

NAZIS SLOW ATTACK ON ST. LO

By FRANK JENKINS
The war as this is written is bitter bloody, but not spectacular.

THE Germans SEEM at least to be fighting us and the British harder in Normandy than they are fighting the Russians on the eastern front.

Maybe they think they can get us before we get fully ashore and started, but KNOW they can't stop the Russians—at least not at the actual borders of Germany.

GOETTER threw in everything he had against the British in Crete. The dispatches report that he lost 50 tanks in the two-day battle.

IN 72 hours EIGHTY German tanks were destroyed—about a third of them by our planes.

YOU'VE noted that we've been CONSTANTLY hammering German oil installations—synthetic plants, refineries, etc.

A senior U. S. air officer at our headquarters says today that the SCARCITY of gasoline is having an important effect on the mobility of Nazi ground forces.

There seems little doubt that lack of fuel is seriously hampering the German air force—what is left of it.

THERE are rumors in the air again. Ankara (Turkish capital) reports that "conversations" are afoot which may result in Turkish participation in the war before the end of the summer.

Turkey is going to have to get in on it if she is to have anything to say at the peace table.

Madrid (Spain) says that Germany has made at least SIX attempts since February to gain a negotiated peace is about all the Germans have left to fight for.

AN oddly interesting little tale comes from Moscow to the effect that the Russians were interested by NOT SURPRISED by FDR's announcement that he wants a fourth term.

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Aitape Attack Smashed

45,000 JAPS TURNED BACK IN BATTLE

Nipponese Offensive Appears Imminent On New Guinea

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, July 14 (AP)—Crafty, hungry, determined vanguards of 45,000 trapped Japanese troops in British New Guinea were smashed with heavy losses in a preliminary attempt to break allied encirclement, but a well-planned Nipponese offensive appeared imminent today.

Headquarters announced the bloody checking of a Japanese assault in force Wednesday at dawn against allied outposts 21 miles east of Aitape. The conflict, on a jungle-choked battleground, produced some of the most savage fighting of the entire New Guinea campaign.

The Japanese—survivors of the by-passed 18th imperial army—drove westward at the allied lines which had cut them off since the April 22 leapfrog capture of Aitape.

They hit strong outposts, heavily supported by artillery. The full range of allied ground fire flashes at them while aircraft sowed 53 tons of explosives among Nipponese concentrations.

A headquarters spokesman (Continued on Page Two)

Shasta Dam Power Starts

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—Power from \$87,187,000 Shasta dam in northern California began flowing today into the electric system serving the extensive war industries of the Pacific coast.

Interior Secretary Ickes announced that the first generation at Shasta had begun operation, bringing to more than 1,150,000 kilowatts the additional power capacity installed at reclamation projects throughout the west since Pearl Harbor.

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Reds Take Two Cities In Advance On Border

LONDON, July 14—Marshal Josef Stalin in two orders of the day announced tonight the capture of the city of Pinsk in the Pripyat marshes and the railroad junction of Wolkowysk, 52 miles directly east of Bialystok.

The fall of Pinsk, the Germans' last stronghold in the Pripyat marshes, advanced the Russians directly on the road to Warsaw and Brest Litovsk, a point on the Curzon line which the Russians have proposed as the postwar frontier of Poland. Warsaw is 200 miles west of Pinsk and Brest Litovsk is 100 miles west.

Pinsk had been caught in a wide circle of pressing Russian armies which had advanced to within five miles of the town before the Germans in their communique early today announced their withdrawal from the swamp-battressed stronghold.

Wolkowysk is 90 miles northwest of Pinsk and its capture advanced the Russians more than half way from Baranowice to Bialystok, one of the strongpoints in the German system for defense of their western Polish conquests and East Prussia.

Pinsk, Stalin said, fell to a combined assault of troops and a Dnepr river flotilla, following the crossing of the Yaselda and Pripyat rivers.

Stalin ordered 20 salvos from 224 guns to celebrate the victory, which advanced soviet forces to within 200 miles directly east of Warsaw and 100 miles from Brest Litovsk.

Northern Advance
To the north, the German radio said, the Russians were even farther advanced. A Berlin broadcast said the Russians twice had broken into Grodno, 20 miles from the Suwalki triangle of East Prussia.

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Weather News

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Max. (July 13) 82 Min. 58
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 9.89
Normal 12.00 Last year 17.78
Forecast: Fair.

Getting Acquainted



Getting acquainted for the first time with his 3-month-old son, Gary Phillip, is Corporal Forrest Alford, who is shown here collecting from Scott Reed his free pass given by the Klamath theatres to all Klamath Falls servicemen home on furlough.

Corporal Alford will be in town until July 22, when he will leave to report for duty at a camp in Arkansas. Passes are available to all servicemen home on leave in the city whose names appear in the servicemen's registry found elsewhere in this paper.

Fisherman on Lake Shot In Leg by Coyote Hunter

Mistaken for a coyote, Ray Eubanks of Bend was shot in the leg while he was fishing from a boat on Lake Tymanog near Cascade Summit, in northern Klamath county, early today.

Eubanks, his wife, and W. E. Spangler of Bend, accompanied by Fred Garrison of Crescent Lake, were fishing when they heard a shot from across the lake, according to reports from there.

A moment later, another shot rang out and this time Eubanks seized his leg where a bullet had penetrated. The party went immediately ashore, where Eubanks was given first aid. An Oakridge ambulance was called, and the Bend man was moved to a Eugene hospital, where he is being treated for a badly splintered lower limb.

State police and sheriff's officers were called from here, and were understood this afternoon to be questioning a Mr. Pratt of Corvallis in connection with the shooting. The Corvallis is reported to have said he had seen coyotes previously near the lake, and fired when he saw what he thought was a coyote moving on the opposite bank.

The local officers had not returned with further details this afternoon.

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BASTILLE DAY PUSH NEARS NAZI OUTPOST

ROME, July 14 (AP)—French troops, spearheading a Bastille day advance in Italy, captured Poggibonsi today and moved to within 21 miles of Florence in a stab through stiffening German resistance before the Arno river, an outpost line of the enemy's Gothic defenses.

Poggibonsi is 17 miles up the Elsa river valley from the Empoli crossing of the Arno river.

Outflanked
The town was outflanked yesterday when the French captured San Gimignano, five miles to the west, in a 2 1/2 mile march from San Donato, and the nearby village of La Casette.

Capture of the town, a communications center between the port of Livorno (Leghorn) and strongly held Arezzo, gave the fifth army a strategic jumping (Continued on Page Two)

Madame Chiang Now in Brazil

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek has arrived in Rio de Janeiro for a rest, the Chinese embassy here said today.

She is accompanied by Madame H. H. Kung, wife of the Chinese minister of finance, who is now heading the Chinese delegation to the United Nations monetary conference at Bretton Woods, N. H.

The Chinese embassy said that the wife of the generalissimo was not expected to come to this country and that the main purpose of her trip to Brazil was rest.

ROOSEVELT BURIAL TO BE IN FRANCE

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800 Massacred By Germans

LONDON, July 14 (AP)—The French press service said last night nearly 800 persons were massacred June 10 by the Germans in the village of Oradour-Sur-Glane, central France. It said the men were shot, and the women and children died inside a locked church which was first dynamited and then set afire.

Only "seven or eight" of the town's population escaped, the agency said, and all buildings were burned.

There were contradictory reports as to the reason for the German act.

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Thief Polite, But Unreliable

PORTLAND, July 14 (AP)—Henry Nelson told police today that the thief who took his car last night had beautiful manners, but his promises were unreliable.

An armed man, Nelson said, approached him in a park, asked for money, Nelson handed over \$20, then offered his watch.

"Oh, no," said the bandit. "I'm not that kind of guy." Then he asked Nelson for a ride out of the park.

A few blocks, along he told Nelson he would have to borrow the car. "I need it only a half hour for another job," he said. "I'll return it with the tank full. Would you start it for me?"

Nelson obeyed, climbed down. "Thank you," said the bandit, driving off.

The car was recovered later at a nearby corner. But the gasoline tank was empty.

De Gaulle Hailed as Hero

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GERMAN FIRE INCREASES AS YANKS DIG IN

Reich Troops Leave Western Anchor Point

By WES GALLAGHER
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 14 (AP)—American infantrymen, slowed in their attack on St. Lo, burrowed into the ground and held resolutely to their positions two miles out to the highway center of the Normandy peninsula today in the face of an increasing German artillery fire sweeping the approaches.

To the west, however, the American army was on the move from St. Lo to the sea, with infantry and tanks only one and one-sixth miles from the Germans' western anchor at Lessay, and supreme headquarters said the Germans apparently were making an "orderly withdrawal."

Between Lessay and St. Lo the Americans had virtually completed, after several days hard fighting, the ironing out of a German salient which had bulged toward Carentan in the middle of the beachhead.

No Change
Late supreme headquarters announcements mentioned no changes in the battlelines at Caen, at the eastern end of the front, and Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British and Canadian divisions apparently were at a standstill there, as the Americans were at St. Lo.

Fighting south and southeast of Carentan the Americans captured Auxais, Les Champs de Losque, Es-Aubris and La Vincellerie. These advances left (Continued on Page Two)

Woman Sentenced For Kidnaping

SAN DIEGO, Calif., July 14 (AP)—Mrs. Helen McDermott Kregger, 23, of Vancouver, Wash., today was sentenced by Superior Judge Gordon Thompson to Tehachapi prison for women for not more than 20 years on a child-stealing charge.

The judge passed sentence after Mrs. Kregger, who had pleaded guilty, withdrew her application for probation at a hearing today. She told the court she wished to be sentenced to the California state prison for women in the hope that the "mentas quirk" which caused her troubles might be cured there.

Oyster Bay Flag At Half Staff

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 14 (AP)—Oyster Bay lowered its flag on the town hall pole today to half staff in memory of Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr.

The national emblem fluttered in mourning position, too, in front of the brick clubhouse of Quentin Roosevelt post, American Legion named for his brother, Quentin, who died and was buried in France during the first World war.

French Minister Killed in France

LONDON, July 14 (AP)—The Vichy radio said tonight that Georges Mandel, interior minister in Premier Paul Reynaud's cabinet at the time of the fall of France, had been "killed" while being transferred from one prison to another.

Mandel was a member of the French Resistance movement and was arrested in 1941. He was held in various prisons and was eventually transferred to the Buchenwald concentration camp.

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Destruction of Ukrainian Malin Commemorated by Klamath County Namesake

Citizens of Malin, in Klamath county, yesterday commemorated the first anniversary of the ruthless Nazi destruction of Malin, in the Ukraine, by adopting a resolution calling upon all Americans of Czechoslovak origin to "do everything possible" toward "just punishment of all axis degenerates who have savagely violated the laws of humanity."

Residents of the Klamath county town, founded by Czech colonists in 1909, recalled that it was on July 13, 1943, that the town of Malin in the Ukraine, similarly founded by Czech colonists 70 years ago, was burned down and 374 Czech settlers were brutally murdered.

Another Lidice
Malin of Ukraine has been described as "another Lidice" in recollection of the Nazi destruction of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in 1942. According to the resolution adopted yesterday, the Nazis drove the Malin inhabitants into a church and other buildings, which were set on fire. Nazi soldiers shot every body attempting to escape.

Rural Districts Top Bond Quotas

Klamath rural districts are all well over the top in their Fifth War Loan quotas, with Merrill-Malin leading at 149 per cent, it was announced today by Fred Peterson, general chairman for the Kiwanis club rural district committee.

Here are the districts, with the chairmen, amount of quota, and percentage of quota sold, given in that order:

No. 1—Algonia, Chilcoquin, Fort Klamath, Modoc Point, Klamath Agency—Ed Geary, chairman; \$79,975; 125 per cent of quota.

No. 2—Dairy, Bonanza, Poe Valley, Langell Valley—Charles Henderson, chairman; \$38,750; 121 per cent of quota.

No. 3—Malin, Merrill-Dick, Hensel; \$120,000; 149 per cent of quota.

No. 4—Bly, Beatty, Hillsbrand, Sprague River, Iron Pine community—Lee McMullen; \$63,220; 101 per cent of quota.

No. 5—Keno, Henley, Lower Klamath—Henry Semon; \$60,000; 122 per cent of quota.

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