

U.S. ARMOR ENTERS AVRANCHES

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
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INCIDENTALLY, it is announced officially today that they had only 600 tanks. When the Germans were talking about they were talking about the "you should have how big he was," etc.

WHILE we're talking about tanks, our planes seem to be doing the knock of knocking out from the air. They shot 240 in Normandy in the days last week, and on the day they knocked off 74.

USING his one-two punch again, Montgomery hits with the other hand, advancing eight miles on a seven-mile front. His purpose is to keep the Germans busy at the Caen end to reinforcements to the Avranches end.

We should beware of any comparisons of British and American fighting prowess in Normandy. The two are working as a TEAM, not as individual stars. They are where and when and AS HARD AS the high command.

The Germans would like nothing better than to get us and the British started quarreling. The man who is bravest and toughest.

THE air has been full of rumors in the past few days that General is dead again. It may be just as well for us if he stays. Montgomery is onto his tricks. It would take time for a general to learn a new enemy's habits and reactions.

THE Russian news today is just more of the same. The Germans say the reds are in Warsaw's outskirts. They're knocking at the doors of Riga. They're only a few miles from the borders of East Prussia.

They are only 13 miles from Czechoslovakia, where they might strike through the Carpathians into the Danube valley.

It wouldn't be surprising if the Russians should slow down a while. They have already gone farther and faster than it seems militarily possible for supply to follow.

THE Germans set Wednesday of this week as the day for a break with Turkey (keep fingers crossed). The Bulgarians said to have agreed to the Russian demand for consulates at Sofia and Burgas, on the Black Sea.

Consulates are normally BUSINESS agencies of government. That Russia wants with consulates in Bulgaria at this moment is a demand for what Bulgaria will do.

THE big point in this Balkan business is that Bulgaria and Turkey are getting less afraid of the Germans and more afraid of the Russians.

In Italy, the Germans assert they've smashed Pisa's famous tank force with our artillery. Their purpose being to put the Germans on a par with the Americans.

Among SO MANY tragedies, what are Pisa and its tower? You can't rebuild a tower.

OUR fleet is anchored AGAIN today in Guam's Apra harbor, the best in the Marianas. 5,000 to 5,000 Japs are trapped in Tinian's southern end. Presumably, they'll die as the other trapped Japs have died.

AS to this Jap yen to die, an American-educated Jap who is now an instructor in a U. S. language school says in a recent article in the Christian Science Monitor:

"There are no (live) heroes in Japan. The only Jap war hero is the man who has been killed in battle. . . . The fighting man who returns from the field of battle is looked upon with suspicion. . . . The Jap who persists himself to be taken prisoner is treated as a traitor. . . . The Japanese warrior has little incentive to survive."

OK, if that's the way they and it isn't. War is war. The Japs who insist on dying don't have to be fed and cared for and guarded in prison camps. The man who would otherwise be busy feeding, caring for and (Continued on Page Two)

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Weather News

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Max. (July 30)	76	Min.	41
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00		
Stream year to date	10.59		
Normal	12.16	Last year	17.85

Forecast: Clear

Red Advances Threaten To Split Baltic

LONDON, July 31 (AP)—Marshal Joseph Stalin announced tonight the capture of Jelgava, where soviet troops moved to within 21 miles southwest of Riga in Latvia.

German military commentators said meanwhile that the Russians had drawn up an arc of assault only six miles from Warsaw in the south, and were attacking Praca, the suburb on the east side of the Vistula river opposite the Polish capital.

Stalin also disclosed the capture of three places on the more distant approaches to Warsaw—Siedlce, Minsk-Mazowiecki and Lukow.

JAPANESE FORCES ENTER HENGYANG

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, July 31 (AP)—The Chinese high command admitted tonight that Japanese forces have broken into the city of Hengyang proper. It said brisk fighting was in progress both in the city and its outskirts.

The Chinese have been holding the invaders on the rim of the encircled Canton-Hankow railway junction for weeks, while other Chinese forces fought the Japanese on an outer perimeter. For more than a month the Japanese have been storming the city desperately in what by this time amounts to a face-saving drive.

The Hunan province city has been regarded as the most important goal of the Japanese since their capture of Canton and Hankow in 1938, and its capture would remove one of the last stumbling blocks to their campaign to control 1000 miles of railway from the north to the south of China.

Rain, Hail Hit Between Bonanza, Langell Valley

Reports reached here today of a terrific rain and hail storm which struck full force in an area between Bonanza and Langell valley on Saturday evening.

The storm, reaching cloudburst proportions, filled ditches to overflowing, damaged some crops, washed out fences, and left banks of hail which could still be seen nearly 24 hours later.

Some damage was reported to the banks of ditches in the Horsely Irrigation district.

The storm covered a strip between four and five miles wide.

Taylor Awarded Silver Star

Mrs. Elizabeth Burton Taylor of 120 Ewauna has received word that her husband, First Lt. Ralph P. Taylor, has been awarded the Silver Star for heroic action in Italy.

Mrs. Taylor was sent a copy of the division newspaper telling of her husband's exploits. The paper, dated July 14, described the action as follows:

"With an enlisted man, Lt. Taylor moved in grenade pitching distance of an enemy machine gun nest. Under machine gun fire he rose to his knees, throwing grenades which killed four men and destroyed the gun."

"Returning he gave information which made possible a successful attack on the outpost."

Lt. Taylor was wounded in action May 31 and he had returned from the hospital.

Zoot-Suiters, Merchant Seamen Riot in Canada

VANCOUVER, B. C. (CP)—A mob numbering approximately 1000 civilians, merchant seamen and partisans of both sides, engaged in a brief rough-and-tumble fight in front of a downtown theatre here last night, but civilian and military police succeeded in quelling the disturbance before any of the participants suffered serious injury.

Five squad cars of civilian police and all available military and naval police were called out to deal with the riot which started with jostlings in a theatre queue.

The melee followed less than 24 hours after police had called out to deal with a fight at a nearby intersection where civilians described by officers

NEW SECRET WEAPON USED IN MARIANAS

Troops Sweep Into Tinian Town on Island

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, July 31 (AP)—A secret weapon gave American forces a new advantage in their invasion of the Marianas today as their spearheads hammered a widening wedge across Guam and swept past Tinian's largest town.

"One of the most fearful instruments of death from America's arsenal of secret weapons aided the Tinian invaders," War Correspondent Clinton Green reported as Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that Guam's main harbor and airstrip already were in American use.

Security prohibits even a hint as to the nature of the weapon, Green said, but its effectiveness has been proved.

"It is truly fearful and it is extremely doubtful whether any human being within 100 feet of its action would be able to survive," he wrote. "It is easy to foresee the devastation and death which would result from its use on such targets as the crowded cities of the Japanese homeland."

While the Yanks speeded their Saipan-born envelopment of key Marianas island, the far eastern air force struck significantly.

Employees Lose Battle for Compensation

PORTLAND, Ore., July 31 (AP)—Nearly 400 Montgomery Ward & Co. employees here had lost their fight today for state unemployment compensation from May 3 to July 26, 1944, when the store was closed by labor troubles.

Circuit Judge Martin W. Hawkins upheld the Oregon unemployment compensation commission in denying payments to the workers. Employees who voluntarily refused to cross picket lines automatically disqualified themselves as compensation claimants, he ruled.

Wrecks of Lost Planes Found

LUKE FIELD, Ariz., July 31 (AP)—The burned wreckage of three army single engine training planes missing since March 25 and the bodies of three of four officers aboard have been found smashed against the same wooded mountainside 30 miles southeast of Prescott, Arizona.

Officers at Luke field, in announcing the discovery, said 150 enlisted men were en route to the scene 55 miles north of here to search for the fourth officer. The bodies of three second lieutenants were removed by a ground party that reached there Saturday.

Senate Military Group to Meet

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—Majority Leader Barkley, Kentucky, and Senator Reynolds, (N.C.), telegraphed a dozen members of the senate military committee today to return to Washington at once to act on reconversion legislation.

The telegram was made public by Reynolds, chairman of the committee, soon after Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) disclosed to newsmen that republicans would insist on early action on bills to chart the post-war business and employment programs.

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press
1—Russian front: 335 miles (measured from near Klibbel).
2—Italian front: 605 miles (measured from Senigallia).
3—Normandy front: 630 miles (measured from Troarn).

Yank Tanks Land On Tinian



Marine corps tanks roll ashore on Japanese-held Tinian, two and a half miles from Saipan in the Marianas and third island in the group to be invaded in less than six weeks. The tanks are driving up a road, gouged by a bulldozer, toward two vital airfields to extreme left. (Associated Press Photo from U. S. Marine Corps.)

NAZIS HOLD ALLIES AT BAY IN ITALY

By NOLAN NORGAARD
ROME, July 31 (AP)—Counterattacking at every opportunity, nazis infantry and tanks held the eighth army at bay in the hills 5 to 7 miles southwest of Florence today at a cost hardly likely to prove worthwhile to the enemy's depleted armies, allied headquarters said.

Artillery laid down thundering curtains of fire on German units which lashed out in an effort to knock the allied spearheads farther back from Florence's last defenses.

Year's Output of Liquor Planned

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—In the 31 days beginning tomorrow distillers plan to produce about as much whisky and gin as are ordinarily made in a full year.

This is possible, liquor sources said today, because distilleries will be on a 24-hour basis and their facilities have been vastly expanded by their war production of alcohol. In normal times they operated only a few months of the year.

Sub Production Cutback Ordered

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—The navy announced a cutback in the submarine building program today and attributed the step to two factors—the loss of fewer submarines than was expected and the need for at least eight other types of ships or weapons.

The announcement gave no figures either on the cutback or the existing fleet of underwater craft. On the basis of submarines known to be building or in commission, however, the American undersea fleet apparently is in excess of 200.

Medal of Honor Given to Pilot

By ROBERT EUNSON
HEADQUARTERS, Seventh Fleet, Southwest Pacific, July 31 (AP)—The Congressional Medal of Honor was presented today to Lt. Nathan G. Gordon of Morrilton, Ark., navy pilot who landed his Catalina flying boat in Kavieng harbor last February 15 and rescued 15 downed American airmen under the guns of the Japanese.

It was the first navy presentation of America's highest military award in the Southwest Pacific, Vice Adm. Thomas C. Kinkaid, commander of the seventh fleet, made the award.

Finns Make New Attempts To Oust Pro-Nazi Leaders

By ROBERT N. STURDEVANT
STOCKHOLM, July 31 (AP)—A new attempt to force resignation or ouster of the pro-German Finnish government in favor of one which could make peace with Russia was reported tonight as German positions in the east deteriorated from the Baltic states through the Balkans.

Informants said that through-out the weekend, groups opposed to Premier Edvin Linkomies were laying plans to rid the country of the government which signed up Finland for solid military collaboration with Germany.

Britons Arrive In Spain After Nazi Internment

BRUN, Spain, July 30 (Delayed)—(AP)—Three trainloads of British civilian internees—518 persons, 20 of them suffering mental ailments—arrived in Spain today after nearly four years of internment at a German prison camp near Vittel, France.

The group completes a contingent of 900 British being exchanged for that many German internees. Some 400 British already are in Lisbon awaiting departure of the diplomatic ship Drotningsholm.

Ex-Secretary To FDR Dies

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—Marguerite Alice (Missy) Le Hand, who served as President Roosevelt's personal secretary for more than a score of years, died today at Chelsea, Mass., of cerebral embolism.

Her death was announced by the White House, where it was said she had been stricken unexpectedly. She retired as the president's secretary, December 18, 1942 because of ill health, but had improved somewhat since that time.

Catholic Priest Shot by Sniper

NEW YORK, July 31 (AP)—First Lt. Dominic Ternan, 41, a Franciscan priest, was killed June 19 in Normandy when he was shot in the back by a Nazi sniper as he gave the last rites of the church to a dying soldier, according to word received here.

The death was announced here yesterday by the Very Rev. Bertrand Campbell, provincial of the Roman Catholic Order of Friars Minor and pastor of St. Francis of Assisi church where Father Ternan formerly was an assistant.

Spurious Money Passed in City

PORTLAND, Ore., July 31 (AP)—William Hately Jr., agent in charge of the Portland secret service office, warned today that spurious greenbacks are being passed here. He said bills are being split, with halves of higher denominations pasted to halves of smaller ones. He suggested that merchants examine both sides of bills offered.

TRAP CATCHES REMNANTS OF NAZI FORCES

Granville Seized by Troops in Mopping Up Actions

By GLADWIN HILL
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 31 (AP)—Springing another trap on remnants of eight destroyed or badly mauled Nazi divisions with an 18-mile lightning thrust, American armored forces fought in the streets of Avranches tonight, in an effort to clinch control of that springboard for a break into central France.

Thirteen miles to the northwest, the Americans seized Granville in the swift mopping up of the German seventh army.

On the left flank the Americans also captured the city of Torigui-Sur-Vire, 27 miles inland, after threatening its isolation by taking the hamlets at La Heaillere and La Freitriere to the southeast, front line dispatches reported.

The entry into Avranches marked a 60-mile penetration from the D-Day beachheads. "Fairly Strong" Force

The force entering the city at the west base of the Normandy peninsula was described as "fairly strong" and its position as "well into" the town.

The sensational burst at Avranches, at the angle formed by the Normandy and Brest spurs, closed a new trap on German fighting to the north around Granville and along the line of Gavray to Tassy-Sur-Vire, threatening to add to the 10,500 prisoners taken since the start of the American offensive last Tuesday.

(The Germans' official news agency, DNB, said the Americans had captured Granville, 16 miles southwest of Coutances and 13 miles northwest of Avranches. Late allied reports placed the Americans "near" Granville.)

Seizure of pivotal Avranches would place the Americans on a springboard for an eastward (Continued on Page Two)

Eight Released From Hospitals

Eight more persons injured in the Greyhound Bus accident Thursday night have been released from the Hillside and Klamath Valley hospitals. The fourteen remaining at Klamath Valley hospital are all out of danger and are doing well.

Twenty-two persons suffered injuries when the big bus slid on slick pavement coming into Klamath Falls late Thursday night and overturned on Oregon avenue.

The Greyhound Bus company is taking care of all hospital expenses incurred by the accident.

Segrege Hunger Strike Ended

The hunger strike in the isolation area of the Tulelake segregation center was definitely over today.

War relocation officials said that all 14 men in the area began taking nourishment Sunday. They were transferred temporarily to the center hospital for observation and treatment, and will be returned to the isolation area for troublemakers as soon as possible, WRA said.

The men said they began their strike on July 19. One of them took nourishment on July 25 and the others began eating Sunday.

BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago 5 8 0
Philadelphia 5 8 0
Vanderberg and Williams; Lee, Karl (7), and Peacock.

New Building for Service Men's Center Proposed

Plans for a building to be used for a service men's center for the war period, and possibly after the war to become center for all recreational activities in the community, were presented to the city recreation committee at a meeting today by Bernie Heidemann, captain of the Klamath Commandos.

Captain Heidemann showed the committee plans for the building prepared by Howard R. Perrin, architect, calling for an attractive cement block structure embracing main floor and balcony features designed to meet maximum needs here for a service men's center.

Proposed Site
A site at Eleventh street and Klamath avenue is proposed for the structure.

The committee was asked to consider the possibility of taking the building over after the war need is concluded, and to support a project for financing the construction.

Federal Aid
Captain Heidemann explained that federal assistance could be obtained for maintenance and directive personnel, and said that the city military affairs committee had pledged cooperation in obtaining this assistance.

Cost of building and site would run in excess of \$42,000, it was estimated. The Commando leader pointed out that the present quarters of the Commandos are inadequate and that the need for the center is growing daily. He said that the building could be financed at the donation rate of \$1 each for everyone in the Klamath area.

Armory Unsuitable
There was some discussion of the possibility of using the Klamath armory, an already constructed building, for the same purpose. Captain Heidemann said (Continued on Page Two)