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AMERICANS DRIVE SOUTHWARD IN FRANCE

\$36,140,000 Project For Roanoke River Near Here Planned

Oldest Prisoner



Tired of war—and seemingly of everything else—is this 76-year-old Nazi in Army uniform, subtly deflated at being captured by our Yanks in France and pictured heading a transport for U. S. internment as a prisoner-of-war. Coast Guard photo. (Internationals)

Norwegian Coast Hit By Planes

Oslo, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Naval planes operating from a carrier base 30 miles from the Norwegian coast today hit the Birn island off the coast.

The attack was reported and described by the Norwegian press. It was reported that German coastal defenses and shipping southeast of Trondheim, scene of a frustrated British amphibious operation in 1940 to send Norway from German occupation.

The Admiralty said that several bases and large storehouses on an island were heavily attacked and set afire. Six enemy planes were destroyed on the ground, and another damaged. Radio stations and shore gun positions were successfully attacked. The communiqué said, and a large oil tank set afire. Three armed beach were left burning. The tank cost two aircraft.

The Norwegian government announced that Allied aircraft again attacked the battered German battleship Tirpitz July 16. The big warship was moored under a cliffside and suffered only light damage, reports from Norway said. About 70 planes took part in the attack.

Flood Control In Postwar Period Is Included in Bill

Washington, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The Senate Commerce Committee has approved a bill to authorize the postwar construction of flood control works estimated to cost one billion dollars. The bill itself carries no appropriation.

Included in the program are the following projects in North Carolina and South Carolina:

The construction of the Cape Hill reservoir on the Savannah river in South Carolina and Georgia, \$24,000,000. It would protect 236,140,000 Bagnall-Leland reservoir on the Roanoke river, which would affect North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia, and flood flood control on the Roanoke river in South Carolina, \$20,000,000.

Rail Yards, Air Centers Are Ripped

London, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Up to 750 bombs, most of the redoubt of Metz, American heavy bombers, and 500 and more in northern France today, for a few hours, after a force of four-engine bombers poured six-ton incendiary bombs into the U-boat yards of Brest.

Air fields 30 miles east of Paris and near Lyon were attacked. American Fortresses, flying to British bases, also hit an air field near Toulouse on the final leg of a massive strike from Britain to France and back through Italy.

This afternoon, however, RAF night attacks on Berlin and Grossa, a rail hub 100 miles southeast of Paris. It was the second consecutive night Berlin was hit by two- or a bombs.

HUTSON SPEAKS AT WHITEVILLE AUG. 15

Whiteville, Aug. 12.—(AP)—J. B. Hutson, Jr., of Greensboro, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, announced today that J. B. Hutson, president of the Community Credit Corp., would speak at the Whiteville high school at 8 p. m. August 15, at the annual barbecue meeting of the Columbus County Farm Bureau.

Hutson will discuss the 1941 tobacco situation, cotton prices, and the postwar outlook for blueprinted tobacco.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WITH PACIFIC WAR CHIEFS



ARRIVING IN HAWAII for his three-day conference with members of the Pacific high command, President Roosevelt is shown here driving to one of the gatherings with Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Chester Nimitz. Decisions concerned the quickest way to defeat Japan. U. S. Navy photo. (International Soundphotos)

Nazis Leave Florence

Rome, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The Germans withdrew all their forces from Florence today, and thus the agricultural life of Italian art and culture was spared from the ravages of battle.

Allied troops have retreated from Florence on the northern part of the city lying beyond the Arno river, reentered on the south bank of the stream, but officers of the military government issued orders to assist the hungry civilian population.

It was apparent, an official announcement said, that the enemy withdrew the bulk of his forces during the night to the north of Mugello canal, training through the northern outskirts.

The eighth army, bringing up its lines to the west for a crossing of the Arno and on a result on the German Gothic line forward, reached a number of villages west and northwest of Arezzo against stiffening German resistance.

An official source said Colonel Euchs, who was the German garrison commander at Florence, had fighting under him parachute

198, engineers and various first squadrons who infiltrated into houses south of the river as snipers.

The Allied command announced that it now was possible for the Allies to help them in the northern part of the city, who under the Germans had been short of food, water and medical supplies.

Some supplies still were being sent from inside the city.

The Germans have been pushed back to 100 to 1,000 yards on both sides of Florence, but action in general on the Italian front yesterday was confined largely to patrolling, headquarter said.

Guerilla War In Germany

Munich, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Edward J. Riedel, editor of the anti-Nazi labor paper, said in a speech today made in Germany, the Communist party is now active in the underground movement.

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It is reported in a report against the guerilla movement in the north, that the party is now active in the underground movement.

Another underground party and four policemen who sought shelter in a building that was now powered by torches, and only one policeman escaped.

South France Bombed From Italy Bases

Rome, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Fifteenth Air Force heavy bombers numbering upwards of 750, delivered a blistering attack on enemy military installations in the coastal areas of southern France today, following up an opening attack yesterday by the tactical air force.

Coastal defenses in northwest Italy also were hard hit in the second day of heavy hammering of Nazi defenses guarding the Mediterranean coast approaches to Hitler's crumbling European fortress. Mustang fighters strafed targets in the same areas.

American Fortresses, flying back to British bases, joined in the attack hitting an air field in southern France.

Cotton Lower At The Close

Table with 2 columns: Month, Price. Data for October, December, March, May, July, and Middling spot.

Some Holders Of B Ration Coupons Will Be Favored

Washington, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration is considering a plan calling for a substantial increase in the gasoline ration of a relatively few B book motorists in highly essential work and permitting at the same time a curtailment of the rations of some less essential C drivers.

While no decision has been reached, it was learned today that the plan involves granting gasoline for a maximum of 325 miles of driving a month to B motorists anywhere in the country when in-course-of-work driving is considered highly important to the war effort.

TEN NEW CASES OF PARALYSIS LISTED

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The State Department of Health today reported ten new cases of infantile paralysis, bringing the total since June 1 to 518.

The new cases are as follows: Caldwell 1, Davidson 2, Forsyth 3, Robeson 2, Surry 1, Yadkin 1.

HUDSON FAMILY LOSES SECOND SON IN WAR

Hickory, Aug. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Mayron L. Annas, of Hudson, have lost two sons in the war.

Dr. Jack L. Annas, 19, was killed in action in France, his parents have just been notified. His brother, Pfc. Rex B. Annas, was killed in the Philippines in January, 1942.

Mrs. Jack Annas, the former Miss Winnie Leach, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leach, of Hudson.

ELIZABETH CITY MAN IS KILLED IN CORSICA

Elizabeth City, Aug. 12.—Lt. Joseph C. Markham, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Markham, Riverside avenue, was killed in an accident on the Mediterranean island of Corsica on July 29, his parents have been notified by the war department.

Lieutenant Markham had been in the service for two years and had been overseas since early June.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy and hot tonight and Sunday, with scattered thundershowers in mountains stander afternoon.

U. S. Headquarters Silent On Purpose Of New Operations

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Aug. 12.—(AP)—American forces still continuing vast secrecy-cloaked operations today west of Paris, have sent columns spearing ten miles across the Loire river into southern France, and simultaneously tactical bombers from Italy pounded vital German targets on the Mediterranean coast.

The break south of the Loire, which the American president in Le Mans carried on a double thrust to Paris, and to the Germans' already multi-encircled army south of Caen.

It was timed with a bombardment along more than forty miles of the French and Italian Riviera by Italy-based warplanes striking at pillboxes, gun emplacements and radio stations of enemy coastal defenses. This blow was reminiscent of pre-invasion air raids on the French channel area.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's forces across the Loire had great implications, but the possibility of the Allies' course in this area may not be speculated upon at present.

It was the first sign, however, that the Allies did not intend to base their southern flank on the Loire river, stretching inland from the base at Brittany almost to Paris, and were starting to bite a chunk out of huge and thinly defended southern France—an area roughly four times that of the northwest Seine-Loire corner, which they now dominate.

The best information is that Field Marshal General Blaskowitz, guarding southern France, now has considerably fewer than ten divisions. When the Americans approached the Loire, Spanish reports said, a large portion of Blaskowitz's forces were rushing northward with support for Bordeaux, 100 miles south of the Loire, evidently to establish a loose line. The lightning American penetration apparently threw a moment's wrench into this effort.

General Sir Bernard Montgomery in a message to his troops yesterday, asserted "the great bulk of the German forces in northwest Europe are in a bad way. We are around them and they are in a bad way. It is possible some of them may not get away."

Supreme headquarters remained completely silent on the United States' drive reported spearing north, east and south of Le Mans. A loud dispatch said the Germans were actively opposing a push north of Le Mans, an offensive which threatens to gain in behind the enemy in the Cher area before Falaise.

A Berlin radio report picked up in London said American bombers reached Ales, about 30 miles north of Le Mans, and pushed on north for several miles.

LAKE CITY AVERAGE \$42.76 FOR THE WEEK

Lake City, S. C., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Total sales at the Lake City tobacco market for the first four days of the season were 1,942,890 pounds, which sold for \$81,308.14. The average price was \$42.76 per hundredweight.

The sales the same period last year were 961,024 pounds for \$42,817.25.

Sales yesterday were light, 156,234 pounds at the highest price of the season, an average of \$42.81. All grades showed advances.

Indications point to heavier sales by the middle of next week.

Soviet Push New Menace To Germans

Severe Pressure Is Being Applied By Two Red Units

Moscow, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Two Soviet armies, moving through 200 captured settlements over a 100-mile front, advanced upon the Mezzanin lakes country of East Prussia today in a campaign which seriously endangered the Germans' entire left flank.

Marshal Rokossovsky's troops, driving northward from positions northeast of Warsaw, and General Kuchera's forces, striking out toward the World War battle theatre in East Prussia, were applying severe pressure on the Germans.

The Germans, who had massed reserves of armor in the East Prussia-Lithuanian frontier, began a frenzied shifting to meet the new danger. Divisions from the field said the tanks and half, often in hand-to-hand clashes, initial counterattacks, launched by the reserves. Ten to twelve counter blows were hurled against separate sections, but these were said to have short-lived, with the enemy retreating westward.

This is difficult country for tanks, Russian infantry largely is winning the battle, marching over chess to East Prussia.

Simultaneous moves poured in from the Lithuanian front as General Maslennikov followed up his great breakthrough south of Polkov, and penetrated deep in the enemy rear, a Red Star patch reported.

Correspondents said the Germans, three in a new division in the region captured Persen and that it seemed one of the steepest headings of the campaign.

U. S. WAR CHIEF ON TOUR OVER ITALY

Rome, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Robert P. Patterson, under secretary of the U. S. War Department, and Lt. Gen. Sumnerwell, head of the Army service forces, have arrived in Italy to inspect military installations in the Mediterranean theatre, it was announced today.

Attrition Upon Islands South Of Japan Started

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Big United States Army Liberators, on Saipan have opened the same day's campaign of attrition against enemy islands south of Japan as that of New Guinea-based bombers already perceptibly weakening bases guarding the Philippines.

While General Douglas MacArthur added five more ships today to the eleven his August reports have listed as sunk by planes south of Minamoa, Admiral Nimitz disclosed the first heavy land-based strike of the volcanic islands, 750 miles from Tokyo.

Nimitz did not say from whence the Liberators carried their 47 tons Wednesday to Iwo Jima, but identified the bombers as elements of the seventh army air force, previously reported to have moved its advanced base to Saipan.

BULLDOZER DIGS GRAVE FOR MASS JAP BURIAL



THE TRENCH BEING DUG by a Yank bulldozer along a beach road on Saipan is to be used to bury the hundreds of Japanese dead whose bodies are sprawled by the road and in the field at right. The rumbling bulldozer pushes before it a mound of earth that will be used to cover the dead Japs. Some wounded can be seen on the left by the sea. The jeep on left carries the body of another dead Jap. (Internationals)