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ST. NAZAIRE THREATENED BY NEW GAINS

Occupation of Rennes
Completed by
Troops

By GLADWIN HILL
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY
FORCE, Aug. 4 (P)—The U. S.
first army practically cut off
the Breton peninsula today,
thrusting powerful tentacles
close to the German U-boat base
of St. Nazaire.

At the same time the Ameri-
cans completed occupation of
the communications keystone of
Rennes, its center turned into a
ruin before last-ditch German
resistance was squelched.

New Sector Opened
An American armored col-
umn, lancing out in a hitherto
unexplored section, has pushed
to the vicinity of Fougères, 30
miles northeast of Rennes, prob-
ing for the German left flank,
it was announced tonight.

Speedy Drive
The dazzling pace of the
Americans, driving across Brit-
tany in more than half a dozen
directions, was believed to have
established them in a much
greater area than the 65-mile
wedge, 30 miles wide, which
official communiques and latest
war correspondents' reports
showed.

The latest correspondents' dis-
patches said the doughboy tide,
spreading 20 miles southward of
the central communications hub
of Rennes, were within 43 miles
of St. Nazaire, the Nazi U-boat
base which British commandos
partly wrecked in March, 1942,
using an old U. S. destroyer as
a time bomb.

Approach Mauron
These reports showed they
were also 43 miles from the
Loire river city of Nantes, while
27 miles west of Rennes they
were approaching Mauron, 108
miles from the French naval
base of Brest.

The Germans were finding it
hard to hold on even to the
only stable stretch of the front,
a 35-mile line below Caen.

Nazis Retreat
Latest reports from that area
said the Germans there, too,
were in retreat, and that Lt.
Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's
second British army was within
an ace of grabbing the strong-
hold of Viller-Bocage.

Twelve hundred yards north
of Viller-Bocage, the British
captured Villy-Bocage, a front
report said.

Former Troop Port
Fall of St. Nazaire would
open to the Americans the once
great troop port through which
many of the 2,000,000 American
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**Tourists Scared
By Sea Serpent**

MCCALL, Idaho, Aug. 4 (P)
Idaho's legendary sea serpent is
chasing tourists away from this
summer resort.

E. J. Hintz, operator of a
beach camp, complained that ten
families moved, fearing the
serpent would catch their children
if they boated or swam. He said
the monster is a myth—probably
a single turgid swimming in
single file (fish grow big in Ida-
ho).

The serpent was first reported
about 15 years ago. Numerous
persons have seen it at various
times. A half dozen saw it a week
ago—and one snapped pictures,
but the film has not been pro-
cessed. Yesterday two school
girls added descriptions to the
collection.

Most of the eye-witnesses de-
scribe the serpent as about 30
feet long, with "humps" on its
back.

Hintz said a few rifle shots
would explode the "monster
myth," but it's illegal to shoot
in this area.

Allies Reach Florence; Find Bridges Destroyed

ROME, Aug. 4 (P)—The eighth
army reached Florence today.

South African troops gained
the outskirts of the city and pa-
trols working forward found
that five of six bridges across
the Arno river within the city
had been destroyed, allied head-
quarters announced.

The most noted of the bridges,
the Pontevecchio, alone was left
standing and it was blocked by
the demolition of houses on both
approaches.

Long Defended
Florence, a city of 322,000
population and historic art treas-
ure chest, had been stoutly de-
fended by the Germans for
weeks as one of the strongest
outposts of their Gothic line in
the Apennines rising to the
north.

The Germans were on the run
back through Florence, and their
guns flashed from the peaks
which rise behind the beautiful
Tuscan city.

Nazis Depart
Nazi forces departed last night
from a ridge south of the city.
From that vantage point today
AP Correspondent Lynn Hein-
zler looked down on Flo-
rence and through the smoke of
German guns just outside the
city was able to pick out glisten-
ing church domes.

Some of the allied troops were
less than three miles from the
city. Lt. Gen. B. C. Freyberg,
commander of the New Zealand-
ers, made plans for an entry by
his troops, which have been on
the go since the battle of Crete.

Reds Continue Push On River

LONDON, Aug. 4 (P)—Russian troops, continuing their fight
to extend their bridgehead on the left bank of the Vistula south-
west of Sandomir, captured more than 100 populated places, the
soviet communique said tonight.

Northwest and west of Kaunas red forces driving on East
Prussia swept up more than 200 populated places, while south-
west and south of Mariampole other columns captured the rail-
way station at Trakiszki, 17 miles northeast of Suwalki, and the
station of Malenki and 100 other places, the communique said.

In a deeper push into Lithuania the reds captured more than
40 towns and villages, including the railway station of Masha.

DOUBLE TRAP CATCHES JAPS IN NEW GUINEA

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-
QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug.
4 (P)—Two powerful traps today
enmeshed more than 7000 Jap-
anese on New Guinea's north plateau
and some 40,000 more in the
British New Guinea jungles,
with only death or surrender
awaiting them.

Already the Japanese death
toll in those areas is upwards of
26,000.

Enemy Flees
On Guam, where 7893 enemy
dead have been counted, Ameri-
can marines and soldiers are
pushing the desperately fighting
Japanese toward the sea, with
only eight miles to go.

In British New Guinea, where
a Japanese army once 60,000
strong is caught between Aus-
tralians at the Sepik river on
the east and Americans below
Aitape on the west, the starving
and poorly supplied Nipponese
are beating like waves on a
rocky shore against the Ameri-
cans.

Heavy Casualties
"Heavy casualties were in-
flicted," Gen. Douglas MacAr-
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OPA Expert Sent To Investigate Lamb Complaints

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (P)—
OPA is sending an expert to
Oregon to look into complaints
that its meat markets are glutted
with lamb.

This was made known today
by the office of Sen. Gordon
(R-Ore.) who had complained
that lambs could not be moved
to consumers in Oregon because
of the rationing system and
urged that points be taken off
that variety of meat for 30 days.

Paul Janney, formerly a meat
packer in Seattle, is being sent
to Portland to try to work out
means of solving the situation.

Marine Requests Return of Wallet

Has anyone found a brown
leather wallet? A plea is being
made by Gilbert Moody, marine
stationed at the Marine Bar-
acks, for anyone who may have
found his wallet to return it as
it contains papers very valuable
to the owner.

A ten dollar reward is being
offered.

Court of Honor Provided To Purge German Military

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Aug. 4—Berlin an-
nounced today a special court
of honor had been set up to
purge the German army of ele-
ments hostile to Hitler, and
said 11 officers including a
field marshal already had been
fired or jailed.

The announcement said eight
officers accused of participating
in the plotting for the July 20
bomb attack upon Hitler were
dead—four by their own hands
and four by execution.

Four Executed
Col. Gen. Ludwig Beck, for-
mer army chief, was listed
among the four "traitors" who
pleaded guilty by committing
suicide. The four officers put
to death, including Gen. Fred-
erich Olbricht and Count Claus
von Stauffenberg—the latter al-
legedly placed the bomb aimed
at Hitler—were "executed by

shooting" the day of the assas-
sination attempt, it was an-
nounced.

The ousted marshal was Er-
win von Witzleben, one of the
leaders in the storming of the
Magenot line.

NORTH BURMA BASE TAKEN AFTER SIEGE

By CHARLES A. GRUMICH
SOUTHEAST ASIA COM-
MAND HEADQUARTERS, Kan-
dy, Ceylon, Aug. 4 (P)—Ameri-
can, Imperial and Chinese
forces have captured Myitkyina,
major Japanese base in north-
ern Burma, after a bitter and
bloody siege that began last
May 17, it was announced to-
day.

At least 3000 Japanese were
slain there during the 2½
months of fighting. The last
remnants of the garrison either
were killed or captured in the
final mop-up of this largest city
in northern Burma.

Two Airfields Taken
The victory gave the allies
control of two Myitkyina air-
fields and an important road
and rail junction on the upper
Irrawaddy river for a prospec-
tive link-up with Chinese forces
in Yunnan to the east in a com-
bined effort to open a land
route to China.

Forward allied troops in
north Burma are firmly estab-
lished probably not more than
20 miles from advance elements
of the Chinese moving west-
ward. Possibly patrol contacts
already have been made through
the rugged mountains.

Troops Fled
Fall of the city, which had
been in enemy hands more than
two years came after allied
forces had put to flight Japane-
se troops who invaded north-
east India.

A new phase of the north
Burma and China campaigns is
expected to be mounted from
Myitkyina under Joseph W.
Stilwell, recently nominated to
be a four-star general. But the
most immediate benefit of the
city's fall lies in control of two
important airfields on the fa-
mous "hump" route into China.

Myitkyina's capture was an
essential step in Gen. Stilwell's
drive to link the new Leda
highway with the old Burma
road. The north Burma and
Yunnan campaigns both form
part of this campaign.

The city, which has a popu-
lation of about 7500, is the
terminus of the trunk railway
from Rangoon, capital of Bur-
ma, about 600 airline miles to
the south.

P-38's Attack South Manchuria

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (P)—Jap-
anese broadcasts said today P-38
planes had attacked southern
Manchuria and that this "proved
that a raid of fighter planes
from continental bases is pos-
sible."

A broadcast heard by FCC
monitors said it was clear that
"the enemy has a design to at-
tack" Manchuria continuously.
Tokyo claimed that today's raid
did no damage.

B-29 Superfortresses went to
Manchuria last week.

Two Enter Miss Klamath Contest

Registration of Mary Louise
Sexton, 17, Mary Mahoney, 18,
and Virginia Kilpatrick, 22,
upped the number of contestants
in the Miss Klamath race to 18
Friday with several other girls
expected to enter the contest be-
fore it closes at noon tomorrow.

A special feature of the con-
test has been scheduled for this
Sunday afternoon and evening
when two of the Miss Klamath
entrants and a lucky sailor from
the Klamath naval air station
will be taken by taxi at 6 p. m.
to dinner as guests of Hershberg-
er's cafe. A booth at Hershberg-
er's has been reserved for the
three-some. Following dinner,
the two girls and the sailor will
be theatre guests at the Pelican
to see the movie, "Two Girls
and a Sailor."

There will be a short meeting
Saturday noon at the Pelican
theatre of all Miss Klamath en-
trants.

Troops Reported Leaving Finland

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 4 (P)—
Aftonbladet said today that long
trainloads of German troops had
been seen moving toward Tango,
Finland's southwestern coastal
fortress, where transports were
waiting to carry them out of
the country.

The newspaper, which quoted
a traveler from Finland, said
the troops were taking their
guns and tanks with them.

Miss Klamath Contestants



Ruth Steinerson



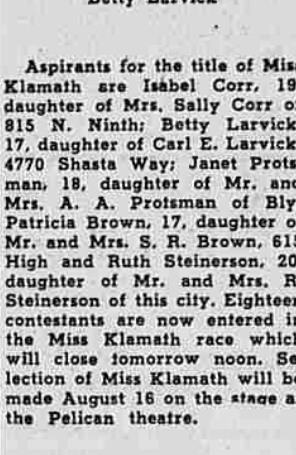
Betty Larvick



Janet Protsman



Isabel Corr



Patricia Brown

General Boost Announced in Property Taxes for Klamath, Surrounding Area

Local property tax bills will
be generally higher in Klamath
Falls and all Klamath county
this year, it was shown in the
combined levies for various tax-
ing subdivisions announced to-
day from the county assessor's
office.

Here are the combined tax lev-
ies for 1944-45, with millage fig-
ure comparisons with last year:

**Alex Sundberg
Dies in Action
Over Holland**

Staff Sergeant Alex Sundberg,
previously reported missing, was
killed in action over Holland on
March 26, according to word just
received by his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Nels Sundberg, 5959 Dela-
ware, Klamath Falls.

A telegram was received from
the war department saying that
they had received word from the
German government through the
International Red Cross that
Sgt. Sundberg had been killed.

Sgt. Sundberg was a turret
gunner on a bomber stationed in
England. He was 26 years old
and had entered the army air
forces two years ago. Previously
he had been employed at the
Kesterson Lumber company.

He is survived by his parents,
three sisters, Mrs. Randolph
Beckstrom of San Francisco and
now visiting in Klamath Falls;
Mrs. Merland Erickson of San
Leland Calif.; Mrs. Rodney
Marson of Klamath Falls, and
six brothers, Willard of Min-
neapolis, Minn.; Dennis, Klamath
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en, respectively, in each in-
stance:

1 U2—(Klamath Falls and a
slight outside fringe) 45.4 and
39.7.

CU-U2 — (Chiefly suburban)
37.1 and 33.8.

1-CUH — (Small suburban
area) 38.5 and 33.6.

CU-CUH — (General rural
area) 30.2 and 27.7.

The tax rate for the area with-
in the new Merrill fire district
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China to Ask Colony Return From Japan

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (P)—
China will ask the return of
Manchuria, Formosa and the
Pescadores in its peace terms
with Japan, says Dr. H. H. Kung,
vice-premier of China.

In a blue network broadcast
last night with Commentator
Henry J. Taylor, he declared
"Japan must disgorge all her ter-
ritorial conquests. She must re-
store independence to Korea."

Nazi Commander Killed in France

LONDON, Aug. 4 (P)—Lt.
Gen. Von Drabisch-Waechter,
German division commander,
was killed near Caumont in
France Wednesday, the German
news agency DNB said today,
quoting a high command com-
munique supplement.

Previously six German gen-
erals have been reported killed in
Normandy. Two others and a
rear admiral were captured at
Cherbourg.

The Russians have announced
the capture of 27 since their
summer offensive opened June
23. Numerous others have been
killed on the Russian front, in
the German purge following the
reported Hitler assassination
plot, and in various "accidents."

New Jersey Boy Born Eyeless

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Aug. 4
(P)—The birth of a male infant
without eyes was announced to-
day by the Muhlenberg hospital.

In a statement, the hospital
said the child, who weighed 8½
pounds, was born in July and
was normal in all other re-
spects.

"Even the eyeballs were nor-
mal," the statement said, "but
the eyeballs were absent."

The hospital said, "This is
such an unprecedented condition
that none of the doctors recall
seeing it in medical literature
and it was stated that there was
no surgical procedure which can
remedy the defect."