

ALLIES OPEN TWIN DRIVES IN NORMANDY

On Other Fronts

Soviet Armor Speeds Drive For Warsaw

A huge Russian motorized force yesterday sped down the Polish plain between the Vistula and Bug rivers in an advance that some Moscow observer believed would cover the remaining 50 miles to Warsaw by Friday.

The German border was only 148 miles from the Reds at Siedce, 50 miles east of Warsaw and Berlin itself 380 miles distant, almost the same distance covered by the Soviet offensive launched a month ago which Moscow last night said, had cost the Nazis more than half a million men.

The Germans reported strong Soviet attacks on each end of the 750-mile front from Narva, on the Gulf of Finland, to the Carpathian foothills. They claimed Lwow, deeply outflanked, was still being defended. Brest-Litovsk was holding out, but the Reds captured Litov, its rail connection with Warsaw.

As the Reds crossed the Polish frontier (1939 Russo-German line), a Soviet broadcast promised the Poles that the new Poland would include a large part of East Prussia, the German Baltic coast from Danzig to Stettin and other areas that would place the Polish boundary 150 miles inside present Germany at its deepest point.

Allies Converging On Florence

Allied armies were converging on Florence yesterday. Fifth Army units were only ten miles away at one point, while farther east British troops captured Melito in a drive aimed at joining the Fifth.

In the Fisa sector, Americans consolidated positions on the Arno, and in the Adriatic region Eighth Army units were threatening the town of Ostra.

Reuters reported the enemy supply situation behind the Gothic Line in chaos, and said every rail bridge down the Po Valley from Chivasso and Turin eastward through Milan to the Adriatic had been knocked out by Allied bombers.

Guam, Tinian Forces Gain

American forces yesterday made substantial gains on Guam, and on Tinian Island south of Saipan. Adm. Nimitz reported the U. S. Second and Fourth Marines were firmly settled 1,500 yards inland on Tinian with light casualties. Tokyo radio said the landing had been beaten off with heavy U. S. casualties and three warships afloat.

On Guam, Nimitz said a Jap army of unknown size had been cut off and U. S. troops had advanced three miles on the south, two miles on the north.

On British New Guinea, Gen. MacArthur reported another Jap attempt to break out of encircled Aitape had failed.

NURSES' UNIFORM CHANGES

WASHINGTON, July 25—The brown-and-white pinstripe seersucker uniform worn by Army nurses overseas will be adopted for Army nurses in U. S. hospitals, the War Department announced.

Hitler Decrees Mobilization Of All Men and Resources

Adolf Hitler decreed yesterday total mobilization of all manpower and resources in Germany and occupied territories "to the last ounce of strength for the Wehrmacht and armament industry," and empowered Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering to "demand explanation from the highest authorities and give them instructions for that purpose" with Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels named mobilization "trustee" under Goering.

At the same time complete Nazification of the Wehrmacht and more extensive control of the military conduct of the war by Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler was indicated in announcements from purge-seething Berlin that the Hitler salute would replace the traditional army salute and that ruthless extermination of "reactionary" elements in the Reich would continue.

"The attempt on the Fuehrer's life is a starting signal for total war," said German News Agency. **Axe Falls on Eastern Front.** Other indications of party as-

pendency over the Army were seen in the removal of two German commanders-in-chief on the eastern front—Field Marshal Musch and Col. Gen. Linde-Mann—and the appointment of two officers of the Waffen SS, the Nazi party Army, to replace them.

Goering, in the announcement imposing the Hitler salute, said the German Army had "asked" for it as "a sign of unbreakable loyalty and closest attachment between army and party."

German Overseas News Agency said that Gen. Otto von Stuepnegel, commander of German troops in Paris, was wounded seriously in an attack by "terrorists" while "on a journey to eastern France." Stuepnegel was noted for his reprisal orders against French patriots.

Mass executions of hundreds of German officers of high rank have been going on for several weeks at Himmler's orders, a Swiss journal stated. These executions were said to be occurring twice weekly in Vienna prisons alone.

BERLIN EVENTS DISTURB TROOPS

U. S. FIRST ARMY HQ., Normandy, July 25—Although the initial attempt to overthrow Hitler and his government failed, the possibility of additional efforts to depose the Reich's dictator was seen here in the face of Allied successes on the three main fronts.

An observer said the effectiveness of future attempts would depend upon the strength of the group of officers wanting a quick end of the war. He said he believed that if any clique of officers gave the order to lay down arms, the troops would obey.

Statements of three German soldiers captured in the St. Lo sector supported the opinion. One, a sergeant, said no official news of the disorders in Berlin was available behind the German lines, but troops arriving at the front brought a flood of rumors which spread like wildfire.

The sergeant said he regretted the attempt on Hitler's life had not succeeded and appeared upset about the prospect of civil war inside of Germany.

"If one of the officers commanding a unit ordered us to lay down our arms we would," the sergeant was quoted as saying.

FIRST CO-OP VILLAGE

BURKHARDT, Wis., July 25—This unorganized village is to become the first co-operatively-owned village in the U. S.

A. J. Smith, general manager of Midland Co-operative Wholesale of Minneapolis, announced that his organization had bought the village, including a flour-milling industry nine dwellings, a store and a number of other buildings. He said the purchase would not affect rights of citizens in any way.

SOLDIERS FIGHT FIRE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 25—Soldiers of Camp Tule Lake and Marines from Klamath Falls Barracks were called out to help civilians fight a forest fire in northern California which has spread over 10,000 acres. The fire which broke out in the Mount Dome Area, was reported centering in the Modoc National Forest.

HEAVIES BOMB ARMOR WORKS

About 500 escorted Italy-based U. S. heavy bombers yesterday made the first Allied attack on the Hermann Goering tank works in Austria, near the Bavarian border, encountering considerable Luftwaffe opposition.

RAF Lancasters also hit flying bomb sites in northern France and an installation which the Air Ministry said appeared to be connected with the enemy's threatened use of long-range rockets.

During the night, British bombers had dropped 20,000 heavy incendiaries and many high explosives in a 15 minute saturation attack on Stuttgart, engineering and transport center in southwest Germany.

Mesquites dropped blockbuster on Berlin for the 14th time since D-day as other aircraft hit Frankfurt and Aachen.

CIRCUS TO REOPEN

SARASOTA, Fla., July 25—Minus the big top which burned down in Hartford, Conn., July 6, in a fire which killed 163 persons, the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus will reopen in Akron, Ohio, Aug. 4, a circus spokesman announced today.

The show will play only in stadiums, ball parks and auditoriums where the big tent is not required. Only one tent—for side-shows—will be open to the public and it will be fireproofed.

Stunned Nazis Unable to Use Rifles, Bobble Incoherently After Bombing

U. S. FIRST ARMY HQ., July 25—German prisoners taken in the first hours of the American drive near St. Lo today were so shocked and terrified by the almost endless concussion from the terrific aerial bombardment that they babbled like children. Those who were understandable said the blast left them so dazed they could not work the bolts of their rifles.

Many of the prisoners had broken eardrums, and many had been wounded in their foxholes before they surrendered. One spokesman for a group of 40 par-

3,000 U.S. Aircraft Make St. Lo Sector an Inferno, Then Ground Troops Strike

American, British and Canadian forces launched co-ordinated attacks on both flanks of the Normandy battlefield yesterday.

The U. S. First Army, poised on the German 25-mile western defense line along the St. Lo-Periers-Lessay road, shoved off after a terrific bombardment by heavy, medium, and light bombers. A few hours earlier the British Second Army had renewed its offensive on the eastern flank by striking south on a four-mile front along the highway from Caen to Falaise, 21 miles southeast of Caen.

Both drives gained despite heavy resistance. The British and Canadians went forward a mile, reaching three villages about five miles south of Caen. The Americans by 5 PM had swept across the St. Lo-Periers road and at one point had penetrated a mile and a half.

Bombing Shakes Whole Sector

By Andy Rooney
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WEST OF ST. LO, July 25—American fighting men in this sector put down their weapons this morning and stood with their hands on their hips, grinning as they watched what may well have been the war's greatest display of air power in support of ground troops as U. S. planes carpeted the area immediately behind the enemy lines with bombs.

The attack, which preceded the thrust by U. S. First Army troops against German positions at the western end of the Normandy front, lasted two and a half hours and was an overwhelming example of tactical support and Allied air supremacy.

Not a single Nazi interceptor rose to engage the Eighth and Ninth Air Force armadas as they dropped thousands of fragmentation bombs on machine-gun nests, pillboxes, gun emplacements and enemy-troop concentrations to pave the way for the American drive.

P47 fighter-bombers attacked first. Shortly after, about 10 AM, great formations of B24 Liberators came in 10,000 feet below the altitude at which they bombed German industrial targets. They flew at approximately 15,000 feet and the lead bombers dropped smoke markers which corkscrewed down to earth, leaving long trails to mark the boundaries of the small area into which their bombs were to cascade.

Seconds later this whole area literally shook. Service company men, who later came forward from the beach area, reported the ground shook clear back to the sea.

Nazi anti-aircraft batteries threw up a fairly heavy concentration of fire at the first bomber formations. Smoke billowed

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Yanks Driving Through Hedgerows

By William Stringer
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U. S. FIRST ARMY HQ., July 25—A powerful American spearhead, attacking in the wake of one of history's greatest air bombardments, crashed into the German lines on the front west of St. Lo today in a new offensive.

The Americans began driving through the German hedgerow positions at 11 AM after 1,500 heavy bombers, spearheading a 3,000-plane assault, had pulverized the network of Axis fortifications. By 5 PM the drive had swept across the St. Lo-Periers road and at one point had penetrated a mile and a half.

The land assault followed 75 minutes of concentrated bombing by sky-filled masses of heavies and one of the heaviest artillery barrages the Americans have yet used in France. In all, an estimated 6,000 tons of explosives were heaped on German positions in a two-hour period.

Stiff Ground Resistance

Though the bombardment churned up miles of ground, cheved up hamlets and left a pall of smoke two miles high hanging in the sky, and it appeared that no person could have lived through the rain of hell, the doughboys were meeting heavy ground resistance as they plowed ahead.

Altogether 1,300 heavies, 500 medium and light bombers, 500 fighter-bombers and 500 escort fighters participated.

The fighter-bombers opened the assault at 9:30 AM, and half an hour later the aerial plastering began in earnest when waves after wave of Flying Fortresses began to sweep over the battlefield and unload their deadly cargo.

That wild pounding—one of the most concentrated air assaults in history continued without interruption until 12:30, moving gradually

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650,000 ROAD JOBS

WASHINGTON, July 25—Rebuilding of the nation's main highways will provide employment after the war for about 650,000 men annually, OWI said. Present plans call for the improvement of about 34,000 miles of roads in each of the first three post-war years.

STASSEN HOME, PROMOTED

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25—Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor who was promoted to full naval commander last week, has arrived in America after more than a year in the Pacific. Stassen is chief of staff and flag officer to Adm. William F. Halsey.

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'Somewhere in France...'

Medics are classified as non-combatants under the Geneva convention, but Epstein of the Bronx a litter bearer with the Second Infantry Division, recently beat the hell out of Schmidt from Bremen in an unscheduled fistic encounter out in "no man's land."

Epstein had his troubles with Schmidt while the Second was making a big push, and both the German and American medics were working full-time under fire to carry their respective wounded from the field.

Time after time they went out to retrieve their wounded and each time they discussed various subjects. Finally, the conversation turned to Hitler, politics and the war.

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Another example of artillery-infantry cooperation came along the eastern sector of the American front in Normandy the other day.

German troops in Normandy aren't forgetting the home front "economy" if the items 2/Lt. Charles D. Curley, of Richmond, Va., found in a Nazi officer's suitcase, addressed to someone

Trucks For Normandy Get Production Priority

WASHINGTON, July 25—Faced with the possible shortage of 80,000 heavy trucks for military use, the War Department has assigned to the vehicles the same high priority as B29 Super Fortresses in an attempt to boost production, it was revealed today.

in Germany, when it was captured by American troops are indicative. The German's loot included U. S. Army rations—butter, jam, peas, corned beef and K rations—and French linen, towels, and women's clothing.

Emire Villere, ARC staff assistant from New Orleans, La., is conducting French classes at the Club Victoire, Cherbourg, for Jews who want to improve their "parles vous Francais" classes are held every night, except Sunday, from 1830 to 2000 hours for officers and EMS.

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Long had to crawl into an open area to reach the men and machine-gun, mortar and 88 fire was thick. While working on the second patient, who had a chest and shoulder wound, the man was hit in the head by a rifle shot.

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QM Locks To Holidays, Promises Turkey for All

WASHINGTON, July 25—The Quartermaster Corps today started thinking about GI holiday menus and announced that "every man in the fighting forces will have his share of turkey on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's."

The Army and American Red Cross, meanwhile, are working together to assure every American prisoner of war in Germany a generous portion of turkey during the holidays.

News From Home

VFW AUXILIARY SAYS ITALIANS ARE 'CODDLED'

BOSTON, July 25—In a resolution criticizing the army for "coddling" the women's auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars charged today they have been "forced" to entertain Italians.

The women said they went to the Camp Myles Standish hospital in Taunton yesterday to visit wounded American soldiers, but were told to entertain captive Italians instead.

At the time of the alleged incident, which was reported to the War Department by the auxiliary, 11 members of Italian labor units from Camp McKay in South Boston, were said to have been guests of the City of Somerville, where they attended Mass, went picnicking and played ball.

Treatment of Italian prisoners stationed in the Boston area has been a matter of controversy since 50 members of an Italian labor battalion at Camp McKay lost their privileges as "cooperators" their status reverting to "prisoners of war" because of several encounters with civilian police.

JANE REPENTS

HOLLYWOOD, July 25—Jane Russell, the voluptuous young lady who turned a low-cut blouse into a national sensation, said today she will ask Movie Producer Howard Hughes for another role in films.

NUDE BATHER A SUICIDE

NEW YORK, July 25—Miss Marion Hanece, arrested two weeks ago for swimming nude near Coney Island, died in Bellevue Hospital from bichloride mercury poison.

NEW 'BEAVER CRAFT'

WARREN, Ohio, July 25—Workers producing LCM-3 landing barges at the Warren City Manufacturing Co., nicknamed the craft "Beaver" because "this barge is sturdy, hard-working, fast-traveling and its landing ramp, like a beaver's tail, slaps down in the moment for action."

MARRIED AT TIMES SQUARE

NEW YORK, July 25—The second anniversary of the Times Square Servicemen's Center was celebrated with a wedding ceremony—these are provided free of charge to members of the armed forces.

SMALL WORLD

LANSFORD, Pa., July 25—Pfc Joseph Lakata wrote home from Normandy that he spotted his home-town paper as he trudged along.

BOB CROSBY HURT

TORRANCE, Cal., July 25—2/Lt. Bob Crosby of the Marines, former band leader, was slightly injured when his auto struck a telegraph pole.

Cubs 'Protect' Forts, Libs in Bombardment

U. S. FIRST ARMY HQ., Normandy, July 25—"Flying protective cover for the heavy bombers," field artillery observation planes were in the air during today's aerial attack on enemy front-line positions.

Until the dust clouds rolled up by the cascading bombs became too thick, the Cubs spotted the flashes of German flak batteries and called for their own artillery to knock them out.

Capt. Roy W. Haynes, of Omaha, Neb., was in command of the "protectors."

'COTTON ED' UP FOR OFFICE AGAIN

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 25—Edison D. (Cotton Ed.) Smith, whose nearly 36 years in office makes him dean of the Senate, sought his seventh consecutive term in South Carolina's Democratic primary today.

The strongly anti-Administration Smith had four rivals; Gov. Olin D. Johnson, unsuccessful Administration-supported candidate against Smith in the purge campaign six years ago; anti-Administration Augustus S. Merriam of Sumpter; pro-New Deal Dr. Carl B. Epps, Sumter surgeon and Attorney General John M. Daniels.

TEXAS NEGROES CONVENE

HOUSTON, Tex., July 25—For what was believed to be the first time in the South, Negro voters organized a Democratic precinct convention in the 25th Precinct Saturday and in another district elected Negro delegates to the Harris County Democratic convention July 29.

With three whites and 50 to 60 Negroes attending, the Precinct 25 convention elected E. H. Harrison, a Negro union official, temporary chairman and named a white woman Miss Lottie Wallis, to cast the precinct's one vote at the county convention.

U.S. and British Forces Open Twin Offensives

Continued from page 1 usually further behind the German lines as the doughboys advanced. The air attack by fighter-bombers and the strafing by fighters continued all day through hazy skies.

Resistance In Caen Area

LONDON, July 25—The pre-dawn British and Canadian attack, launched without support of a heavy aerial bombardment such as preceded two previous Allied attacks in the Caen area, met savage opposition along the Caen-Falaise highway today.

Bitter fighting went on in the three villages south of Caen—Mya-sur-Orne and Verrieres, west of the highway, and Tilly-La Campagne, just east of it. Infantry attacked ahead of armor, reversing the procedure which Gen. Montgomery used in crossing to the eastern bank of the Orne a week ago.

U. S. Bombing Shakes Big Area of Normandy

Continued from Page 1 from a Liberator, then white parachutes fluttered out.

The black German flak bursts in the bomber formations became less numerous as the area was inundated with bombs and finally when the Marauders followed the last heavy bomber formation over the target, there was no ack-ack at all.

INDIANS SUBDUED NATS, THREATEN LEAGUE LEADERS

CLEVELAND, July 25—While the Browns, Red Sox and Yankees were busily engaged in their private fight for first place in the American League last week the Indians were quietly moving into a challenging position and yesterday the so-called leader turned around to find Lou Boudreau's men only a half game from fourth place and four and a half games from the top.

The Indians' latest streak carried them through three straight victories when they overpowered the Senators, 10-1, with First Baseman Mickey Rocco hitting a pair of doubles and a triple Early Wynn, suffering his 13th setback, was the victim of the Injuns' 15-hit attack.

Meanwhile, the Browns hung on to their two and a half game margin by whipping the Red Sox 6-5, and the Yankees stayed within reaching distance by slapping down the White Sox, 11-5. A ninth-inning uprising by the Sox threatened the Browns but with the tying run on base George Coster, Browns' right-hander, was sent in to whiff Joe Cronin and end the game.

Majors & Minors

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Garden Bowl Reopened As Army Overseas P.O.

LONG ISLAND, N. Y., July 25—The Madison Square Garden Bowl, an ill-fated structure erected several years ago as an outdoor arena and recently locked up, has been taken over by the Army as a post office. It will be used to facilitate the delivery of Christmas packages to overseas troops.

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