

AMERICAN GUNS PLAY DIRGE FOR STUBBORN NAZI

Commander Of St. Malo Prefers Death Underground To Surrender

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St. Servan, France, Aug. 13
—(U.P.)— American guns were playing a dirge today for stubborn Col. Adrian Von Aulock who prefers to die in his underground citadel than surrender.

The German garrison commander, who has whipped some 300 rag-tag remnants including cooks and dishwashers into a lo or die stand within the "captured town of St. Malo," showed no signs of weakening.

(Today's communique from Allied supreme headquarters said: "Remnants of the German garrison of St. Malo still hold out in the citadel.")

I stood in the siege line around his fort—the first major siege line in the battle of France—and watched American troops working in the face of 88's and bigger enemy guns trying to blast him out.

Can't Stay Forever
"He can't stay down there forever and he can't keep us out forever," said 2nd Lt. Robert S. Long of Chattanooga, Tenn. "We can pound him longer than he can take it."

From 15 miles inland squarely up to point blank range of 600 yards, American guns were blasting the fort apart but the colonel did not budge.

Less than 24 hours ago he sent out this message:

"Thank you for fighting fairly. Even if the American army was fighting on the Rhine, we Germans should continue fighting because capitulation, according to my conception, is not compatible with the honor of a German soldier."

I toured the siege lines all the way from our big guns far inland to the street immediately back of the colonel's fort where the Germans had laid 30 feet of

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concrete over old fortifications which dated from Roman days.
On Top Of Fort
First Lt. Carl Gamble of Rudolph, Ohio, told me of the difficulties of assaulting the citadel.

"We attacked direct with infantry and the boys beat their way squarely atop the fort," he said. "They dropped hand grenades down on the Germans. Then those German guns, which had been working us opened up on the fort itself. They knew they wouldn't hurt the Germans down below and they blew us right off of the top."

A short truce was observed today while German and American wounded were removed from around the fort—and then fighting resumed with American dive-bombers going after the German emplacements on the islands.

"It ain't half so hot here now," said Pvt. John Kuzlich of Norwich, Conn., who was holding down a siege spot between two buildings. "But look at that."

The doughboys had just rolled up a tank destroyer gun which started banging away at the fort, knocking off chunks of concrete.

AIR FORCE TO KEEP PEACE IS PROPOSAL

Washington, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—An international air force to put down aggression anywhere on the globe is one of the proposals to be discussed at the international security conference, according to Sir Alexander Cadogan, head of the British delegation.

The conference opens here a week from today.

GERMANY'S NEW SECRET WEAPON DECLARED READY

London, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—A German spokesman told neutral correspondents today that Germany's new secret weapon, "V-2," had been completed and would be used by the German army, navy and air forces at "the supreme tactical moment."

The spokesman's remarks were reported in dispatches from neutral capitals as the German bombardment of London with "V-1"—robot bombs—nearly ended the second month without sign of slackening.

The spokesman said the new weapon was not a variation of the robot bomb, but rather was "a completely new and absolutely secret weapon" which can be fired even by ships at sea and over long distances.

Another dispatch reaching London said the Germans were planning to use robot incendiary bombs against England.

British sources attributed the increasing number of reports of German secret weapons to a Nazi desire to spread alarm among the allies and to lessen dissatisfaction on the home front with the setbacks on the eastern and western battlefronts.

Prospect

Prospect, Aug. 14.—Wayne Bradley was injured August 10 while unloading a truck, near Prospect, and was taken to the Community hospital at Madford.

One arm is broken and he also sustained a back injury, and deep lacerations about the head.

Mrs. Bradley is staying in Madford this week, and her children, Lois and Glenn, are being cared for by Mrs. Bradley's niece, Mrs. Dorothy Sisk.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bertley of Roseburg stopped at Prospect August 10 on their return from a trip to Crater Lake, to visit a few hours with Douglas and William Smith, the new owners of the Folz sawmill.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heston Grieve and two older children, Janet and Billy, and Mrs.

Grieve's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Caulder of Southgate, Calif., left August 10, for The Dalles, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Fish and other relatives for five days. Grieve's two little sons, Kern and Scott, are staying with Mrs. Florence Austen, in the Laurelhurst district, during their parents' absence. Mrs. Rose J. Kelley is taking Mrs. Grieve's place at the Prospect postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Klienhammer of Ashland spent August 8 visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGrew.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stearns and daughter, Deanna, moved to Eagle Point August 9.

Mrs. R. E. Breeding of Red Bluff district is fully recovered after a couple of days in a Madford hospital following a tonsillectomy recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kludt and children, Donna Jean, Deanna and Carl, Jr., of Portland, are greeting old friends and visiting relatives here. They are former Prospect residents, moving to Portland about two years ago.

Other members of the Kludt family here last week included Lt. Willis Kludt, who, after his leave is up next week, will go to Baton Rouge, La., and be assigned to the second air corps; also Sgt. Harold Kludt, on his first furlough since he has been in the army air corps over two years, most of this time in the Panama Canal zone. Sgt. Kludt has a 21-day furlough, after which he will go to Monterey, Calif., for reassignment. The Kludt boys' parents live in Madford.

Mrs. John Cancellor of Central Point visited Mrs. Raymond Artmire, August 11, and took her son, John, home with her. The latter was a guest of Frankie Artmire all of last week.

Mrs. Guy Tex of Central Point and little granddaughter, Linda Kay Asquith of Madford, spent last week visiting Mrs. Tex's sister, Mrs. Mary E. Grieve, at the Prospect hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Slagle left August 10 for two days' visit with their son, Pfc. Robert Slagle, of the U. S. M. C. R., at San Diego.

Mrs. Howard Waggoner had a telephone call August 11 from her son, Donald, of the navy, announcing that he had just arrived in San Francisco from the Hawaiian Islands.

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NIMITZ SAYS JAPS MAY CAPITULATE BEFORE INVASION

Pearl Harbor, Aug. 14.—(U.P.)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz believes Japan may capitulate before American forces invade her home island but he wants the islands occupied to guarantee that America wins the peace.

Nimitz report was given at a press conference at his Pacific fleet headquarters yesterday after his return from an inspection tour of the recently captured bases in the Marshalls and Marianas Islands, where the Americans were poised less than 1500 miles from Tokyo.

"I am not sure nor am I convinced that invasion by assault will be necessary," he said, "but I do believe that occupation of Japan will be necessary to insure that we win the peace."

Unused To Losing
"This was a new experience for Japan. In recent times they have been on the winning side. We don't know how much they can take before they will throw in the sponge."

He promised that the full power of the allied forces would be brought against Japan until victory was achieved.

"I can only hope that our operations develop at such a tempo that we never give them time to prepare a defense," he said.

Pointing out that it was hardly possible to bomb Japan on the same scale as the RAF and the USAAF might campaign against Germany, Nimitz said the defeat of Japan would result from a combination of the entire military power—"blockade, air

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RURAL FAMILIES JOIN JOSEPHINE HOSPITAL ASSN.

Grants Pass, Aug. 14.—Articles of incorporation and a constitution were drawn up and accepted Friday at the Josephine county Rural Health Protective association, the county court, and the Josephine General hospital board met jointly. Sara Wertz of the Farm Security association said today.

The newly-formed association is offering pre-paid hospital care to rural families of Josephine county and to other groups that express a desire for affiliation, who upon petition are accepted by the association.

The association is an outgrowth of a year's experience with prepaid hospital care in cooperation with the Blue Cross hospital service plan of Portland, with which this association is no longer affiliated.

Members of last year's group,

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however, are considered renewals. The organization is now opening for new members and hopes to enroll at least 300 families in the association. The group is co-operative, is non-profit in plan, and will operate on co-operative principles, Mrs. Wertz said.

Last year 104 families and 15 individuals enrolled in the plan on August 1. A full year of experience with these families reveals that of the 343 people thus protected, 35 entered the hospital. Although five members stayed the full 21 days, the average for the group was eight and a third days, and the average cost to the organization was \$7.20 a day.

KLAMATH LEASES PORT TO NAVY DEPARTMENT

Klamath Falls, Aug. 14.—City officials last week signed a lease to the United States navy on the Klamath municipal airport, home of the Klamath naval air station.

The action was taken after considerable discussion of provisions which city officials feared might make it difficult to get the airport back after the war. Navy officials gave assurances the navy would turn the station back six months after the

war, and would not impose undue restrictions on commercial aviation.

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