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New Beachhead Greatly Extended Red Surge French Patriots Jousands Of Allied Troops Hit

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INVASION DRAWS NEAR

172,360 Nazis Reported Killed Or Captured **By Single Army**

LONDON, Wednesday, 16.— (AP)—Soviet Aug. dispatches said last field night that Red army troops had crossed the Biezrza river in northern Poland, striking through a 15-mile belt of Axis defenses guarding imperilled East Prussia, while Moscow announced that Marshal Ivan S. Konev's Fourth Ukraine army had killed or captured 172,360 Germans.

Konev's troops attacking through southern Poland toward German Silesia killed 140,000 Germands between July 13 and Aug. 12 the special announcement said. On the basis of Moscow accouts six Soviets armies have killed or captured a total of 781,886 Germas since the great summer offensive began June 23, and when three other armies presently engaged in shattering the Reich forces are heard from the total is likely to exceed 1,000,000

Although architectural plans Robert Scott Heads Swarms of armored fightercovered the Russian building, ground survey work has surge toward East Prussia, spraybeen started and construction is scheduled to begin within the next ing German positions at Grajewo, only two miles from the frontier 30 or 40 days, Loughlin said. in the attack along the Bialystok-The building, which was approv Lyck railway

ed Monday by the War Production The Russians already are Board, will be constructed at the endangering thousands of outflankcorner of Moore and Dickinson St. ed German troops fighting in the and will cover the lot from Dickin-Suwalki triangle a short distance son through to Wood streets, City above the Biebrza river sector. The Manager A. C. Nichols said yes-Suwalki triangle, annexed to east terday. Prussia from Poland in 1939, re-

terday.

A preference rating of AA-3 has cetly was invaded by Gen. Ivan been granted for the purchase of Cherniakhovsky's Third White Rusnecessary materials. The incinerator will be a three-story structure

When German reserves, flung with two 112-ton units, either or

once.

LONDON, Aug. 15 .- (AP) -while seizing the towns of Breton, Serignac, Lannion and La Clarte, in Brittany. Complete disorganization of Germany's communications The report said the delivery throughout France was claimby authoritative French sources today as patriot forces struck with new intensity to assist the Allied invasion in the south and the sledge-hammer blows in the west.

Aid In Invasion

The independent French news been stopped. agency reported from Bern that 10,000 French patriots were "advancing toward Vichy" and that hundreds more were joining them as they pushed ahead. The agency said six other de-

tachments of French forces of the interior were moving on Bordeaux. The dispatch did not say

where the patriots were coming from or how they were armed. A communique issued through the French press service reported that French forces of the interior killed 800 Germans, wounded 300 and took 100 prisoners during the past 24 hours

In Move To Join Normandy Force of equipment from factories working on German production had been halted by sabotage. It listed the Englebert works near Complegne and the liquid air factory at Rheims as among the "many" whose output had The French were officially

silent on E. F. I. activity in the area of the southern invasion but a spokesman said the Maquis had undoubtedly joined up with the Allies in large numbers at the beachhead, while ripping up roads, demolishing bridges and clearing minefields

in the rear. Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Allied commander in the Mediterranean, issued instructions to civilians in the south, warning them not to block roads, not to try to cross combat lines, to report on German movements and to maintain discipline.

Insurance, Safety

The formal appointment of

For ACL Railroad

TRAPPED ENEMY HAMMERED HARD

Eisenhower's Troops Get Strangle Hold On Foe In Coffin Corridor

SUPREME HEADQUAR-TERS ALLIED EXPEDI-TIONARY FORCE, Wednesday, Aug. 16. - (AP) - The Germans caught in the Normandy death trap were being hammered mercilessly today in the climatic battle for northwestern France and an American officer declared the enemy forces "have ceased to exist as an army."

Rain, which fell in sheets across the battlefield and sent the swarms of warplanes back to bases, was the only hope of Field Marshal Gen. Guenther Von Kluge trying to extricate his forces through a shellfraught gap below Falaise now narrowed to nine miles.

As Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's troops in Normandy tightened their grip on the entrapped Nazis a new Allied invasion on the southern coast of France tore another breach in the crumbling walls of Hitler's luropean fortress.

Robert Scott as director of British and Canadians on the safety and insurance of the north and Americans on the west Atlantic Coast Line railroad, and south closed in on the pocket with offices in Wilmington, was for the kill which will mean the announced yesterday by C. McD. Davis, president of the greatest victory for Allied arms in the west in this war.

Even should the bulk of the 50, Scott was formerly director 000 or more Germans believed still of safety, and was in charge in the trap manage to elude the of insurance. The new appoint-Allied armies, they will be in no ment places Scott in charge of condition to stand and fight before Paris, for an officer declared

New Invasion Front Opened

Mediterranean Coast Of France

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NAZI DEFENDERS **OUICKLY ROUTED**

Invaders Make Landings **On 125 - Mile Front** In Toulon Area

ROME, Aug. 15. - (AP) -Thousands of Allied troops, mainly Americans and French, swarmed onto the south coast of France on a broad front between Marseille and 'Nice today, seized and extended firm beachheads against inconsequential German opposition, and drove northward with the avowed intention of joining the Allies in northwestern France.

An Allied communique at 10:40 p.m., said American and French troops before dawn took the Sentinel islands of Port Cros and Levant, 10 miles off the coast, and seized Cap Negre, on the mainland due north of the islands and 28 miles east of Toulon.

Other specific locations were not given, the beaches being placed merely in the 125 mile strip of coast between Marseille and Nice. The Germans said the focal point of the Allied invasion was at St Raphael, 30 miles northeast up the coast from Cap Negre, and also said there were landings west of Toulon and at Bormes, 25 miles east of that onetime naval base.

American airmen who flew over the beaches late in the day said there was no sign of any concerted enemy opposition and that American vehicles were "running all over he countrys de.

The official night statement said,

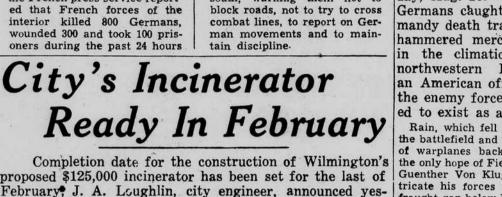
"On the beaches of the mainland

where landings were successful

against light opposition, the opera-

tion is proceeding satisfactorily."

adding that, "substantial numbers



along the East Prussian-Lithuanian border farther north, slowed Cher niakhovsky, the Second White Russian army went over to offensive now rolling dangerously close to the ELLIOT REPORTS southern border of East Prussia on the fringe of the Masurian lakes famous battleground in the first World War.

sian army.

One more case of typhus has The Soviet high command daily communique was silent about this been reported to the Consolidated sector, but Associated Press Mos- Board of Health, Dr. A. H. Elliot, Third St., prominent Wilmington storming to within a mile of pivotcow Correspondent Daniel De Luce city-county health officer, disclos- citizen who retired from the posi- al Falaise, nine miles above where said an invasion of the southern ed last night. partof East Prussia was likely in the next 72 hours.

In the north Gen. Ivan Mas-lennikov's Third Baltic army had nine, and the total for the year to nine, and the total for the year to

NEW TYPHUS CASE

swept half way across southern approximately 13. Estonia and was on the verge of cutting the Pallinn-Riga trunk rail-way — communications back-bone linking the 200 000 strended Core situation in this vicinity has U. S. Army now overseas; and linking the 200,000 stranded Germans of Col. (P)en. Georg Lindemann's two Baltic armies which ing of cooler weather and the Howard, U. S. Army. are fast withering under the blows cooperation of mothers in limiting

the activities of their children. Two cases of polio now remain

The Russians were only 70 miles under quarantine in New Hanover

Madise, less than five miles from county. the Tallinn-Riga railway and 13 miles west of Antsla on the road ian-Latvian border city and rail

of this powerful contingent.

from the Gulf of Riga.

northeast of Antsla. column swept through Mustajoe, 27 miles southeast of Tartu and 127 miles from Tallinn, Estonian capital on the Baltic. Ten miles northeast of Voru they seized Vastse-Koiola. Pushing along the Petseri-Tartu railway another group took llumetsa, 12 miles northwest of Petseri. The advance point taken n the push northward along the west bank of Lake Pskov was Mikitamae, 13 miles north of Petseri. For the first time in weeks the Russian bulletin mentioned the Warsaw area, saying that German counterattacks had been repulsed tast of Praga, the east bank sub-Tb of the Polish capital on the Vistula river. Russian units of Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's First White Russian army last were reported within 11 miles of War-^{iew} at Mostowka on the northeast. Besieged Warsaw is 100 miles southwest of the shattered Beibrza liver sector, and Zakharvo's troops and those under Rokossovsky have ben slowly driving a wedge be-tween Warsaw and East Prussia.

both of which may be utilized a the entire insurance depart ment, in addition to his duties in the safety department.

railroad.



W. H. Howard, Sr., of 316 South

ber of typhus cases to develop within the past several weeks to luck Clinic vesterday afternoon in an attempt to close the trap. army patrols made contact with American forces at the west end German patrols three miles south-

He is survived by one daughter, At the same time, Dr. Elliot Mrs. Harry T. Paterson, of this pressing down from the north front was quiet except for artil-"greatly improved" in the past two brothers, H. W. Howard of Conde-sur-Noireau. several days due both to the com- Cartersville, Ga., and A. N.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

PRIORITY GROUP TO MEET

POLIO VICTIM DIES said, in a seven-mile advance Mr. and Mrs. John H. Benge, died employment ceilings recommended still were held in the trap.)

miles west of Antsla onthe road The Benges child was the eighth less and other essential employers, into the Alied lines, Gen. Eisenhow- mans. ^{to} mperilled Valga, also was seiz-^{ed} as well as Urvaste seven miles, where 230 cases have been treated. tor, said today. ed as well as Urvaste, seven miles where 230 cases have been treated. tor, said today.

the Seventh army had lost most of its equipment and material. Americans advancing four miles

or more were seizing great stores of ammunition and equipment, and hundreds of prisoners were streaming back through the American lines.

ITALIAN FRONT The roof of the German corridor in Normandy's hills and hedgerows was caving in, with Canadians tion of general passenger agent the Third American army is pound-This case brings the total num- of the Atlantic Coast Railroad ing north against fierce resistance gagement developed when Fifth

of the corridor drove forward two east of Pontedera yesterday but in to four miles, while British troops all other sectors the Italian land

stormed the German citadel of lery duels, Allied headquarters Vassy, and were threatening said today.

German shelling of Florence al-Squeezed on all sides, the Ger- most ceased and the Allied posimans were probing the south limits tion there "continues to imporve Flying Fortresses and Liberators failed to return. of the trap for a weak spot through steadily." headquarters added. which their thousands of confused Although there was some interfer-

ence from snipers, food, water and soldiers might escape. Some of them braved the hail of medical supplies continued moving ing wrecks of 180 to 270 Nazi planes on the battered Reich capital. Non RALEIGH, Aug. 15.— (P) — The shells and bombs sealing off the into the city in great volume for state manpower priorities commit escape hatch and fled during the the civil population.

tee of the War Manpower Com night, and unofficial estimates Allied tanks and mortars engag-HICKORY, Aug. 15.-(P) -Henry mission will meet here tomorrow were that 50,000 or more of the 100,- ed the enemy on both sides of Junction, was captured, the bulletin E. Benge, three-year-old son of to rule on manpower priorities and 000 to 200,000 in the Seventh army the Arno bend west of Signa. Eighth army troops mopping up northwest of Antsla, taken Monday. at the emergency polio hospital by WMC area directors for essen But as hundreds of the enemy, pockets of resistance in the Em-The rail station of Anne, three yesterday one hour after arriving. tial employers of 25 workers or hands raised in surrender, trooped poli area killed at least 25 Ger-

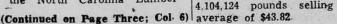
At Florence it was fearned that

were blown up without any prior announcement to Florence citizens who had been dealing with the Germans seeking an understanding with the Allies to save the city's Citizens along the river front were ordered out of their homes about

72 hours before the demolitions took place. High Florentine sources said Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring ordered the bridges destroyed because he was determined that the Allied pursuit of the Germans north of Rome should not

TOBACCO FIRM TO SOME LOWER

FLORENCE, S. C., Aug. 15-AP-Flue-cured tobacco on the North Carolina and South Carolina border belt market was firm to one-cent lower today, the War Food Administration reported. The general average for Mon day was the highest of the season, 4.104,124 pounds selling for an



MILES 100 BARCELONA

Allied troops scored a new victory yesterday when they invaded the southern coast of France between Marseille and Nice. Overall picture of the ter ritory involved in the fighting is shown above.

Great Aerial Fleets of Allied troops, together with guns, munitions and supplies, had been landed across the beaches of south-**REPORTED QUIET** ern France by dark this evening. **Batter Enemy Forces** "The beachhead has been ex-ROME, Aug. 15-(P)-A brisk en-

LONDON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Three thousand American and British planes, two-thirds of them bombers, cast 8,000 have yet been reported." tons of explosives on a score of enemy air bases and airdromes in Belgium, Holland and Germany today, while an- ed that German prisoners taken in other powerful force of Italian-based heavyweights hop- most total demoralization, primarped the Mediterranean to southern France and blasted a ily as a result of the American wide path for the new ground invasion there. A force of 1.100 RAF Lancasters*

an. Halifaxes and nearly 1,000 U.S. Sixteen bombers and five fighter

churned up enemy air strips wrecked buildings, and ieft flam struck Berlin, hurling blockbuster. caught parked on the fields.

Fighters escorting the American mines in enemy waters, was lost. bombers also destroyed a number The fresh daylight attacks were been slight. of planes on the ground, disabled 62 locomotives, and destroyed or aimed at squelching any attempts

by the Germans to gather their damaged 188 railway cars. Moderate enemy opposition in the depleted sky strength for support

air was encountered, the bombers of their desperate ground forces knocking down 13 planes and the back-tracking before victorious Alfive of Florence's beautiful bridges fighters bagging 14 for a total of 27. lied troops in France.

tended and widened during the day's operation. "Enemy opposition remains sporadic, and no enemy air attacks Word from the beaches indicatbreakthrough in northwestern

Sea

INEA

France, which they realized meant that the fatherland's downfall was near. One dispatch from a correspon-

Last night RAF Mosquitos again dent in the field said that by afternoon the invaders were well into southern France and going ahead fast against Germans who were of the Mosquitos, which also laid caught entirely by surprise. Allied casualties were reported to have

Thousands of Allied parachutists and airborne troopers landed well inland at 4:30 a.m., also against scanty opposition, following the important opening blow against the offshore islands. A picked force had neutralized the islands' big guns silently to pave the way im the tactical surprise of the main seaborne landings which followed. Backed by more than 800 warships of all sorts - the greatest naval force ever assembled in the Mediterranean -the first seaborne troops went ashore in broad daylight at 7:30 a.m. (1:30 a.m., EWT) at several un dentified points between Marseille and Nice-a 125mile stretch of Rocky coast.

"The army of France is in being again, fighting on its own soil, said a proclamation by Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, the Allied commander in chief. Distributed by plane, his proclamation told the French the primary aim of the new invasion was "to drive out the Germans and join up with the Allied armies advancing from Normandy," to form a solid front across France.

Heavy aerial bombardment preceded the invasion in a final installment of the aerial softeningup process that had been in progress for three days. The air forces announced that

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Striking northward along the Six Lumber Operators Fined \$39,000 For OPA Ceiling Price Violations with the Allies to save the city's historic and artistic treasures.

ELIZABETH CITY, Aug. 15 -(A)-Six individuals operating and controlling lumber companies in the south were ordered to pay fines totaling \$39,-000 by Judge I. M. Meekins in federal court here today when they pleaded nolo con-tendere to Office of Price Administration charges of criminal violation of price ceilings set for southern pine and hardwood lumber.

The criminal charges were lodged against J. W. Wells of Montgomery, Ala., B. H. Oates of Kenansville, N. C., W. A. Gooch of Hallsboro, N. C., J. P. Jamieson and L. L. Shertzer, both of Montgomery, and L. A. King of Belhaven.

The OPA charged that they individually, and as associates, sold and delivered to "numerous persons, firms, and

ceilings."

corporations large quantities of southern pine and hardwood lumber at prices in excess of

The indictments further charged the defendants with "causing lumber shipments to be misrepresented, upgraded, falsely invoiced and illegal commissions added, resulting in sales being made at wholesale in violation of ceiling prices." Each individual was fined

\$6,500. At the same time, Judge Meekins took into consideration a treble _ damage settlement of a claim made by the OPA at Montgomery, Ala., in the sum of \$6,000 and paid by one of the companies. Total fines and penalties to the de-fendants totaled \$45,000.

Norman C. Shephard, district OPA enforcement attorney,

said the charges grew out of a long-term investigation of sales by the J. W. Wells Lumber company and its associated companies and partners by **OPA** investigators.

Shephard said the J. W. Wells company, of Montgomery, with branches at Lumber City, Ga., Milligan, Fla., and Hallsboro, N. C., was the principal defendant in the OPA action. Other firms named in the action were listed by Shephard as:

The J. W. Wells Lumber company, Belhaven, N. C.; the Wells - Lacy Lumber company, Brunswick, Ga., and Lumber City, Ga.; the Wells-Oates Lumber company, of Kenansville and Currie, N. C.; the North Carolina Lumber

put him under a cloud last

Eisenhower that "Old Blood.

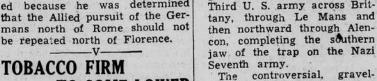
Patton Leads Third Army In Big French Offensive

and Guts" was one of Ameri-SUPREMEHEADQUAR-TERS ALLIED EXPEDIca's finest field commanders. The supreme commander, re-TIONARY FORCE, Aug. 15vealing today that Patton was (P)-Fiery Lt. Gen. George S. on the marching wing of the Patton, Jr., is the tactical Third army, said it was genius who drove the rampant 'where he belongs."

(In Washington the Senate Tuesday confirmed Patton's promotion to the permanent rank of major general. The Senate military affairs committee had withheld approval of the nomination since last voiced Patton, has been lead-October over the soldier-slaping an army literally "born in ping incident but indorsed it battle" Aug. 1. It has been on unanimously after disclosure the offensive since the day it was created and never has let of his new role. Reprimanded

by Eisenhower, Patton publicly Living down the soldier-slapapologized to his troops. (Senator Chandler (D-Ky) ping incident in Sicily which said committeemen agreed fall. Patton justified the con-Patton was "a great soldier" who had been "sufficiently viction of Gen. Dwight D.

digiplined.")



up a minute.

