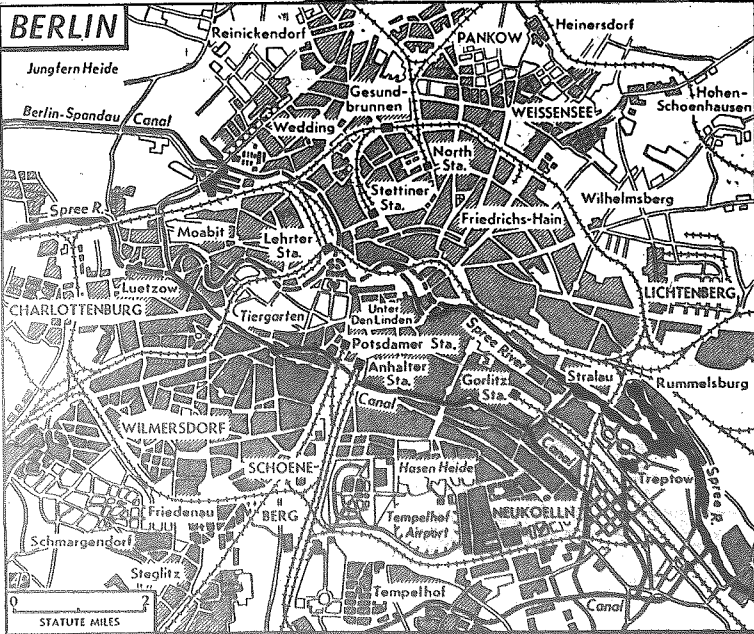
Marshall Stalin has proclaimed the entry of Russian troops into Berlin proper. The capture of four suburban strongholds on the northwest, north, east and southeast of the capital also is disclosed. Stalin said Marshal Zhukov's First White Russian Army has advanced from 12 to 52 miles from the

starting points of the Berlin drive. Earlier, front dispatches said the Red Army is in position to smash the five-quarter of Greater Berlin. The Moscow radio says that the German defense of the city, Soviet plans are said to have shot down four days in the combat during the past four days.

Premier Stalin also has announced the fall of Frankfurt-Oder. The Red Army is in drive on Berlin.

Italy

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BATTLE OF BERLIN—Russian troops were reported tearing at the center of Berlin today. The Paris radio said Red troops had reached Unter Den Linden, the German capital's main thoroughfare. The Swiss radio reported the Soviets were fighting for the great Anhalter railway station, and that the station was burning. Farther southwest, other Red forces were reported in the Neukölln district. Russian official reports were more conservative, but said that from one-fifth to one-fourth of the metropolitan area was in Soviet hands.

Allies Reach Po River

ROME — (AP) — Allied forces of the Western Army have smashed to the River Po at several undeveloped locations. It was announced tonight.

The swift lunge across the Po plain—littered with wreckage of 1,100 Nazi vehicles destroyed or damaged by Allied planes yesterday—carried 35 miles north and northwest of full-blown Allied headquarters said, but it did not specify points reached.

British Eighth Army forces headed Ferrara, 3 1/2 miles from the Po and 20 northeast of Bologna, from positions as close as 1 1/2 miles away.

The Fifth Army now was 120 miles across the forbidding Alps and the eastern end of Switzerland. The British Eighth Army, from French troops at the west end of Lake Constance, and 200 miles across the Danube and striking toward Munich.

The Brenner Pass lay 100 miles ahead.

German forces fled northward, perhaps attracted by a rumor on the Po. But Allied planes in a long-range sweep of the enemy's mainland island of Honshu and a carrier-attack force on the Northern Ryukyus.

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Russian Entry Proclaimed By Marshal Stalin

Fall Of Frankfurt Also Announced
As Reds Battle Through Capital

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

LONDON — (AP) — Marshal Stalin proclaiming Russian entry into Berlin, announced today the fall of Frankfurt on the Oder and said Red Army troops were within four miles of the heart of the embattled German capital.

Stalin in an order of the day directed to 59 generals and 50 other officers said Red Army troops had smashed the German capital's defenses and captured Pankow, Oranienburg, Copenick, Friedrichsfelde—suburban communities on the northwest, north, east and southeast of Berlin.

In addition the order said Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army troops captured Birkenwerder and Henningsdorf—the later on the west bank of the Havel River and four miles from Lake Tegel on the northwest fringe of the capital. Wandlitz and Karlshof also fell to the advancing Russians.

All but surrounded

Red Army troops held a tight grip on one-fifth to one-fourth of Greater Berlin and bored in from three sides toward the heart of the blazing capital now blanketed by shellfire and all but surrounded.

Moscow dispatches said Red banners fluttered from battlements and smoking buildings in the capital and that Soviet storm units appeared to be only a few miles from the Wilhelmstrasse and from Unter Den Linden and Tiergarten in the heart of the city.

There was only one way out of Berlin—westward by way of Spandau—and unconfirmed reports said this escape corridor now was narrowed to little more than five miles.

To the south other Russian forces were within 10 miles or less of a junction with their American allies.

The German High Command, declaring that "the battle for the Reich capital has blazed up in full fury," claimed that the railroad station in Copenick, one of Berlin's main southern suburbs and 10 miles from the center of the city, had been recaptured.

The communique said fighting was raging through Beelitz, Trebbin, Teltow and Hahnewitz, a string of southern suburbs.

Answer To Rumors Say Hitler Will Remain In Berlin

LONDON — (AP) — Adolf Hitler is in Berlin and has decided to remain there, the Hamburg radio said today in a broadcast directed at Berlin residents in an attempt to convince them the invaded capital would not fall.

Both the tone and wording of the announcement made it clear that rumors were sweeping the Reich that the Fuehrer was in flight.

The broadcast said the announcement was made to what was described as "radioactive rumors by which the enemy is attempting to undermine the morale of the German people."

Propaganda Minister Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels is also in the capital, the broadcast said. He conceded that the fall of Berlin would virtually mean the end of the war.

"There are two bastions which we cannot and will not cede," Goebbels was quoted as saying. "The Reichstag and the city of Berlin."

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Mecklenburg Casualties

KILLED
Lt. Lester S. Smith
Pvt. Ralph W. McLean Jr.
WOUNDED
Major William Alfred Edwards
Pvt. Joe Smith
Pvt. Daniel J. Brown
Sgt. Howard C. Smith
Pvt. Allen J. Brown

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Yanks Gain Slowly

Land-Air Attacks Rage On Okinawa

By AL DORPING

GUAM — (AP) — Japanese troops, infiltrating heavily under cover of darkness, this morning recaptured Kakazu town on Western Okinawa. It had been taken by the U. S. 27th Division in the invasion campaign which has cost the enemy 11,738 troops since April 1.

One officer described the drive south as "damning" slow and not cheap.

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Delegates Gathering

By J. W. DAVIS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The United States would retain control of strategic Pacific bases after the war under a compromise trusteeship plan reported under study for presentation to the United Nations Conference.

This subject, together with a proposal for a "community of the Pacific" patterned after the Pan-American Union, shared pre-conference interest, with the long-troublesome Polish question, currently a Big Three topic in Washington.

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Ready For The Jump-Off

Granny Sharpe, Ex-Davidson Star, May Meet Russians First

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