

Yanks Tighten Noose on Nazis South of Seine

Weather

Forecast: Clear tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Temp. 86. Highest yesterday 88. Lowest this morning 82. Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0.

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Allies Pierce Toulon Inner Defense

FRENCH VETERANS BEAT NAZIS BACK AT BAYONET POINT

Marseille All But Circled by Invaders — Other forces Rampaging Far Inland.

Rome, Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—Allied troops cut their way through the last chain of Nazi fortifications guarding the besieged naval base of Toulon tonight and all but encircled Marseille with a slashing drive from the west that carried down to within three miles of the city.

Other allied armored forces were ripping through the hills more than 60 miles inland from the twin Mediterranean ports and sweeping out to the north-west toward Avignon and the Rhone valley, 50 miles beyond Marseille.

French Lunged Out
Stalled for 36 hours at the very edge of Toulon, veteran French infantrymen lunged out of their positions in the western and northern suburbs tonight and beat the Germans back into the city streets at bayonet point. A murderous rain of fire from German coastal batteries and warship guns in the harbor slowed the French, but it was indicated they were making good progress.

YOUTH MISSING IN SEVEN LAKES FOREST REGION

A search is being conducted this afternoon in the vicinity of Grass Lake in the Seven Lakes country, for Jimmy A. Boyd, 17, Klamath Falls, who failed to return to the camp which he and his uncle, W. C. Boyd, also of Klamath, had established near the lake. The uncle notified the Butte Falls ranger about midnight last night that the boy had failed to return to camp after spending the evening fishing.

The young man had worked on the Rogue River forest fire suppression crew until August 17 and since then had been camping at Grass Lake with the uncle. Both had been fishing, but the elder man returned to camp first when Jimmy failed to show up, his uncle at first conducted a search and later used the forest service field telephone to call the ranger.

This morning the Klamath county sheriff was notified that the boy still was missing and arrangements were made with forest officials for a five-man fire suppression crew from the Butte Falls district to make a search. Boyd reported that as he returned to camp, two deer which he startled along the trail ran across a rocky hillside and started a small slide and he at first believed that a falling rock might have struck his nephew.

The Seven Lakes country is very remote, being some nine miles from the nearest road. Trail to the lake leaves from the Innaha guard station.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Edna Minus and Anne Early pleased at finding a couple of people who exactly fitted their idea of Dickens characters.

Bill Catey due for a surprise by seeing his name spelled right for once.

Paul Fennell, manager of the Ashland J. C. Penney store, being forced to do his own clerking, bookkeeping and janitor work as vacations and Uncle Sam deplete the staff.

The Toltecs, who moved into Mexico in the sixth century, largely perished by drought, famine and pestilence. In the 11th century, the remainder migrating into Yucatan and Guatemala.

Paris Threatened From Three Sides



Allied Armies widen their bridgehead across Seine River, increasing threat of annihilation to Nazi Armies, and drive new spearheads south of Paris after reaching Versailles. American armor forced a steep arc around north, west and south gates of French capital while shattered survivors of German Seventh Army fled in disorderly rout.

"Black Devils of Anzio" Spread Terror for Germans in Normandy

By Clinton B. Conger
United Press Correspondent
(Representing the Combined U. S. Press)

With First Specialist Service Force in Southern France, Aug. 20.—(U.P.)—Censorship released announcement today of the presence in Southern France of the American-Canadian first specialist service force and disclosed for the first time some of the details about the quintuple threat spearhead specialists who already had gained fame as the "Black Devils" of Anzio.

The hard-hitting unit, trained in snow, amphibious mountain, and airborne warfare as well as close-in infantry fighting, was conceived by Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's advisers and was born in a moment's conversation between U. S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall and Prime Minister Winston Churchill at Chequers in April 1942.

The "force" as it is called simply by the men is employed on a world-wide basis, being attached to various armies at the discretion of the combined chiefs of staff.

The force was the first into Kiska and exactly a year later

Pumice Cloudburst Caused Transport To Hit Coral Reef

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—Giant black clouds rained torrents of pumice ash from an erupted volcano on a U. S. troop transport in the South Pacific, reducing visibility to zero and causing the ship to run aground on a coral reef, the war shipping administration revealed today.

"Day turned into night and the sky was black," an officer of the ship reported.

Other vessels backed the troop transport off the reef after two days, WSA said. There were no casualties among troops who were transferred to Liberty ships.

The freak cloudburst of pumice covered the ship's deck with a quarter inch of ash. It was later discovered that the ash also was spread over nearby islands.

Pick Your Boche, French Advised

By United Press

French underground forces are distributing handbills in Paris, the British radio reported today in a broadcast recorded by FCC, carrying this message:

"Mark down your boche. There will not be enough to go around."

TO BERLIN

By United Press

The shortest distances to Berlin from advanced Allied lines today:

Northern France—520 miles (gain of 75 miles in week).

Southern France—650 miles (gain of three miles in week).

RUSSIANS DRIVE ON BUCHAREST AND OIL FIELDS

Nazis Stage Bloody Counter Attack in Effort to Hold Baltic Escape Corridor.

London, Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—Red army troops on the southern front, launching twin offensives against Bucharest and the Ploesti oil fields, drove forward approximately 40 miles on each front and captured the Romanian stronghold of Iasi, and farther south, Leipzig, 43 miles southwest of Bender, Premier Josef Stalin announced tonight.

London, Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—Soviet armored forces captured the Romanian stronghold of Iasi and swept down on Bucharest and the Ploesti oil fields on a 120-mile front today, Berlin reported, while Germans in the north launched a bloody counter-offensive below Riga in an all-out attempt to widen and hold an escape corridor for their trapped Baltic armies.

The Germans abandoned military installations and abandoned Iasi a DNB news agency commentator reported, after Russian tank and infantry formations followed up a heavy artillery barrage with thrusts on both sides of the town.

Blitzer Fighting

Bitter fighting was in progress along the southern front, extending from Targu-Frumos, 27 miles northeast of Iasi, to Tighina, 90 miles southwest of Iasi. The stronghold the Germans admitted abandoning is the gateway to Galati gap, 100 miles to the southwest, and to Bucharest and Ploesti, approximately another 100 miles beyond.

In a desperate attempt to rescue their Baltic armies in the north, the Germans hurled six additional panzer divisions—perhaps 60,000 men and 900 tanks—into the counteroffensive below Riga, Moscow dispatches said today.

Attack East Prussia

(A Moscow broadcast heard in London quoted the semi-official newspaper Pravda as saying that the red army was "firing on and attacking the soil of East Prussia," but the broadcast did not say specifically that the Russians actually had crossed the frontier.)

A Soviet communique last midnight acknowledged that the Germans at frightful cost had blasted a narrow corridor along the coast of the Gulf of Riga and re-established contact with elements of some 30 German divisions encircled in Latvia and Estonia.

War Correspondent Killed in Action

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—William Stringer, 27-year-old Texas-born war correspondent for Reuters News Agency, was killed in action while covering the American forces in France, it was announced today.

Reuters said in New York that the circumstances of Stringer's death were not known, but that his last dispatch described action in the Chartres area.

10,000-Acre Fire in Paloma Canyon

Monterey, Cal., Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—A fire which started Sunday night at the foot of Caboon grade in Paloma canyon has burned more than 10,000 acres within Los Padres national park and the flames continued to spread south and east today despite the efforts of 200 men from Fort Ord and 100 from Camp Roberts.

STORM HITS TEXAS

Houston, Tex., Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—Army air bases along the Texas coast were evacuated today as a severe tropical storm, with winds of close to 50 miles per hour moved inland from the Gulf of Mexico between Brownsville and Corpus Christi. The full force of the disturbance was expected to strike the coast late this afternoon.

90 POISONED

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—Fifty staff members of Strong Memorial hospital, largest in the city, were hospitalized today and 40 others were unable to report for duty as a result of food poisoning.

Liberated French Cheer Victorious Yanks



Cheering French civilians, holding up their hands in V sign and displaying French and American flags, greet American tankmen passing through their liberated southern France village toward Toulon, giant French naval base. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from Italy.

Petain Arrest Reported as Germans Prepare to Evacuate All of France

London, Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—Swiss reports said today that the Germans apparently preparing for the evacuation of Paris and the rest of France, have arrested Marshal Henri Petain, chief of state of the Vichy government, and taken him to an unknown place in Germany.

Earlier reports said Petain had resisted all German pressure to leave Vichy and was contemplating turning over his authority to Gen. Charles De Gaulle, president of the French Committee of National Liberation and his hated rival, as a means of continuing what he regards as the legal government of France.

The Swiss Journal De Geneve said Gestapo agents seized Petain in Vichy's hotel parcs Sunday morning along with a group of his aides, including Gen. Eugene E. Bridoux, secretary of state for war and air, and Admiral M. Bleuhaut, secretary of state for navy and colonies.

Before leaving Vichy, the newspaper said, Petain wrote a short letter of farewell to the French people, which obtained immediate and widespread circulation.

Meanwhile, authoritative French sources asserted that the bulk of the German garrison in Paris was believed to be evacuating Paris, if it had not already done so, leaving only rear guards to defend the city against thousands of rebellious patriots.

Street fighting between the rear guards, students and other patriots was described as mounting daily in violence with the Germans turning machine-guns on their tormentors. Skirmishes have spread to the Champs Elysees in the center of the city, French sources said.

With American spearheads already in the suburbs, the patriots defied a German warning that continued resistance would bring the destruction of the city.

State Bar Elects Eugenean Successor To O. Frohnmayer

Otto J. Frohnmayer, Medford, retiring member of the board of governors of the Oregon State Bar association, will be succeeded by Donald R. Husband, Eugene, as new representative of the fourth congressional district it was announced today from Portland. Elections were held by mail, as is the custom, and ballots were counted yesterday.

Husband defeated W. W. Baldersee of Grants Pass. Frohnmayer explained that the board of governors is made up of 12 attorneys, three from each of the four congressional districts in the state, and that the elections are staggered so that one new man is named from each district each year.

F. D. R. Statement Mollifies Nelson

Washington, Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—Donald M. Nelson was considering resigning as War Production Board chairman until President Roosevelt's formal assurance that his mission to China was "most important and pressing" and that his reconversion policies would not be changed in his absence, it was learned today.

In a highly unusual action, Mr. Roosevelt issued a sharp statement late yesterday to silence weekend rumors that he was sending Nelson to the Orient so that the reconversion program could be adjusted to suit the military.

Rogue Valley Products Fly To New York City Tonight

Pears, apples, flowers and fish from Medford will be loaded tonight into a United Air Lines Cargoline which will fly to New York city with the first full plane load of perishables ever flown from coast to coast.

Also to be placed aboard the plane are nectarberries donated by W. H. Rush, Grants Pass. The special flight is designed to give a practical demonstration of the post-war possibilities of shipping perishables by air, and is being sponsored by United, Wayne university and the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company.

The plane, fully loaded, will carry three tons of perishables picked up at points on the Pacific coast. At New York the fruits, vegetables, flowers and seafood are to be displayed and tasted at an "airborne perishables clinic luncheon" at the Waldorf Astoria hotel.

Reactions of merchandisers and laymen will be sought as to the appearance, taste and marketable value of the various items. Also included from the Pacific coast will be Dungeness crabs, oysters, Columbia river salmon, asparagus, melons and nectarines.

VANDENBERG FOR MILITARY FORCE AS LAST RESORT

Washington, Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—Military force must be available for use as a last resort against future aggressor nations, Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., told the senate today as American, British and Russian plans for an international security organization were formally presented to the Dumbarton Oaks conference.

Speaking during an impromptu hour-long senate discussion of international relations, Vandenberg said keeping the peace must be the temporary—but not the permanent—responsibility of the major powers represented in the current talks here.

The three proposals for world organization were presented during the first business sessions of the Dumbarton Oaks talks. Reading the Russian plan during the morning session, Soviet Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko, head of the Russian delegation, was interrupted several times by questions. Some inquiries were answered, some were postponed for later consideration.

A three-paragraph communique outlining the day's business said the American and British plans were listed for presentation during the afternoon session. Official spokesmen declined to elaborate on the brief communique, which gave no details of any of the three plans.

At the same time, other American units were across the river in force at Mantes and Vernon, 13 miles to the north, and fanning out downstream toward the Channel coast and upriver toward Paris.

Nazis Herded In
Canadian, British and American troops, supported by Belgian and Dutch units, herded the Nazis into the Seine river funnel from the east, advancing as much as 10 miles along a 50-mile front from the Channel coast to west of Argentan.

Far behind the eastbound Allied line, many thousands of Germans milled in the trap bounded by Argentan, Chambois and Trun. Some 30,000 Nazi prisoners already had been taken in the pocket and headquarters spokesmen estimated that 100,000 men would be liquidated there when the full count of dead and captured is in.

Meanwhile, the battle of Paris appeared to be nearing a showdown as American armor pressed in on the city from three sides against slightly stiffening enemy resistance.

Berlin admitted the loss of Etampes, 14 miles south-southwest of Paris, and Malesherbes, on the Orleans-Fontainebleau highway, 3 miles south of the former French capital. Headquarters spokesmen refused to confirm or deny front reports that other American units had plunged across the Seine at Fontainebleau and driven 40 miles north to the Marne at Meaux, 22 miles east-northeast of Paris.

The reported thrust appeared highly possible, however, as the Germans were not believed to have sufficient force in the Paris area for an all-out defense of the city.

Pendleton Roundup Adds Bull Riding

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—Providing contestants with the toughest material possible the Pendleton Roundup Association announced today that it had selected 100 of the nation's top bucking horses, 60 steers and 25 Brahma bulls for the celebrated rodeo Sept. 14 to 16.

Herbert Thompson, livestock director, said the show for the first time since its inception, would add Brahma bull riding to the other contests.

PATTON'S FORCES DRIVING TOWARD CHANNEL PORTS

Great New Offensive Shrinks Escape Corridor; Canadians Drive East on Coast.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 22.—(U.P.)—American tank troops swept down the Seine river for the Channel ports today in a great new offensive that closed to a bare 60 miles the last escape corridor for the fleeing German 7th army in Normandy, while other tank columns were reported half-way around Paris in a lightning thrust to the river Marne.

A huge noose was tightening swiftly around tens of thousands of battle-weary Nazis caught south of the Seine as the Americans lashed out for the Channel and veteran Canadian troops drove eastward along the Norman coast to within 12 miles of the Seine estuary.

Between the two converging armies, the remnants of the German army were in headlong flight toward the handful of temporary pontoon bridges thrown across the Seine between Elbeuf and the estuary that offered their last hope of escape.

Headquarters gave no details on the progress of the new American thrust beyond the fact that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Yanks were driving hard along the south bank of the Seine from the Mantes area.

The Germans themselves, however, had reported American armor around Gailion, 21 miles to the northwest and barely 17 miles from the river port of Elbeuf, where thousands of Nazi troops and transport vehicles were jammed in a tight mass, waiting their turn to cross the Seine.

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