

MULHOUSE, METZ & ESCHWEILER CAPTURED BY ALLIED TROOPS

Reds Drive Closer To Rail Hubs

Move On Hatvan And Miskoic

LONDON—(AP)—The Red Army drive for control of Northeastern Hungary's rail network has captured Verpel, eight miles southwest of Eger and is edging closer to the strategic rail junctions of Miskoic and Hatvan, Moscow advisers said today.

Still another threat to the Germans in that general sector was seen in a Berlin announcement that the Russian had uncovered a fresh push in Czechoslovakia southwest of Olomouc, 75 miles northeast of Miskoic. The Nazis had sent seven to eight Soviet divisions had shown several days in German defenses between the line and Latorra River.

A Moscow communiqué said German forces pocketed in southwest Latvia had made 40 km counterattacks in a single day before the Red Army's attack. The Russians had been a major offensive Sunday.

ISLAND CLEAR

The Russians, however, did announce the virtual clearance of the Baltic Island of Saaremaa, guarding the entrance to the Gulf of Riga.

In addition to Verpel the Red Army seized four strongly defended villages in Hungary. Russian troops have been ordered to the outskirts of both Eger and Miskoic. Raids have hindered the Russian advance toward Szeged.

Six hundred Germans and Hungarians were reported killed at Verpel. From Nov. 18 to Nov. 20 the Russians captured 4,220 Germans and Hungarian soldiers, including the local Soviet Nov. 18 to 19,200 the Russians announced.

There was no news on the German line of the Red Army's push south and westward of the capital.

Nazi Headquarters Destroyed By Typhoons

LONDON—(AP)—RAF typhoons hitting one of the main German command centers destroyed a German Army Headquarters today about 10 miles beyond Berlin forward command center.

Remaining German units in the headquarters building were reported destroyed and the city of Berlin returned to the city.

Two-Minute News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Allied armies have scored spectacular gains in the area of the most concentrated enemy resistance along the Moselle River in Germany. The United States Army of the First Army, which captured Metz, is now driving toward the city of Saarbrücken, 25 miles from the city. The city of Saarbrücken is a major industrial center and a key rail hub. The city is being shelled by Allied artillery. The city is being shelled by Allied artillery.

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Report On Raid

B-29's Meet Japs In Enemy Skies

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A communiqué said today it was the first time Japanese aircraft had succeeded in hitting a B-29. The communiqué said that the B-29s had been hit by enemy fighters. The B-29s had been hit by enemy fighters.

OWI Speculation

Nazi Report Hints Death Of Hitler

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Office of War Information distributed the following today:

A German press dispatch describing a recent oath-taking ceremony by German Volkssturm cadres in the Cathedral Square of Magdeburg included this statement:

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Yanks Hack At Defenses Of Limon

Japs Determined To Hold City

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES—(AP)—American infantrymen hacked away at Limon's defenses today in the face of an evident Japanese intention to hold its positions at almost any cost.

Fresh units of the 32nd Division had relieved to some extent the pressure on the garrison and the 24th Infantry, which has carried the weight of the entire Leyte battle, and which yesterday smashed back a strong enemy attack on a road block across the Olongapo highway.

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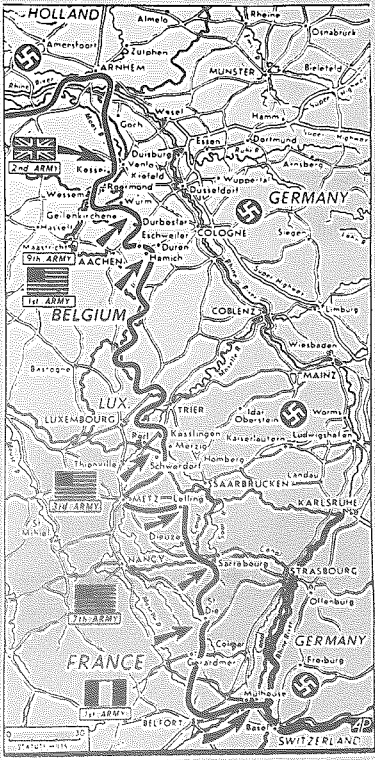
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WEATHER	
Clear to partly cloudy and rather cool this afternoon and tonight, with lowest temperatures falling to 32-34; partly cloudy and moderately cool tomorrow.	
Temperature at 8:30 today	61
High—Last 24 hours	61
Low—Last 24 hours	41
Sunrise Tomorrow	6:08
Sunset Tomorrow	4:08