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Weather News

August 16, 1944	
Max. (Aug. 15)	85
Min.	48
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00
Stream year to date	10.82
Normal	12.29
Last year	17.85
Forecast	Clear.

Troops Shove 8 Miles Inland From Beach

By EDWARD KENNEDY
 ROME, Aug. 16 (AP)—The U. S. seventh army, reconstituted after its victorious campaign in Sicily, has smashed through German coastal defenses and established itself firmly in southern France, penetrating inland as far as eight miles in some places, allied headquarters announced tonight.

“Casualties in this newest invasion of Hitler’s Europe were officially declared to be exceptionally light, this resulting from ‘perfect coordination of all arms and services.’”
 Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch of Guadalcanal fame was officially identified as the invasion commander. American and French troops make up his army. The original seventh army, built around the U. S. second army corps which fought across Tunisia, was headed during its Sicilian campaign by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., who now commands the U. S. third army in western France. Patch succeeded Patton as head of the seventh army last spring.

French Commander Identified
 French elements of the seventh army are commanded by Maj. Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, who escaped prison at Riom after being sentenced by a Vichy court to a 10-year term for organizing armed resistance to the Nazi invasion of southern France.
 Field dispatches disclosed landings in the St. Tropez gulf area near Ste. Maxime, midway between the previously announced operations at Cap Negre and the Drejus-St. Raphael area. One told of a steady movement of personnel and equipment ashore near Ste. Maxime with only spasmodic harassing fire from the enemy.

Reinforcements Blocked
 British and American airborne troops vaulting behind the lines were credited officially with blocking enemy reinforcements. Great fleets of U. S. troop carriers winged supplies and reinforcements by glider and parachute into the airborne bridgehead today.

German resistance generally continued relatively weak. Assault forces fought on through the night after overwhelming the first beach obstacles.

One Landing Prevented
 At one point, however, heavy German opposition prevented landing craft from beaching, it was learned.

American and French forces are still streaming ashore on the beachheads between Toulon and Cannes.

The assault was facilitated throughout “by a superior air bombardment and was supported by naval gunfire said by observers to be heavier and more effective than during any previous operation in the Mediterranean theater,” a headquarters announcement said.

“Airborne American and British troops, together with the pre-D-Day bombing of roads, railroads and bridges, have successfully blocked enemy reinforcements. The airborne units are moving on predetermined objectives.”

Aggressiveness Commanded
 Patch was quoted as commending both French and American troops in the seaborne operations for “the aggressiveness displayed by both assault and follow-up units.”

Allied headquarters said the operations were proceeding “according to plan.”

(Both Nice and Cannes, major seaside cities at the foothills of the Maritime Alps, were declared in frontier reports to La Suisse de Geneva to have been captured by the allies. The dispatch said Marseille was imminently endangered by a force of French partisans and 1000 allied parachute troops.)

Russian Troops Begin All-Out Bid for Warsaw

By DANIEL DE LUCE
 MOSCOW, Aug. 16 (AP)—The red army appeared today to be making its real all-out bid for Warsaw against bitter resistance in the Praga district just across the broad and swift Vistula from the besieged Polish capital.

Another menace to the German defense system increased below East Prussia, where soviet troops were driving through a 15-mile defense belt toward the German rail center of Lyck in the East Prussian Masurian lake region.

Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky’s army group has been within gunshot of Warsaw since late July. For the first time in many days, the soviet commander mentioned the Warsaw battle, disclosing the destruction of 32 Nazi tanks and 800 troops in a counterattack in the battle of Praga.

Rokossovsky has completed his assault plans, built up reserves, strengthened his communications and eliminated a strong German threat to his right flank and today was striking for the heart of the enemy defense zone before Warsaw. Indications were that the struggle on the east side of the Vistula was in its final stage.

Strongly Dug In
 Seasoned Russian and Polish troops now are strongly dug in in a semi-circle around Praga, a great industrial district, and their massed artillery and planes were strewing the bat-

Dewey Forecasts Alliance As Result of Conference

By JACK BELL
 ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 16 (AP) Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, asserting that the Dumbarton-Oaks conference appears to be pointing toward a permanent alliance of the allies get off on the wrong foot of cynical power politics we will have won it.

In a prepared statement, the republican presidential nominee said he had been “deeply disturbed by reports which indicated that at the diplomatic conference it is planned to subject the nations of the world, great and small, permanently to the coercive power of the four nations holding this conference.”

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 Representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China will meet in Washington next week to begin preliminary conversations toward the organization of a world security group.

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Rejection Forecast
 Asserting that such a proposal would be rejected by the American people, Dewey said that “as Americans we believe with all our hearts in the equality and the rights of small nations and minorities.”

In the kind of permanent world organization we seek,” he said, “all nations, great and small, must be assured of their full rights. For such an organization, military force must be the servant, not the master.”

“It would be a tragedy if the coming conference among the British, Russians, Chinese and ourselves should be distracted from the task of planning for a genuine world organization for peace by proposals which amount merely to a permanent four-power military alliance to control the world.”

ALLIES MENACE FLEEING NAZIS NEAR FALAISE

Surrender Leaflets, Steel Showered On Germans

By GLADWIN HILL
 LONDON, Aug. 16 (AP)—The allies showered steel and surrender leaflets on the German seventh army’s pell-mell retreat near Falaise today and, by Berlin account, hurled an American column within 40 miles of Paris, threatening a new encirclement of fleeing German troops.

German broadcasts declared the American third army, in a lightning 60-mile eastward drive, was battling near Dreux and Chartres only 40 miles from the capital.

Potential Menace
 These armored spearheads, driving toward the Seine, carried the potential menace of swinging behind the enemy and bottling him up between the river and the Atlantic coast. Seine bridges have been knocked out by dive-bombing.

Field dispatches declared Field Marshal Guenther von Kluge had pulled most of his armor from the vanishing Normandy front, but his hatch below Falaise had been sliced to eight miles. Possible 50,000 nazis still were fighting rear-guard actions within the dwindling Normandy pocket.

Surrender Leaflets

Allied planes showered the enemy with 2,000,000 safe conduct surrender leaflets.

Both the German high command and nazis radio broadcasters said Americans of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton’s third army had plunged 60 miles eastward from Alencon and were battling on a 20-mile sector between Dreux and Chartres. Patton won Alencon in his drive northward from Le Mans into Argentan, where he brought in the southern jaw of the pincers of Falaise.

Reach Falaise
 Canadians on the north reached the outskirts of Falaise, and opened an assault on that communications town.

Orderly until now, von Kluge’s retreat began to show the first signs of chaotic confusion. A Staff officer declared it was no longer being conducted according to plan, it was a case of “just get out—if you can.”

Eight Escape Death in Crash At Railyards

About eight men narrowly escaped death Tuesday night when the “speeder” on which they were riding on one of the tracks at the Southern Pacific yards was struck by flat cars on the same track.

Six of the men, all members of a Southern Pacific section crew, were taken to the Hillside hospital where they were checked for any possible injuries. None was injured seriously and had been released from the hospital by Wednesday morning. The names of the men were not immediately available.

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Navy Air Station Construction Hits Full Stride



Under beautiful Klamath weather, construction activities at the naval air station have reached a new peak. With the pouring of footings for the officers’ club and subsistence building, contractors entered the last leg of the expansion program for officer housing. Shown in the background is the new type officers’ quarters, which are of stucco finish and light in color, in contrast to the drab green formerly used.

YANKS RAID JAP ISLAND DEFENSES

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 16 (AP)—Japan’s screen of Pacific islands has been bombed again at both its ends and near the center—at the Kuriles in the north, Iwo Jima, 700 miles south of Tokyo, and the Spice islands on the equator.

Adverse weather limited the air war in the New Guinea-Carolines sector, but far to the west, heavy bombers from China bombed Takao, Formosa, and sank three freighters between Formosa and the China coast, to add to hammer blows from every direction.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today that Liberator and Mitchell bombers, continuing attacks which have paralyzed Halmahera as a Japanese base, raided both Halmahera and Ternate in the Spice islands and repeatedly Monday, through heavy anti-aircraft fire, the bombs set warehouses afire and exploded ammunition dumps.

Pescadores Hit By Yank Bombs
 CHUNGKING, Aug. 16 (AP)—American Liberators bombed the Japanese naval base of Mako in the Pescadores islands today in the first blow at those enemy islands between Formosa and China.

The Formosa harbor of Takao in the southwest portion of the big Japanese island were bombed at night by Liberators. All the attack planes were from Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault’s U. S. 14th air force.

No details were given on the Mako attack. Mako lies about 1700 miles southwest of Tokyo and 400 miles north of the Philippines.

PFC Herbert Cox, former Herald and News carrier and well-known local boy, has been wounded in action in France and is now in a hospital in England, according to word received here.

PFC Cox, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cox Sr., states that he is recovering and should be well soon. The letter, dated August 6, fails to mention how he was injured but it is presumed that he was in action in France.

Surprise Call Answered by Fire Laddies

Everyone was a little confused. An excited party called the city fire department Tuesday and told firemen about a grass fire in the neighborhood and asked if the fire department would send a truck right away to put it out.

A hook and ladder was sent post haste to the scene. There was a fire all right. It had been started by members of the city fire department who were burning grass in a vacant lot.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Aug. 16 (AP) Mauricio Hochschild, missing Bolivian tin mine owner, and Adolfo Blum, his La Paz manager who disappeared July 30, drove up to the Hochschild residence last night in a taxi. The mystery of their disappearance was not cleared up immediately, however.

Wiesendanger, Roycroft To Run for Mayor Here

Klamath Falls citizens could be sure today of at least two candidates for mayor at the November election—Walter Wiesendanger and Lynn Roycroft.

Both men have taken out petition blanks and have started gathering signatures that will place their names in nomination. Nominating petition for the office of mayor requires 1100 signatures.

Refuses to Run
 A number of other names have been mentioned in connection with the mayor race since Mayor John Houston announced he would not be a candidate for reelection. Two suggestions heard today were Myrtle C. Adams, insurance man, and Bogue Dale, real estate man although neither has indicated personally he is interested.

John Ebinger, attorney, has been urged by a number of citizens to make the race, but has made no announcement. Council Member Wiesendanger is at present a member of the city council, serving from the Hot Springs ward. He is a groceryman, and has been active in forest protection work, the Lions club, and other civic organizations. He is chairman of the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce. He indicated today he will make a formal campaign statement later.

Roycroft, a life insurance man, has lived in Klamath Falls 15 years. He has participated actively in many civic and fraternal affairs, bond drives, etc. “My primary interest is the youth of the city,” said Roycroft. “I sponsored the half-mile recreation levy some years ago, and have worked for a worthwhile youth program for Klamath Falls. If elected, I intend to give a lot of attention to the youth of the city.”

Miss Klamath Selection Slated
 Miss Klamath will be chosen tonight from 18 contestants who will appear at 8:30 on the stage of the Pelican theatre.

The girls will present a program, including songs, dances, speeches and dramatic readings. They will be accompanied by the marine orchestra, directed by T/Sgt. Jack Zanzow.

The decision of the judges will be announced at the theatre. Carl Werner, member of the state finance committee, will be one of the judges, but the names of other members of the judging committee have not been revealed.

Immediately after the show, contestants will go to the dance at the armory, where they will be introduced by Jan Garber.

Klamath Falls’ candidate for the title of Miss Oregon will be one of the following girls: Grace Van Cleave, Rose Marie Nielson, Kathleen Summell, Lois Bishop, Mary Mahoney, Virginia Howard, Edrie Smith, Jean Bolin, Pat Brown, Virginia Benoit, Ruth Stenerson, Genevieve Heup, Isabel Corr, Betty Larvick, Janet Protsman, Carol Newman, Mary Louise Sexton or Leota Thomsen.

Missing Mine Owner Returns

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FRENCH TAKE BRETON TOWNS; TRAP NAZIS

Troops Encircle 1500 Germans Near Paimpol

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 16 (AP)—French forces of the interior have captured approximately a dozen towns, most of them in Brittany, and have encircled 1500 Germans near Paimpol, a special communique from Gen. Eisenhower’s headquarters said today.

Dispatches from Spain quoted advice from the French border as saying that the Maquis, acting under pre-arranged plans, had launched a series of attacks upon German garrisons in southern France as soon as they received news of the allied landings.

Surround Towns
 By sundown last night they were said to have surrounded a score of towns, including Auch, Agen, Montauban, Rodez, Perigueux, Tulle, Aurillac and Limoges.

Serious German resistance was expected at Limoges, these advices said, but the other towns mentioned were reported manned by garrisons of less than 1000 men each.

Ultimatums
 The German commanders of Pau, near the Spanish frontier, and at Toulouse, capital of the whole south-central area, were sent ultimatums demanding their immediate surrender.

Vichy, meanwhile, was re- (Continued on Page Two)

Patch Commands Yank Forces in Southern France

ROME, Aug. 16 (AP)—The allied force attacking southern France is the seventh army, commanded by Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch of Guadalcanal fame, allied headquarters announced tonight.

The initial assault was executed mainly by the U. S. sixth corps, famous for its work on the Anzio beachhead. The seventh army also includes a French force under Maj. Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, who commanded the “Iron Division” in the battle of Retel in France in 1940.

U. S. Vice Admiral H. K. Hewitt is commander of naval operations, and Brig. Gen. Gordon F. Savielle, commander of the 12th tactical air command, heads the air units.

House Relaxes Propaganda Rule

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP)—Capping a hot controversy over what reading material and movies are fit for fighting men’s eyes and ears, the house passed today and sent to the White House legislation relaxing restrictions on political propaganda.

Approved yesterday by the senate, the legislation makes available to service men anywhere, reading matter of general circulation among civilians.

Investigation of Attack On Italians Now Underway

SEATTLE, Aug. 16 (AP)—Military authorities today pushed an investigation of a negro soldier’s rock-throwing raid on an Italian service unit’s barracks at Fort Lawton and the discovery shortly afterward of an Italian hanged in a nearby tree.

The riotous outbreak was reported in an official statement from the command, listing 24 Italians and a lesser number of the attackers as injured. The Monday midnight fracas was believed to be the first case of mob violence against former axis soldiers brought to the United States as prisoners of war.

Army officers said they were at a loss to explain the attack on the sleeping workers. The statement carefully refrained from placing responsibility for the hanging.

The Italians, whom the army authorities describe as being carefully chosen, have been engaged in work for the armed forces.

War News

By FRANK JENKINS
 ALLIED headquarters in Rome (British General Maitland command) give us this morning’s terse summing up of new landing operation:

“Our troops are FIRMLY ESTABLISHED in southern France, with ALL initial objectives taken. They are eight miles inland at some points.”

“On the beach—there are SEVERAL MILES of beach. That is the big point. Experience from Salerno indicates that with such a beach we can’t be thrown back into the sea.”

“Being thrown back into the sea is the frightful risk that is involved in EVERY landing. In such operations, there is always a tense and awful moment when everything is touch and go—when every cog in the carefully-laid plan must mesh properly or disaster will follow.”

“The day that brittle moment falls, we simply can’t breathe. It now seems safely past.”

“The general picture one gains from CASUALTY readings of headlines telling of the landing is one of duck soup. Don’t fool yourself.”

“It was easy in some places, tough and bloody in others. There is tough and bloody fighting ahead.”

“The whole landing operation, including the future taking of Toulon and Marseille, is as successful as now seems to be possible. It will be because of the guts of the men who did the job.”

“Be sure to read George Tucker’s story of the landing in this newspaper today. He says: ‘The plan was so MAGNIFICENT in conception and DARING in execution it was originally ruled out by the navy as impossible, but the army insisted it could be done and so Ranger-Commando type troops slipped ashore six hours before the main landings began, scaled almost unscalable cliffs and overwhelmed the German crews of formidable coastal batteries so that troop transports could approach the jump-off point with minimum danger.’”

“The job those boys did there in the dark was NOT duck soup.”

“We can be humbly thankful that the landing operation in southern France has gone so well. What has been started here will have important consequences that will be told in the dispatches of coming days, as the confusion clears.”

“MEANWHILE, another great battle rages in Normandy. On the whole, it is going extremely well—although there are minor disappointments. Von Kluge is said to have got the bulk of his ARMOR (tanks, etc.) out. But he is suffering terrible losses.”

“Correspondent Hal Boyle, in a front line dispatch today, says: ‘The German 7th army is BREAKING UP into roving guerrilla bands and appears to have passed the point where it is able to mass its men and supplies for a break-through to the Seine river to join other broken and disorganized units fleeing beyond Paris.’”

“This is a picture of ROUT and disorder that the saving of Von Kluge’s tanks can’t offset.”

“ANOTHER fascinating possibility looms through the fog today. The Germans say PATTON’S ‘old blood and guts’ is back in the fighting and going strong. 3rd American army has thrown a spearhead 60 miles toward Paris and is fighting to break around Dreux and Chartres, only 40 miles from the capital.”

“MAY be swinging another encircling arm in a wider arc to get behind WHAT IS LEFT of Von Kluge’s battered army. ALL the bridges over the Seine are said to have been bombed out by our planes.”

“It’s a possibility worth watching.”

“In the east, there are hints of the final, all-out Russian bid for Warsaw. Moscow dispatches played that Rokossovsky has ‘completed his assault plans, built up his reserves, strengthened his communications’ and generally got all set to go.”

“Other Russian armies are moving toward East Prussia. (Continued on Page Four)”