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...the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE fighting in France is moving so swiftly that Paris this morning steals the spotlight even from our new beach head on the Mediterranean.

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PATTON, as suspected yesterday, DID throw an armored spearhead toward the French capital. His speedy blitz has already gathered in the cities of Dreux, Chartres, Chateaudun and Orleans, and as this is written (around noon) his patrols are reported to be within 23 miles of the city.

It looks as if the time has come to shake already-ripe Paris from its limb.

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THE Germans in Normandy are clearly in a bad way.

Von Kluge's 7th army, as an organized fighting unit, is practically GONE. What is left of it (maybe remnants of 14 divisions) is caught in a pocket about 20 miles long and as narrow as 5 miles in many places. The MOUTH of the pocket is down as this is written to about 4 miles. From all around, Americans, Canadians and British are pouring hot steel into the trapped nazis.

Outside the pocket, the Germans are reported to be pulling out between Caen and the mouth of the Seine, this whole area having got too hot for them to hold.

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IT appears that the bulk of Von Kluge's tanks got out of the pocket. They were helped by the fact that the outlet through which they stormed was so narrow, with the Canadians shooting into it from one side and the Americans from the other, that we had to be careful to keep from SHOOTING EACH OTHER.

That gave the German tanks an opening and they seem to have taken advantage of it.

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THEY aren't in the clear yet, however. Behind them lies the broad Seine, whose bridges have been destroyed by our planes. The nazi tanks have to GET ACROSS.

They may not make it.

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AGAIN today a fascinating possibility is hidden in the fog of censorship.

With one armored fist, Patton is reaching for Paris. With another, he MAY be striking down the Seine to get behind and finish off the Germans fleeing from the disastrous battle of Normandy.

He is at least striking at Paris to BOX OFF the lower Seine from German reinforcement through the capital, which is a spiderweb of highways and railroads.

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THE muttered thunder of the guns is plainly audible in Paris today. The Germans are appealing to the populace to remain "CALM!"

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IN Chartres, the embittered French arose and fought from within as we approached from without. They fought so effectively that they stopped the Germans from destroying the postoffice, but couldn't keep them from dynamiting the waterworks, the power plant and numerous other facilities.

One wrinkled Frenchwoman, carrying an ancient Belgian rifle salvaged from the last war slung over her shoulder, reported to our advance patrols that she had "made boom, boom against the boches" all last night.

She patted her weapon grimly as she spoke.

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LET us turn now to our beach head on the Riviera. Things have gone unbelievably well for us there.

Our toehold ashore is FAR MORE than a toehold by today. It is roughly 50 miles long and as much as 30 miles wide in some spots. Altogether, it includes about 500 square miles.

That is no tight corner. It gives us room to throw our weight around.

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WE have tanks and tank destroyers enough ashore to MEET AND STOP whatever the Germans may be able to throw against us in the way of a counter-attack.

That, in itself, spells a victorious landing—for the FIRST enemy counter thrust, while he has his armor and his guns all ready on the land and we have to GET OURS ASHORE, is the ticklish moment.

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THERE is a thrilling instance of smart co-ordination of our fighting forces in the news today.

In the early hours of the

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Japs Report Study of B-29s

CHUNGKING, Aug. 17 (AP)—A Japanese broadcast asserted today that the Japanese had made a complete study of Superfortresses brought down in their territory, and said "In the near future our long distance bombers will achieve glorious results in Hawaiian skies."

Allies Punch Out Solid Front in South

Invaders Take Area of 500 Square Miles

By NOLAND NORGAARD

ROME, Aug. 17 (AP)—Allied troops have punched out a solid front 50 miles broad and about 30 miles deep along the coast of southern France, Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's seventh army headquarters announced today.

On the west the invasion forces drove within 10 miles of the historic old fortified naval base of Toulon. On the east they were within 10 miles of the picturesque resort of Cannes. The invaders spearheaded by three veteran American divisions and supported by heavily armored French forces, had seized an area of approximately 500 square miles.

(The German communique said the allies already had penetrated Cannes. German broadcasts reported airborne troops had landed northwest of Cannes and entered the town after bloody fighting. Although the Germans declared they were shelling the town from nearby heights, broadcasts indicated they had little hope of holding the town where Napoleon landed in 1815 to begin his famous 100-day campaign.

The allied announcement listed nine other towns in allied hands—the coastal towns of St. Tropez, Ste. Maxime, St. Raphel, Frejus and Le Lavandou, and the inland communities of Le Muy, Le Luc, Lorgues and Collobrieres.

Center of Lines

Lorgues, the farthest inland, is 27 miles from the coast at Cap Canarat near St. Tropez in the approximate center of the beachhead front.

It was probable that the allied vanguards were well beyond all these points, and there was a possibility that the assault on Toulon might already have begun, since the enemy still was offering only limited resistance.

May Make Stand

The Germans may have concentrated considerable forces in

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ISLANDS, DEFENSES BLASTED BY BOMBS

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 17 (AP)—Allied bombers from three theaters of combat joined in new blows, reported today, at enemy-held islands ringing the Philippines and at the Philippines themselves.

Bombers from the Australia-New Guinea theater struck at Halmahera, 300 miles south of Mindanao, Tuesday, and at Mindanao's principal port, Davao, two nights earlier.

Planes from Central Pacific bases pounded Truk atoll in the Carolines with 57 tons of bombs Sunday, and also hit Ponape in the Carolines, Wotje, Maloelap and Mili in the Marshalls, and Nauru island, Sunday and Monday.

China-based planes bombed

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Roycroft Leaves Race for Mayor

Lynn Roycroft, who was disclosed yesterday to be a candidate for mayor, today announced his withdrawal "before any semblance of a race is formulated."

Roycroft, in a letter to The Herald and News, said that the time required, his position as an employe, and his primary public interests, dictated his decision. His withdrawal left City Councilman Walter Wiesendanger alone in the field as a mayoralty candidate, and no other new de-

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Nimitz Promises Japs Dose Of "Powerhouse" Tactics

By AL DOPKING

GUAM, Aug. 11 (Delayed) (AP) Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, promising Japan a dose of powerhouse tactics, emphasized today on his first visit to reconquered Guam that the great fleets under Admirals Spruance and Halsey were ready to wage non-stop war against the Japanese.

He praised the home front for providing the tools necessary for the job.

(This dispatch, delayed for security reasons, is the first exposition of Admiral Nimitz' frank discussion of prospects in the Pacific war. Adm. Raymond A. Spruance commands the mighty fifth fleet and Adm. William F. Halsey has been assigned to lead the third fleet.)

Mariana Springboard

The Marianas, said Nimitz, will be the strategic springboard, adding that while one of the fleet teams is striking the other can be planning new blows. He said the seizure of Saipan, Tinian and Guam furnished excellent bases "to move in various directions we have in mind."

"We believe in powerhouse tactics. We carry along all we have. We want what we undertake to go through. We have not

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REDS REACH GERMAN SOIL IN ASSAULT

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Russian communique said tonight red army troops had fought their way to the East Prussian frontier northwest of Mariampole, reaching the soil of pre-war Germany for the first time.

The war bulletin said the Russians touched the frontier at the Szeszupa river, cutting the border about 30 miles east of the East Prussian communications center of Tilbit.

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Russians smashed back today with hundreds of field guns at the narrow wedge driven by nazi tanks and infantry into Ossow, seven miles northeast of Warsaw, in the first soviet setback since the start of the summer offensive.

The army newspaper Red Star said the nazis were under severe pressure after losing 68 tanks and suffering several thousand casualties in a two-day counterattack from the Praga district, just opposite Warsaw on the Vistula's east bank.

Elite Guard Hit

At least one SS (elite guard) division was reported put out of action.

This and other red army successes elsewhere on the long eastern front balanced the withdrawal from Ossow.

Soviet forces west of the Vistula south of Warsaw smashed into the city of Sandominerz in the battle to expand a bridgehead that threatens to outflank the Polish capital and imperil

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Former Bonanza Man Killed

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamaker of Bonanza have received word that their grandson, Reginald Grissez Jr., formerly of Bonanza, had been killed in a training plane accident at a naval training base in Florida.

Young Grissez was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Grissez, now living in San Francisco. He attended school in Bonanza, moving to the south a few years ago.

He enlisted in the navy a year ago, just after his 17th birthday. He was in training as a tail gunner in the naval air force. The plane in which he was traveling fell into the sea near his base.

Parents have no further particulars on the accident.

Miss Klamath and Alternate

Miss Klamath Jean Bolin and her alternate, Pat Brown, smile happily after their selection by the judges' committee from "18 of Klamath's most beautiful and talented girls" at the show presented on the stage of the Pelican theatre Wednesday night. Miss Bolin will go to Portland early in the fall to represent Klamath Falls in the Miss Oregon contest to be sponsored by the state war finance committee.

LAMM COMPANY TO CLOSE OPERATIONS

Lamm Lumber company, pioneer Klamath logging and lumber manufacturing concern, will close its operations at Modoc Point about October 1, it was disclosed today. At the same time, it was revealed there is a strong possibility a lumber remanufacturing plant will be established on the plant site at Modoc Point.

W. E. Lamm, head of the firm, said that the last log was felled by the company's loggers about

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Hartley Killed In Saipan Battle

Word has been received that PFC Chad Reid Hartley, USMCR, lost his life in action against the Japanese at Saipan on June 15. PFC Hartley was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hartley of Bonanza, and was a resident of Klamath county for 15 years prior to his enlistment in the marines in September, 1942.

He had been previously injured in the battle of Tarawa when he received the Purple Heart. He also had received a Presidential Unit Citation.

PFC Hartley was 22 and had been overseas for a year. He attended school in Bonanza and was well-known throughout Klamath county.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hartley; a brother, Robert F. Hartley, and two sisters, Elsa Hartley and Mrs. Gloria Wooten, all of Bonanza.

Allies to Occupy Germany, Japan, Despite Surrender, Reports FDR on Return

By HOWARD FLIEGER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP) President Roosevelt returned to Washington today from a 15,000-mile war trip into the Pacific to declare that allied armies will drive in and occupy Germany and Japan even should resistance collapse short of enemy borders.

It was the first definite assertion that Germany and Japan will not be able to use the allies' own war goal—unconditional surrender—to keep our forces out of their homelands.

Will Not Escape

This time, the president said, Germany will not escape the military occupation which she dodged by armistice in the first World war.

Mr. Roosevelt made the statement to a news conference aboard his special train as it approached Washington at a time when allied forces were pushing ashore in powerful new landings on the southern coast of France.

To Discuss Tour

The president—back in Washington after a 35-day absence that took him to Hawaii and the Aleutians where his ship skirted within 900 miles of Japanese territory—planned to discuss his Pacific tour as soon as possible with military leaders and Secretary of State Hull.

He also will meet promptly

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Killed In Action

PFC Chad Reid Hartley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hartley of Bonanza, was killed in action on Saipan, according to word received here.

JEAN BOLIN WINS KLAMATH CONTEST

"It's the way they always say—wishing will make it so," commented tiny, elfin-looking Jean Bolin on the "most exciting moment of her life" when she was chosen Wednesday night to represent Klamath Falls in the Miss Oregon contest to be held in Portland this fall.

Jean considers her success in this contest as "one more step" toward the realization of her dreams, and is confident now that wishes do come true.

She is a fraction over five feet tall, has expressive brown eyes and brown curly hair that her grandmother used to "do up" on

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YANKS WITHIN 27 MILES OF FRENCH CITY

Troops Seize Four Key Towns Near Capital

By GLADWIN HILL

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 17 (AP) — The U. S. third army in lightning thrusts toward Paris sliced within 27 miles of the western suburb of Versailles today after seizing four key cities and plunging across the Aunay river 13 miles beyond fallen Chartres.

(A German high command broadcast said the allies were only 23 miles from Paris at St. Arnoult on the road from Chartres.)

Five Miles Away

Versailles is five miles west of the capital menaced by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's armored avalanche which had enveloped Chartres, Dreux, Chateaudun and Orleans, west and southwest of Paris.

Patton had struck within 20 miles of the Seine, threatening to pin against that great river the remnants of the German seventh army fleeing from the Falaise pincers.

Seize Falaise

Simultaneously the Canadians bursting forward seized Falaise and crossed the Dives river. They took St. Pierre to the northwest in a new eastward offensive, and also toppled Troarn, seven miles east of Caen. The Germans were reported retreating on a 30-mile front from Falaise north to the channel.

The captured cities of Chartres, Dreux, Orleans and Chat

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Paris Now City On Front Line

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Paris is now a "front line city" and the thunder of approaching American guns can be heard in the city, the German radio said at 4 p. m. today.

The German report pictured the French capital as a city of chaos without food, transportation or police. The gendarmes were said to be striking.

"The churches are overcrowded and special prayers are being said at Notre Dame," said a Transocean (propaganda) agency broadcast from Berlin.

"For the first time, the intermittent thunder of guns was heard in Paris this afternoon. The whole aspect of the French capital is assuming that of a front line city."

Fire Blazes in Hills Near Town

Fire broke out this afternoon in the hills northeast of Klamath Falls.

The blaze blackened an area between Colman's dairy and the Baker rock crusher. Numerous roads and trails in the area were expected to aid in quick control of the blaze.

Klamath county, the Klamath Forest Protective association and the Marine Barracks sent men into the district immediately.

Police Pick Up 35 Violators

About 35 pedestrians were picked up by city police Wednesday for jaywalking and walking against the walk and wait signals.

This week was the start of a campaign by the traffic safety council and city police to stop the two offenses. More people are being picked up for jaywalking than for not heeding the traffic signals, according to city police.

Hull Refutes Dewey Charge On World Peace Conference

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP) Projecting a full-dress United Nations conference on world security, possibly this fall, Secretary of State Hull today termed "utterly and completely unfounded" the concern expressed by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey lest the big-four powers "dominate the earth by force."

Hull met reporters informally shortly after issuing a statement in reply to the republican presidential nominee's assertion that the equality and rights of small nations must not be sacrificed to "cynical power politics." In his formal reply, the secretary said:

Not Contemplated

"No arrangement such as described by him, which would involve a military alliance of the four major nations permanently to coerce the rest of the world, is contemplated or has ever been contemplated by this government, or, as far as we know, by any of the other governments."

Indicating great optimism that the Dumbarton Oaks security talks starting Monday will result in long strides forward, Hull said he favored a full dress conference thereafter, adding that perhaps it could be held in the fall.

Warns Against Quarrels

Then, in an obvious amplification of his statement replying to Dewey's expressed concern that Britain, Russia, China and the United States might seek to "coerce" the rest of the world in setting up plans for postwar peace to be backed by force, Hull said the course of Amer-

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Two Klamath Men On Casualty List

Two Klamath county men were named Thursday in a war department announcement as being wounded in action.

Pvt. Gordon D. Watson, son of Hugh L. Watson of the Klamath hotel, Klamath Falls, was wounded while in action in the European area.

Private Robert D. Murray, son of Claude Murray of Bonanza, was wounded in action in the Mediterranean theater.