

COMMANDS U. S. THIRD ARMY



All dressed up in a new field uniform, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., emerges from his tent on the front in Northern France, to direct operations of his fast-driving U. S. Third Army. Now moving swiftly toward Paris, Patton's men are giving the German forces in that sector plenty to worry about as the Allied front approaches the Nazi-held French capital. (International)

U. S. FORCES AT SEINE RIVER

AMERICANS NEAR MARSEILLES

Toulon City Is Flanked By Advance

Beachhead Widened Into Area Roughly 1,000 Square Miles

London, Aug. 19—(AP)—A broadcast by a CBS correspondent in southern France on Friday said the fall of Toulon may be a matter of hours.

Rome, Aug. 19—(AP)—Major General Patch's seventh army, extending its southern France beachhead to 1,000 square miles, has spearheaded westward to within thirty-one miles of Marseilles in a drive flanking Toulon and has pumped at least 32 miles inland, Allied headquarters announced today.

NAZIS SHOW WHITE FLAG NEAR TOULON



AFTER BEING CORNERED by American assault troops in a French town east of Toulon, Germans carrying a hurriedly improvised white flag surrender to the tanks. The American doughboys hold their rifles just in case the Nazis act up as they move along. U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

Retreat Of Nazis May Be Blocked

Battle of France Fast Turning Into Rout for Germans

London, Aug. 19—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Stockholm today quoted a Berlin correspondent as saying three American columns were now fighting their way through the Paris suburbs. There was no Allied confirmation, and the correspondent said his reports were unofficial.

London, Aug. 19—(AP)—United States spearheads have reached the Seine river at points 27 and 12 miles northwest of Paris in a lightning offensive, Berlin said today, which threatened to close off the retreat of fleeing Germans below the river, and to cut Paris from western France.

Patriots Now Hold Vast French, Italian Regions

3,800 Nazi Vehicles Are Cracked Up

Paris, With Liberty Near, Has Largest Underground Group

London, Aug. 19—(AP)—Patriot groups rising against the Nazis have established control over vast French and Italian areas, reports from Rome and today, while Paris, its liberation approaching, was reported as having the largest resistance force in all of France.

Rome dispatches said some 40,000 well-equipped men were fighting in a single battle in one section of Italy. In French districts near the Swiss frontier, there were probably three times that many.

Italian partisans were said to have won almost full control of Liguria and Piedmont, provinces in north-west Italy. Genoa is in Liguria.

French patriots were said to hold the upper hand in about half of the Haute-Savoie region of eastern France.

French resistance forces have occupied 70 villages, a communiqué from Major General Keeg announced today and all police of the Seine and Loire departments have joined the Maquis.

Frank, Bloodhound Of State's Prison, Has Lost Standing

Greenville, N. C., Aug. 19—(AP)—Frank, famous North Carolina prison bloodhound, has lost face. Even the other bloodhounds won't have anything to do with him, and guards at the prison stockade have had to isolate him in a separate pen for his own safety.

Frank, a noted hunter, committed the ultimate error of his profession when he allowed two escaping convicts, fleeing from a road gang, to make friends with him and to him up. The prisoners, long-term convicts who escaped Tuesday afternoon, finally were tracked down by Frank's former mate, Minnie, and recaptured, but Frank's career is over.

10,000 Patients Sent From London Ahead of Robots

London, Aug. 19—(AP)—About 10,000 patients have been evacuated from London hospitals, it was disclosed today, after the Germans had sent over a flock of robot bombs.

The first salvo, longest in the Germans' two months old vengeance campaign, fell during the night. Patients not too ill to travel have been sent to hospitals in Scotland, Wales and northern and western England, the ministry of health said. Well over one million Londoners have moved out of the city, it is estimated. Again this week-end railway stations were jammed by crowds which included an appreciable number of persons heading for an extended stay.

FORRESTAL IS ON VISIT TO LONDON

London, Aug. 19—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal has arrived in London. Censorship prevented any speculation concerning the purpose of his visit.

Britain Hails Patton As Newest Hero Of The War

London, Aug. 19—(AP)—Britons are hailing a new hero—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., in whom they see embodiment of many qualities frequently attributed to Americans: dash, daring and rip-roaring drive. They are applying such terms as "legendary" to the exploits of Patton, whose tankmen are riding roughshod through the Germans into the heart of France. The press continually relates his exploits with tanks, six shooters and swords on and off the battlefield.

The Britons are familiar with the soldier slapping incident of Patton's stormy career, but, in the words of the London News Chronicle, General Eisenhower's faith in Patton's ability "secured his services for the swiftest outflanking move of any army in history."

The News Chronicle has picked "son of a gun" General Patton as its man of the week.

The London Evening Standard editorially lauded Patton and his men, commenting: "There can have been few sights to equal the Americans

MEMORIAL SUNDAY FOR LATE DR. KOCH

Chapel Hill, Aug. 19—(AP)—Memorial services for Dr. Frederick H. Koch, pioneer in talk drama and director of the Carolina Playmakers of the University of North Carolina, who died in Miami, Fla., Wednesday, will be held here in the Forest theatre Sunday afternoon. In case of rain, services will be held in the Playmakers theatre.

Mrs. Koch and their son, Frederick, Jr., were with Dr. Koch in Florida when he died Wednesday of a heart attack. The body was cremated and brief services were held there yesterday.

Nazi Retreat To Narrower Line Likely

Will Probably Be Unable to Stand Along the Seine

On the British front, Aug. 19—(AP)—A German retreat to a narrower front was forecast today by a British staff officer who declared "I don't think the Boche can stop at the Seine."

The plight of Field Marshal Von Kluge's armies caught in the grip of the Normandy trap was described as the "greatest puzzle even" with thousands of Germans struggling chaotically to escape captivity.

A senior British officer was quoted as saying, "We've killed a frightful lot of Huns. The enemy is in bad shape."

Elements of 11 German divisions were captured yesterday and, although the number of prisoners taken on the British second army front dropped off appreciably, a headquarters communiqué said the enemy was suffering terrific losses in killed and wounded. He said, "As the situation stands now, I don't think the enemy can stand at the Seine. He must go flat out to a narrower front."

The German radio broadcast of delaying us on small rivers is finished. There will be one big jump back to the Seine and I can't see the Boche holding us there."

Two Soviet Armies Surge Forward For Gains On Germans

In Hitler Plot



THE BELGIAN RADIO announced that the former mayor of Leipzig, Germany, Dr. Karl Goerdeler, accused of participating in the plot against Hitler, was arrested. The Nazis had offered a reward of \$200,000 for Dr. Goerdeler. (International)

U. S. BOMBERS HIT PLOESTI OIL AREA

Rome, Aug. 19—(AP)—Fighter formations bombed Ploesti, Romanian oil center, for the third escorted U. S. Air Force flying circus intensive day today, encountering intense flak and some enemy fighters. A smoke screen obscured rest of the day.

MARKETS BLOCKED AT THE WEEK-END

Florence, S. C., Aug. 19—(AP)—Blocked sales on the Carolinas Border Belt markets yesterday left a large volume of tobacco on hand for Monday's sales. The auction markets are closed on Saturdays.

As the second week of the season ended, the War Food Administration reported advances of one to two cents a pound for most hogs and non-descript grades. There was a sharp increase in the amount of leaf grades offered.

Last Snipers Wiped Out In Mid-Florence

Rome, Aug. 19—(AP)—The Italian front remained relatively quiet today, with the last snipers cleaned up in the central part of Florence.

There was sporadic fire along the Arno river and some enemy patrols were repulsed. Allied patrols carried out deep reconnaissance in the upper Arno valley and in the Adriatic sector.

Heavy rains fell along the front, hampering operations. Meanwhile, the material necessary to crack the Gothic line and open a path into northern Italy was being prepared.

W. F. A. BEEHIVE FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair with moderate temperatures tonight and Sunday; slight cooler tonight except little change in mountains.

Decisive Victory In Poland Awaits Russian Efforts

Moscow, Aug. 19—(AP)—Two Soviet armies surged forward today in coordinated attacks against a 100-mile sector stretching from Warsaw's eastern suburbs to the Lyso mountains guarding German Silesia.

Marshal Stalin's high command timed the Polish drive to strike with General Cherniakov's assault in East Prussia.

The German command and the Russians had launched an offensive on a wide front northeast of Warsaw.

The Soviet home front tensely awaited a salute from Moscow's guns announcing that the Red army had won the first town inside Germany.

The Germans, having squandered nearly 700 tanks in four days of counter attacks, were faced with a smashing Red challenge for decisive victory in Poland.

Marshal Konev's first Ukraine army sent armored columns surging up the west bank of the Vistula, against the enemy's river defenses. Other units smashed toward severing the Warsaw-Krakow railway.

Konev's destruction of the upper Vistula resistance, was the signal for Marshal Konev's first White Russian army to regain the initiative in the battle raging four to seven miles east of Warsaw. Red infantry, with powerful artillery support, pushed into the flank of the narrow German salient extending from Praga to Ossow.

Supreme headquarters maintained secrecy on Patton's drive, but said armored patrols had pushed out from Dreux, Chartres and Orleans, in a ring west and south of Paris, in several directions, and in some cases had withdrawn.

With Laval in flight from Paris, were German Ambassador Otto Abetz and all personnel of the German embassy, Berlin radio said. A spokesman was quoted as saying no details could be given until Monday.

War Is Going Very Badly For Japs On Most Fronts

(By The Associated Press.)

With Allied bombers pounding Nipponese positions from Timor to the Volcano islands, while ground fighting in China sees-sawed indecisively, the war went badly for Japan along most of her fronts today.

Nevertheless, Japan's "committee for the study of postwar problems" chose to propose the postwar establishment of "three regional blocs of nations"—the East Asiatic, the European and the North and South American—each with its leader nation.

Meanwhile, General Douglas MacArthur announced today his airplanes had attacked Japanese airbases had attacked Japanese airbases the Meiguets, and had scored three bomb hits on a Japanese merchantman in Mindanao's Davao Gulf, in the Philippines.

Admiral Nimitz reported that his planes bombed two islands in the Solovno group 750 miles south of Tokyo. Wednesday and also bombed and strafed Roto and Pago in the Marianas, and Truk, in the Carolines.