

U. S. ARMOR RACES SOUTH TOWARD NANTES

On Other Fronts

Reds Deepen Gap in Nazi Vistula Line

While strong Soviet tank forces gained five miles along the East Prussian border yesterday, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's First Army found a soft spot in the enemy's Vistula defenses 110 miles below Warsaw and drove a 25-mile wedge beyond the river.

German News Agency said the assault, 50 miles southwest of Lublin, created nothing less than a "crisis" for the Nazi defenders. It brought the Reds within 28 miles of Kielce, the southern Polish rail center on which the Germans depend for their lateral communication between Warsaw and Cracow.

In Warsaw, the Polish underground, fighting the German garrison since Tuesday, reported it had wrested the "old city" of Warsaw from the enemy and won control of the power station, gas works and general post office.

More than 200 villages and towns fell to the Russians along the pre-war East Prussia border but no mention was made of a crossing although the Reds at some points were reported within shelling distance on Thursday.

Eighth Army Patrols Enter Florence

South African troops of the Eighth Army, aided by British guardsmen, entered Florence yesterday after forcing the Germans' last-ditch defense line at the Ema River. Allied HQ indicated patrols were well within the historic city.

When the troops entered the city they found five of the six bridges across the Arno demolished. The United Press reported the break-through made other German positions guarding Florence untenable.

Pacific Fleet Airmen Score Big Victory

An air group from the U. S. Pacific Fleet destroyed or damaged 19 Japanese warships, including two large aircraft carriers, and 200 enemy planes during June 11-24. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday.

American troops on Guam advanced another two miles to the north against stiffened resistance. The addition of 1830 Jap dead boosted the total killed in the Guam campaign to 7,983. The U. S. 9ag was formally raised on Tinian as Marines mopped up scattered enemy remnants hiding in caves.

Gen. Stilwell's Forces Take Myitkyina

The capture of Myitkyina, strongest and most important Japanese base in Northern Burma, was announced yesterday by Southeast Asia Command HQ. Not one Jap soldier was left alive as the U.S. British, Indian and Chinese troops under Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell at last completed the conquest started with seizure of the big airport there May 17. Approximately 3,000 Japs were killed during the long siege.

Shouts Tell 'Ike' Of Yanks' Drive

ALLIED ADVANCE COMMAND POST, Aug. 4—Gen. Eisenhower squatted by a dusty French roadside yesterday and received shouted details of the great American offensive which steam-rolled into Brittany.

While low-flying planes roared overhead and heavily-laden trucks rumbled in clouds of dust, Gen. "Ike" chewed blades of grass and discussed the drive with Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley and Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery.

The Supreme Commander flew to Normandy from England in his fast plane, escorted by four Spitfires, late in the afternoon.

NAZI ARMY 'ASKS' HITLER TO OPEN PURGE OF RANKS

The German Army has requested Adolf Hitler to "carry out as soon as possible a ruthless purge to cleanse it of the last criminal" who took part in the attempted assassination of the Fuehrer July 20, Berlin radio announced last night.

Six generals and a number of other German officers who are under detention as a result of the anti-Nazi plot have been expelled from the Wehrmacht and will be tried as traitors by the People's Court, the broadcast said.

In announcing the purge, Berlin Radio also said that a Wehrmacht major-general and a major had "deserted" to the Russians.

Meanwhile, the Stockholm Aftonbladet's Berlin correspondent reported that important changes were being made in the military commands inside Germany and the German News Agency said Lt. Gen. Kreipe, an ardent Nazi, had been appointed successor to Gen. Korten, Luftwaffe chief of staff who was killed in the assassination attempt.

Indications that the anti-Nazi revolt had extended to Pomerania were seen in German news dispatches which said that a gauleiter told a recent mass meeting in Stettin that "there are outsiders in Pomerania who have openly demonstrated their rejection of national socialism. It was these circles who even before the radio broadcast the news of the attempt, spread the rumor that the Fuehrer had been killed."

They Said He Couldn't Get 3 Wounded; He Did—and With Help Saved 20 More

FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION HQ, Aug. 4—They told T/4 Daniel E. Atwell, a litter bearer from Saratoga Springs, N. Y., that he'd never reach three wounded doughboys in "No Man's Land," but the soldier not only brought the trio back alone but rescued 20 more with the help of a collecting point he'd set up.

Maj. Gen. Raymond O. Barton awarded him the DSC.

"We were near Montebourg and the action was plenty hot," Atwell said. "I saw the three wounded men lying between our

There's no Front Line in Brittany; A Reporter Seeks Some, Finds Foe

By Seagham Maynes
Reuter Correspondent

WITH U.S. FORCES IN BRITTANY, Aug. 4—There is no such thing as a recognized fighting front in Brittany. The rapid drive of American tanks has isolated so many German units that fighting may break out of any point inside the great pocket about 40-odd miles deep and 35 miles wide along the base of the Brittany peninsula.

War correspondents racing in jeeps to catch up with tanks have been playing tag with bands of Germans, sometimes in company strength, ranging through the country miles behind tank elements trying to find a way out to the east. It is nearly impossible to say when many of the roads inside the pocket are clear of the enemy, or whether or not the speeding jeep will invite a burst of German rifle or machine-gun fire.

Several jeeps carrying correspondents have already had narrow escapes from ambushes, and in other cases only from running headlong into Germans.

As I drove toward a village several miles north of Rennes two boughboys jumped over a

hedge to warn me the Germans had a machine-gun nest in the village and that one press car had gone in and had not come back. I cautiously entered the village and found the press car damaged and empty. Several other vehicles were burning further up the street.

American planes had bombed a section of the village a short time previously to wipe out Germans hiding there. Before I sped out again I saw another empty jeep at the side of a street.

Three other correspondents, traveling with a small naval group north of Dinan, were pinned down for three hours by German fire which caused casualties among the unit.

1,200 U. S. HEAVIES HIT REICH AGAIN

In the first full day of aerial activity in a week, more than 1,200 Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the Eighth Air Force ranged Germany yesterday in heavy assaults upon a variety of military targets including the Peenemunde rocket experimental stations and oil refineries at Hamburg and Bremen.

Fifty-three Luftwaffe planes were destroyed in the raids, which cost the Americans 14 bombers and 16 fighters.

The bombers and their fighter escorts encountered little enemy opposition except over Hamburg, where swarms of enemy planes, including Me109s, were intercepted. Among the targets were fighter component plants and an airfield at Anklam, which was last attacked in Oct., 1943.

Other installations plastered by the Eighth's bombers were an aircraft assembly plant at Rosstock, port installations at Kiel and an oil refinery at Hamburg. They also bombed flying bomb sites and coastal batteries in the Pas de Calais.

FRENCH TANK UNIT IN U. K.

LONDON, Aug. 4—Supreme Allied Headquarters announced today that the Second French Armored Division had arrived in the United Kingdom.

NEGRO GENERAL IS NOW IN FRANCE

By Allan Morrison

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, ranking negro officer of the U.S. Army, has arrived in Normandy to be chief liaison officer for a group of Army motion picture technicians which will make a photographic record of the activities of Negro troops in this and other theaters.

Chief consultant to the photo unit is Carlton Moss, Negro writer from New York.

The portly, 67-year-old general told a press conference yesterday: "I am also here to observe conditions affecting Negro soldiers. I'm interested in seeing what Negro soldiers are doing, how they're doing it, how they're taking care of themselves and to see whether there are any recommendations that I can make to the War Department concerning them."

He added that the War Department wants a film record of the Negro soldier's contribution to the winning of the war.

Also in Davis's party is Maj. Homer B. Roberts, Chicago, Negro officer of the War Department's bureau of Public Relations.

190,000 Nazi Casualties In France Since D-Day

German casualties, including prisoners of war, in northwestern France since D-day yesterday were unofficially estimated at 190,000.

Eight thousand prisoners taken by U. S. troops within a 24-hour period brought the American total of captured Germans to about 70,000. The German News Agency said that another German general, commanding an infantry division south of Caumont, had been killed in action.

AUSTRALIA-INDIA NON-STOP

SYDNEY, Aug. 4 (UP)—A regular non-stop air service between Australia and India has been in operation for more than a year, it was revealed today. This is the longest regular non-stop flight undertaken by any civil air service in the world. Catalina flying boats average 27 hours for the 3,500-mile flight.

Three Drives Plunge Deep Into Brittany

A U. S. armored column raced more than 20 miles southward on the road to Nantes yesterday in a drive apparently aimed to cut off the great bases of St. Nazaire, Lorient and Brest and to trap all German forces to the west in the Brittany peninsula.

In three powerful armored thrusts, American troops plunged deep into Brittany. The column speeding south toward Nantes swept through Bain de Bretagne, 20 miles south of Rennes and 40 miles north of Nantes. A second unit surging forward was reported to have reached Mauron, on a main road leading toward Lorient, while a third streamed westward from Dinan, on the road to Brest.

At the same time, a fourth armored force began a sweep northwest from Dol de Bretagne to the seaport of St. Malo, bypassed earlier by the column now driving past Dinan.

Normandy Drive Gains

In Normandy, British and American troops pushing eastward steadily pressed the Germans back toward Paris and the heart of France. Paris Radio announced that evacuation of the former French capital and its suburbs would be speeded up.

From Mortain northeast through Vire to Villers-Bocage, there were indications that the Germans might be pulling back eastward after they had launched a series of unsuccessful counter-attacks.

Villers-Bocage has been heavily defended by the Germans as the last hinge of their fine west of Caen, and they weakened their No. 1 priority sector south of Caen by attempting to push reinforcements westward to hold the Allies back between Vire and Villers-Bocage.

Yanks Take Mortain

At Rennes, railway center on the main line between Paris and Brest, American units were forced to fall back when German troops, entrenched in the northeastern outskirts, put up savage resistance with their 88mm. guns but a Berlin commentator said that U. S. forces were attacking from three sides. An American broadcaster from Normandy said the previous announcement that the town had fallen was premature.

Reconnaissance elements were operating between Rennes and Mortain, which the Yanks captured after a 20-mile eastward drive from Avranches. Yanks swarmed into Mortain after

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Hemingway Helps Take Six German Prisoners

U. S. FIRST ARMY HQ, Aug. 4 (Reuter)—Ernest Hemingway, author and war correspondent, was credited today with sharing in the capture of six German Panzer soldiers. Hemingway and a public relations private were entering a small French village in the battle area when they were informed several Germans were hiding in the basement of a house. The private tossed a hand grenade into the house and six Jerries piled out, hands on heads, and surrendered to Hemingway.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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'Somewhere in France...'

RETREATING though they are, the Germans are still smart enough—in a fiendish sort of way—to think up all sorts of nuisance tricks to spring on unwary Americans...

Herbert Clark, Blue Network reporter here, said the Nazis are booby-trapping their own wounded, so that both the wounded man and anyone helping him risk death...

Another report said the Germans were planting phoney signs reading "Mines Cleared to Hedges" in the wake of their fleeing columns...

Another German trick, an old one dug from the bottom of the barrel, involves the use of dummy wooden tanks...

2/Lt. Stuart C. French, of Everett, Wash., platoon leader in the 134th Infantry, told of Germans placing snipers in the turrets of blasted American tanks...

Still in the rumor stage is the report that German tree-snipers are directing artillery by means of mirror-flashed code signals.

Who made the first American doughnuts in France after D-Day? We admittedly don't claim to know...

COMBAT duty in France is an old story to CWO Harvey J. Smith, 42, of Reading, Pa. A veteran of the last war...

Sgt. Florentino Castillo, of Haech, N. M.; Clayton Long, of Niles, Mich., and Edgar Hess, of St. Mary's Va., were advancing down a road near Canisy recently when they spotted a white dog near a chateau...

if he were out for his afternoon walk. He pointed his rifle at Castillo, who aimed and fired quick enough to kill the Nazi...

HERE'S another "booby trap" story. This one came from Ben Irwin, of New York, a Red Cross fieldman...

M/Sgt. John J. Cedar, of Northampton, Pa., knows what the phrase "in addition to his other duties" means...

DON Rice's USO group went up close behind the front to put on a show for the Ninth Division. A stage was set up in a field and the girls changed from fatigues into costumes...

Pretty Stephanie Dale, of Irvington, N. J. shared one with a GI. After the attack she complained to her companion:

"This is no good for protection. It's too shallow."

"Sister," he replied, "you're not supposed to sit in it. You're supposed to lie down."

"Oh," said Stephanie.

The show went on. And although Stephanie's foxhole date kept a sharp lookout, the Luftwaffe didn't come back.

Sgt. James H. Sims of Tuscaloosa, Ala., member of a 134th Infantry Co., told how five Russians and Poles, impressed into the German Army...

News From Home

Army Runs Trolleys in Philadelphia As 5,800 Transport Workers Strike

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4—The Army, on orders of President Roosevelt, moved in on the four-day-old strike of 5,800 Philadelphia transportation workers today...

Meanwhile, Attorney General Francis Biddle announced in Washington that the Justice department was investigating to determine whether federal law was being violated.

Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes, head of the Third Service Command, said that many workers who failed to return to work were being "kept away by persons apparently more interested in aiding the Axis than seeing to it that essential transportation is provided for war workers."

The walkout, which has paralyzed the city, grew out of a refusal by some of the employees to work with Negroes. Within two hours of learning Mr. Roosevelt's decision to turn the system over to the Army, the strikers voted to return to work...

The War Department announced it would "terminate possession and control when it was no longer necessary for the war emergency." Army officers gave no indication what action would be taken if complete service were not restored.

BALTIMORE SUN FOR DEWEY

BALTIMORE, Aug. 4—The Democratic Baltimore Sun announced today it would support Gov. Thomas E. Dewey as the "alternative" to the "evils" of a fourth term for President Roosevelt...

JACKIE COOPER CHARGED

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 4 (AP)—Jackie Cooper, the film actor, was among four persons charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors in an affidavit filed today by the county

Tank Armored Forces Racing Toward Nantes

Continued from Page 1 Thunderbolts had dive-bombed a Nazi gun position less than 20 yards ahead of them.

At least two possibilities were open for the American armored force in Mortain—a new push east, of Domfront toward the main Paris roads and railways, or a move southward paralleling the American drive across the base of the Brittany peninsula.

Between Mortain and Vire, U. S. troops continued to drove back the German salient. An American unit drove from Villedeu eastward to within five miles of Vire and reached St. Severo Calvados as the Germans continued to fall back from their previous Villedeu-Percy-Tessy line and tried to hold Allied forces on a Mortain-Vire-Villers-Boage line.

Vire was surrounded by American forces, but confused reports did not indicate that the town had been captured yet from the Germans. Both American and British units cut off German infantrymen north of Vire and U. S. and British guns laid down a devastating fire on disorganized German tanks.

prosecutor. Cooper, who is 22, has been stationed at the Notre Dame University Training School since last November. The warrant grew out of a party in a hotel here July 22.

FISH 'A GOOD MAN'

DETROIT, Aug. 4—Renomination of Rep. Hamilton Fish of New York was described by Gerald L. K. Smith, national director of the America First Party, as "proof you can't keep a good man down, no matter how many people jump on him."

A NICE HAUL

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 4—Burglars entered Pat O'Brien's home last night and made off with jewelry, clothing, six cases of Pat's Scotch whiskey and seven pairs of nylon stockings belonging to Mrs. O'Brien.

ON THE BAND WAGON

COLUMBIA, S.C., Aug. 4—South Carolina Democrats, in a ten-minute session that marked their shortest meeting on record and their only re-convention in the party's history, endorsed a slate of presidential electors pledged to the Roosevelt-Truman ticket and accepted in silence the party's national platform.

U-BOAT SUNK OFF U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (AP)—A U-boat recently tried to attack a convoy off the U. S. Atlantic Coast, the Navy announced today, but was sunk by escort destroyer after 90 minutes of furious battle. A dozen of the raiders' crew, including the commander, were taken prisoner.

DIVORCING SEABEE

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 4—Platinum blonde Shirley Evans Hassau, who once sought to have Errol Flynn declared the father of her daughter, said that she was seeking a divorce from her Seabee husband. She failed to press the case against Flynn and it was dropped.

QUEZON DEAD

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y., Aug. 4—Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippines, died at his summer home after a prolonged tubercular illness. He was 65.

Mannerheim Sworn In As Finland's President

Field Marshal Mannerheim took the oath as President of Finland yesterday in the midst of fresh reports that a Finnish peace delegation would go to Moscow immediately after the formation of a new cabinet.

Gen. Rudolf Walden, who represented Mannerheim at peace negotiations in Moscow in 1940 and signed the Finnish-Russian treaty at that time, has been asked to form the cabinet, Vichy radio reported.

Meantime Franz von Papen, German ambassador in Turkey, was handed his passport.

CARGO FOR RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4—The War Department disclosed yesterday that American soldiers stationed in the Near East were delivering an average of 175,000 tons of cargo monthly to the Russians under "the most unfavorable climate conditions."

TITO'S SON DECORATED

MOSCOW, Aug. 4—Marshal Tito's son is fighting with the Red Army on the Polish front and was recently decorated for bravery.

FRANKLIN, NEGRO HEAVYWEIGHT, IS DEAD OF INJURIES

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 4—Dusky Lem Franklin, who was touted as a likely successor to Joe Louis in 1940, died in the City Hospital here yesterday of head injuries received when he was knocked out by Larry Lane, of Trenton, N. J., last week.

Franklin, a hard-hitting 28-year-old Negro heavyweight who was unable to get the "right" matches during his brief prime, banged his head on the ring floor when Lane caught him with a left. He was unconscious for almost an hour before being removed to the hospital where it was found he had severe concussion and his right side was paralyzed. At no time did he show any improvement. He became delirious three days ago and subsequently needed an oxygen tent.

The death of Franklin is the first among top-notch heavyweights since Ernie Schaaf died in 1933 after being pounded by Primo Carnera at Madison Square Garden. Frankie Campbell, brother of the baseball player, Dolf Camilli died after being kayoed by Maxie Baer in 1930; Bull Young died after losing to Jess Willard, and Bud Taylor killed Frankie Jerome in other ring tragedies among heavies. In the lighter brackets, one of Lou Ambers punches resulted in the death of Tony Scarpati.

Nicholson Homers Twice As Cubs Win

BROOKLYN, Aug. 4—Outfielder Bill Nicholson took over the major league lead in home runs with 23 yesterday when he clubbed two against the Dodgers as the Cubs won both ends of a doubleheader, 6-2 and 7-1, and moved into the National League's first division for the first time this season.

In other games the Cardinals overpowered the Pirates, 15-2, to increase their lead to 16 1/2 games over the idle Reds; and the White Sox climbed into a fifth-place tie with the Tigers in the American League by bowling over the Indians, 3-2 and 5-1.

Majors & Minors

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, PCT., GB. Lists Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Boston, New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, PCT., GB. Lists St. Louis, Chicago, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, PCT., GB. Lists Baltimore, Newark, Buffalo, Jersey City, Montreal, Toronto, Syracuse, Rochester.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, PCT., GB. Lists Milwaukee, Toledo, Louisville, Columbus, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Kansas City.

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