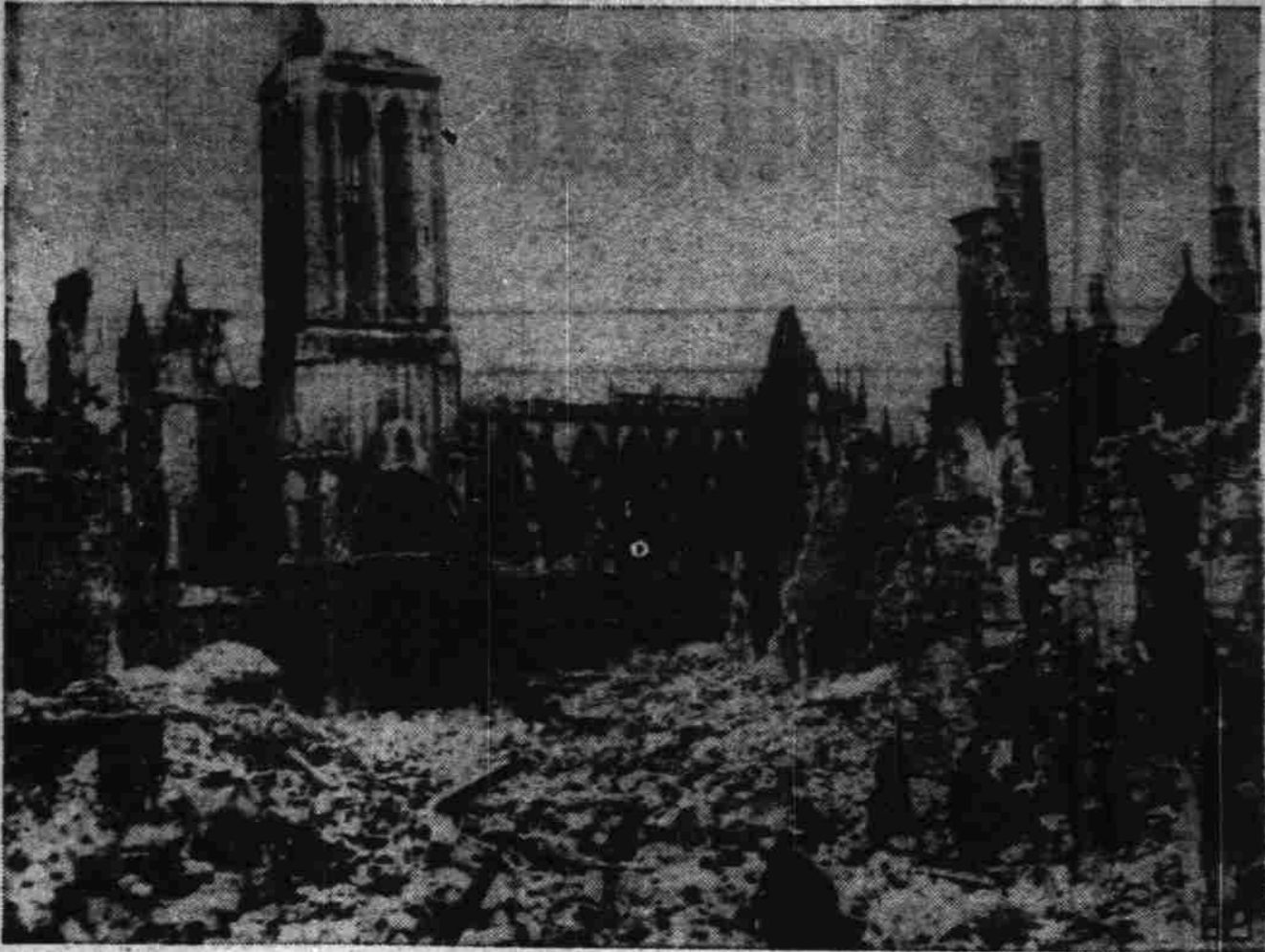


Caen Pays the Price of Freedom



A section of the French city of Caen, in ruins, testifies to the strength of the allied steamroller in Europe, and the cost in destruction to a French city the Germans chose to defend to the last. Standing in the background is the 14th century church of St. Pierre. (AP Wirephoto)

British Fire American 'Long Tom' Rifle



Heavy German concentrations are the targets for this American "Long Tom" being fired by British gunners southwest of Tilly, France. This is a British official photo. (AP Wirephoto via signal corps radiophoto)

Rushing for Goodbye Kiss



Carmella Jablanski (right) rushes up to her husband, Joseph (center) to say goodbye after he was brought from Chicago's Maxwell street police station for return to Joliet penitentiary, by Lt. Andrew Stash (left) of the prison. Jablanski was arrested after, according to Police Captain Louis Capparelli, Mrs. Jablanski told them her husband escaped in 1933 while serving a life term for murder. (AP Wirephoto)

Lindbergh Meets Gen. Kenney



Charles A. Lindbergh, who is associated with the Ford Motor company, meets Lt. Gen. George Kenney, commander of the far east air forces, on his visit to the southwest Pacific. (AP Wirephoto from signal corps radio)

New Drive Is Launched by Red Armies

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Grodno, which already was in the process of being outflanked from the southwest.

Towns Captured

In their drive to the Niemen river north and northwest of Grodno, the Russians listed capture of the river towns of Druski-niki, Sondubra, Privalka and Gozdno, the latter only eight miles from the Suwalki border and nine miles above Grodno. Crossing the river at that point would put them even nearer to German soil.

Some 30 miles south, in their drive towards Bialystok, the Russians reported they crossed the Rosa river and seized numerous towns north of Wolkowysk and west and southwest of Slonim.

Equipment Seized

The midnight Russian supplemental communique said that 5000 Germans were killed and 500 captured in the seizure of Opochka, that the German garrison at Alytus was wiped out, and that 2000 Germans were killed in successes scored north of Wolkowysk. Huge quantities of nazi equipment also were captured, it said.

Soviet airmen blasted seven German trains and left large oil stores exploding in raids on Kobryn and Yanuv, west of fallen Pinsk, and also blew up loaded freight cars at Daugavpils, the bulletin said.

Yanks Bring Livorno Into Artillery Range

ROME, July 15 (AP)—Doughboys brought the great port of Livorno (Leghorn) into artillery range from the mountain positions three and one-half miles away today and in a sweep along a 25-mile front occupied all important heights nine miles from the Arno river guarding Florence and Pisa.

It appeared that Livorno, potential base for a grand assault on the Gothic line above Florence and Pisa, could not be held much longer by the battered German 14th army, now in full retreat.

Advances were general along the 160-mile front except in the center, where British Eighth army artillery was banging away at the bottleneck Olmo pass barring the way to Arezzo. This highway center on the road to Florence was in sight of advance elements.

German positions south of the Arno appeared hopeless, and it was possible the enemy's retreat would not halt until he had drawn back as much as 15 miles at some points to the heights north east of Pisa across the Arno.

Doughboys following the withdrawal moved up the coast to within three and one-half miles of Livorno at one point last night. There was a possibility the fifth army might postpone occupation of the big port until the enemy is cleared from high ground north-east of Pisa, from which German guns could lob shells into Livorno and make the use of its docks difficult.

Bombs Hinder Exchange of War Internees

IRUN, Spain, July 15 (AP)—Germans admitted today that because of badly disrupted rail lines in France they may be unable to bring three trainloads of British refugees to the French-Spanish frontier for a British-German exchange of interned nationals.

The three trains carrying 900 British civilians and war prisoners from Germany were due here last Tuesday en route to Lisbon, for exchange with Germans who arrived there aboard the liner Drottningholm July 11, but the only information here was that they were "somewhere east of Bordeaux."

A nazi official admitted French underground sabotage and allied bombs had so smashed railroad and highway communications in southern France that it might be impossible to get the allied civilians and wounded war prisoners to Irun.

He hinted the Germans would



TOWING 'WOUNDED' BOAT — Coast Guardsmen tow out of battle range a landing craft disabled by Japanese mortar fire as it sped toward the beach at Salpan. On the shore at right of the stricken vessel the action still continues.

Trapped Japs In New Guinea Regrouping

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Sunday, July 16 (AP)—Fighting continues in the Driniumor river valley, 21 miles east of Aitape in British New Guinea, but the trapped 18th Japanese imperial army has not renewed its attempt to break through allied encirclement, headquarters announced today.

Badly mauled in heavy fighting which followed the initial attack on strong allied positions, the Japanese apparently are regrouping their main forces for another effort to escape starvation.

Allied cruisers and destroyers shelled enemy positions in the valley Thursday. Attack planes and fighters harassed halted Nipponese columns the same day.

American ground forces still were in contact with the Japanese, and there was some fighting. Mortars and rifles played the major part on the jungle-choked battlefield.

The Nipponese made some progress in their initial attack, which began Wednesday, crossing the Driniumor, but a spokesman said the advance was not strategically important.

Today's communique reported, "The enemy has not renewed his unsuccessful attempts to thrust forward with his advance elements in the Driniumor river valley."

One-Time Indian Foe Notes 101st Birthday

FOREST GROVE, Ore., July 15 (AP)—James W. Smith, one-time army scout and Indian fighter who observed his 101st birthday here this week, recalled today that he received \$13 a month while in the army back in 1864. And as a member of Olney's Oregon cavalry company, he ranged as far east as the Ohio river.

Maybe Appendicitis Is Contagious, After All

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 15 (AP)—Pfc. Jack Bundy, Kansas City, Kas., went to Peterson Field hospital with appendicitis. The next day his friend, Capt. Bernie Clark, New York, visited him. The second day Clark went to the hospital again—with appendicitis.

Not spare the troops necessary to clear the way for the exchange trains, even though they realized the delay already was clear confirmation that the Germans were by no means undisputed masters of southern France.

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Salem Area Men Listed As Casualties

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Charles Cooper, has been notified by the navy department. He served two years in the south Pacific with the marines.

St. Sgt. Alex M. Schmidt, 24, died of wounds received at Biak island, June 14, according to information from the war department received by his wife, Norma Stabbe Schmidt, 1010 Oak street. Sgt. Schmidt and his brother, Pfc. William Schmidt, were members of Co. B, which went from Salem in September 1940. They had been together through much of the action in the south Pacific.

Besides the widow a four year old daughter, Joan; a brother and five sisters survive. They are Chris Schmidt and Mrs. John Metcalfe, Turner; Mrs. James Uebelmann, Mrs. Otto Hoppe, Salem; Mrs. George Slyter, Seaside; and Mrs. Ed. Ricks, Jefferson. Mrs. Katharine Schmidt of Liberty is an aunt.

Mrs. Schmidt and daughter, Joan, were on the way home from Maddock, North Dakota, when the message from the war department was received. They are now in Salem.

Sgt. Schmidt was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schmidt of Marion.

project — \$10,000,000 world bank for reconstruction and development—to be announced before the conference adjourns next Wednesday.

The conference action came at a day-long session of its monetary fund commission and followed an eleventh hour reply from Russia according to Anglo-American determination to oppose concessions for war-devastated areas.

750 Heavies Blast Ploesti Oil Refineries

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tation targets, the planes bombed an ammunition dump, a large factory, two power stations, an air-drome and flaktower and left four oil storage tanks burning.

RAF coastal command planes caught a nine-ship enemy convoy off the Norwegian coast before darkness last night and blew up one merchantman and left the others either burning or damaged, the air ministry announced.

Indicating a possibility that the Russian air force was joining in a night allied air offensive, the German radio warned at midnight that enemy planes, were over East Prussia as well as western Germany.

Visible 200 Miles
In the Ploesti bombing, returning fliers said their bombs raised smoke columns 20,000 feet high and visible 100 miles away.

Supreme headquarters said the weather over France was so bad that it would go down in invasion history as the worst ever. Less than 50 sorties had been flown by noon and these were routine photo, reconnaissance and patrol sweeps.

Benton-Lincoln Power Co-Op Plans New Line

LEBANON, Ore., July 15 (AP)—The Benton-Lincoln Electric Co-operative will start immediately to obtain rights-of-way for a 37-mile power line to serve farmers of the Berlin, McDowell Creek and South Lacombe areas. Manager Guy Thomas announced today.

Irrigation District Using Storage Water

REDMOND, July 15 (AP)—The Central Oregon irrigation district has started to draw on storage water, O. E. Anderson, maintenance superintendent, said today. The district has 15,000 acre-feet stored at Crane Prairie dam.

ON the HOME FRONT

Then there's that patriotic policeman who has been extra busy filling the jail since he read the sign in the gas company window: "Can more in 44."

Portland Golfers Enter PGA Meet

PORTLAND, Ore., July 15 (AP)—Three Portland golf professionals, Ted Longworth of Waverley, Larry Lamberger of Portland Golf club and Joe Moez of Lloyd's will compete at Tacoma Monday in the sectional qualifying meet for the national PGA tournament August 14-17 in Spokane.

Russia Believed Certain To Enter Security Plan

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—Russia is understood to have accepted in principle the American invitation for an exploratory conference as soon as possible on setting up a world security agency. Britain and China previously had indicated their acceptance.

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