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BREACH IN NORMANDY LINE DOUBLED

Reds Drive At Heart Of Germany

Fierce Tank Battles Rage On Caen Plain

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, July 19 — (CP) — British and Canadian forces of the British 2nd Army widened their breach in the Germans' shattered defences east and southeast of Caen today and tonight's headquarters communique disclosed they had smashed forward up to six miles east of the centre of the Orne River city.

Great battles between British and enemy armor developed as the offensive launched Tuesday swept up at least five towns and villages in the ideal tank-fighting country east of the Orne Valley.

Headquarters announced Caen's industrial suburb of Fauburg de Vaucelles, immediately across the Orne from the city itself, has been cleared of enemy forces and it was learned Canadian forces played a prominent part in the suburb's capture.

German reports admitted the attack had gained five miles south east from the Orne River starting point to Gagny on highway 13 and they stressed the Allied advance along this highway from Caen—the road to Paris. Headquarters announcements were purposely vague on the points of farthest gain because the enemy was believed to be still confused regarding much of the big operation.

British warships and landing craft engaged enemy batteries on the eastern flank in support of the hard-fighting ground forces, and although bad weather prevented a continuation of aerial support such as that which accompanied the opening of the offensive Tuesday, Normandy-based craft were able to maintain a close cover over the battlefield.

The front exploded into action along the entire 20-mile east flank arc as far back as Hottot, two miles southwest of Tilly Sur Seulles, which the British 2nd army captured in a steady push ahead inland to gain more room for manoeuvre.

Marshal Rommel, with much at stake but with no fixed defence line short of the Seine River 40 to 60 miles east of the broken Orne River line, hurled in his reserves of picked tank divisions late Tuesday in an attempt to encompass the Allied assault, but he failed, headquarters disclosed tonight.

Montgomery In Optimistic Mood

By Ross Munro, Canadian Press War Correspondent

GEN. MONTGOMERY'S HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, July 19—(CP Cable)—General Montgomery, in his most optimistic mood since D-day, said today that British and Canadian troops had "won a nice little area" east of the River Orne, and that "in doing it we have written off a lot of enemy stuff while our own casualties have been extremely light, almost negligible"

In the invasion campaign thus far, 156,000 Germans had been "written off", the commander of Allied ground forces told a press conference. Sixty thousand had been captured and 8,000 buried by Allied troops in Normandy, and the rest had been killed or wounded "on the other side" of the lines.

The General said that obviously the Germans did not want the British and Canadian troops to get hold of a bridgehead over the Orne River east of Caen.

A Very Good Day

"Yesterday it was done," he said. "It was a very good day indeed yesterday, an extremely good day. We gained tactical surprise and now have very strong armored and mobile forces away to the south and southeast of Caen."

Progress to the east and southeast of Caen had been good, he indicated, but there was still "a lot to be done."

Gen. Montgomery appeared quite confident about the present battle east of the Orne and also the American advances to the west which have resulted in the capture of St. Lo.

The figures showed that the Allies were attaining one of their objectives, which was "to write off German personnel and equipment," and "bleed the German military machine to death."

British Well Equipped

The British army had been sent to Normandy better equipped than any British army ever had been. He described its equipment as "magnificent" and cited the British 17-pounder anti-tank gun as an example. It was superior in every way to any anti-tank gun the Germans had and this included the enemy 88-mm. gun. He warned against any "tendency to decry" the British army's weapons.

Canadian and British troops were using this 17-pounder, said Gen. Montgomery, and they think it is "the cat's whiskers."

He had high praise for the supporting punch of British and American airmen in the breakthrough.

"It was a most inspiring sight for the soldiers on the ground to see the might of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force," he said. "When properly applied air power is decisive. Yesterday's operation showed just how air power should be used."

He lauded the infantrymen who, he said, had an unspectacular role but bear "the heat and burden of battle in a way no other army does, but are the guts of the whole thing and do their stuff all day and all night."

"Monty" also praised the 6th airborne division, which includes a Canadian parachute battalion, and which won and held a bridgehead east of the Orne and northeast of Caen since D-Day.

BULLETIN

LONDON, July 20— (Thursday) —(CP)—Berlin was cut off from the outside world early last night, the Daily Mail reported today in a dispatch from Stockholm which said there was speculation that the suspension of telephone and telegraph communications might be the result ofsome "internal upheaval."

The shutdown went into effect at 5 p.m. British double summer time (11 a.m. E.D.T.—12 noon A.D.T.) Wednesday. Communications usually are cut during an air raid, but not so early. German radios kept broadcasting.

Report Troops In Fight At Calgary

CALGARY, July 19 — (CP) — The Calgary Herald said in a newspage story that about 150 men were involved in a battle at A16 Currie Barracks here last night and "rifles and bayonets were brandished."

The newspaper said the battle occurred when ill-feeling broke out between general service men and home defence troops.

The paper said according to the meagre information available none was injured.

To Try Boy In Regular Court

COBOURG, Ont., July 19 — (CP) — Fifteen-year-old Charles Francis Davey of Hamilton will be tried on a charge of murder at the Ontario Supreme Court Assizes, Judge J. C. M. German ruled here today. Crown Attorney H. Dyman had asked that the case not be tried in Juvenile Court.

The boy, a ward of Bowmanville, Ont., Boys' Training School, was charged with murder on Monday in connection with the death of four-year-old Norman (Buddy) Lamb on the Lamb farm at Fraserville, 12 miles south of Peterborough, Sunday. He surrendered to city police Sunday night, saying he had "killed a fellow and couldn't sleep."

COMING EVENTS

**Show at Canoe Cove Friday. 7-19-2i.

**Show at Crapaud Thursday. 7-19-2i.

**Show—Mt. Stewart Saturday. Shows 8—10. 7-20-3i.

**Unloading car bulk wheat Tuesday, Wednesday forenoon, and Thursday. McGuigan and Boyle. 7-18-3i.

**Collecting hogs for Davis & Fraser Friday, July 7th at Albany and Emerald. G. C. Green. 7-19-3i.

**Unloading car of Bulk Wheat Thursday and Friday. N. Aubrey Cutcliffe, Fredericton. 7-20-2i.

**Reserve Saturday, July 29th for C. W. L. Pantry Sale at Holmans. 7-20-1i.

**Come to Stella Maris Hall, North Rustico, Friday 8.30 p. m., to see the Holy Redeemer Players in the biggest show of the season. 7-20-2i.

**For a real good time come to the dance in Brookvale School, Thursday July 20th. Good music. Refreshments. 7-19-2i

**Dance in Stanley Bridge Hall. Aid of Red Cross prisoners of war boxes, Thursday, July 20. Sale of ice cream. 7-18-20-2i.

**The Cornwall Young People's Society will present their Service of Song and Story in New Dominion United Church on Sunday evening the twenty-third at eight P. M. 7-20-2i.

**King William L. O. L. 1166, Kingston, will hold their annual parade and church service July 23rd. Sister Lodges are cordially invited. Rev. Harvey Bishop will be the speaker. 7-20-1i.

Red Army Forces Cross Bug River

LONDON, July 19 — (AP) — Russian troops smashed across the 1941 German-Russian Bug River frontier in pre-war Poland today in a drive straight at the heart of Germany, and in a newly opened two-day offensive along the north Latvian border have hurled back the enemy 25 miles on a 43-mile front, Moscow announced tonight.

The Bug River, from which the Germans attacked Russia June 22, 1941, was crossed by Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 1st Ukraine Army north and south of Sokal, and north of the imperilled German stronghold of Lwow, said a communique recorded tonight by the Soviet Monitor.

Seven powerful Russian armies now are hitting the reeling Germans on a 700-mile front in the greatest combined attack ever launched in the east.

German radio broadcasts acknowledged the crossing of the Bug, and said the Germans supported by heavy tank formations were striking back fiercely in an effort to keep the Russian horde off the Polish plains leading to German Silesia, 245 miles west of Sokal.

It was estimated the Russians now have hurled 1,500,000 troops against the Germans and still have not unleashed all their power. Other Russian armies were waiting to spring forward in the sector from Ostrov north through Pskov to Narva in Estonia, and on the southern end of the front from Lwow southeastward through Romania to the Black Sea.

Front dispatches said Russian aerial superiority was absolute in the Lwow sector. Stormovik fighter planes steadily slashing German tank groups hurled into the battle in a desperate effort to keep the Russians from breaking into the Polish plains leading to German Silesia.

Rumors King To Switch Ridings

OTTAWA, July 19 — (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King said here today there would be time "for political affairs when the war is won" in commenting on a report he would switch ridings in the next election from Prince Albert, Sask., to an Ontario seat.

A Toronto report last night said the Prime Minister was considering running in some Ontario riding such as Ottawa east, Renfrew north or Gray north.

14 More Jap Ships Sunk By U. S. Subs

WASHINGTON, July 19 — (AP) —Destruction of 14 more Japanese vessels, including two combatant ships, by American submarines pounding enemy supply lines was announced by the navy today.

The sinkings brings to 806 the number of Japanese vessels sunk, probably sunk or damaged by American submarines.

ELECTED OFFICERS OF ASS'N

DR. J. A. McMILLAN

DR. J. A. CLARK

AMHERST, N. S., July 19 —(CP) — Subject to approval by the three Maritime Provinces, a by-law was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Blue Cross Association in annual meeting here today which would make the deputy Health Minister of each province an ex-officio member of the Board.

The new executive committee named has Dr. Joseph A. McMillan, Charlottetown, as president, and Dr. J. A. Clark, Charlottetown, vice-chairman. The other three members of the five-man Board are Prof. R. P. Donkin of the Nova Scotia Technical College, Halifax, W. M. Simpson, New Glasgow, N. S., and John N. Flood, Saint John, N. B.

New members of the Board of Trustees are: Dr. W. R. Seeley, Halifax, J. J. Powell, Halifax, and Hon. A. C. Taylor, New Brunswick Minister of Agriculture.

Members re-elected to the Board of Trustees are: Walter Darby, Summerside; Mother M. Ignatius, Antigonish, N. S., W. M. Simpson New Glasgow, N. S., and J. A. Clark, Charlottetown.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

The Bug River sector of the Nazis' "east wall" in Poland, from which the disastrous attack on Russia was launched, is fast disintegrating between the jaws of the vast Red Army vise clamped upon it from north of Brest Litovsk to south of Lwow.

That north-south water hazard, cutting through central Poland for nearly 200 miles from the Carpathian foothills to the western extremity of Pinsk marshes, is in deadly danger by Berlin's sombre admission. Behind it lies no strong river barrier along which tottering German armies can rally until the Vistula is reached. And it, too, is vulnerable.

Linked with broadening and deepening Allied footholds in Normandy and new Allied advances in Italy, the new Russian blow on the Bug lends credence to a Moscow-published cry from a captured German General that Hitler recently had told his commanders "the way to victory is through faith in Nazism."

"We knew his words could not remedy conditions at the front where soldiers, tanks and planes are needed," the crest-fallen officer said.

That was being demonstrated anew in Italy, Normandy and most of all in Poland. Ukrainian armies already had turned the Bug line to the south and closed in on the Lwow bastion, matching the swift sweep of White Russian forces around the lines northern anchorage at Brest Litovsk.

Meanwhile in Italy there are indications of a German lack of strength to hold off Allied investment of the Gothic line itself, keyed to the hills north of the Arno. With the big, deep water ports, Livorno and Ancona, now in Allied hands at both ends of the line, supply problems for Allied commanders will be simplified, while for the foe, particularly on the Adriatic flank, communications are becoming a desperate matter.

The fall of Ancona to Polish elements of the Allied 8th army almost certainly foreshadows a general German retreat on that flank

Report Rommel Has Been Wounded

STOCKHOLM, July 19 — (AP) —The free Danish press service reported tonight that Field Marshal Rommel had been wounded and operated on by a Danish brain surgeon, Prof. Busch, for removal of a shell splinter. The story, which could not be confirmed from any other source, failed to indicate when the operation was performed.

This War's Veterans Can Join Guard

OTTAWA, July 19 — (CP) — Canadian veterans of the present war may be appointed to the Veterans' Guard, it was announced today at defence headquarters.

These are the qualifications:

1. They must be entitled to wear the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.
2. They must be ineligible for further overseas duty.
3. They must be not less than 36 years of age.
4. They must be of good character.

Says Allowances Will Not Mean Lower Wages

OTTAWA, July 19—(CP) — Mrs. Cora T. Casselman, Liberal member of the Commons for Edmonton east constituency, said tonight in a broadcast that she believed the family allowances which the federal government proposes to pay will not lower the wage scales of the country.

Payment of the allowances, scheduled to begin July 1, 1945, should "make no difference to wage levels at all," said Mrs. Casselman who shared a half-hour broadcast over the National Network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation with Senator W.M. Robertson, president of the National Liberal Federation of Canada.

The broadcast was made on part of the free-time granted by the CBC to allow national political parties to outline their platforms and plans.

LONDON — (CP) — British invasion troops are wearing shirts impregnated with insecticide to protect them from typhus-carrying lice.

Tojo's Entire Cabinet Quits

NEW YORK, July 19 — (AP) —Premier General Hideki Tojo's "entire cabinet" has resigned, the Japanese Domei agency announced tonight in a wireless dispatch reported by the Federal Communications Commission.

The dispatch, directed to Japanese occupied areas, quoted a statement by the Japanese Board of Information.

The announcement came a day after Tojo had been divested of his concurrent post as army chief of staff in a continuation of a high-command shake-up that began Monday.

Robot Bomb Attacks Are Stepped Up

LONDON, July 19—(AP)—Salvos of flying bombs rained on London and southern England yesterday, last night and today in the greatest attack since the Nazi terror weapon was introduced.

Civilians braced themselves for possibly heavier casualty tolls as the winged bombs poured down in an almost unbroken stream, similar to an artillery barrage. They recalled Prime Minister's warning that there could be no diversion of men or material from the battle front to meet the robot menace.

POLITICIANS IN FORCES

LONDON —(CP)— There are now 62 M. P.'s serving in the British armed forces other than the Home Guard.

Great Drive Across Orne Still Moving

By ROSS MUNRO

WITH THE CANADIANS ON THE CAEN FRONT, July 19— (CP Cable)—The Canadians have added the capture of Faubourg De Vaucelles, across the Orne River from Caen, to their Normandy victories as they supported the right flank of the British troops in this new large-scale operation east of the Orne, which is in full swing tonight.

Canadian and British guns are pounding the enemy around the clock and the advance went on today with this overwhelming artillery support, and also with tactical aid from Allied air forces.

Gen. Montgomery played a neat hand, striking as he did from the eastern fringe of the beachhead which British and Canadian airborne troops and British infantry had to fight so sternly to hold earlier during the invasion.

The great attack launched early Tuesday and still under way tonight has been a tremendous operation for the British and Canadian forces. The operation has clicked along right on schedule during these first two days and while no large tracts of territory have been occupied yet, important gains have been made and the German defence line along the slopes south and east of Caen and Vaucelles has been broken thoroughly.

GOES TO PALESTINE

LONDON, July 19 — (CP) — Field Marshal Viscount Gort, who was commander of the British field forces during the early months of the war, has been appointed high commissioner and commander in chief in Palestine, it was officially announced tonight.

Scores Exorbitant Ferry Truck Charges At Borden

OTTAWA, July 19 — (CP) — Charges that the Canadian National Railway were creating difficult conditions for highway transport were heard today at a meeting of the Commons Reconstruction Committee.

Keith McKinnon, Charlottetown, P. E. I., secretary of the Canadian Automotive Transportation Association, said the Canadian National car ferry connecting Borden, P. E. I., with Tormentine, N. B., was charging truck rates 10 times higher than another ferry service which connected the Island with Nova Scotia. He also said no attempt was made to improve facilities for loading trucks onto the ferry.

Jack Taylor, Calgary, vice-president of the Association, said the C. N. R. was behind the move which prevented trucks passing through western Canadian National Parks. He said the legislation was supposed to be designed to retain the beauty of the parks, but as a matter of fact it was aimed at protecting high rail rates through that area.

Morley J. Paper, Toronto, president of the Association, said his group favored provincial control of highway freight rates except in the case of interprovincial and international routes.

Joseph A. Whitmore of Toronto, secretary of the Canadian Warehousemen's Association, said his group supported the Automotive Association in their various representations.

Unless government limitations were imposed there was a danger that railways would create a monopoly of land transportation through establishing highway services, the Canadian Automotive Transport Association said in a brief presented to the committee.

German Air Ace Killed

LONDON, July 19—(CP)—Berlin radio announced today that Major Burmheller, one of the leading German fighter aces credited with 102 kills, and commander of the Richthofen squadron, had been shot down and killed over Normandy by a British pilot.

Burmheller was the fourth German ace lost in nine days. The others were Maj. Wolfgang Redlich, Capt Fritz Heidenrich and Lt. Eugen Zweigert.

The broadcast said Burmheller was the fourth Richthofen squadron commander killed in this war. It called him "a legendary figure whose exploits included taking on singled-handedly 30 R.A.F. fighters," and said he had been shot down four times before, but had bailed out.

Denies Address Insult To Quebec

OTTAWA, July 19—(CP) — Senator T.D. Bouchard (L—Qeubec), speaking in the Senate, today denied that an address he had made June 21 referring to action by minority groups seeking to establish a French state in Canada had been an insult to the Province of Quebec.

Senator Bouchard spoke after Senator L.A. David (L—Quebec) had said the earlier speech implied that Quebec was disloyal.

Report Nazi Officers Fight Over Strategy

By RICHARD R. KASISCHKE

LONDON, July 19—(AP)—The death of six German officers in a right over strategy and complaints of a captive Nazi General deploring discord among Hitler and his military leaders were announced by Allied quarters today and from Berlin came word of a shakeup in the low countries.

The Nazi high command apparently had become entangled in bitter disaffection while fighting its three-front war.

The Greek Government announced in Cairo that high German officers who met at the hotel Brentagne in Athens for a conference disagreed violently over policy, drew pistols and began shooting. Five were said to have been killed in the melee, and the sixth, chief administrative officer for the Peleponnesus, was reported shot to death by an SS guard while fleeing.

Another Cairo report said the Athens Provost Marshal, one Col. Fritze an Austrian was executed for speaking against the German command.

Hitler Decreed Shakeup

The German News Agency D.N.B. said in a broadcast Hitler himself decreed the discharge of Col.-Gen. Alexander Von Falkenhausen, friend of the deposed western commander, Field Marshal Gen. Karl Rudolf Gerd Von Rundstedt, as commander in Holland and Belgium.

Instead of the military man, Hitler turned over to the Gestapo the last German-occupied area not previously governed by Quisling or Commissar, by naming Josef Grohe, 42, a high elite guard officer, "Reich Commissioner of the occupied territories of Belgium and Northern France." The German Fuehrer also named an infantry commander, one General Grase, military commander in Holland and Belgium, the area where the Nazis have predicted new Allied landings.

(No further identification was given in the German report of Gen. Grase, but the United States office of war information lists a Lt.-Gen. Martin Grase, 54, as a commander of the 1st German infantry division.)

Moscow newspapers quoted captive Gen. Edmund Hofmeister, who commanded the 41st tank corps, as saying the disagreement in the ranks of Hitler's Generals and Hitler's orders were causing a great toll in German dead and prisoners on the eastern front.

The General was quoted as saying Field Marshal Gen. Ernst Von Busch, commander of the Central Russian front where the Russians have made their most spectacular gains, told him "Hitler forbade any retreat, and he ordered every inch of occupied country defended."

"Although I considered the order wrong," Hofmeister was quoted, "I had to obey. I want to say that the defeat in White Russia is an example of the talentless command of Hitler. When Brauchitsch, List, Von Rundstedt (all Marshals) and others tried to point out error, they were discharged"

Two Important Italian Seaports Are Captured

By NOLAND NORGAARD

ROME, July 19 — (AP) — American troops, who have slashed their way 250 miles northward in Italy in just over two months, drove the Nazis out of the big port of Livorno today a few hours after Polish infantry of the British 8th Army seized Ancona on the Adriatic coast.

Capture of the two ports gave the Allies valuable supply bases for their forthcoming onslaught against the enemy's heavily fortified Gothic Line. Engineers moved in swiftly to begin reconstruction of wrecked dock facilities while infantry and armor pressed on.

"Our engineers have been ordered to work quickly to restore Livorno's battered harbor and as many as possible of its 60 docks," an Allied spokesman said.

Use of the port will be restricted, however, until the Nazis have been driven off Mt. Pisano, which rises immediately northeast of Pisa. The Germans have installed many big guns there to shell Livorno's harbor from a distance of about 12 miles.

High tide this morning at 11.20 and tonight at 12.54.

Sun sets this evening at 8.41 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.32.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 7 a.m.; 11.30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 12.45 p.m.; 5.45 p.m.; 8.40 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.45 p.m.
Charlottetown — New Glasgow (Daily except Sunday)
Leave Charlottetown 1 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.50 p.m.

P. E. I.—N. S. FERRY SERVICE DAILY INCLUDING SUNDAYS

Leave Wood Islands—7.00 A. M. 11.00 A. M. 3.00 P. M.
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LIGHT BINDING