

YANKS REPORT BREAKTHROUGH IN FRANCE

Florence Area Occupied By Eighth Army

Germans Pressed Back Against Arno River On Both Sides of City

By NOELAND NORGARD
ROME—(AP)—Eighth Army troops have completed occupation of the suburbs of Florence south of the Arno River and, hearing down along a 25-mile sector, are pressing the enemy back against the stream on both sides of the city, Allied Headquarters said today.

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, the enemy intends to oppose the crossing of the Arno on both sides of the city which remain in its hands.

All along the south side of the Arno, British, Indian, New Zealand and South African forces crushed the Nazis back and threatened to cut the weakening defenders into small formations.

Two and a half miles east of Florence, a British division pushed through Borgo Azzurro to within 1000 yards of the Arno. There were no reports today indicating aerial fighting within the portions of Florence reached by Eighth Army units, but an Allied spokesman said "it is clear that

Berlin Says Troops In East Prussia

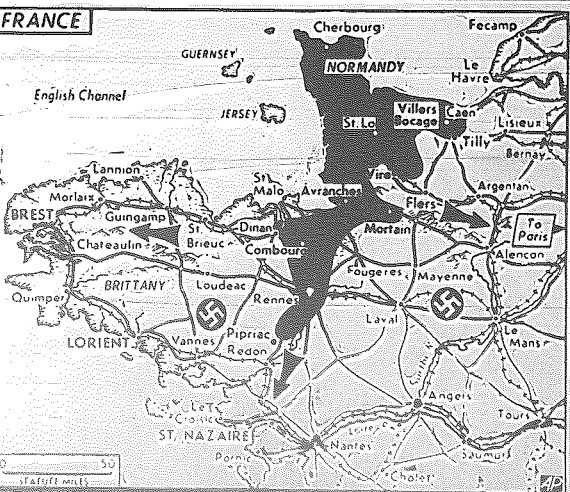
No Confirmation From Moscow

By LEWIS HAWKINS
LONDON—(AP)—Berlin reports indicated today that the Red Army had carried the war to German soil in East Prussia, but there was no solid proof that the Russians had crossed the border.

The Soviet forces appeared to be hiding their time while driving a new wedge toward the Baltic Sea to cut off potentially powerful Nazi forces in upper Lithuania and Latvia.

However, growing masses of Red troops are poised on the eastern flank of East Prussia, and apparently they can cross whenever they choose.

German radio broadcasts in the afternoon reported a Russian breakthrough in the border area at Vindava, a frontier station about 60 miles from East Prussian towns, which now are objectives of Red Army infantry at



ALLIED EXPRESS ROARS OF American forces spread out in many directions as more than half of the Breton Peninsula fell under their control. The Yanks were not far from the ports of Nantes and St. Nazaire. In a westward push, U.S. forces had passed 120,000 and were less than 85 miles from Brest. British forces finally took Villers Bocage in the center of the front after a long and bloody struggle. To the southeast of captured Rennes, the Americans had captured and pushed beyond Fougères and Morlaix.

Pursue Broken Nazi Forces Toward Ports

St. Nazaire And Brest Other Objectives Of Speeding Americans

By GLADWIN HILL
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE—(AP)—Flying columns of American armor and infantry sped across the base of Brittany in pursuit of shattered Nazi remnants to within a few miles of the great ports of St. Nazaire and Nantes today.

Other units storming westward pressed along the peninsula toward the prize transatlantic port of Brest, second largest in France.

The German-controlled Vichy radio said the Americans were within eighteen miles of Nantes in their drive to cut off the peninsula from the rest of France. Early in the day the Germans acknowledged American units had reached Pontivy, half-way to the peninsula and about 75 miles air line from Brest.

CHARY OF DETAILS
Supreme headquarters was chary of details of today's operations, possibly in an effort to keep precise information of the swift Allied movements from the disorganized Germans. There were no reliable reports from correspondents in the field.

Only isolated instances of resistance to the British drive were reported.

A hundred miles to the northwest of the other end of the invasion front, the British were speedily reducing the Germans to the same degree of impotence, driving them back east of the Orne from their last line of defense.

The Americans' proximity to Brest was underscored when more than 100 RAF Halifax bombers packing six-ton "factory-busters" struck the port at noon with the idea of preventing the submarines from escaping to the interior before the direct assault was started.

To the north in Normandy German troops were in a general withdrawal from the whole Odun Valley southwest of Caen. British and Canadian troops there were bringing closer a possible major German retreat to the Seine River 20 miles to the east and the opening of the way to Paris.

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U. S. Has 70,009 Invasion Casualties

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE—(AP)—Allied forces in France have lost a total of 116,148 men killed, wounded or missing, from D-Day, June 6, through July 20, of which 70,009 were Americans, Supreme Headquarters announced today.

United States forces lost 11,550 killed, 32,710 wounded and 6,143 missing.

Included in these figures were the casualties sustained during pre-invasion exercises last April, when E-boats attacked a convoy and killed 120 and wounded 41, with 312 missing.

British losses were 5,646 killed, 27,766 wounded and 6,182 missing. Canadian casualties were 219 killed, 1,384 wounded and 1,272 missing.

Bomb Brest 47 Killed In ACL Wreck In Georgia

LONDON—(AP)—More than 100 RAF Lancaster bombers pelted the submarine pens at Brest today to prevent the Germans from pulling their U-boats out of the port threatened by the American advance.

The RAF thrust was one phase of another great day of Allied aerial assault over Europe under excellent weather conditions.

American Liberators and Flying Fortresses, more than 1,100 strong, swarmed over Germany, attacking targets in Döberberg, Hannover and Brunswick and striking at Nazi oil and aircraft industry.

Roaring ahead of the advancing American troops in Brittany, the RAF heavier bombers dropped their high explosives at the entrance to the submarine pens at Brest, in a smash aimed at burning the U-boats in their pens.

"FACTORY BUSTERS" bombs were dropped by the big planes. The Lancasters also lashed at the German factories in the Channel from England, attacking the robot depot at St. Leu. The bombers also hit the depot near Watten, from which the Germans may attempt to launch a larger offensive. Southern England had a respite from the bombing on early morning.

A third blow by the Lancasters was aimed at the Etaples railroad bridge, on the line running from Amiens into Germany. It is the enemy's most important rail line from the north.

First reports were that approximately 20 persons were injured, but Tomlinson said many of them died in hospitals and that as far as he could learn only about five or six remained under hospitalization.

The agent said a broken rail apparently threw the passenger train No. 57 into the siding on which the freight had pulled. The fireman of the freight, whose name was not learned immediately, was scalded. Tomlinson reported that the crew of the west-bound train was injured, he said.

Rescue work at first was hampered by lack of lightning facilities at the scene, Tomlinson said. Army trucks from Montevideo Field at Valdosta arrived early in the morning and flooded the surrounding terrain with light from their high-powered searchlights.

Tomlinson told of one Negro who, after the wreck, was walking to the highway a few feet away, asked for a cigarette. He was given one.

A hospital car carrying wounded soldiers to Emory General Hospital, another fighting Kelly unit, and left for an Army camp at New Cumberland, Pa.

Also in the Army are five Kelly brothers, six Frank, Duane, George, James and John.

Guam Fight Nears End

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS—Pearl Harbor—(AP)—A steady rain of bombs and rockets from carrier planes on Japanese crowded into the north end of Guam marked the beginning of the end of the invasion today, as American forces viewed the scene from the conquered heights of Mount Mt. Barrigada.

Indicative of the fight still left in the pounded enemy. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Pacific command, which reported capture of Mt. Barrigada, listed only three enemy casualties. Two previous communications had mentioned increased enemy resistance. The carrier planes attacked enemy positions, roads, storehouses and troop concentrations in the last one-third of Guam held by Japanese hands.

The communiqué disclosed that in Saligan, first Maranao, found seized during the current offensive. Although organized resistance ceased July 8 an avast of 50 Japanese daily are being killed in prisoner.

Two Sons Killed And A Third Missing
TOMAWANDA, N. Y.—(AP)—Two War Department telegrams to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Nield, of this city, said that their four sons were killed in action. The first son, John, died in the Philippines. The second son, William, died in the Philippines. The third son, Robert, died in the Philippines. The fourth son, Charles, is missing.

Lunge Made By British

By ROGER D. GREENE
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Seaman Admits Slaving Girl

OLD LYME, Conn.—(AP)—The slaving of Ida Elizabeth Senna, 23, Portland, Me. war worker, has been confessed by an eighteen-year-old Navy second class seaman, State Police Commissioner Edward J. Heley said today.

Heley identified him as Frank Higgins of Boston, and he is being held at the New London County Jail on a captain's warrant charging murder. He was arrested after State Police Commissioner Edward J. Heley found a package of needles, buttons, a suitcase and a letter, and a letter which had been written by the girl had been seen with a submarine boat sailor whom she met Sunday night.

Heley said the girl had not been dead long before her nude and twisted body was found shortly after noon yesterday behind a billboard along the New Haven Railroad tracks. Authorities said it appeared that the girl had been strangled while resisting a criminal attack.

Band Leader And Actor In Clash

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Band leader Tommy Dorsey and actor Jon Hall participated early today in a balcony scene that attracted scores of onlookers and police and sheriff's officers.

Schubert, who witnessed the fight, said that Dorsey, apparently, had been provoked by Hall's taunts. Dorsey, who is a member of the Screen Actors Guild, was seen to be in a heated exchange of words with Hall, who is a member of the Screen Actors Guild. Dorsey, who is a member of the Screen Actors Guild, was seen to be in a heated exchange of words with Hall, who is a member of the Screen Actors Guild.

U. S. Army Troops On Way To Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—The Pennsylvania Evening Bulletin said today that competent authorities had reported two regiments of Army troops are on the way to Philadelphia to "take a hand" in the city's five-day-old transportation strike, which has caused much violence and curtailed work.

"It was reported that the troops were transportation men from the Pennsylvania State Guard, who would be taking part in the maintenance of order, but that should military assistance be given by federal troops of the Pennsylvania State Guard."

The Philadelphia Army Public Relations section declined comment on the report. In Washington the War Department referred queries to Philadelphia.

Meanwhile three regiments of

Nazis Mentioned U.S. "Third Army"

LONDON—(AP)—The German Transcon news agency broadcast a dispatch from Field Marshal Gen. Günther von Kluge's headquarters today, saying prisoners from the United States Third Army were being brought in from the fighting in Brittany.

The U. S. First Army and British Second Army were not officially mentioned in Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st Army group in France.

There was no Allied substantiation of the German report.

Hitler Order Angers Army

WITH U. S. FIRST ARMY IN FRANCE—(AP)—A German prisoner of war told American officers today that a German corps commander on the western front had been relieved of his command because of connection with the plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

The prisoner said regular army troops were angered by Hitler's order that the Nazi salute must be used rather than the army salute.

Front Vire, the officer said, it was apparent that the plot to assassinate Hitler was not confined to the senior German officers.

A captured document signed by Gen. Paul Hausser, commander of the Seventh Army, which opposed the Americans in Normandy, revealed a great shortage of weapons in the German Army. The order declared the "supply situation is tense" and urged care with equipment.

Japs Say Their Fleet Lays Victory Plans

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Mainichi Shinbun of Osaka, one of Japan's largest newspapers, said today that "Frank's" war situation in Pacific waters is not favorable to us," but it declared that "without the slightest doubt, our combined fleet is now mapping the strategy to defeat the enemy with one sweep."

The Japanese Domei Agency quoted the comment in a newspaper roundup written in English for American consumption and recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

Boys Pedal Bikes To Generate Electricity
MADRID—(AP)—Dispatches in German news papers reaching here said Paris' teachers attached bicycles to small dynamo and hand crank to pedal during performances to generate electricity after the Nazis restricted use of electric power.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and hot today, with scattered showers and afternoon thunderstorms, mostly cloudy and mild tonight with showers, partly cloudy tomorrow, afternoon thunderstorms and rather hot.

Today's Temperatures
2:30 P. M. 91
Sunrise Today 5:25
Sunset Tomorrow 6:30
Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 6.

Forest Of St. Sever Cleared By Yankees

By WES GALLAGHER
WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY IN FRANCE—(AP)—An American infantry unit has cleared the forest of St. Sever in the pocket southwest of Vire, which was used as a giant German "military dump" and has pushed south toward Chateau-Bouffé against an enemy fighting a rearguard action.

St. Sever, one of the worst was taken and advance troops were in Le Mesnil Gilbert, still farther south.

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