

ALLIES POUR MORE AIR-BORNE TROOPS INTO HOLLAND INVASION

Supplies Fed To Air Army

Great Plane Armada Supplies Sky Troopers Fighting In Holland

LONDON—(AP)—A great armada of bombers and transport planes fed supplies today to the Allied airborne army which invaded Holland vertically, and destroyed 27 of 60 German fighters which tried to interfere.

Two Mustang fighters were lost as the 27 Messerschmitts and Fockewulfs fell to destruction.

Around 250 Liberators and hundreds of C-47 transports and gliders participated in re-supplying Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's First Allied Airborne Army.

The Germans were intercepted in the Maasticht area and engaged in a series of dogfights in which Allied fighters kept the enemy away from unarmored and highly vulnerable cargo planes.

At the same time, other Flying Fortresses with escorting Mustangs flew all the way across Germany and dropped needed supplies to Patriots fighting in Warsaw. The Forts flew on to Russian bases, but the fighters wheeled over Warsaw and flew all the way back to England in one of the longest round-trip fighter flights in the history of aviation. The first reports indicated that not a single Mustang was missing.

The German radio indicated a series of big new air blows were falling on the Reich from both the north and south in the wake of yesterday's spectacular airborne landings in Holland and last night's RAP Mosquito attack on the big German port of Bremen.

The Nazi radio warning service said two heavy bomber formations were approaching the northeastern German province of Pomerania, which is crowded with industrial targets. One formation was described as heading in from the Baltic and another from the west.

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Reds Score Advance In Riga Drive

Counter-Attacks Quickly Smashed

BY EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW—(AP)—The mounting Russian offensive in the region of Jelgava, 25 miles southwest of the Latvian capital of Riga, has smothered violent German counter-attacks marked by reckless use of large numbers of Nazi tanks and self-propelled guns, front dispatches said today.

Front broadcasts declared the Russians had advanced to within fourteen miles of Riga in a three-day offensive. The drive was aimed at crushing two German armies in Latvia and Estonia estimated at 200,000 men.

READY FOR GRAND ASSAULT

Moscow reports said the Red Army was scouting out, consolidating and building up the last phase of preparation for the coming assault on every Nazi-held position on the Eastern Front.

(The Soviet-sponsored Free Germany Committee, in a broadcast received by Federal members, called upon German troops in Estonia and Latvia to turn their backs on the invaders and join the Red Army in the fight against the Nazis.)

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First Round Is Won By Allies In New Drive

British Second Army Plunges Toward Landing Area

BY JAMES M. LONG
LONDON—(AP)—A continuous stream of sky-borne reinforcements and supplies was reported flowing into Holland today and Supreme Headquarters announced that the first Allied army had won round No. 1 in the battle to lay open the flat lands of Northern Germany for an invasion around the Siegfried Line.

Lt. Gen. Miles G. Dempsey's British Second Army plunged forward from its bridgeheads across the Scheldt Meuse canal. Its coordinated offensive aimed at linking up with the bridgeheads established by the air army—the Seventh Allied Army—thrown into the battle of the Western front.

A BBC front report said the second army had "broken clean through the tough crust" in a seven-mile advance in the Holland, reaching a point only five miles from the main meeting of the Siegfried Line where some of the An Army was reported to have mounted a stiff defense.

Spectacular use of the First U. S. Army which had pushed the Siegfried Line back into the hands of the Allies was reported to have been successful.

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STOCKHOLM—(AP)—A formal Finnish declaration of war against Germany appeared imminent today as Finnish fury mounted against German troops who wantonly burned villages and farms as they withdrew from Northern Finland.

The Finnish Cabinet met last night in Helsinki where the cabinet decided that a state of war already existed with Germany and that there were strong indications that active combat was expected.

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Travel Pay Voted Down

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House voted overwhelmingly today to stand against legislation to provide transportation for war veterans.

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BY NOLAN NORGARD
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Nazis Flee In Holland

BY WALTER CROSKITE
(Representing the Combined American Press)

WELLS IN HOLLAND, Sept. 17—(AP)—The Germans, fleeing from the Allied airborne invasion in Holland tonight, have evacuated at least 12 Dutch hamlets and villages.

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Weather

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