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NORMANDY 'TRAP' NEARLY SHUT

Fresh Try Of Von Kluge to Escape Fails

Pocket's Mouth Reduced To Ten Miles; Prisoner Take Mounting Heavily

(By the Associated Press)
Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters disclosed today that the escape hatch for up to 200,000 Germans trapped in Normandy had been further narrowed to a little over 10 miles between Falaise and Argentan. The new blow against the Germans in southern France and the closing of the gigantic trap in Normandy underscored Eisenhower's statement yesterday that this week can be "a momentous one in the history of war."

Uncounted hundreds of Germans were captured in an attempt to escape from the Normandy trap into which Marshal von Kluge's Seventh army was driven. Again von Kluge tried a daylight rush today in an effort to extricate his forces, but failed at heavy cost.

West of Falaise, the roof of his corridor "appeared to be collapsing today" under a British avalanche of tanks and men, a front report declared.

On all sides the allies pressed in. A British staff officer said von Kluge was throwing in reinforcements, but they were apparently 30 per cent "slave troops," tossed in as sacrifice rearwards while von Kluge sought to save his armor and his best men.

Italian Front Quieter
The fourth major land front, in northern Italy, remained comparatively quiet, but the Germans bitterly resisting in the Gothic line were likely to be outflanked by the invasion of southern France and the cutting of communications between France and Italy.

Marshal Tito's Yugoslav army has smashed out in a new attack 35 miles west of the Italian border in Slovenia and captured five towns, a communique broadcast by Tito's headquarters announced today.

At least 2,000 American and British bombers were hurled today against Germany, Holland and Belgium while other hundreds of planes from Italy and

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
NORTHWEST FRANCE is still shrouded, as this is written, in darkest secrecy. SHAEF (allied supreme headquarters) announces:

"The four-day mystery operations west of Paris have the Germans so much in the dark that strictest secrecy is of paramount importance."

It is a fair guess that something big is brewing there.

MEANWHILE the dispatches fairly crackle with intimations of something big that may be brewing elsewhere.

Our Mediterranean-based bombers start smacking the Riviera coast of southern France. The bombardment, which seems to follow the standard pre-invasion softening-up pattern, extends from a small area in Italy east of Monte Carlo westward nearly to Toulon and Marseille. Other allied bombers drop their eggs on Toulouse, on the main communications route between Bordeaux and the Atlantic and France's Mediterranean beaches.

At the same time, allied carrier-based planes attack German installations on the NORWAY coast.

FOR weeks the Germans have been muttering in their beards about HUGE allied invasion forces gathering around Corsica. Corsica is just across the Ligurian sea (less than 150 miles) from the Riviera coast. The valley of the Rhone, leading up from

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"Blood and Guts" Patton Revealed As Leader of 3rd Yank Army That Drove Nazis Into Normandy Pocket

A SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIES EXPEDITIONARY FORCE COMMAND POST IN NORMANDY, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower announced today that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., "Old Blood and Guts" of the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns, is leading the American Third army which has driven roughshod over the Germans in lower Normandy and Brittany.

Since Aug. 1 the Third army had effected the cutoff of the Breton peninsula and helped close a trap on the German Seventh army with a spectacular sweep northward from Le Mans.

A French division of armor under Brig. Gen. Jacques LeClerc, who joined the allies from Lake Chad in Africa, is fighting with Patton.

Eisenhower said that Patton had been on the marching wing of the American spearhead driving to envelop the German Seventh army in Normandy. The supreme commander added that that was where Patton belonged. War Not Near End Warning

The announcement came at a press conference in which Eisenhower summarized the situation in one of the war's most critical periods—for the Germans. But Eisenhower warned against expecting that the end would come in a matter of weeks.

"This week is marking a very definite climax in one phase of the operational plan that has been in effect since D-day," the general said. "Just what will be the result in the sum total no one can say. It is certain that German forces congregated on our front are taking a sound beating. In the campaigns lying ahead numbers of such tactical victories must be won because, even if we realize our fondest hopes in a situation such as this, we are still a long way from the Rhine."

Hitler Not Likely To Quit
Eisenhower said that a man who attempts to measure the length of war remaining in terms of weeks is not attempting to use any logic, but merely hunches and wishful thinking.

Hitler has nothing to lose by fighting to the last man, he continued, and with the people fighting under the heel of a despot and not in the "spontaneous cooperation."

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Sixty Enroll For Swim Instruction

Swimming classes for beginners and advanced students started Monday at the Mosher street swimming pool. Mel Ingram, recreation supervisor, reported today. Harold Marr, instructor, registered 38 in the beginners class and 22 students for advanced swimming. Lifesaving classes also are being organized.

The enclosed swimming pool recently provided is proving very popular, Ingram stated, and from 150 to 175 persons are using the facilities daily.

The pool has been enclosed with log floats. Diving boards have been installed and safety factors provided. The pool is under supervision each afternoon and evening.

Bullitt Gets French Rank Denied Him by Stimson

ALGIER, Aug. 15.—(AP)—William C. Bullitt, 53, former American ambassador to France, yesterday joined the French army as a commandant, equivalent to the rank of major in the U. S. army, the French information ministry announced today.

Bullitt, an honorary citizen of a number of French towns, established that he could retain American citizenship and serve in the French army. Offer of active military duty had been rejected twice by U. S. Secretary of War Stimson because of his age.

Three More Youths From State School Run Away

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Eight institution inmates were at large today, including five from the state training school for boys, two from the Fairview home for feeble-minded persons, and one from the state prison.

Three boys from the training school escaped late yesterday by running from a work gang. They were Edwin Sauer, 15, Newbern; David Davis, 17, Mill City; and Raymond Beaver, 16, Portland.

The other five persons escaped Sunday.

Reds Shatter Nazi Forts in North Poland

MOSCOW, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Russian forces started attacking freshly dug German entrenchments today in front of Grajewo, two miles south of the East Prussian border, after cracking the steel and concrete forts around Oswiec, North Poland, and winning a bridgehead across the Biebrza river.

Not only Grajewo but Lyck in East Prussia, 12 miles to the north, was menaced by the two Russian army groups. Should these communication centers fall, a German withdrawal from the northeastern corner of East Prussia would be imperative.

A German fortified zone three to six miles in depth lay littered with fire-blackened Nazi tanks and wrecked field guns behind Gen. Zakharov's vanguard.

Zakharov's new menace to the Nazi province appeared likely to ease the pressure on Gen. Chernikhov's Third White Russian army, which has been stalled a fortnight by desperate German resistance near the East Prussia-Lithuania border farther north.

Political News Freedom is Voted

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The senate, insisting that American troops be allowed full access to political news, speedily passed today amendments modifying the anti-propaganda provisions of the soldier voting law under which the army and navy have banned numerous books and magazines and some newspapers.

Senate approval of the modifying amendments came shortly after they had been recommended unanimously by the elections committee.

Senator Green, elections committee chairman, said the revisions would permit the sale at army and navy stores of any newspaper, magazine or book in general circulation in the United States—subject only to the limits of available transportation.

Some had been banned under the existing law on the ground that they contained material calculated to affect the outcome of the November election. The armed services had so interpreted the act to prevent their sales at army or navy stores, although they could be purchased outside military establishments and delivered to troops through the mails.

The amendments now go to the house.

Heat Fails to Force Worker, 90, to Take Rest

BOSTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—It was not the 90 degrees of heat that irked John A. Dorothy of the Mattapan district of Boston. It was the fact that Mr. Dorothy's boss suggested that perhaps, under the circumstances, it was too hot for him to work yesterday and that it might be better if he went home.

Mr. Dorothy, who will be 91 years old three weeks hence, refused his boss' suggestion and stayed at his production-line war job, a position he has held 24 years without being absent or late.

"There's too much coddling of workers going on," quoth Mr. Dorothy to his boss as he wiped his brow and turned back to his work.

Three New Polio Cases Appear in Clackamas

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Three new cases of infantile paralysis in Clackamas county followed closely upon a tonsilectomy. Dr. Dan P. Trullinger, county health officer, reports.

The first came 10 days after a child in the Aurora area had his tonsils removed, and eight days after he swam in the Willamette river. A neighbor boy and girl then were stricken.

Nazis Round Up French

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Berlin radio said today "thousands of members of the French underground" had been arrested in a surprise roundup.

Corporal Marcus Wells, Who Survived Wounds at Tarawa, Killed at Saipan



Death of Grover M. (Marcus) Wells, above, former Roseburg high school athletic star, has been officially announced by the Navy department. Wells, a corporal in the marine corps, was wounded at Tarawa, but had recovered sufficiently to take part in the landing on Saipan, where he met his death.

Born at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Jan. 15, 1922, he came to Roseburg nine years ago and was graduated from Roseburg high school with the class of 1942. He starred for two years on the football team.

He enlisted in the marine corps June 17, 1942 and was in the So. Pacific for two years, engaging in several combats prior to the Saipan landing.

His last letter, just received by his mother, Martha E. Wells, 59, Everett St., Roseburg, asked that he be remembered to all of his many friends.

Survivors include his mother; his father, M. L. Wells, Yamhill; three brothers, Private Earl Wells, also in the marines and serving in the South Pacific; Eugene and Kenneth Wells, Roseburg, and two sisters, Marjorie Wells, Portland and Violet Wells, Roseburg.

He was a member of the Roseburg Baptist church.

Air Raid Peril Cancels Nippon Siren in Korea

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Because of the danger of United States air raids Japanese authorities in Korea have abandoned the custom of twice-a-day compulsory worship of Emperor Hirohito, it was disclosed by a broadcast over the controlled Kei radio.

Extra Session Petitions Ready for Gov. Snell

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Petitions urging Governor Snell to call a special one-day legislative session to amend election laws so service men will have more time to return November election ballots will be presented the chief executive tomorrow by George Lacey chairman of the Multnomah democratic county committee.

Inskeep, Former U. of O. Griddler, Killed in War

WITH ALLIED FORCES ON BRITISH NEW GUINEA, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Second Lt. Thomas R. Inskeep of Portland, Ore.—a former University of Oregon football player—was killed when spotted by a Japanese machine gun crew while leading a platoon on a Nipponese 75 mm. mountain gun.

East St. Johns Shingle Mill Hit by \$75,000 Fire

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Fire destroyed the main building of the East St. Johns Shingle company mill late last night. Wesley W. Gotcher, president and manager, estimated loss at about \$75,000.

Yank Bombers Raid Formosa, Nippon Island

(By the Associated Press)
Formosa, anchor on Japan's inner water routes and only 200 miles north of the Philippines, has been attacked by U. S. bombers based on China, Gen. Stilwell's headquarters announced today.

The raid, directed at one of the island's main ports, complemented heavy aerial blows which have virtually neutralized Halmahera island at the southern and opposite end of the Philippines. Docks at Takao were hit and three freighters were sunk in the narrow waterway between Formosa and the China coast.

Land-based bombers stabbed again at Iwo Jima in the Volcano islands some 600 miles from Japan, said radio Tokyo.

Twenty-two Liberators attacked the Japanese fortress yesterday and were engaged by fighters, the unconfirmed enemy report declared. Two bombers were downed, it added.

Halmahera Neutralized

Halmahera, a Japanese-held island lying between allied forces on New Guinea and the southern Philippines, has been effectively neutralized under a rain of airborne explosives, Gen. MacArthur's communique today said.

"The flexibility of this great base is now gone. The enemy's airfields at Halmahera and at contiguous intermediate bases are practically neutralized, his maritime forces largely immobilized and his ground troops immobilized in their present positions."

Great fires and explosions were

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Mother Admits Hammer Slaying of Her Baby

SEATTLE, Aug. 15.—(AP)—J. R. McCarthy, a neighbor, said Mrs. Earl Flynn, 27, confessed beating her 1-week-old son on the head with a hammer early today because she could not stand the strain of motherhood. Flynn, a city fireman, was reported on vacation. Mrs. Flynn was held without charge.

Hospital attendants said the baby, Jackie Edward, was dying despite blood transfusions. His sister, Sharon Lee, 6, was unharmed.

Fremont Forest Leads Northwest Timber Cut

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Timber cut from the Fremont national forest in the fiscal year ended June 30 totaled 171,299,000 board feet, a figure unequaled in any other national forest in Oregon or Washington.

Supervisor James Mays reports. The timber brought \$948,213.

Hangs Himself In Jail

MORO, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Arrested on a charge of walking about without clothes, John Culbrier, 52, Hinerahua farm worker, hanged himself in the Shoshone county jail, Sheriff C. C. Wilson reported.

Barbara, Dime-Store Heiress, Third Husband, Actor Cary Grant, in Rift, In Midst of Lawsuit With Number 2

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 15.—(AP)—A marital rift has occurred in the home of Cary Grant and his heiress wife, Barbara Hutton Grant, and as a result the actor left home for two days, Perry Lieber, a representative of the RKO studios said today.

"The trouble still has not been patched up," Lieber asserted.

"So far as I know they are still in the same house, but the house is so big they could both be there and still be separated."

No comment was available immediately from either Grant or his wife. The studio spokesman said he hoped to have statements from both later today.

They were married July 9, 1942. Mrs. Grant was wed previously to Alexis M'Diwan, Georgian prince, and Count Haugwitz-Reventlow, former Danish nobleman.

Mrs. Grant, heiress to a fabulous dime-store fortune, has engaged recently in a controversy with Haugwitz-Reventlow over custody of their 9-year-old son, Lance, whom the father took to Canada in June.

Money Pirating Alleged
The month previous, Haugwitz-Reventlow filed a suit here to enforce an order by the high court of justice of England which

Allied Armies Swarm Ashore Near Toulon, Opening Fourth Major Front Against Nazis

Opposition Weakened in Advance by Terrific Blows From Air Force and Armada of 800 Ships; Junction With Forces in Normandy Immediate Objective

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ROME, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The army of France and a great force of battle-hardened Americans and British, struck Hitler on a fourth major front today, invading southern France and successfully completing all their landings along a broad section of Mediterranean beach around Toulon.

A special communique a few hours after the blow was struck said beaches along a considerable length of the Riviera had been seized by mid-morning according to schedule with scarcely any ground opposition and no air opposition.

One of the greatest air-borne combat forces ever assembled paved the way for the assault and likewise carried out operations successfully far inland.

The great stab into the "underbelly of Europe," bringing the battle for France to full fury, was backed by more than 800 ships—one of the biggest fleets ever to churn the waters of the Mediterranean, which Mussolini once called his own, and by great air power.

South France Invasion Secrecy Just Myth

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIES EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The invasion of southern France was perhaps the worst kept secret of the war.

Thousands of Frenchmen and Americans knew it was coming. Correspondents in Normandy and Brittany were constantly asked about it both by Frenchmen and GIs.

The question was among the first asked by Frenchmen in towns which had been captured. The French underground probably was told of the impending invasion and they told everyone else.

Commando Kelly Overstays Leave, Court-Martialled

FORT BENNING, Ga., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Court-martialled for returning six days late from a furlough, Tech. Sgt. Charles E. (Commando) Kelly today was "sweating out" a \$90 fine and three months' restrictions to his company area, but he was happy about one thing—

He can still go to the movies on the military reservation.

The "one-man army's" only request after the court-martial sentence was, smilingly, "May I attend the movies?" he was advised he could.

Kelly, the Pittsburgh youth whose heroic exploits in Italy in 1943 won him the congressional medal of honor, blamed "well-wishers" for his tardiness in returning to the infantry school here where he is stationed.

The 23-year-old automatic rifleman first arrived here July 11 after he and Lt. Ernest Childers, another congressional medal winner, toured the country relating their experiences to infantrymen in training. He was granted a furlough to visit his Pittsburgh home shortly after reporting to the infantry school.

When Kelly returned late from furlough infantry school authorities filed charges for court-martial. Under the sentence he will lose \$15 a month out of his pay for the next six months.

He was not reduced in rank.

Oregon Wheat Goal This Year Calls for Decrease

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Although War Food administration goals for 1945 wheat planting acreage call for a nationwide increase of 1,900,000 acres, more than planted for harvest this year, both Washington and Oregon goals call for a decrease as compared with 1944 plantings, it was revealed yesterday.

The WFA goal for Oregon is but 995,000 acres or 2,000 less than is planted this year. Washington's goal of 2,275,000 is 322,000 less than the 2,597,000 acres seeded in 1944.

Slayer of Daughter Gets 3rd Arraignment Stay

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Winfield L. Henderson has been granted a third postponement of his arraignment in circuit court on an indictment charging him with first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of his daughter July 24. The 47-year-old Sherwood farmer told Judge Latourette yesterday he has not yet obtained counsel, and his appearance to enter a plea was set for Friday.

Youths in Truck Stolen At Myrtle Creek Held

Deputy Sheriff R. G. Baker left today for Crescent City, California, in response to information that two youths are being held by authorities there with a stolen truck stolen Sunday at Myrtle Creek. The names of the youths were reported as Kenneth McGann and Robert Watson. Sheriff Bud Carter reported. The truck was the property of E. W. Pico, mill operator.

Salmon Run in High Gear

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Columbia river's August salmon run was in high gear today, and catches were exceeding last year's.

Gillnetters were bringing in an average of 2,000 pounds per boat. A seven-day week was ordered at some canneries. Key personnel are working 12 to 16-hour shifts.

Loivity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenstain
The word of Japan can't be trusted says President Roosevelt. Sounds like the Japanese leaders have been making pre-election promises like New Deal candidates.