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AMERICANS STORM INTO MARNE

BRITISH MENACE ROBOT AREA AND GERMAN BORDERS

Yankees On Historic Ground
 —Battered Foe In Full
 Retreat—Advance Swift

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 28. —(U.P.)—Triumphant American troops stormed thru the valley of the Marne today, approaching the historic battle-ground of Chateau-Thierry, while a powerful British armored force streamed across the Seine above Paris in a double-edged threat to the Nazis' robot bomb bases and the borders of Germany itself.

The battered German armies of northern France were in full retreat and Nazi reports said one American column had thrust on beyond captured Troyes to reach the Marne at Vitry-en-Francois, 100 miles southeast of Paris and barely 90 miles from the German frontier.

As the Americans struck eastward, long lines of British tanks and mechanized infantry swarmed across the Seine river bridgehead at Vernon, 38 miles northwest of Paris, and struck out for Fleury, six miles beyond the Seine and 14 miles southeast of Rouen.

Other British columns swept across the Seine in force at Mantes, Elbeuf and a newly won bridgehead at Louviers, almost midway between Vernon and Elbeuf.

Only feeble enemy opposition was encountered by the British spearheads, but headquarters spokesmen warned it was too early to determine whether Hitler had ordered his troops in the Pas de Calais to hold at all costs or to abandon their flying bomb bases to avoid encirclement.

Equally weak resistance met the American columns in their swift thrust up the Marne, and official reports placed the Yankee spearheads on the approaches of Chateau-Thierry, barely 30 miles south-southeast of the Forest of Compiègne where the armistice of 1918 was signed and where Germany imposed her harsh truce of 1940 on beaten France.

The most spectacular allied progress in France was that of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tank forces in the Marne valley. Front line dispatches said the Americans in this "third battle of the Marne" were meeting sharp resistance in some places from enemy rear guards numbering up to 1,000 men but at most points only handfuls of Germans barred the way.

Over this historic battle-ground, where the Germans were halted in 1914 and broke in 1918 in the second battle of the Marne that preceded the end of the war, the Americans were winning almost by default. After capturing Meaux, 23 miles east of Paris, they crossed the river and were approaching Chateau-Thierry, scene of memorable fighting in the last war.

Allied headquarters said the Americans had sped on beyond captured Troyes without meeting more than token resistance, and Berlin reported they had reached Vitry, 100 miles beyond Paris and barely 90 miles from the German border.

An official announcement said General Patton's men had already captured 65,000 Germans and killed 16,000 in the eastern sweep. A "security blackout" barred official news on the progress of the allied forces beyond the Seine bridgeheads, but London newspapers said the battle of the robot coast had begun, and one reported the British were 25 miles north of the Seine at an undisclosed point and were headed toward Dieppe.

BAB'S COUNT IN EAST
 Boston, Aug. 28.—Count Kurt Haugwitz-Reventlow and his 9-year-old son, Lance, visited in Newport, R. I. today after reportedly establishing residence in Boston, where the count may defend the custody suit brought by his former wife and Lance's mother, Woolworth Heires Barbara Hutton Grant.

Troops Get First Eye-ful of Eiffel Tower



French troops on the outskirts of Paris get their first welcome from suburban Parisians and their first glimpse of the famous Eiffel Tower (center) as they enter city to help crush last German resistance. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from Cherbourg.

POLES SAY NAZIS PLAN MURDER OF WARSAW CITIZENS

Washington, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—The Polish government in exile today appealed to allied and neutral governments and to the Vatican to prevent Germany from exterminating a large portion of the population of Warsaw "within the next few days."

Polish Ambassador Jan Ciechanowski delivered the appeal to the state department. It was accompanied by a charge that the Germans "are guilty of another atrocity, exceeding by far anything they have hitherto done."

"The German authorities aim at the extermination of the entire civilian population of Warsaw," the ambassador said. "All parts of the city captured and held by the Germans were surrounded by strong military forces and the population of all these districts were deported to Pruszkow, a small industrial town 15 miles southwest of Warsaw, where a wholesale slaughter camp was installed."

PHONY WAR HERO GETS LONG TERM

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—William H. Welch, 19, Riverside, Cal., who said he used forged documents to pose as a war hero, was arraigned today before U. S. Court Commissioner Ralph Ferguson on charges of wearing an army officer's uniform illegally.

He was arrested at Clarinda, Iowa, where he visited a prison of war camp and demanded salaries from enlisted men. Welch said he had been masquerading as a second lieutenant for several months.

WORLD SERIES TO OPEN OCTOBER 4

Chicago, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—The 1944 world series will open at Sportsman's park, St. Louis, on Wednesday, Oct. 4. Judge K. M. Landis, commissioner of baseball, announced today after a meeting with representatives of the St. Louis Cardinals of the National league, St. Louis Browns, and Detroit, Boston and New York of the American league.

MUCH MARRIED TROOPER
 Carlyle, Ill., Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Mrs. James C. King, married in March to "Lieutenant" King at Paducah, Ky. today started divorce proceedings against her soldier husband, who has married four other women and obtained only two divorces.

ALLIED BOMBERS PLASTER ESCAPE ROUTES OF HUNS

Bridges And Oil Supply
 Bases In France, Austria,
 Hungary Hit

London, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Forces of RAF warplanes crossed the Channel towards the Boulogne and Calais areas tonight, and a short time later the German radio reported planes approaching the Reich from the northwest and from the south.

London, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Hundreds of Allied fighter planes and fighter-bombers attacked German escape routes north of the Seine and supply routes along the Franco-German border today, while 500 to 750 heavy bombers from Italy bombed enemy targets in France, Hungary and Austria.

Medium bombers from Italy hit bridges in the Lyon area and the Rhone valley, and the heavy bombers attacked an oil refinery 22 miles northwest of Vienna; another refinery on the Danube 50 miles northwest of Budapest, the Avioviaduct and Ora bridge on the Brenner Pass railway line 30 miles north of Avioviaduct, and railway yards at Miskolc 100 miles northeast of Budapest and at Szolnok, 55 miles southeast of Budapest.

The attack by American and British fighters and fighter-bombers on German transport targets was made from both Normandy and England, and in weather which kept the planes almost at treetop height.

By noon today the 8th air force, which put 400 fighters into the area of north France, Belgium, Holland and western Germany, claimed 200 locomotives destroyed or damaged, 200 railway cars destroyed and another 1000 damaged, and 200 motor vehicles destroyed or damaged.

The 8th also claimed damage or destruction of numerous barges, oil tanks, radio and power stations.

NAVY FLIER KILLED
 San Francisco, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Ensign Carl L. Shanor, 23, was killed Saturday when his Hellcat plane failed to come out of a dive while he was making a glide run on a target in Pyramid Lake, near Fallon, Cal., the navy announced today.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Carl Tengwald furnishing the proper spelling of "smorgasbord" without a moment's hesitation.

Fire Chief Roy Elliott demonstrating the proper procedure for sliding down a fire pole.

Roland Parks lamenting his absence from a "wild west thriller" at the cinema.

HILLMAN MILDLY PROTESTS PROBE OF PAC FINANCES

Washington, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Chairman Sidney Hillman of the CIO political action committee told the house committee investigating campaign expenditures today that two CIO-sponsored political groups had received voluntary contributions from individuals totaling \$135,000 with which to pay expenses in connection with the November election and that "if we relied on money to do our work, we would have scant hope of success."

He complained to the committee that other political organizations were not being subjected to congressional scrutiny such as the PAC inquiry, which opened today with a statement by Chairman Clinton Anderson, D.-N. M., that he hoped to get a "full record" of CIO political activities.

Reviewing the organization and objectives of the CIO political action committee and the broader national citizens political action committee, both of which he heads, Hillman said he knew of no other political organization "which has so consistently conducted its affairs in the light of day."

He testified that the objectives of the two committees were to place political issues before the public, to encourage the largest possible vote in the 1944 election, and to place the records of candidates before the people.

NELSON'S POLICY BACKED BY KING

Washington, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Acting Chairman J. A. Krug of the war production board, in his first appearance in that role before a congressional committee, said today he was "in complete accord" with WFB Chairman Donald M. Nelson's plans for gradual reconversion of American industry to civilian production, starting now.

The 36-year-old Krug told the senate war investigating committee that Nelson's "spot authorization plan"—which provides for resumption of civilian production in areas where manpower and materials are available—is "the best way to get labor and industry back to civilian production on a working grass roots basis."

BOMBER CRASHES

Fairmont Army Air Base, Geneva, Neb., Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Eight crew members of a B-17 bomber, assigned to the Fairmont air base, were killed Saturday when their plane crashed near Farmington, N. M., Col. George A. Blakely, base commandant, announced today.

NAB FUGITIVE
 Philadelphia, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—A man who was identified by police as Lloyd A. Kingsbury, 54, Los Angeles, was arrested here today on a charge of being a fugitive from justice in California.

SOVIET CAVALRY ENTERS HUNGARY; BALKANS BATTLE

Germans Launch Attack On
 Bucharest—Bulgaria Un-
 decided

London, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Red army troops have broken through the Galati Gap, gateway to Bucharest, and captured Braila, 12 miles south of Galati, Radio Moscow announced tonight.

London, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Soviet cavalry forces drove over the eastern Carpathian mountains through Transylvania and crossed the Hungarian border today, a Berlin broadcast admitted, while two other Russian armies poured through Galati Gap on Bucharest and Ploesti, where German and Rumanian troops, erstwhile allies, were reported fighting against each other.

The German DNB agency admitted that Soviet cavalry units had penetrated the Hungarian border at an unidentified point, but claimed that Nazi and Hungarian troops had repelled them and that all the passes in the northern Carpathians still were firmly in German hands.

Although Moscow remained silent on the German announcement, the report indicated that Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian army was making good progress toward a major breach into Transylvania, bone of contention between Romania and Hungary since its award to Hungary by German dictate in 1940.

London, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler, battling with guns and threats to hold his deserting Balkan satellites in line, launched a full-scale attack on Bucharest today and rushed his diplomatic trouble shooters to Sofia to block a Bulgarian declaration of war on the reich.

At the same time, signs multiplied that Bulgaria, after breaking with Germany over the Romanian clash, was on the verge of declaring war against the reich.

CHILD CARE HERE IS ALLOTTED \$451

Washington, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Three federal works agency war public services in Oregon were allotted additional funds to help pay operating expenses through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, the federal works agency announced today.

They were: Independence, recreation facilities for service men, \$2455; Medford, child care services, \$451; and Milwaukie, child care services, \$11,218.

Washington, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—The federal works agency today announced presidential approval of an expenditure of \$49,000 for the purchase of the unused Church of the Messiah in Portland, Ore., as a recreational center for the use of industrial workers.

KURILES AND YAP GIVEN AIR RAID

Pearl Harbor, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Army and navy bombers attacked Onnekotan island, fifth largest of the Kurile group, starting fires and damaging buildings while other aircraft from Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's command hit Yap in the Caroline islands for the seventh time in eight days, it was announced today.

RELEASE RAISINS
 Washington, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—The War Food Administration announced today that it is releasing approximately 2,500,000 pounds of raisins from government stocks for civilian distribution.

RELIEF FOR GLUT IN LAMB MARKET IN OREGON NEAR

OPA Bowles Told Early De-
 cision Needed, On Short
 Portland Stay

Portland, Ore., Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Possible relief in the present northwest market "glut" on lamb appeared in sight today following a "quickie" conference here between representatives of Oregon's livestock and transportation industries, and Chester Bowles, national OPA chief.

Bowles, who arrived from San Francisco, allocated three hours between planes to consideration of cases presented, but refused to make any "on the spot decisions." He said that some problems must be approached on a national basis, and promised to "take a good hard look" at the critical lamb surplus situation and contact Washington, D. C., for further consideration of a point holiday or bonus stamp issue.

E. I. Peterson, director of the state department of agriculture, stressing the need for more independence for local OPA offices, told Bowles that "what we want is somebody who can give us some answers in Oregon."

"We need somebody who can say yes or no," Peterson said. Emphasizing the need for "somebody with authority," Peterson said: "The way things stand now it constitutes merely a series of meetings and conferences with no results. If there were officials here with some authority, it would save us a lot of grief and you, too."

Bowles replied that because a majority of the problems were national, a "cover-all" policy of administration had to be adopted, and added that "if we let every community make its own decisions, we'd have a situation like the one in the Balkans."

EQUAL BROADCAST TIME PLAN TOLD

Washington, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Acting Secretary of War John J. McCloy said today that he personally made the decision to reverse the army ruling granting the socialist party broadcasting facilities on the grounds that President Roosevelt's Bremerton speech was political in nature.

McCloy, a republican, said the White House neither expressed any views with respect to the army's original stand nor exerted any effort to have the decision changed.

McCloy acknowledged that the new plan announced yesterday, whereby equal broadcast time will be allotted to political parties on a schedule, to be announced later, avoided any decision whether the Bremerton speech was political in nature.

PRIVATE WOUNDED BY WOOD BULLET

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Pfc. James W. Evans of Sedro Woolley, Wash., a member of the 101st airborne division, is in Barnes general hospital here recuperating from what is believed to be a wooden bullet in France on June 11, his wife said here today.

Hospital authorities have made no official comment on the case yet, but his wife, here with her husband until he is better, said the bullet was so shredded no attempt could be made to remove it.

If the injury was caused by a wooden bullet, it will be the first such case known here.

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War Bulletins

London, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Twenty-six persons were killed today when a plane, believed an American Sky Master mail plane from the United States, crashed into a dwelling at Prestwick, Scotland. The victims included seven crewmen, 14 passengers and five occupants of the demolished house.

The plane was understood to have circled twice before it crashed.

Prestwick is one of the world's busiest air junctions and the eastern terminal of the trans-Atlantic ferry route.

Paris, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—French partisans and police, aided by allied troops, searched Paris today under orders to shoot on sight German snipers and armed collaborators following the death of at least 15 persons in a series of abortive attempts to assassinate Gen. Charles de Gaulle during a "liberation parade" Saturday.

Chungking, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—American B-24s bombed Amoy harbor on China's Fukien coast and attacked Japanese supply lines and installations from Changsha to Hengyang on the Canton-Hankow railroad in widespread weekend operations which cost the 14th air force one plane, it was announced today.

By United Press
 The Japanese Domei News Agency, reviewing the last American B-29 Super-Fortress raid on Kyushu, today paid special tribute to two naval fliers named Ozaki and Endo, who, it said, shot down three B-29s and damaged two others in that attack.

PAPER DRIVE IN COUNTY TO OPEN NEXT WEDNESDAY

Wednesday of this week has been set as opening day of the paper salvage drive and the old Chamber of Commerce building on Main street near the railroad tracks is to be used as a collection depot according to Wayne Jamison, county salvage chairman.

Everyone who can is asked to bring their salvaged paper to the building, which will be open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m., with members of the city police force having charge of the building during the drive. Mr. Jamison states that it is most important that the paper be properly banded for ease in handling and to save space. Newspapers are to be laid flat, in the manner in which they are sold, and tied in bundles about 12 inches high. Magazines and books should be bundled about 18 inches high and securely tied. Cartons should be flattened out and tied in bundles.

Waste banded paper, considered the least acceptable because of its comparative bulk, may be packed tightly into cartons and tied. It is stressed that these different types of paper should be tied separately, and not mixed up.

Boy Scouts are to assist with the paper drive, Mr. Jamison states.

BULLETIN

Chicago, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Byron Nelson, playing for his third all-American open championship, shot a three-under-par 33 today for the first time in the fourth and final round and gained one stroke on the field.

Teeling off with 211 strokes for 54 holes, the Toledo, O., professional fired his best single nine of the tournament as Harold (Jug) McSpaden and Cpl. Buck White, shot 37 and 34, respectively to lose pace. They started out tied for second with 213 strokes apiece but White lost one stroke and McSpaden four as Nelson apparently was headed for a new all-time money winning mark of \$25,468 in one year.

New York, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Cotton futures opened 4 to 8 points higher today.

AMERICANS TRAP 15,000 NAZIS ON BANKS OF RHONE

Death Or Capture Await
 Nazi Horde In South —
 Advance Swift

Rome, Aug. 23.—(U.P.)—Armored patrols of the 7th army have reached the Swiss frontier three miles south of Geneva, the Canadian service newspaper, Maple Leaf, said today, without quoting the source of its information.

Rome, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—American tanks and artillery, racing more than 50 miles overland into the Rhone valley, closed behind the beaten remnants of the German 19th army at Montellmar today and turned a murderous fire on some 15,000 Nazis trapped against the east bank of the Rhone.

With their bridges across the broad Rhone cut by Allied bombers, the survivors of the 19th army faced imminent death or capture between the converging guns of the main American forces moving up from Avignon and the enveloping column at Montellmar, halfway between the Mediterranean coast and Lyon.

Headquarters spokesmen, who previously had issued an ambiguously worded statement indicating that 15,000 Germans were killed, wounded, or captured in the new American stroke, explained that that figure referred to the number of Germans now pinned against the Rhone river.

The trap was sprung by a strong armored force that swept into Montellmar after a forced march from the Sisterone-Grenoble highway more than 50 miles to the east.

The battered Nazis, fleeing up the east bank of the Rhone, raced into Montellmar to find the Americans ready and waiting.

Front dispatches said the startled Germans fell back to the river edge and braced for a death battle against the Americans closing around them. Throughout yesterday, United Press War Correspondent Dana Adams Schmidt reported, American guns poured a deadly fire into the cornered enemy.

American riflemen and hundreds of warplanes joined in the slaughter and casualties among the Nazis were described officially as "enormous."

Among the already-declimated German units brought to bay against the river banks were elements of the 11th panzer and 198th infantry divisions, possibly reinforced by troops from three other divisions.

ODT OPPOSED TO LABOR DAY TRIP

Washington, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—The Office of Defense Transportation today predicted unprecedented Labor Day traffic and urged prospective train and inter-city bus travelers to "cancel their plans unless their trips are directly connected with the war."

"Only actual service with the armed forces or business directly connected with the prosecution of the war justify taking up space on trains at this time, since the railroads of the country, taken altogether, have now reached the full limit of their capacity to carry passengers," ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson said.

PACK MULE INSPECTION
 Elko, Nev., Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Gov. E. P. Carville and a pack train was well embarked on his annual inspection tour of the range areas of the Ruby mountains.

AIR SCHOOL ABANDONED
 Washington, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—The war department announced today that the Cal-Aero Flight school, Ontario, Cal., will be abandoned by the AAF on September 11.