

# ALLIES RIP THROUGH NAZI LINES

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# Atlantic Wall Abandoned by Germans

## OVER-AGE MEN LEFT TO MAN SOUTHERN LINE

### Nazi Fortifications Outflanked by Allies

By CHARLES S. FOLTZ  
IRON, Spain, Aug. 8 (AP)—Adolf Hitler's once-vaunted Atlantic wall for more than 100 miles from the Spanish frontier north through Bordeaux has been virtually abandoned and is manned by only a handful of over-aged German railroad troops, advices from France said today.

These Nazi fortifications have been outflanked to the north by the swift progress of American troops through Brittany and eastward towards Paris in much the same way as the Maginot line was outflanked when the Germans broke through Belgium in 1940.

## Eight Officers Hanged by Nazis

LONDON, Aug. 8 (AP)—Field Marshal Erwin von Witzleben and seven other German army officers were hanged today, Berlin announced, after a trial in which they confessed plotting to kill Hitler and surrender Germany to the allies.

## Admiral Moon Takes Life

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (AP)—Rear Admiral Don Pardee Moon, 59, who commanded a task force in the Normandy invasion, died Saturday, apparently from self-inflicted wounds, the navy announced today.

## Shore Patrols, MP's Keep Order Among Service Men

By PHYLLIS COLLIER  
Shore patrol jeeps driven by armed military police have become a common sight on the streets of Klamath Falls, as the combined force of the shore patrol, military police, and marine patrol work together in cooperation with the local police to keep order among Klamath's military population.

## Yanks Squeeze Japs on Guam; Conquest Near

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 8 (AP)—American marines and soldiers on Guam have compressed several thousand squirming Japanese into the northern one-tenth of the island, bringing complete reconquest of the former U. S. naval base very near today.

## CHANGES SUGGESTED IN AIRPORT LEASE

City airport commissioners told the council last night they oppose the city's signatures on a proposed navy lease of the airport in the form in which the lease was sent here by navy officials.

Chairman G. A. Krause of the commission said that the commission, with the aid of the city attorney, will prepare recommendations for changes in the instrument before the arrival here later in the week of a group of navy officials for a conference on the lease.

Last year the navy was given permission by a city resolution to enter the field and establish there a naval air station. It has since operated the station without a lease, during a period in which a proposed lease was being drawn in Washington.

## Contestants Give Preview Of Talents

Contestants for the title of Miss Klamath entertained Monday night at the banquet given for them by the Junior chamber of commerce at the Pelican cafe.

## Investigation Of Strike Set

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 8 (AP)—Philadelphia looked to the FBI agents and a federal grand jury today for possible sensational disclosures in a paralyzing, six-day transit strike that developed with flashing suddenness and without apparent organized leadership, inspiring a union's charges of "company collusion" and "sinister enemy activity."

## War Bulletin

LONDON, Aug. 8 (AP)—DNE, in a German news agency broadcast from Berlin tonight said allied glider troops were landing in the Loire river estuary near St. Nazaire in support of Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley's American forces moving south along the base of the Brittany peninsula. There was no allied confirmation of the report.

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## Leaves Office



City Treasurer Ruth Bathiany, Klamath Falls city treasurer for 14 years, will not run for reelection.

## FOUR-YEAR-OLD BOY RUN OVER BY TRUCK

A four-year-old Japanese boy was instantly killed Monday afternoon at the Tulelake center when he was struck by a slow moving dump truck loaded with coal, the war relocation authority reported.

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## Red Army Attacks Threaten Germans In Heart of Poland

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
MOSCOW, Aug. 8 (AP)—A new eruption of red army attacks which captured more than 60 communities beyond the enemy's broken Vistula river defenses threatened today to strangle German communications between Krakow and Warsaw in the heart of Poland.

Striking out afresh yesterday from the Vistula bridgehead, Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukraine army reached points 30 miles west of the river, soviet field dispatches said.

Thrusting beyond newly-occupied Szydlow, the Russians directly menaced Krakow, astride highway and rail arteries 25 miles to the northwest. The direction of the drive raised the possibility the red army troops might outflank Krakow on the north.

Last reports placed soviet spearheads within 37 miles of Krakow, last big Nazi Bastion before German Silesia, now 75 to 90 miles away.

Twin Victories  
Moscow's guns sounded last night for twin victories—the fall of the oil center of Boryslaw in the Carpathians, and the capture of Sambor, communications hub whose fall gave the Russians a grip on five routes leading into nearby Czechoslovakia.

Information available in London indicated that through capture of Boryslaw the Russians had regained some 2000 Gallician oil wells which had been feeding the Nazi war machine. The Germans thus were left only the Ploesti fields in Romania, which have been repeatedly bombed by allied airmen.

Begin Placers Move  
Far to the north three powerful soviet armies began a pinners movement on German East (Continued on Page Two)

## Himmler Death Reported by Captured Nazi

By ROGER D. GREENE  
ON THE BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, Aug. 8 (AP)—A newly captured German intelligence officer asserted today that Heinrich Himmler, German gестапо chief, has been assassinated and that Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering was wounded in a new outbreak against the Nazi hierarchy.

(There was no confirmation of this report. The officer's report was based on second-hand information and therefore is subject to reservation. In this connection, the British radio said today a German lieutenant taken prisoner in France reported he had given a "pep talk" to his troops and "for want of other good news" had told them that Himmler was dead.)

Nine other captives, all Austrians, declared they could corroborate the assertion of the intelligence officer.

## Logger Hurt by Falling Timber

Arthur Green, employed by William Raymond, logging contractor, was injured Monday afternoon when he was struck by a falling timber near Bonanza.

He was rushed to the Hillside hospital in an unconscious condition where it was found that he was suffering from a fractured skull. His condition is quite serious.

## Gotta Nickel for a Cup Of Coffee? OPA Says That's Top Price Here

Klamath's coffee drinkers will order their coffee at restaurants and hotels from now on at the old price of five cents per cup, according to OPA officials.

In a survey made recently in the state, it was found that only about 50 per cent of restaurant owners have listed complete fillings. These fillings are prices charged in restaurants between April 4 and April 10, 1943. If these fillings are not made, a blanket injunction suit will be issued from the district OPA office.

Forty items selected by a restaurant owners committee, which consists of restaurant operators from all over the state, will be placed on a poster which is to be placed conspicuously in all restaurants. This poster is to be visible from at least six feet. Local operators will fill in the prices to these 40 items which will be the ceiling prices of items concerned.

Restaurant operators may make substitutions on this chart if they do not happen to sell a certain item, but there must be 40 items listed. If 40 items are not on the menu of the cafe or restaurant, the entire menu must be listed with the ceiling prices plainly visible.

## NORMAN HINGE LOOSENEED BY CANADIAN GI'S

### Yanks Thrust Within 110 Miles of Paris

By GLADWIN HILL  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 8 (AP)—A Canadian army power offensive ripped five miles through the formidable German hinge line below Caen today, and Americans wheeling eastward on the other end of a giant pincers fought toward or even into Lemans, 110 miles southwest of Paris.

The allies were reported within little more than 100 miles of the French capital, but the exact sector was not disclosed.

Toward the center of the front, one U. S. column battered forward from Mortain—lost and then retaken during a powerful German tank counterattack—and entered Barenton, six miles farther southeast.

Hinge Loosens  
A senior Canadian staff officer declared the hinge of the whole German line in eastern Normandy was "loosening, although it has not by any means been yanked from the door as yet."

The Germans were reported rushing in forces from southern France against the American southern wing.

The doughboy drive left behind to the northwest the wreckage of the Germans' abortive but still-writhing counterattack in the Mortain area.

## Reconversion Split Widens In Senate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (AP)—The senate split over reconversion legislation appeared to be widening today with the disclosure that Senator George (D-Ga.) has drafted a complete demobilization measure.

It is to be offered as a substitute not only for his original measure—which dealt only with unemployment compensation—but for the Murray-Kilgore bill embracing reconversion procedures and an organized labor-supported program of federal unemployment benefits.

Republican senators discussed a tentative draft of the expanded George bill in an executive conference this morning, and Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said afterward he believed the new bill represented "the views of most of those present."

## Sheepman Ships Lambs to East

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8 (AP)—A northwest sheepman, A. R. Bohoskey, says he is shipping 2000 lambs from Prineville, Ore., to the east because he can't find a Pacific coast market.

"The OPA's refusal of a 30-day suspension of lamb rationing has filled packers' coolers in all major Pacific northwest markets," Bohoskey asserted.

"The OPA has upset the year-around marketing plans which sheepmen have been years building up. . . . People are going out of the lamb feeding and sheep business in droves."

Green was telling timber at the time of the accident.



This candid camera shot shows army and marine MPs and a navy shore patrolman, crossing the street at 7th and Main streets together. Left to right: Corporal Quentin W. Holland, army; Carpenter's Mate J. J. Green, shore patrol, and Sergeant J. B. McLelland, marine. The lady in the picture just happened to be in front of the cameraman, who failed to get identification.

## Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
France yesterday, the German counter-attack was hard what looter's gamble. They a desperate gamble. They within 15 MILES of closing A ranches corridor through we are pouring into Bret and turning eastward toward Paris.

It might have been serious if it had possessed the necessary SNCH to carry through.

ORTUNATELY, they DIDN'T. Their counter-attack was stopped with heavy loss. Our planes (U. S. and British together) packed 163 of their tanks, including big Tigers and Panthers.

It was their heaviest counter-attack since D-Day.

MONTGOMERY hit back promptly.

Last midnight, around 1000 British heavy bombers hit the enemy lines in a NEW kind of operation. Canadian artillery shells spotted the targets.

The dark for the big bombers, they dropped their eggs and tanks followed in the wake.

Armored trucks carrying tanks followed the tanks. A day broke, American tanks went over in another day.

The story of the fight hasn't been fully told as this is written, at the Canadians are miles—gained a gain in this heavily defended area.

The significant point is that the Germans LACKED THE SNCH to go through.

AMERICAN spearheads are in Le Mans today—about 120 miles from Paris. We're moving toward Paris in considerable speed. Apparently our high command isn't tipping the Germans off to anything.

UR moves in the Breton peninsula are also clothed in secrecy, and exact information as to what is happening is scarce. The reason is probably the same—not tipping the Germans off to anything.

A fair guess is that German soldiers are doing what they can to destroy the Breton air force before we take possession of them.

THERE is an interesting story today from the Spanish border on the Bay of Biscay to the effect that the Germans are FACULTATING their Atlantic wall from Spain to Bordeaux—this is said to have been OUTLANKED. Frenchmen over the border in Spain think the Germans are pulling out of all southwest France.

The railroads and highways serving that area run generally from northeast to southwest, and the Germans left in southwest France COULD be cut off and trapped by having their communications cut—as the Russians have done so often on the eastern front.

BERLIN announces (with an odd note of triumph) the conviction and "just punishment" of eight top officer-conspirators against Hitler. That brings the announced total to 16.

Every high German officer the Nazis kill is one more WE DON'T HAVE TO KILL.

ALONG that line, a simply FASCINATING rumor gets loose in Normandy today.

A captured German intelligence officer says Himmler (gestapo chief) has been assassinated and Goering wounded in a new outbreak of the anti-Hitler revolt. Roger Greene, an AP correspondent, talked to the captured Nazi.

"I suppose Himmler is stronger than Hitler these days?" Greene asked him.

"No," the Nazi officer answered. "HIMMLER IS DEAD. He was assassinated. I heard it at my headquarters Sunday. All our officers are talking about it."

THE Nazi officer's tale is corroborated by nine Austrians captured by the British. One of them told his captors: "We heard that Rommel was wounded but was recovering. The BEST news came Sunday when we heard that Himmler had been killed and Goering was wounded in the attack on Himmler."

## Col. McNair Killed on Guam

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (AP)—The war department has announced the death on Guam of Col. Douglas McNair, 37-year-old son of the late Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair whose death in Normandy by a prematurely released bomb from an American plane was disclosed July 27.

No details of the younger McNair's death were made public in the war department announcement yesterday. The department was informed by Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce, commander of the 7th division, under whom Col. McNair had been serving.