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Bucharest Reported in Hands of Russians

Nazis Try to Burn Ploesti Oil Plants

15,000 Germans Added To Prisoner Bag, Others Facing Annihilation

LONDON, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The red army has entered Bucharest, Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

MOSCOW, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The Red army was believed today to have entered Bucharest, capital of Romania, after capturing the great Ploesti oil fields and preempting perhaps a third of the German petroleum supply.

At midnight, the Russians were 17 miles from the city of 648,000 after an advance of nearly 40 miles in a day through the capitulated Balkan kingdom.

An official announcement was not yet made but Muscovites kept their radios tuned for an order of the day.

With the fall of Ploesti, the way to Bucharest is open, Red Star said.

Izvestia reported from captured Ploesti that the abrupt Red army drive had prevented destruction of the Ploesti oil fields but added that serious damage had been done. Romanian oil workers helped the Russians put out tremendous fires and civilians directed Soviet troops to a large group of Germans dressed as civilians, applying the torch right and left.

The dispatch added that a plane trip over the fields, greatest in Europe except for those in Russia itself, disclosed that the Germans did everything possible

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
FRANCE and Romania still hold the spotlight. In both the picture is beginning to clear a little.

IN France, we have two objectives—and it is a little difficult to say which is the more important. They are:

1. Keeping as many Germans as possible from getting back into Germany.
2. Seizing the rocket coast.

(OUR over-all objective, of course, is destroying German will and power to go on fighting. When we accomplish that, the European war will be over.)

TO understand the fighting in northern France, we must remember that RIVERS constitute the natural defense lines there. We've already broken the line of the Seine and the Marne and are REACHING for the Somme-Aisne line.

We're fighting in country whose place names are intimately familiar because of the last war.

The fighting itself, however, is DIFFERENT. In the last war men died by the thousands to defend each yard of blood-soaked trench. This is WAR OF MAN-

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Willkie Keeps Politicians Guessing On Whom He'll Support, but Friends Bet That He'll Back G. O. P. Ticket

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie may keep the republicans and democrats guessing until only a few days before the election, but intimate friends here are betting the 1940 G. O. P. presidential nominee will stick with his adopted party.

Willkie, who has not said which candidate he will support in November, if either, admittedly has embarked on a campaign to force both President Roosevelt and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey as far out into the open as he can on domestic and foreign issues. He is particularly interested in those relating to postwar organization to secure future peace.

Politicians differ over Willkie's ability to swing any sizable bloc of voters, but the mere fact that they cannot gauge the effect of his potential endorsement keeps most of them treading lightly. They remember that in 1940 he polled more votes for president than any republican in history, after leaving the democratic party.

Willkie believes he has made substantial progress in helping move both Dewey, the G. O. P. nominee, and the President toward what the Willkie adherents

Bradley Given Equal Rank With Montgomery as U.S. Army's Field Commander

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower announced today that Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley had taken his place as a full field commander of American armies in northern France in equal status to Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and declared confidently his forces would carry the fight into Germany, inevitably and decisively.

Bradley, mild Missouri infantry specialist, hitherto has been officially subservient to Montgomery who commanded all ground troops in northern France under Eisenhower. Bradley, however, has assumed great stature by himself.

"Monty" Also Elevated
LONDON, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery was elevated tonight to the rank of field marshal, effective tomorrow. The war office announced that King George VI had approved the promotion of the hero of El Alamein who now directs British armies in northern France.

meeting his First and Third American armies in the breakthrough from St. Lo across the Brest peninsula, beyond Paris and to the approaches of Belgium and Germany.

Eisenhower said operations were five days ahead of schedule. He said the crushing defeat administered Marshal von Kluge was due partly to the land-greedy Nazi strategy of inflexible defense—a rigid stake-alike stand on a flank south of the Seine.

Montgomery Praised
In announcing the new setup of field command, he paid high tribute to Montgomery, describing him as a close and warm friend and one of the greatest soldiers of this war or any other. He emphasized the change was in no way the slightest reflection upon "Monty" nor a demotion for him.

Eisenhower said he regarded it as essential to have a single field commander with full responsibility until the breakthrough after invasion, hence Montgomery was appointed with full approval of the Americans.

Now that the breakthrough has occurred, it is possible to effect the final stage of the command system as planned all along, Eisenhower said.

Eisenhower seemed convinced the Germans were scraping the bottom of the barrel for forces to brace their broken western front. Answering a question, he said that if the allies drove into Belgium and the Netherlands, the Germans probably would be forced to pull out of Denmark.

Joe B. Cole, Marine of Oakland, Hurt in Action

Joe B. Cole, of the 4th marine division, is in an army hospital in New Caledonia, suffering from an arm injury resulting from combat action, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Cole, Oakland, Ore.

The letter was written by a nurse, who reported Cole to be making satisfactory recovery and that he probably would be sent back to the United States in the near future.

A brother, Corporal Harold G. Cole, who enlisted in the army engineers June 21, 1943, has arrived in India, according to a letter received by his parents. He writes that he is taking advantage of his new location to see many interesting sights and is feeling well despite the heat.

September Meat Points Unchanged; Cheese, Milk Up

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Point values of rationed meats will remain unchanged in the four-week period beginning Sunday (Sept. 3) and ending Sept. 30, but some varieties of cheese and canned milk will cost more points.

The point value of group 3 cheeses, such as Swiss, Italian, Munster, Limburger, Camembert, Liederkranz, grated-dehydrated, brick, Gouda, Greek, Edam, Bleu and Brie is increased from 8 to 10 points a pound.

Canned milk, both condensed and evaporated, will cost one point a pound, instead of two-thirds of a point. Heretofore, a single can of milk has taken one point, but three cans cost only two points.

In announcing September red point values, the OPA said consumers had been buying group 3 cheeses in excess of allocation for civilian use, and that sales of canned milk also are running ahead of war food administration allocations.

Creamery butter will continue to cost 16 points a pound. The point value of process butter, however, will be increased from 6 to 12 points, to bring its point cost more closely in line with the 16 points for creamery butter and 12 points for farm butter.

The OPA said the overall meat supply for civilians would be 2.1 per cent larger in September than in August, but that the supply of better grades costing points would be 10 1/2 per cent smaller.

Sutherland Peace Justice Nominated by GOP Heads
Ward C. Watson, Sutherland, has been nominated by the Douglas County Republican Central committee for the office of justice of the peace of Calapooia district, serving the Oakland-Sutherland area. County Clerk Roy Agee reported today. Mr. Watson is now serving by appointment, following the resignation of Mr. James Dearling. His name will appear on the November election ballot.

The committee also is preparing to nominate a trustee for the North Umpqua highway improvement district, to fill the vacancy left by the death of W. C. Harding, and also a nominee for constable of Deer Creek precinct, Roseburg, due to the vacancy created by the death of A. J. Lilburn.

Toll of Nippon Craft Boosted By New Blows

(By the Associated Press)
Nearly 300 ocean-going ships were knocked out of the Japanese merchant and fighting fleets in August.

A recapitulation of allied communiqués today, with reports for the month not yet complete, disclosed at least 175 of these were known to be sunk, including 18 combatant vessels.

The figures do not include more than 500 barges, loggers, sampans and riverboats sunk or damaged, mostly in China.

Communiqué today and yesterday listed 36 ships destroyed or crippled. They included 17 by submarines, which sank 52 in August for their biggest month of the war.

Damaging Nipponese losses contrasted with the report of Navy Secretary Forrestal that the United States navy has 65,000 vessels including 1,150 aircraft carriers, battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarines, with its building program "little more than half finished."

Halmahera Blasted Again
American bombers, softening up the approaches to the Philippines, delivered their fourth heavy blow within two weeks at the stepping stone island of Halmahera. In that period 514 tons of explosives blasted Nipponese defenses on the island. "Damage was heavy and widespread," Gen. MacArthur said. In the latest raid aimed at the heart of the island.

Other southwest Pacific bombings.

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KILLED IN ACTION—Corporal Randolph C. Jennie, son of Randolph Jennie, Tenmile, was killed in action in France, July 27, according to official War department notification. He was 23 years of age and was born at Lookingglass. He attended Tenmile schools and entered military service in November, 1942. His father, a brother, Archie L. Jennie, seaman first class in the navy, and three sisters, Mrs. Eunice Bufts, Mrs. Louise Coats and Mrs. Norma Beatty, all of Tenmile, survive.



Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley

DIES FROM WOUNDS—Death of Lieutenant Edgar Lewis, above, son of Mrs. Mabel Lewis, Roseburg, was reported Tuesday in an official communication received by his mother. His death resulted from wounds suffered in combat action in France, where he participated in the continental invasion. His death was announced to have occurred Aug. 16, the day after he had written a letter from the hospital, reporting that he was recovering.

Death Terminates Tender Deception Of Bereft Mother

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Mrs. Julia Columbo's life ended last night—and with it one of the tenderest deceptions ever enacted in this capital of make-believe.

She was the 78-year-old mother of Russ Columbo, handsome crooner and film actor. She died still happy in the belief that he was winning ever more fame abroad—mercifully unaware that actually he himself died a decade ago.

Russ was killed Sept. 2, 1934, then 26 and at the crest of a career as a night-club singer and film actor. He and friends were examining an old Civil War cap-and-ball pistol, believing it unloaded. The weapon discharged, and the bullet struck him in the breast.

His mother was too ill from a heart ailment to be told of his death, so each week she received a letter from "Russ." Actually it was written by her husband, Nicholas, or one of the other four children—Tony in Philadelphia; Albert, John and Mrs. Carmela Tempest here.

The missive would be filled with newsy accounts, tender sentiments, reports of his successes abroad, and regrets that he was still too busy to return for a visit. Once a month the letter contained a check for \$398, supposed from Russ. It was the payment to her from his insurance policy.

The deception was continued after falling eyesight narrowed her little world. Her husband died two years ago.

N. E. Bradford Fined \$100 For Drunken Driving

Norvin E. Bradford, 42, Yoncalla, was sentenced to a fine of \$100 and 30 days in jail, following a plea of guilty to a charge of drunken driving in the Roseburg justice court today. Judge Thomas Hartfield reported. The jail sentence is to be suspended upon payment of the fine, but Bradford was committed to jail in lieu of payment, while attempting to secure the sum necessary to obtain his release.

A fine of \$25 was paid by Carl W. Chenoweth, 53, Portland, who pleaded guilty. Judge Hartfield reported, to a charge of being drunk on a public highway.

Oregon's Whiskey Ration Right Upheld by Court

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 31.—(AP)—The state liquor control commission's right to ration whiskey was upheld today by circuit court.

The court rejected the claim of L. B. Sandblast, Portland attorney who brought the test suit, that rationing was prevented by an Oregon law prohibiting limitation of liquor sales except for resale.

Attorney for the commission contended that unlimited sales would quickly deplete state stocks, and lead individuals to resell their purchases.

Rent Charges Adjusted By Local Board

Through cooperation between tenants and landlords, settlement of a number of complaints of increased rent charges was obtained at a meeting of the Roseburg Rent committee, at the Roseburg chamber of commerce office Tuesday. Earl Wiley, chairman, reported today. Members of the committee attending the meeting were Chairman Wiley, Father William Coughlan, John Runyan, Charles A. Brand and Councilman C. P. Snoddy. Several tenants were present to submit their complaints in person, and two landlords also were in attendance.

An open discussion was held regarding all angles of the rental question. It was the opinion reached, following a study of various factors, that some increases from the level of January 1942 were justified, but excessive rises were not approved. On the whole, the committee found, rentals in the Roseburg area are generally below the state average for property of comparative values.

Mediation Preferred
"It is the purpose of the committee," Chairman Wiley said, "to secure settlements by mediation rather than through dictatorial decisions. We hope there will be no aggravated cases to force drastic action. It is the desire of the committee to be of the

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Officer Crawls Under Log to Capture Gunman

SEATTLE, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Detective Capt. Wesley N. Miller last night shortened considerably the hunt for a young gunman because he found himself too short to surmount a deadfall log and accordingly crawled under it.

As he poked his head under the log he found himself looking into the weapon of a gunman suspected of holding up the Bellevue feed store on the east side of Lake Washington. The youth fired three times but Miller's return fire wounded him in both arms and he surrendered.

Previously the youth had escaped a hail of fire from two other officers who had attempted to stop him in the stolen car he was driving.

Mrs. H. C. Muller, who faced the robber in the holdup, reported \$147 was taken.

Missing Child Found in Mr. Hood Region, Unhurt

BRIGHTWOOD, Ore., Aug. 31.—(AP)—Jimmy Slater, 3-year-old boy missing a day and a night in the rugged area bordering Mt. Hood, apparently was little the worse after his experience, rescuers said today after he was found.

The boy spent the night in the mountains while 50 men searched the brush covered hills and canyons. The son of Mr. and Mrs. George Slater, Brightwood, he strayed away while climbing a hilly path with his brother and sisters.

Wreck of Greyhound Bus Sends 15 to Hospitals

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Injured when a Pacific Greyhound bus crashed over a 20-foot bank and overturned, fifteen persons were in hospitals here and at Dorris and Yreka, Calif., today.

The bus, careened from the Weed highway yesterday near Weed Lake, Calif., when the steering gear jammed, state highway officers said.

The bus, carrying 38 passengers, was en route from Redding, Calif., to Klamath Falls. The driver, Wes Sterling, Redding, Calif., suffered slight injuries.

Ex-Senator Norris in "Critical" Condition

McCook, Neb., Aug. 31.—(AP)—Former Senator George W. Norris has been able to take some liquid food although he still has not regained full consciousness, doctors attending the 83-year-old lawmaker said today.

Norris, who has been in a state of semi-consciousness since suffering a cerebral hemorrhage Tuesday at his home here, is still in a critical condition, the physicians said.

Ear Loser Asks \$10,000
PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Ralph Troceno told Circuit Court today his ear was worth \$10,000. He asked that sum from a fellow worker who he charged bit off his ear in a fight.

Speed of Pursuit Gives Enemy No Chance for Stand; Amiens Taken, Somme River Crossed

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 31.—(AP)—British tanks captured Amiens and smashed across the Somme river today in a lightning 60-mile drive in 48 hours that found the Germans in full flight back to the reich before four onrushing allied armies.

The British raced with American columns which overran Laon and stabbed on north more than two miles to within 33 miles of Belgium with such bewildering speed that they overwhelmed three trainloads of German soldiers trying to escape.

The speed of the advance, virtually uncontested along a 150-mile arc at the Somme and approaching the Meuse river, indicated that the Germans had given up the last pretense of a rearguard stand and were in open flight through Belgium back to the imperiled homeland.

The Somme itself had been considered a natural barrier



YANKS ON VICTORY ROAD—American armored forces surge across the Marne and Aisne rivers in a swift advance towards Belgian and German frontiers, capturing Soissons, 54 miles from the Belgian border, and historic Chateau-Thierry. Other forces press against the robust coast defenses, while in the south the French make two more crossings of the river Rhone and head for Spanish border. Also shown on the above map are battlefields of World War I, now overrun by the allies as they chase the battered Germans towards their homeland.

along which the enemy might try to fashion some sort of a stand, but the capture of the city of Amiens, which straddles the river, blasted this possibility.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower declared that now the allied campaign to liberate northern France was at least five days ahead of schedule, and it appeared that the Germans were not trying to sidetrack it.

Nazi Casualties In North France More Than 400,000

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Allied armies in northern France have inflicted more than 400,000 casualties on the Nazis since D-day, General Eisenhower reported today, including the destruction of 25 enemy divisions and the severe mauling of 18 additional divisions.

"One thousand three hundred enemy tanks and over 20,000 motor transports have been captured or destroyed," the report added.

"About 500 assault guns and 1,500 field and heavier artillery guns have been captured or destroyed. In addition the enemy has suffered very heavy losses in coast artillery equipment."

"Three field marshals and one army commander have either been dismissed or incapacitated by wounds. One army commander, three corps commanders, 15 divisional commanders and one fortress commander have been either killed or captured."

"In the air, the Luftwaffe has taken a fearful beating. Since June 6, (D-day) 2,378 German aircraft have been destroyed in the air and 1,167 on the ground. Losses of allied shipping have been small, while some 300 enemy vessels of all classes have been sunk or heavily damaged by allied action. In addition the Nazis have lost a number of merchant ships at sea and been forced to scuttle in their harbors large numbers of craft, both naval and commercial."

Ammunition Allotted Farmers and Hunters
SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Standard priorities regulation 7 is operative in ammunition purchases by hunters under the newly liberalized War Production board ruling. District Priorities Manager Richard Smith reported yesterday.

Under this simple, standard certification, Smith said, the purchaser signs a statement that he is entitled to the ammunition under the relaxed WPB order and that he will use it for the stated purposes.

He said dealers may write out the certification themselves without any regular WPB forms. The new order is expected to increase ammunition for farmers by 50 per cent. Hunters will be able to obtain their quotas only if purchased before December 31.

Bordeaux Falls To French Forces

(By the Associated Press.)
The French forces of the interior announced today the capture of Bordeaux, last great port in southern France held by the Germans.

Meanwhile German 19th army remnants fell back in the Rhone valley toward Lyon under costly, punishing attacks. Allied units captured the playground city of Nice, and struck within 12 miles of the Italian frontier. In a significant victory in Italy, Polish troops seized Pesaro, an Adriatic anchor of the enemy's Gothic line.

Germans retreating toward Lyon fought rearguard actions only under necessity. The 19th army had lost 50,000 prisoners. Tremendous material losses were inflicted.

Polish troops toppled the port of Pesaro in a fierce struggle, and other allied troops were assaulting Gothic line positions, meeting severe resistance. The Foglia river was crossed on a broad front. The pace of war in Italy quickened as the Germans were gravely menaced by the seventh army thrust through Nice and close to the Italian Riviera border.

Lofty Fact Rant
By L. F. Rosenfeld

Unlike the leopard that can't change its spots, the Nazi octopus now shows how easy it is to change its tentacles to peace feelers.