

YANKS IN GERMANY

Soviets Cross Into East Prussia

Great Blow Also Struck At Warsaw

RUSSIANS ON MARCH Powerful New Offensives Unleashed By Red Units On Reeling Nazis

LONDON, Tuesday, Sept. 12.—(P)—Russian troops in one of the fiercest struggles of the war yesterday drove to within two and one-half miles of Lomza, gateway to lower German East Prussia, and Moscow announced officially today that Red army patrols had crossed from Lithuania into that imperiled Nazi province.

Berlin also announced that the Russians had penetrated German lines in a "concentrated assault" on Warsaw's eastern suburbs, 75 miles southwest of the narrow river stronghold of Lomza, and said that in southern Poland other Soviet troops in a fresh offensive aimed at northern Hungary had captured the fortress town of Kroono in the east Beskids chain of the Carpathian mountains.

The Soviet midnight communiqué telling of the entry into East Prussia came a few hours after Allied headquarters had announced that American troops now were fighting inside western Germany. It coincided with reports from Berlin and Moscow that three powerful Red armies were on the verge of unleashing new offensives on a 300-mile front opposite East Prussia, extending from northern Poland up to the Baltic sea.

Moscow said that the patrols had crossed the Sospa river border between Lithuania and east Prussia, "gathering valuable information" on German troop dispositions, and then returned safely.

For several days unofficial reports have told of these patrols, made while Gen. Ivan Chernikov's third white Russian army amassed men and material for a new drive.

In the flaming sector northeast of Warsaw the Russians were throwing in masses of men backed by swarms of tanks and covered by terrific artillery barrages and plane bombardments. Berlin said one German front reporter was quoted as saying the drive was launched "with such hellish artillery fire that it was a relief when Soviet infantry and tanks at last struck." He added: "It cannot be described in words what German soldiers endured here."

Lomza, 20 miles south of Germany's east Prussian border, appeared about to fall to the Russians, whom Moscow said captured 40 localities on three sides of the bastion. These included Komarzyce, two and one-half miles to the southwest, Gielczyn, three miles south, Pniow, seven miles southeast, and Sulki, seven miles on the west.

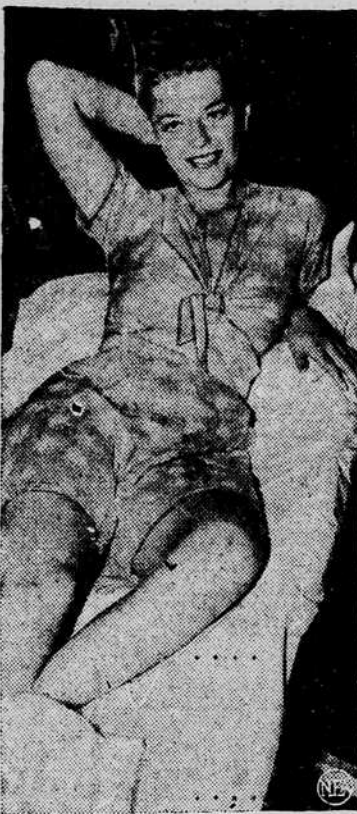
The capture of the Sulki cut the railway between Lomza and Ostrona, and put the Russians only nine miles south of Nowogród, which, like Lomza, is another important Narva crossing point on the west.

Wrightsville Beach Gets \$25,000 For Repair Work

The Federal Works agency yesterday announced approval by the President in Washington of a grant of \$25,000 for repairs and rehabilitation of streets and boardwalks in Wrightsville Beach, which was damaged or destroyed by the tropical storm on August 1.

Bids to resurface streets and repair boardwalks have been received by Wrightsville officials and contract is scheduled to be awarded soon, subject to final approval of the Washington central office of the F.W.A.

Sleeps On Job



Harriet Bergman, above, of New York, actually sleeps on the job—and gets paid for it. She tests sleeping qualities of new-style pajamas for designer Harry Berger. Most of her work is done at home although she has a cot in the Berger offices. She's the wife of Sgt. Mannie Bergman, now overseas with the Air Corps.

SHARPTON GIVEN PASSENGER POST

J. B. Sharpton, who now holds the position of assistant to the vice-president in charge of traffic, R. J. Doss, has been appointed assistant passenger traffic manager of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company to fill the position made vacant by the retirement and recent death of the late W. H. Howard.

SOLON SAYS WARNING GIVEN PEARL HARBOR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—(P)—Rep. Harness (R-Ind) declared today "there appears to be an abundance of evidence" that 72 hours before the Pearl Harbor attack of Dec. 7, 1941, the Australian government advised Washington a Japanese aircraft carrier force was headed toward Pearl Harbor. He stated he was informed the information was not relayed to Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, then commanding Army forces in Hawaii.

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Sept. 11.—(P)—In a shattering sea-based action against the Philippines, first of the war by the Allies, a U. S. carrier task force destroyed an entire enemy convoy of 52 vessels, blasted five airfields and wiped out 68 Japanese planes in widespread raids against Mindanao last Friday.

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The blazing action marked an advance of approximately 500 miles beyond the westernmost previously reported positions of carrier-based aircraft, and was coupled with new heavy attacks on Paramushiro and the Volcano Islands far to the north.

BLACK WIDOWS ROUT JAPANESE

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Tuesday, Sept. 12.—(P)—American Black Widow night fighters broke up the largest Japanese aerial effort in this area for several months—a 16-plane raid Saturday on American island bases off Dutch New Guinea—as Allied bombers continued their unopposed pulverizing blows against wide-spread targets, headquarters announced today.

The American fighters downed two of the Japanese twin-engine bombers raiding American airfields on Biak and OWI islands. Headquarters reported bomb damage was minor.

The Japanese effort was a striking contrast to the 100-bomber raids which they were able to deliver in the New Guinea area last night. It showed the enemy still is able to send hit-and-run night raiders into a sector dominated by Allied air power, but it also illustrated the changing tide of the war.

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The new tally brings the total of all types of Japanese ships sunk by U. S. submarines to 732, of which 61 are fighting ships and 61 cargo carriers and miscellaneous craft.

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The warning, linking Austria's action now to her post-war future and promised independence, is one of a long series by which American diplomacy has sought to make trouble for Hitler in preparation for Allied military forces advancing across the enslaved countries of Europe.