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 Normal 12.19 Last year 17.85
 Forecast: Warmer.

Reds Within Three Miles Of Nazi Border

German Soil Hit By Russian Shells

By DANIEL DE LUCE
MOSCOW, Aug. 3 (AP)—Fighting raged within three miles of the East Prussian border today as Gen. Ivan Cherniakhovsky's third White Russian army surged forward in a determined drive from captured Dydyvish which promised momentarily to carry the war to German soil.

Russian armor charged savagely upon German defenses before the East Prussian border cities of Schirwindt, Eydkhunen and Wehrkirchen.

Russian cannon shelled German soil.

Cherniakhovsky's forces swirled to within 28 miles of Tilsit and 44 of Interburg, important East Prussian rail cities. Konigsberg, East Prussian capital and 18th largest German city of 368,433, was 93 miles away. Five railroads meet at Interburg, site of iron, machine tool and tile factories.

Front dispatches declared fighting raged near Virbalis and Wiazny, both three miles from the frontier.

While the campaign for East Prussia was intensified, the battle for Warsaw entered its fourth day of slow, bitter slugging on a 20-mile front involving the eastern suburbs of the Polish capital.

The Germans clung to a line of fixed fortifications ringing the burning city and the industrial suburb of Praga, on the east bank of the broad and swift Vistula, against massed bombardment from the ground and sky. (The exiled Polish government in London said 25,000 Polish underground fighters continued a "hard and grim" battle against the Germans in the streets of the capital.)

Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky undoubtedly was attempting to exploit his grip on the east bank of the Vistula for more than 100 miles below Warsaw by seeking a firm bridgehead from which to outflank Warsaw. (The Germans said two bridgeheads had been established in the Debienka area, 60 miles to the south-east and a third in the area 120 miles below the capital.)

Behind Russian lines and 10-mile wide corridor thrust to the Baltic sea west of Riga, four Russian army groups gnawed at the trapped thousands of Germans in Latvia and Estonia. (Prime Minister Churchill said from 20 to 30 divisions were cut off, a total of perhaps 200,000 to 300,000 men.)

FIFTH ARMY BREAKS COUNTERATTACK TRY

By NOLAND NORGAARD
ROME, Aug. 3 (AP)—The fifth army has broken German efforts to send counterattacking forces across the Arno river on both sides of besieged Pisa near Italy's west coast, allied headquarters announced today.

The enemy attempted to attempt to take the initiative also near the inland wing of the American forces by sending 200 troops to the south bank of the Arno river northeast of Pontedera, but mortar fire dispersed this force.

Make Dents

Eighth army units were making fresh dents in the Nazi defenses along Florence.

Attacking north from San Michele and La Romola, eighth army units captured the commanding heights of La Poggiana, five and one-half miles southwest of the historic art city. New Zealand troops previously had been reported within five miles of the city's outskirts in that area.

Cross Pesa

West of Florence, British and Indian troops crossed the Pesa river on a two-mile bridgehead and advanced one mile, capturing the village of Ginestra, three miles southeast of Montelupo, and threatening the entire west flank of the German line south of the Arno river in that area.

Headquarters received reports from Italian civilians that the (Continued on Page Two)

Cupid Hits New High in Klamath

Could the large number of servicemen stationed here have anything to do with it, or is it the balmy weather?

Whatever the cause, Cupid had a high old time in July when marriages skyrocketed to just about double the number of weddings in January and exceeded every other month this year.

Marriages totaled 39 in July as against 20 in January.

Old Man Divorce, however, was not idle in July either, chalking up 34 decrees to his credit last month. In January 21 divorces were granted.

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press
 1—Russian front: 322 miles (measured from eastern suburbs of Warsaw.)
 2—Italian front: 605 miles (measured from Senigallia.)
 3—French front: 630 miles (measured from Troarn.)

Anonymous Letters Bring Withdrawal From Contest

Anonymous letters, described by contest officials as "unjustified and vicious," today had brought about the withdrawal of Doreen Williams from the "Miss Klamath" contest.

The letters, it was learned, demanded Mrs. Williams' withdrawal on the grounds she is a married woman.

The 23-year-old girl, who entered the contest at the request of the committee, is the widow of Clarence Williams, who was killed in an accident in 1942. Members of the committee said that the rules of the contest call for single women as contestants, and that Mrs. Williams unquestionably qualified as a contestant.

However, the girl insisted upon dropping out after receiving the anonymous attacks. One bitterly worded letter came through the mail to The Herald and News. "Doreen is entitled to much credit," said a statement from the Junior chamber of commerce contest committee, "because she has placed the interest of the contest above personal feelings."

The committee wishes to state that Doreen was asked to participate and we felt she would add much to the contest. We are sorry this incident occurred, and we want to praise her for her good sportsmanship.



Swift Americans Slicing Off Breton Peninsula

Swift American armored forces, using blitz tactics, are dashing southward across Brittany from Avranches, their purpose being to cut off the Breton peninsula and gain not only greater room but more ports at which to land troops and supplies in France. They are reported today at Rennes, halfway across the peninsula from Avranches—covering 45 miles in two days. They are apparently pointed at St. Nazaire. Brest, at the peninsula's tip, is one of Europe's great ports. St. Malo, St. Brieuc, Lorient and St. Nazaire are all usable ports. At the Caen end of the Normandy line, British and Canadians are striking hard today at strong German positions.

GERMANY WAITING FOR TURK ACTION

By The Associated Press
 A German foreign office spokesman said today that Germany had adopted a watchful waiting attitude toward Turkey following that nation's severance of diplomatic and economic relations with the Reich.

A news agency broadcast from Berlin quoted the spokesman as saying the Nazi government "is watching with great attention further developments of events in Turkey. It remains to be seen whether Turkey, after severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, will fall further under the influence of Germany's enemies."

The spokesman called the break a flagrant violation of the Turkish-German friendship and non-aggression pact, but gave no indication that Germany was (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Blasted From Guam Airfield, Villages; Yanks Hold Two-Thirds of Island

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 3 (AP)—Tough and almost tireless Americans have blasted the Japanese from another airfield and three more villages on Guam, and have captured nearly two-thirds of the former U. S. possession.

As American soldiers and marines carved out gains of more than a mile all across the island, the doomed enemy force of perhaps 10,000 men today was falling back into the jungle-covered plateaus of Guam's northern third.

No Confirmation

There was still no confirmation of Tokyo radio reports that Americans had invaded Rota island between Guam and Tinian.

Rota is the last large island in the southern Marianas not (Continued on Page Two)

Capital Plans Detailed in Case Of Nazi Collapse

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—Plans for immediate follow-up of the surrender or collapse of Germany are reported here to have been worked out in great detail.

Officials familiar with their provisions said today that they call for full cooperation among the United States, Britain and Russia in the hour of victory.

For this reason, and because of the general pledges of cooperation made at the Moscow and Tehran conferences last year, American officials say they are convinced beyond any doubt that it makes no difference whether Russian or Anglo-American forces get to Berlin first, or which first accepts a major German army surrender.

Loeta Thomsen Enters Contest

Another contestant was added to the Miss Klamath race Wednesday when Loeta Thomsen, 18-year-old girl from Merrill, registered with junior chamber of commerce members.

Chamber members this week contacted Merrill and Malin in an effort to secure contestants for Miss Klamath from outside communities. Girls from outlying districts who are eligible to run for the title of Miss Klamath are urged to enter the contest before it closes at noon August 5.

Flier Killed In Private Plane

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 3 (AP)—A private passenger plane crashed at the Illinois valley air base southwest of here yesterday, killing Fred Frank, 25, co-owner of the S and M Flying Service of Dallesport, Wash.

Frank had flown here the previous night to relieve Walter Ruppert, who had been flying fire crews from the Redwood Forest ranger station. Witnesses said the plane developed motor trouble as Frank took off with four fire fighters.

He landed, repaired the motor and took off alone on a test hop. The motor again developed trouble about 300 feet off the ground, witnesses said, and the ship crashed. It caught fire.

Chinese Break Into Tengchung

CHUNGKING, Aug. 3 (AP)—Chinese troops have broken into Tengchung, main Japanese base on the Yunnan province front, in their drive to reopen the Burma road and join with Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's forces in Burma, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

A battle with the Japanese garrison was reported underway in Tengchung, principal objective of the Chinese Salween offensive.

FRENCH UPRISINGS HARASS GERMANS

By JAMES M. LONG
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 3 (AP)—Patriot uprisings finally have forced the Germans to use strong forces, backed by artillery and bombers, in an attempt to maintain their hold on southern France, General Dwight D. Eisenhower announced today.

In some places Maquis (brush) fighters were forced to disperse from areas where they had wrested control and in others they withdrew in fierce fighting which inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, but the Germans were punching at a shadow, the supreme commander's communications disclosed.

The French sometimes were attacking 1000 strong, withdrawing and hitting again in increasingly telling blows—now all the more crucial as the American drive into Brittany carries the threat of a full-scale battle for southern France.

Despite increasing German efforts to get the situation back into hand, the communique announced, the French have continued breaking communication lines, one of the weakest points (Continued on Page Two)

B-29's Score Direct Hits

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—The B-29 Superfortresses which struck the Japanese Steel Works at Anshan in Manchuria scored direct hits on coke ovens and other factory buildings in an important blow at the enemy's war-making capacity. War Secretary Stimson reported today.

Stimson told a news conference the attack was carried out by a "substantial" force of the army's new super bombers, which hit Anshan and Tangku, the port of Tientsin in occupied China, on July 29.

Car Overturns Near Junction

A car belonging to Jerry A. Short, allegedly stolen by a sailor near El Padre, turned over near Lenox junction on highway 87 late Tuesday night.

The scallor, from the naval air base here, driver of the car, was not seriously injured.

At the time of the wreck he was only one occupant of the car, but he reported that a marine had been with him earlier in the evening. No arrests have been made.

Bulletin

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP)—Russian troops have swept across the Vistula river on a front 20 miles broad and 15 miles deep and captured Staszow, 80 miles northeast of Krakow, Moscow announced tonight.

Formal charges will not be filed against him at least until after further observation, said District Attorney A. C. McIntyre.

Thirsty Klamath People Find Beer Situation Worse

The beer situation is going from bad to worse, according to wholesalers of the beverage, who have been figuratively tearing their hair trying to get enough to satisfy thirsty Klamathites.

Most of the "suds" dispensaries are having to close their doors to beer drinkers part time because the hot weather calls for a thirst quencher and beer seems to fill the bill for many.

GI'S CAPTURE DINAN, MOVE TOWARD BREST

Rommel Caught Short Of Troops On New Front

By GLADWIN HILL
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 3 (AP)—In the greatest victory since Cherbourg, American troops whirling through Brittany have captured and passed beyond Rennes and have reached Dinan, one-fourth of the way to Brest from Avranches.

Fall of Rennes, a hub of 11 highways and four railroads almost in the center of the peninsula, severed the Germans main communications in Brittany. It placed the Americans almost half way on the road to St. Nazaire, Nazi U-boat base and American troop port in the first World War.

Rommel Caught Short

With elements of only four German divisions encountered so far in the lightning invasion of Brittany, it appeared that ailing Marshal Rommel had been caught short of troops on the new front and that most, if not all, of the peninsula might fall by the weekend for the most sweeping triumph of the invasion.

To the north, two other American columns clamped a virtual death trap on remnants of six German divisions, one driving eastward to within 43 miles of Vire, held by British forces, while the second spearhead into Normain, 20 miles east of Avranches and 12 miles south of Vire.

Axis radios on several occasions recently have broadcast similar reports.

Vichy Reports New Landings Loom in South

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP)—The Vichy radio, in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press, asserted today "a large fleet of allied landing craft is now cruising the Tyrrhenian sea" and added there were signs that "a new landing in northern Italy or southern France is imminent."

There was no evidence from any other quarters to support the Vichy assertions.

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150,000 Patients Of Nazis Dead

MOSCOW, Aug. 3 (AP)—The Ukraine state atrocities committee charged today that 150,000 patients died in a German hospital at Slavuta, about 160 miles west of Kiev, during the two years of Nazi occupation.

The committee charged that German doctors intentionally spread infectious diseases by herding new patients at gunpoint into a room where 1800 were already dying of typhoid and tuberculosis.

Heavy Rains Hit Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—Under still-overcast skies, Washington returned to normal activity today after a 6.22-inch downpour which disrupted the lives of thousands of its residents.

Hundreds of families were forced to evacuate their homes—particularly those in several temporary war housing projects. Hundreds of others were driven from floor offices or were long-delayed in returning home from work last night as traffic facilities became tangled.

Almost a foot of water poured into the lobbies of government buildings adjoining the mall, and the historic Constitution avenue was a virtual canal for several hours.

Baseball Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE		NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Team	Score	Team	Score
Cleveland	4-3	Brooklyn	8-1
Chicago	3-6	Chicago	6-1
St. Louis	3-0	St. Louis	3-1
Philadelphia	3-0	Philadelphia	3-1
Pittsburgh	3-0	Pittsburgh	3-1
Washington	3-0	Washington	3-1
White Sox	3-0	White Sox	3-1