

Yanks Burst Across Seine, Isolating Paris, Flanking Robot Coast

Toulon Entered By French After Bombardment

Street Fighting in Progress—Americans 9 Miles from Marseille

Rome, Aug. 21 (AP)—French invasion forces entered the western and northern sections of the key naval base of Toulon last night and street fighting was in progress there today as American forces to the north-west stabbed to within nine miles of Marseille, France's second largest city.

French forces of the 7th army entered Toulon, a city with a pre-war population of more than 100,000, through the suburbs of Les Quatre Chemins, Les Routes, and Valbourdin, after two battleships and six cruisers had subjected the port to a terrific bombardment.

Le Beausset Taken
Other French forces captured the town of Le Beausset, five miles northwest of Toulon on the main road to Marseille, while forward elements of the allied forces were approaching Aubagne, key road junction about nine miles east of Marseille.

In their sweep around Toulon, allied troops with the aid of air and sea bombardment captured Hotel De Golf, one mile east of Hyeres, which had been converted into a strong-point by the Germans; the hill-top town of Le Revest-Les-Eaux, a little more than two miles north of Toulon, and Mt. Caume, nearly two miles west of Le Revest.

Pertuis Captured

Further north, allied forces driving toward Avignon captured Pertuis, 27 miles northwest of Marseille. Also in the northern sector, the allies stormed into Valensole, 50 airline miles due north of Toulon. French forces of the interior had surrounded the German garrison in Pertuis before it fell "firmly in our hands," an allied communique said.

Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, supreme allied commander, announced in his daily communique that some 14,000 German prisoners have been taken in the first six days of the fast-breaking invasion ever mounted by the allies.

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Allied Cruisers Shell Bayonne

Irun, Spain, Aug. 21 (AP)—Three light allied cruisers began shelling almost non-existent German defenses in the Bayonne area of southern France before dawn today.

Spanish residents of this border town 18 miles to the south had a grandstand seat. The cruisers which first patrolled the coast south of Bordeaux evidently were feeling out German defenses, but drew only an occasional reply from two or three coastal batteries near Bayonne.

South of Bayonne Hitler's Atlantic wall no longer exists, for the Germans pulled out last night, leaving their defense works in ruins.

An American motorized column meanwhile was reported to have passed through Angoulême, 130 miles south of Nantes on the Loire river and 165 miles northwest of Bayonne, without encountering resistance on its way toward the Spanish frontier.

The Americans were said in border reports to have received a joyful welcoming by the French in all villages and towns through which they passed.

Road to Berlin

(By Associated Press)
1—Russian front: 322 miles (measured from eastern suburbs of Warsaw).

2—Northern France: 535 miles (measured from near Melun).

3—Italian front: 603 miles (measured from Florence).

4—Southern France: 870 miles (measured from Castellan).

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B-29 Superforts In Double Raid Against Japan

Washington, Aug. 21 (AP)—B-29 bombers in the second wave of Sunday's double-strike at Japan reported today sighting the flames of destruction wrought by the daylight flight of Superfortresses while still a half-hour flight from industrial targets at Kyushu.

Four of the huge bombers were reported lost to enemy action in the coordinated day and night attacks by the 20th air force.

The announced losses all were sustained by the day raiders which met strong fighter opposition.

Jap Planes Hit
Our planes shot down 15 enemy fighters, while 13 were probably destroyed and 12 damaged.

The text of communique No. 10 from headquarters of the 20th air force:
"Superfortresses of the 20th bomber command in Sunday night's attack again hit Japanese industrial targets in the Yawata area of the Japanese homeland island of Kyushu following up the daylight attack.

"Crews of the B-29's on the night mission reported that they could see fires from the previous attack burning 30 minutes before arriving over the target. Bombing results were reported in preliminary estimates as fair. Enemy opposition was rather light and anti-aircraft fire was moderate and inaccurate.

Strong Opposition
"Planes making the daylight attack met relatively strong fighter opposition, and revised estimates of results show 15 enemy fighter planes destroyed, 13 probably destroyed and 12 damaged from the coordinated day and night attack; four planes have been reported lost due to enemy action."

The Tokyo radio, as usual, minimized the effects of the raids, terming damage "negligible" and claiming that 23 planes out of a total of 80 were destroyed in the first raid. It also asserted that 20 parachuting American crewmen were captured. The Japanese broadcasts said the first raid was against four cities on Kyushu, the southernmost main island, naming Fukuoka, Moji, Kokura and Yawata. The latter, site of numerous heavy industries, has been hit twice previously. The Japanese said they lost three fighter planes.

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War Correspondent Killed in Action

London, Aug. 21 (AP)—War Correspondent Thomas Stanley Treanor, front reporter for the Los Angeles Times and the National Broadcasting company, died in a field hospital in France early Saturday morning from injuries suffered in a "tank accident" near Dreux, it was announced today.

(The announcement gave no details of the accident, but an NBC statement in New York said the reporter was injured fatally when a jeep in which he was riding was over by an American tank.)

Japs Abandon Moluccas Easing Philippine Invasion

General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 21 (AP)—Japan is withdrawing her planes from the Moluccas and ripping up the abandoned dromes, leaving that island cluster below the Philippines wide open for allied invasion.

Largest island of the Moluccas group, also known as the Spice Islands, is Halmahera, 200 miles west of New Guinea and only 300 south of Mindanao.

Announcing that "under constant punishment, the enemy is apparently withdrawing his air forces to bases further westward beyond our bomber range," Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in a communique today:

"This will make possible an advance westward without the necessity of costly frontal assaults to clear the way.

"Our air force is continuing its pressure but is finding many enemy air bases non-operative and others stripped of planes.

Soviet Forces Annihilate 3 Nazi Divisions

Moscow, Aug. 21 (AP)—Soviet forces have smashed three Nazi divisions in the Sandomierz salient below Warsaw, while other red army units have yielded slightly before costly German attempts to rescue possibly 200,000 troops isolated on the Baltic front, a Russian communique announced today.

In the Warsaw sector, meanwhile, Russian troops have driven closer to Paga, suburb to the east of the city, and have captured some vital positions to the northeast, front dispatches said.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukrainian army, thrusting up the west bank of the Vistula, liquidated the trapped Germans north of Sandomierz. "As the enemy refused to surrender, most of the encircled enemy troops were killed," the Russian war bulletin declared.

The victory freed Konev's forces for a possible drive either southwest on the main fortress of Krakow, north toward Warsaw, or directly west across the Polish plains toward German Silesia, which would snap the Polish capital's communications lines.

144 Tanks Smashed
The slight red army reverse occurred in the Jelgava sector near the Gulf of Riga, where 144 German tanks and self-propelled guns were reported knocked out.

In Estonia, Gen. Ivan Maslennikov's third Baltic army, capturing more than 150 populated places, drove to within seven miles of Tartu on the Tallinn-Riga railway.

Below the Estonian sector in Latvia Gen. Andrei Yeremenko's second Baltic army, sweeping up more than 70 places, advanced to within 55 miles east of Riga with the capture of Erglin on the Madona-Riga railway.

Russians Open Romanian Push
London, Aug. 21 (AP)—The German high command announced in a communique today that the red army has launched its long-expected Romanian offensive, presumably in an attempt to break through the Galati gap to Bucharest and the great Ploesti oil fields.

The new assault was launched with strong support from Stormovik attack planes south of Tiraspol and northwest of Iasi, the German communique said, plunging into battle the last quiet sectors of the 1,200-mile eastern front from the Gulf of Finland to the Black Sea.

"Bitter fighting is in progress in both sectors," the communique said, but gave no further details.

The Russian cleared the Germans from Tiraspol, on the north bank of the Dniester river, 60 miles from the Black sea, last April and subsequently established several bridgeheads on the south bank, which, however, never were exploited. Iasi, a communications center 100 miles to the west, was brought under siege by soviet troops from the west, north, and northeast last April.

Churchill paid his tribute to the 5th after witnessing a parade of the famed 34th infantry division.

"The 34th was the first, and among the first, of all United States troops to leave the new world and carry by their sacrifices and valor the precious blessing of freedom and justice to lands enslaved," the prime minister said.

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Americans Build Air Bases in Riviera
Rome, Aug. 21 (AP)—American aviation engineers began constructing airdromes in southern France the day after allied assault forces put ashore, it was disclosed today.

The cooperation of French farmers, who showed the engineers where minefields were located, was credited officially with saving many precious hours—and possibly many lives—in the task.



German Prisoners in Southern France Invasion (AP)—Captured German seamen are transferred from an American PT boat to a Canadian assault craft off the beachhead in southern France. An American destroyer sank their ship. (AP wirephoto from OWI radio from Canadian navy.)

Big 3 Talk World Postwar Security Organization

Washington, Aug. 21 (AP)—Representatives of the United States, Great Britain and Russia today began planning a world security organization which all agreed must be based on the "sovereign quality" of large and small nations alike, and must be backed by military forces available promptly and in strength.

Secretary of State Hull opened the initial session of the historic conference at Dumbarton Oaks at 10:30 a.m. (EWT) with a sharp rap of the gavel on the horseshoe shaped oak table and said: "The conference will come to order."

In his opening address Hull called for strong commitments to use force when necessary, saying it "must be available promptly, in adequate measure, and with certainty."

Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko, chief Russian delegate, responding to Hull, likewise emphasized the need for force capable of preventing a recurrence of world war. While he stressed the responsibility for world security to be borne by the great powers because of their strength, he said, the foundation of a world organization must be "the principle of the sovereign equality of all free-loving countries."

Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British delegation's leader, like Hull and Gromyko emphasized the need for force and for fair treatment of small nations, but he declared additionally that "peace may come sooner than some expect" and that therefore the conference should move swiftly toward setting up some framework of future international cooperation.

The first session lasted about 35 minutes.

Nazi Amazon Killed on Tank

On the British Front, Normandy, Aug. 21 (AP)—The first German "Amazon" definitely identified as fighting with the Wehrmacht, apparently as a member of a tank crew, was found dead during the battle of the Normandy bulge.

A British stretcher bearer reported today: "A woman soldier was discovered when British burial squads were going over the scene of the bitter tank battle in the Vire sector between Viessoix and Burey.

"Her flaxen hair had rolled out of her steel helmet and fallen to her shoulders. She was in full German uniform and wore trousers, field boots and a small pack in battle order. On her jacket was a silver star, a type of badge not often seen on Germans, and the epauletts of her tunic had the braid of a corporal."

The stretcher bearer said he searched her clothes without finding any hint of her name or identity. A photograph of four German soldiers and the woman was found in her wallet. Lying dead near her was a German soldier in a panzer uniform who was identified as the man standing beside her in the group photograph.

Tour Begun by Willis Mahoney
Klamath Falls, Aug. 21 (AP)—Willis Mahoney, democratic nominee for U. S. senator, began a campaign tour of Oregon today after announcing he will open an office here in addition to his state headquarters previously opened in Portland.

Subs Sink 19 More Jap Ships

Washington, Aug. 21 (AP)—American submarines in the Pacific and Far East have sunk 19 more Japanese ships, including a light cruiser and an escort vessel, the navy reported today, bringing to 706 the total of enemy vessels sunk by subs.

Making its first report on United States submarine activities in 11 days, the navy said these vessels had been sunk: One light cruiser, one escort vessel, one large tanker, three medium cargo transports, 11 medium cargo vessels and two small cargo vessels.

The total of combatant ships sunk by submarines rose to 56, while 11 others have been reported probably sunk and 14 damaged.

American underwater craft have sunk 650 non-combatant ships, probably sunk 26, and damaged 101, bringing to 858 the total of Japanese vessels of all kinds sunk, probably sunk, or damaged since Pearl Harbor by our submarines.

Nazis Destroy Warsaw Areas

London, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Germans are laying waste large sections of Warsaw with artillery and planes, trying to smash underground forces battling Nazi troops within the city, Polish quarters here said today.

Much of the old city has been virtually wiped out and the famous 15th century cathedral has been almost pulverized, the informants said.

A communique relayed from the underground said German infantry and tanks had penetrated into the old city, where patriot fighters are concentrated, after a terrific artillery and plane bombardment.

The Polish telegraph agency said the Germans have seized 70,000 Poles in Warsaw in the last few days and herded them into a concentration camp in an effort to break the revolt.

Quoting the Polish underground radio in Warsaw, the news agency said the Germans were "systematically burning down the city. Street after street has been set on fire."

Destruction in Store for Fleeing Germans in France

By Edward W. Beattie

With the British in Pursuit of the German Army, Aug. 21 (AP)—The German army today is perilously close to rout as the swirling battle of western France heads toward two great climaxes which may make it the battle for France or the battle for Europe.

These are the climaxes which may be reached in this week's fighting:

1. The fall of Paris—a great climax of the spirit set free in the city which for generations has been the fountain head of liberty in continental Europe, and a great military triumph to cut off the hub of the entire French railway system.

2. The final destruction of the German 7th army, together with its associated panzer groups and artillery and infantry drained from the 15th army defending the Pas de Calais and the low countries.

The second is of far greater military importance than the capture of Paris because it undoubtedly means the end of further serious fighting in France.

Destruction definitely is "in

Siege of Revolt-Torn Paris Proceeds on 3 Sides as Allies Finish off 7th Army Survivors

Battle of Northwestern France to Be Ended in Complete and Decisive Victory Says Monte—109,575 German Casualties in Sweep to Paris

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 21 (AP)—The battle of northwestern France has ended in complete and decisive victory for the allies and the end of the European war is in sight, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery declared today as allied armies laid siege to Paris from three sides, breached the Seine river line, and swung in from Normandy to finish off the survivors of the routed Nazi 7th army.

"The Lord, mighty in battles, has given us the victory," Montgomery said in a stirring order of the day to the combined British, American, and Canadian armies under his overall ground command.

"The news is very good from the war fronts all over the world. The end of the war is in sight. Let's finish off the business in record time."

Montgomery said the past 10 days have seen the elimination of the German army south of the Seine as an effective force, and that "terrific" destruction of Nazi men and armor still is going on in the by-passed Normandy pocket.

Victory Definite

"The victory has been definite, complete and decisive," he said, asserting that the allied triumph marked the beginning of the end of Germany military domination in all France.

"Having brought disaster to the German forces in northwest France, we must now complete the destruction of such of his forces as are still available to be destroyed.

"After knowing what has happened to their armies in northwest France, it is unlikely that these forces will come to us, so we will go to them," Montgomery's order declared.

10,000 More Surrender
Almost as he spoke, 10,000 beaten, dazed Nazi veterans laid down their arms and surrendered to the overwhelming allied tanks, artillery and rifle units massed around them in the Normandy pocket. At the same time, British, Canadian, and American troops surged eastward toward the Seine, herding the disintegrating remnants of the 7th army into the guns of Yankee forces that crossed the Seine northwest of Paris and fanned out across the enemy's line of flight.

Already, it was announced that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army in its sweep to Paris had captured 49,650 Germans, killed 11,025 and wounded 48,900—a total of 109,575.

3 Generals Taken

United Press War Correspondent Richard D. McMillan reported that the latest bag of captives included three Nazi generals: Lt. Gen. Badinski, commander of the 276th division; Gen. Elfeldt, commander of the 84th corps, and Lt. Gen. Mennel, listed as leader of the 84th division.

The forcing of the Seine river barrier virtually isolated revolt-torn Paris and menaced the Nazi robot bomb bases along the channel coast.

Allied headquarters announced officially that the Americans were across the Seine a great strength at Mantel, and German radio reports admitted that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops also forced a crossing 12½ miles to the north at Vernon.

A steady stream of men and armor was reported pouring into the bridgeheads and Berlin said Patton's forces were fanning out along the south bank of the Seine on a front more than 30 miles, reaching (Continued on page 7, column 6)

French Battle Nazis in Paris

London, Aug. 21 (AP)—The German army battled a spreading French patriot rebellion in the streets of Paris today and a United Press dispatch from the Franco-Swiss frontier reported that puppet Premier Pierre Laval and his collapsing pro-Nazi government had fled from Vichy to the German border.

While the Germans placed Paris under virtual martial law and threatened it with destruction if the Patriots did not subside, French Maquis sources reported Laval and others in his collaborationist cabinet had arrived at Morvillars, less than six miles from the Swiss border.

United Press Staff Correspondent Aldo Forte, who crossed into France from Switzerland several days ago, said Laval and his suite were travelling under a heavy German SS guard, moving swiftly in powerful camouflaged automobiles.

French quarters in London estimated that 30,000 to 50,000 Maquis—organized members of the French forces of the interior—were leading the rebellion in an effort to speed the liberation of the largest city in continental Europe and the fourth largest in the world.

Maquis Capture City of Toulouse

London, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Algiers radio said today that on Sunday the Maquis captured Toulouse, sixth largest city of France.

Toulouse (Pop. 213,200) is in southwest France, 60 miles north of the Spanish border. Frequent neutral reports have told of German withdrawals from that area.

Another Algiers radio report said French forces of the interior were fighting German troops in the streets of threatened Marseille, second city of France, which lies close to American seventh army advance units.

French patriots now control France comprising eight departments, says Gen. Joseph Koenig, commander of the French forces of the interior.

In a communique broadcast by the Algiers radio, Koenig said that during the week ended Aug. 19 French patriots killed 1821 Germans, wounded 415 and captured 2265, suffering only slight losses themselves.

Reports relayed here through Port Bou, Spain, said the Maquis controlled the entire Pyrenees region of southwestern France from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. All German forces just north of the Spanish border have withdrawn northward and French patriots have appointed administrators.

A dispatch from Irun, Spain, said the last German forces at Hendaye, just across the border in France, have pulled out and only regular French customs men guarded the frontier.

Bomber Sinks Big Jap Cruiser Off China

Chungking, Aug. 21 (AP)—A Liberator bomber of the U. S. 14th air force has sunk a 14,000-ton Japanese cruiser in a sweep off the Chinese coast east of Hongkong, Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters announced today.

The attack took place Saturday, the announcement said.

The Weather
Fair tonight and Tuesday. Continued warm. Max. 87; Min. 47. Rain 0. River today, -4 ft.