

## Verdun And Dieppe Captured:

# ANKS BREAK ENIGMAN BORDER

## STRIKE ON VERDUN

### Moving To Join With Tito Forces

#### Drive On After Bucharest Falls

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MOSCOW — (AP) — Red Army flying columns, skirting the southern shoulder of the Transylvanian Alps after marching triumphantly through Bucharest, headed today in the direction of Serbia's northeastern mountains, where Marshal Tito's Partisans are battling the common enemy.

A junction between Soviet and Yugoslav Partisan forces became a prospect of the near future as Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's armored units approached within 120 miles of the Yugoslav-Romanian frontier.

The German Command was reported today to be planning a new defense line along the Olt River, which runs within 35 miles of Serbia's territory.

A vital north-south railway parallels the west bank of the Olt, connecting Sibiu—one of Transylvania's leading cities—with the Wallachian Danube port of Corabia across the stream from Bulgaria.

Malinovsky threatened to cut this waterline at the southern entrance to Transylvania, whose possession would safeguard his right wing while he drove across the Danube plain to make contact with Tito.

**NAZIS IN FLIGHT**  
The Soviet leader's forces which pushed past the rubble of German-occupied Bucharest, yesterday, were reported to be rapidly advancing toward the Bucharest-Cluj railway line.

Front dispatches said the Germans were still in disorderly flight up the Danube Valley.

Bucharest's war-weary population, Malinovsky bore the median, real power of his army. Huge piles of machine guns, anti-aircraft guns, and other military equipment and a seemingly endless stream of motorized infantry crowded the city from end to end.

A Red Star correspondent, Alexander Kiznyev, wrote proudly from Bucharest:

"Not a single one of our fighters was killed in this battle. They all went in trucks. They were a real triumph."

He stated that Romanians had told him:

"You have so many tanks you need a hundred Fiat cars to hold them."

A dispatch direct from Bucharest by Associated Press Correspondent Joseph Morton, commented:

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**Bob Hope's Communique**  
By BOB HOPE  
(Now Touring Pacific War Zone Entertaining Servicemen)  
Definitely somewhere in the Pacific, about this long, I'm sure, the trip to Kwajalein was one of the most important trips I ever followed out.

### Nazi Forces Fleeing In Lyon Sector

#### Seventh Army Driving Ahead

By NOLAN NORGAARD

ROME — (AP) — U. S. Seventh Army troops have made contact with German forces retreating in the Rhone Valley toward Lyon, and the enemy already is fleeing north and northeast of that big city, Allied Headquarters announced tonight.

Tanks and infantry encountered Germans between Tournon, 35 miles above Valence, and Le Bourgneuf, 11 miles to the north.

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### U. S. Legions Threaten To Enter Germany

#### Berlin Says Lorraine Basin Overrun And Metz In Yank Artillery Range

By JAMES M. LONG

SUPREMACY HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE — (AP) — An American avalanche of men and tanks passed over the historic fortress cities of Sedan and Verdun, rolling up to or across the Belgian border and threatening to spill over into Germany before nightfall today.

(The German radio said two groups of six to eight American divisions each were pushing on from Verdun and already were overrunning the Lorraine Basin, annexed by Germany in 1940 and considered by Berlin a part of the Reich itself. Metz was within artillery range of the advancing Americans, the broadcast said.)

The British virtually closed off the Lorraine Basin with a belt of armor as the Allies drove in hot pursuit along 270-mile front.

Field dispatches said Canadians captured Dieppe in the rocket pocket where they suffered heavy casualties in a test battle invaded two years ago. This time the Canadians hardly fired a shot in seizing the town.

Other spearheads said broadcasts from the front were only of the British were within 65 miles of Calais, where German guns have been at Dover since the Channel was more than four years old.

A 22-mile British column took another French column to the front, twelve miles from Arras and 39 miles from the fields of Flanders in Belgium.

Further south, waves of American marauders pounded forts and positions at the besieged port of Calais, where German troops had been at the Channel for more than four years.

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### Immortal Verdun American Prize

#### No Change In Draft

By EDWARD D. BALL

VERDUN, Aug. 31 — (Delayed) — (AP) — The American Third Army captured immortal Verdun today and plunged on beyond the River Meuse in pursuit of the retreating Germans, who had been in the city since the battle of 1918.

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### Canadians Take Dieppe

#### NEW YORK — (AP) — CBS Correspondent: Bill Downs broadcast today:

"There were only a few German soldiers scattered throughout the town. A number of prisoners have been taken in the area, but there has been no exact toll released. I saw about 100 of them as I drove into Dieppe."

"The same Canadian units which participated in the ill-fated Dieppe raid two years ago were selected to take Dieppe. The men were charged with averaging their comrades killed in the Dieppe action, and the later German actions which resulted in a number of Canadian prisoners taken at Dieppe being put into chains."

"This was more a day of glory than a day of vengeance, because there simply were not enough Germans around to do."

"In the capture of Dieppe, the Canadian Army has achieved one of the decisive strategic goals of the campaign. They were the first troops to reach the English Channel since the D-Day invasion."

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