

# NAZIS ATTEMPT TO FLEE SEINE

## Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
These words are written (shortly before noon) the telegraph in this office has been SILENT for upwards of half hour. That hasn't happened for a long time.

As we will, those of us whose business it is to hang these machines which change the news of the world to us, not escape a feeling of suppressed excitement.  
For nearly five years, these uttering robots have been telling the story of a world in transition. As the tale has unfolded before us, we have been shaken and over by strong emotions. The dust and drizzle of the British air force, the stark, incredulous look of the Japs, the rained production upon our fleet at the Harbor, hot, choking, the March of Bataan came to us with a pride and as we of the first winged words of the victory at Midway.

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## REDS ORDER ROMANIA TO JOIN BATTLE

### Germans Report Some Troops Stop Fighting

By WADE WERNER  
LONDON, Aug. 25 (AP)—German troops had stopped fighting, and Moscow dispatches told of widespread local engagements between Nazi rear guards and King Mihail's army, thrown to the allied side by the Balkan kingdom's abrupt capitulation and reversal.

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German troops, now making last-ditch attempts to flee across the Seine river, may try to make a stand along the Somme-Marne line, reports from airmen indicate. The Somme-Marne line approximates the railroad from Amiens to Rheims, as shown on the map above.

## Paris Given Up to French Forces by Nazi Commander

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (AP)—The German commander of Paris has surrendered to Brig. Gen. Jacques Le Clerc and the commander of the French forces of the interior, Paris reported today in a broadcast recorded by Columbia Broadcasting system.  
Under terms of the surrender, German commanders were ordered to cease firing immediately and hold the white flag. The weapons will be collected and the men gathered without weapons in a determined place, until new orders are given, the terms stipulated. "The weapons will be surrendered intact."  
Captured German officers were led from the Hotel De Ville today and police had to keep the crowd from lynching them, said radio Paris as heard by NBC.

## Clashes Follow Liberation News

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 25 (AP)—At least 11 persons, including four policemen, nursed bruises and other injuries today as a result of clashes stemming from public celebrations which followed reports of the liberation of Paris.  
One man was shot in the hip and others were clubbed with night sticks or beaten with the flats of sabers as police attempted to disperse crowds when the demonstrations took on a political tinge.

## Porter Wounded In Action

PFC Henry W. Porter of Chilcoquin was reported as being wounded in action in the Mediterranean theater in a list given out today of Oregon soldiers wounded in action.  
His wife, Mrs. Marian Porter, lives in Chilcoquin.

## Run-Off Slated At Gilchrist

A run-off election will be necessary to decide whether employees of the Gilchrist Lumber company, Gilchrist, Ore., will retain their present affiliation with the IWA-CIO or switch affiliation with the Carpenters and Joiners AFL, as neither union received a majority of the votes in an election held Thursday.  
Election returns ran 41 votes for the IWA-CIO, 21 for the AFL, and 33 for no union. As 63 of the workers favor affiliation with some union, as opposed to 33 who voted against affiliation of any kind, the run-off election will be held to decide between the two unions.

## War Bulletins

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (AP)—The Cairo radio said today that Germany had declared war on Romania and that German planes "heavily bombed" Bucharest. The FCC recorded the broadcast, which was without confirmation elsewhere.  
LONDON, Aug. 25 (AP)—The Bucharest radio said tonight the whole Romanian capital was now liberated from the Germans. The broadcast, monitored by Reuters, said the Bucharest airfield had been taken by Romanian guards after the heavy fighting.

## Seventh Army Captures Two Riviera Towns

By NOLAND NORGAARD  
ROME, Aug. 25 (AP)—Striking eastward from their southern French front, toward the Italian frontier, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's seventh army troops seized the Riviera playgrounds of Cannes and Antibes today.  
Westward toward the Rhone after units were close to Arles at the mouth of the Rhone and Parascos a few miles to the north, while Frenchmen launched an attack on the last four strongholds within Marseille, France's greatest port, and battled last-ditch defenders in the naval base of Toulon.

The capture of Cannes and Antibes, five miles farther east, along with advances beyond those points took the allies to six miles from Nice.  
In Marseille, where two more generals and 5000 other Germans had been taken prisoners in the last 72 hours, the fighting was described in an official report as "mopping up." It appeared engineers would soon be able to get to work restoring the harbors for allied convoys.

To Oe Fighting  
But at Toulon the German garrison gave evidence of an intention to perish rather than yield.  
Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's headquarters said nothing of gains by American troops striking north of Grenoble.

The force which captured Geofble after a spectacular advance northward from Draguignan was a flying column, including some armor operating in advance of the main body of the American troops, which subsequently has firmly occupied the area with the cooperation of the French forces of the interior," was the only official comment today on the activities of that swiftly striking force.

20,000 Prisoners  
Some 20,000 prisoners already have passed through the pens established on the beachheads, and hundreds more continued to march back from the rapidly expanding front while hard-striking American and French troops wiped out small enemy units as fast as they were encountered.  
Nazi fears that a full scale attack might be launched eastward along the Riviera were reflected in airforce reports of two panzer divisions north of Turin apparently ready to march to the danger area. They were attacked heavily by American medium bombers.

Enemy in Dark  
The reluctance of the allied command regarding current activities of the swift task forces operating out of Grenoble and others thrusting northwest toward Aignon and the vital Rhone valley roads north to Lyon, apparently was intended to keep the enemy guessing about the availability of escape routes from southern France.

Once Patch's forces reach Aignon—and at last reports twin columns driving along the Durance valley were making rapid progress in its direction—the Rhone valley highways and (Continued on Page Two)

## Death Toll Hits 57 in Crash

FRECKLETON, England, Aug. 25 (AP)—The death toll resulting from the crash of a Liberator bomber in this Lancashire village mounted to 57 today as the townsfolk considered restricting admission to the mass funeral tomorrow by issuing tickets.  
A six-year-old child died during the night, bringing to 36 the number of children killed in the accident.

## Patrol Vessel Sunk by Bombers

AN ALEUTIAN BASE, Aug. 20—(Delayed)—A 50-foot Japanese patrol vessel was sunk and a 75-footer badly damaged by navy Ventura bombers which darted in and out of the fog and clouds to strike at the enemy in the northern Kuriles today and yesterday.  
One of two enemy fighters out of a group of seven which dared attack the speedy Venturas was shot down. Another fighter was destroyed on the ground.  
Raider planes bombed and strafed the air field and installations at Kakumbetsu, Masugawa and Kurabu Zaki on Paramushiro island and at Myoshino on Shinshu island.

## Arrests Made In Spy Ring

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 25 (AP)—Seventeen persons were under arrest here today on charges of espionage following a series of raids which police said had smashed a highly organized spy ring in the employ of the German government.

## TROOPS LEFT TO SLOW UP ALLIED PUSH

### Virtual End of Fight Along River Reported

By WES GALLAGHER  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS A.L.L.E.D. EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 25 (AP)—Disorganized and battered German forces made a last-ditch attempt today to flee across the last few miles of the Seine adjoining the sea in northern France, but front dispatches said this battle already was virtually over.  
"The enemy is leaving bits and pieces to try to delay us, but there is no major stand all the way back to the Seine," a field headquarters officer said last night after a sharp Canadian advance of 20 miles had driven the Germans into an area about 25 miles long and 15 miles wide.

Left Behind  
The Germans managed to get many of their troops beyond the Seine but left thousands of others and a great bulk of equipment behind.  
The supreme command still remained largely silent about the activities of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's armored forces southeast of Paris. The only news was that Montereau, near Fontainebleau, and Montargis, further south, had been occupied, with an advance east of the latter city. There was no report on the Americans who two days ago penetrated 15 miles beyond Sens, approaching to within 150 miles of the German frontier.

Seine Pocket Doomed  
The present speed of advance indicated that the lower Seine pocket, which extends from Elbeuf to Bernay then roughly to the coast at a point four miles from Honfleur, may be wiped out in another 24 hours.  
The Germans showed the bulk of their forces remaining in the pocket against the Americans at Elbeuf and heavy fighting still was in progress on both sides of the town, which the Americans reached yesterday but which the enemy still held.

Trucks Flee  
Beyond the Seine on the approaches to the rocket coast RAF pilots reported German trucks fleeing last night, with lights on, toward Amiens. At least 15 trucks blew up when hit, indicating they were carrying munitions. The fliers said it was the first time they had observed the Germans using lights.  
A front dispatch by Associated Press War Correspondent Roger D. Greene said that if the Germans were unable to make a new stand beyond the river "it seems a fair assumption there very soon will be an end to the buzzbomb terror which has weighed so heavily on the British home front."  
Clearing weather today indicated that what Germans remain in the pocket are going to be heavily battered from the air.

## Army Predicts War's End on October 1

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)—Chairman Woodrum (D-Va.) of the house postwar military policy committee said today that the army "tentatively" looks to October 1, 1944, as the date for the end of the war against Germany.  
Woodrum interposed the statement at a hearing at which Rear Admiral James H. Irish, inventory control officer for the navy, indicated the navy expects to be still fighting in the Pacific through 1945.  
Woodrum did not amplify nor explain the source of his information.

## Garden Ruler Coronation Set

The Herald and News 4-H Victory Garden king or queen will be crowned at the third annual garden show held at the Altamont Junior high school Saturday, August 26.  
A. H. Bussman of Murphy's Seed store and George Peters, local 4-H club agent, will score the gardens, using a point system. The boy or girl having the highest score will be crowned ruler as high point of the show, which lasts from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

## Hungary Cabinet Change Rumored

LONDON, Aug. 25 (AP)—Germany announced today a reshuffle of the Hungarian government "because of events in Romania which have caused certain political tensions" to arise in the Nazi-occupied country.  
Details of the shake-up were not disclosed by the German foreign office.  
"The tensions which lately have been eliminated immediately in view of the dangers with which the Hungarian people are confronted," the broadcast official DNB dispatch said, quoting a German foreign office spokesman. "The tensions" were not explained.

## German Ace Scores 301 Hits

LONDON, Aug. 25 (AP)—One German ace now has scored 301 victories in the air, the German high command said today.  
He is First Lt. Hermann, a fighter squadron commander, cited in today's German communiqué for downing 11 planes yesterday on the Russian front. His score now is 301 planes, the bulletin said, without giving further details.

### Weather News

August 25, 1944  
Max. (Aug. 24) ..... 75 Min. .... 39  
Precipitation last 24 hours ..... 00  
Stream year to date ..... 10.82  
Normal ..... 12.38 Last year ..... 17.85  
Forecast: Clear.