

MULHOUSE, METZ & ESCHWEILER CAPTURED BY ALLIED ARMIES

Reds Drive
Closer To
Rail Hubs

Move On Hatvan
And Miskioic

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 Miskioic and Hatvan, Moscow advices today.

Still another threat to the Germans in that general sector was seen in a Berlin announcement that the Russians had undertaken a fresh push in Czechoslovakia southeast of Ustava, 53 miles northeast of Miskioic. The Nazis report seven days ago Soviet divisions had seized several German-held towns in German defenses between the Tisza and Latzna Rivers.

A Moscow communiqué said German troops based in northern Latvia had made 40,000 counter-attacks in a single day before Jelgava, Lettonian tanks, but the announcement did not mention Berlin's position in that region. Berlin's position in the Soviet zone of occupation had begun a major offensive Sunday.

LAND CAPTURED.

The Russians, however, did announce the virtual clearance of the Baltic Islands of Saare, Osel, and Saaremaa, the entrance to the Gulf of Finland.

In addition to Verpel the Red Army seized four smaller settlements, villages in Hungary, Russian troops have cleared the approaches of both Verpel and Miskioic. Railways hindered the Russian advance, Moscow said. Six hundred Germans and Hungarian were killed in the fighting at Verpel. From Nov. 14 to Nov. 20 the Russians captured 4,200 German and Hungarian prisoners, 1,000 of whom were taken Nov. 5 to 13. The Russians announced.

There was no new word on the continuing scour of Russia from points south and westward of the capital.

**Nazi Headquarters
Destroyed By Typhoon.**

LONDON.—(AP)—Bombers of the R.A.F. typhoon, moving out of long-hanging clouds, smashed enemy defenses and destroyed a Nazi headquarters in the Paris suburb of Neuilly. The British said they had sent a force of about 1,000 men to Neuilly, where the British had returned to base.

Bombing planes said the headquarters building, with a front of about 100 feet, was a "good" target and one Air Typhoon returned to base.

The British Radio version stated:

"A blanketed assault was in-

Two-Minute

News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Allied armies have scored substantial gains from Berlin. However, spectacular gains in the area of the most concentrated enemy resistance along the frontier to Central Europe have been limited by the seizure of Eschweiler, Eschweiler, a key defense point on the Cologne-Luxembourg line, has been captured. The American Ninth Army, the American forces in the area, has been capturing in the area of Eschweiler, 28 miles from the Rhine at Cologne, on the way to Aachen. The British, French, and Americans are advancing toward Metz.

To the south, the whole German Nineteenth Army, of about 100,000 men, is advancing rapidly toward the French-Alsace border. The French, after capturing Mulhouse, a part of the staff of the Nineteenth Army, together with 1,000 prisoners, has been captured.

The fall of Metz has been announced officially as Allied armies sweep through the border. The French, who had been fighting with British and American troops, are advancing toward the south, west of Strasbourg. The United States Seventh Army is within 23 miles of Strasbourg.

Air Warfare.

American bombers, based in Italy, have targets in Munich and railroads at Salzburg, 20 miles to the southeast.

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Report On Raid

B-29's Meet Japs In Enemy Skies

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Super-Fortresses plunging into probably their greatest air battle over the Japanese homeland yesterday lost two, and possibly three, of their number to enemy fighter planes.

A communiqué said today it was the first time Japanese armed forces succeeded in shooting down two of the 20th Bomber Command last June 29.

JAPS DOWNED.

Twenty-four American fighters engaged two, probably lost, and 22 others damaged in the intense pre-emptive strike by large Japanese forces.

Twenty-four of the B-29s were shot down or damaged over Russia and China as a result of the Super Fortress' Tokyo operation. The Japanese, however, claimed no damage and Japanese losses.

None of our planes was lost at the two secondary targets, targets of opportunity. American and Chinese communiques explained whether Japanese forces forced partial diversion of the assault on Kyushu. However, India's communiques show that the Japanese armament division was still intact yesterday.

The Japanese also claimed they had engaged the Super Fortresses in which the Super Fortresses have been engaged.

The largest loss of the aerial armament came when an American in official communiques was lost on Aug. 20 when "radios failed" and he became separated from his formation.

Two other planes were damaged by anti-aircraft fire.

General MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPINES.—(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 2nd Division had relieved to some extent the pressure on the gaunt and battle-worn 22nd Infantry, which has carried on the fight for the wire entanglements and which yesterday smashed back another strong enemy attack on a road block across the Orme highway.

The 22nd Division, comprising Limon's Japanese strength, stood ready to steady pressure and Nipponese installations were being put out of commission by hand.

It was not yet available as yet for the 2nd, holding the storm-tossed slope positions to which it had been forced to fall.

SARLÉE STAND.

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