

INVASION

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A veteran correspondent reports from the
battlefront in ~~North~~ Northwest France that before the week
is out, we may hear of two stirring events. One, ~~will~~
~~be~~ the fall of Paris, the other the final destruction
of the German Seventh Army. And the last will be by
far the more important, from a military point of view.
The elimination of the German Seventh, ^{also} will wipe out
~~also~~ the Panzer, artillery and infantry units ~~that~~
have been drained off from the Fifteenth German Army
to help the ^{Nazi} Seventh in its distress. So the destruction
of that force undoubtedly will mean the end of any
further serious fighting in France.

This was corroborated today by a message to the
Allied soldiers from General ~~Sir Bernard~~ Montgomery,
Commander of all the land forces under General
^{Monty of El Alamein}
Eisenhower. ~~He~~ recalled that on August Eleventh, he
had spoken to the officers and men of the

Allied armies in northwest France and told them they must write off the powerful German forces once and for all and so hastily end the war. To this ~~Monty~~ ^{Montgomery} ~~Monty~~ ^{El Alamein} added the words: "Today, ten days later, it has been done." He stated categorically that the German armies in northwest France have suffered a decisive defeat. The destruction in the Normandy pocket is terrific and still ~~is~~ going on.

Any enemy units that manage to get away, he said further, will not be in fit condition to fight again for months. But, he continued, there are still many surprises ~~xxx~~ waiting for them. He used these words, which can make us, ~~on this side of the ocean~~ ^{over here, feel} quite proud: "As a British general," said Monty, "I can speak for all the soldiers of the Empire, and express our high admiration for the brave fighting qualities of the American armies." He also spoke of the tenacity of the

British and Canadian troops on the eastern flank.

Monty finished his order in characteristic fashion, saying, "The Lord, mighty in battle, has given us the victory." And he concluded: "The end of the war is in sight, let's finish off the business in record time."

The German retreat, we hear, comes exceedingly close to being a rout. The British, as they are mopping up fragments of German units, find them bewildered, at a loss and hopeless. True, the Germans have still some of their crack divisions in that part of the country, capable of desperate resistance. But they no longer have anything to hold on to.

The British have captured three more German generals.

And, the Allied forces today took 25,000 more Nazi prisoners in Normandy!

General Patton's advance^a columns today were doing their best to make good ~~Monty's~~ ^{Gen. Montgomery's} words. Two of them rolled ahead on both sides of Paris. Thirty miles above the capital, his third army threw a bridgehead across the river and quickly built it up into a jumping off place for further advances. Patton is now in a position to outflank Rouen, on the one hand, and sweep on toward the coast where the Nazis have their launching platforms for the robot bombs. With another wing of his army, he can outflank Paris and aim for ~~the~~ ^{Hitler's vaunted} west-wall, ~~of Hitler's Reich.~~

~~The Allied forces today took twenty five thousand Nazi prisoners in Normandy.~~

Patton's crossing of the Seine was achieved first by ^a ~~the~~ division of paratroopers which landed on the east bank. There they established ^a ~~the~~ bridgehead for the tank forces ^{that then} ~~which~~ crossed over on pontoons.

The Germans admit the crossing of the Seine, but they claim that they were able to hold the bridgehead down to narrow dimensions. Nevertheless, the Yanks are ^{now} only twenty-five miles from Paris on the ^{and} northwest, fifteen to thirty-five miles away on the ^{TP} southeast. In addition

to the twenty-five thousand Nazis captured in ~~Normandy~~

^{Gen.} Normandy, Patton's men took almost fifty thousand

German prisoners, killed eleven thousand, and wounded

forty-nine thousand.

In other words, they ^{alone} put out of action more than one hundred and ten thousand Nazis.

As for Paris, [The radio station at Algiers

reports that the Maquis are operating inside the City, ~~of~~

~~light~~ ^{Parisians} and that the ~~people~~ ^{Parisians} are setting themselves free

from the Germans, while Patton's men are still fighting

the Nazis at Versailles.

SOUTHERN FRANCE

Stories from southern France grow more spectacular every hour. According to one ~~story~~ from ^{an American} Switzerland, ~~an~~ armored spearhead ^{is now} of the Yanks is within a hundred miles of Bordeaux. This report is a trifle vague and dubious, because it does not tell us to what army that spearhead belongs. The story merely says that ^{our men have driven} ~~those Yanks drove~~ a hundred and ten miles ¹ ~~1~~ beyond the River Loire, and passed through Angouleme. ¹ ~~1~~ It sounds a trifle improbable, because it would mean that this column is a long distance from the main body ^{all} of the American armies. The report adds that those particular Yanks encountered no opposition from the Germans.

The official truth is ^{dramatic} ~~quite spectacular~~

enough. ^{now} Americans and veterans of the Free French are fighting on a front a hundred and fifty miles wide.

One spearhead has driven to within eight miles of

Marseille, and a French division is at this moment fighting in the outskirts of Toulon. This is the first individual operation of those French veterans on their own soil since the Third Republic fell more than four years ago. They are battering their way into the great naval base from the north and the west. The heavy guns of two Allied battleships and two cruisers paved the way by bombarding the strong German fortifications into silence before the attack on foot.

Still another French column is forging ahead towards Toulon from the east. The Germans are now just fighting for enough time to destroy the great naval installations at Toulon. They are making a desperate defense but cannot hold out much longer. The garrison is doomed because the French have cut off their last avenues of escape, to the north, east and west.

As for the Americans, their right wing moving
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northward stormed into Valensole. The patrols of that

right wing pushed ahead four more miles, having advanced
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twenty-four miles in one day. The Americans at Valensole
are only eighty-six miles from [↑]Genoble, which is the
heart of that part of southeastern France which is
entirely dominated by Maquis. That right wing of the
American Seventh Army is evidently aiming for the valley
of the River Rhone.

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And now Hugh, what news
from Stan. & Calif.

TRAITOR FOLLOW SOUTHERN FRANCE

~~As~~ The Allied armies ~~recover more and more of~~
~~France, they~~ are rounding up more and more of the
Frenchmen ~~who~~ collaborated ^{over} ~~with the Nazis~~ ~~in this the~~
~~officers are having their work cut out, because~~

Naturally the infuriated populace is anxious to get
even with those collaborators. ~~Both the Free French and~~
~~the Americans are taking every measure they can to bring~~
~~prevent individuals from taking private vengeance, but~~
~~they have their work cut out,~~

One collaborator caught in the net is a
former President of the French Chamber of Deputies, ^{and}
~~the~~ French Minister of the Navy during the last war; and,
more recently Minister of Information to Marshal Petain.

He is seventy-one years old, but his age ~~will~~ probably
^{will}
not save him. The Free French found him hiding in a
friend's house. So hated was this man, that he had
to be removed to a strong prison. Yesterday morning

Ferdinand Borel
this former cabinet minister, ~~and political tycoon~~

underwent an ordeal not to be envied. He was walked through the streets with a gang of Nazi spies, while a movie camera man of the French Information Service took a picture of the group. Among them also was a woman with shaven head, who had been too friendly with the Germans. A huge crowd booed and jeered and shouted threats, but ~~the spies and collaborators were~~ ~~protected by~~ a strong guard of tough young partisans, armed with rifles and machine guns.

A French traveler to Madrid reported^S that France today is completely ^{without} ~~without~~ a government, Paris is isolated from the rest of the country, and the Maquis ^{now} ~~have~~ occupied Vichy. P Dispatches from the Swiss border ^{tell us} ~~report~~ that ~~Pierre~~ Laval has fled to a place ten kilometers from the Swiss border, ^{and near:} ~~and only forty miles~~ from Germany. ~~With him was the Vichy Ambassador to the~~ ~~German occupation government in Paris.~~ Laval and his

party arrived in a fleet of Nazi motorcars, protected by a heavy force of German elite guards.

This French traveler ^{also} declared that the only Nazi troop movements he saw were from the south and the west, going toward Germany. He said further that those in possession of information believe the Germans will retreat to the Maginot and Siegfried Lines and the Albert Canal. German soldiers, he added, are despondent because they have but little support from tanks, artillery or aircraft.

There is ^{another} report that ~~the~~ high German military and gestapo leaders ^{have been} holding conferences at Hendaye, on the Spanish border, because they no longer are able to receive any direct orders from Berlin. ^{TR} A stream of refugees is fleeing across the border into Spain; ~~they~~ ^{are} principally collaborationist, French and Germans.

3 Many of them are crossing the border on foot. The last

ADD SOUTHERN FRANCE

A late dispatch confirms the report that the Free French have captured Toulon ^{was} Earlier in the day we heard that Allied warships had appeared off the French coast in the southern part of the Bay of Biscay.

The capture of Toulon ^{now} means that the Spanish border will soon be entirely in French hands and that the recapture of Bordeaux is not far off.

ROMMEL

In tonight's news there is a story ~~which~~
~~those~~ ~~backs up the~~ repeated ~~re~~ reports that Nazi Field
Marshal Rommel is dead. For weeks the German dispatches
~~from~~ from the front have not mentioned him. And tonight
Edward Beattie of the United Press gives a detailed
account of the death of a high general officer of the
Nazi forces who was critically wounded, died near the
Normandy front, and whose body was taken by airplane
to Berlin. Beattie has the story from the Mayor of
a small town in Normandy. ~~That~~ ^{He} French Mayor knew
the wounded man was a general because of his uniform. ~~In~~
~~fact~~ helped ~~to~~ give the Nazi ~~General~~ General first aid.
In doing so, the French Mayor removed the General's
watch. The following day a General of Artillery came
to the ~~Mayor~~ Mayor and asked him for the Marshal's
watch. The Mayor asked how the patient was and the
Artillery General replied "The Marshal is all right".
Later it came to light that the Marshal's body had
been flown to Berlin for ~~the~~ burial.

RUSSIA

The Russians admit a definite defeat for first the time since their latest big offensive began. *The* ~~They had to~~ ^{ion of a section of} evacuate ~~a city in~~ Latvia thirty-three miles east of Riga. They acknowledge the retreat, *says it's a real* ~~quite, frankly, and it is quite a~~ setback. *Meaning* the Germans have been able to break through the ~~armed~~ ring ~~which~~ the Soviet Generals had thrown around the German troops trapped in ~~the~~ Latvia and ~~E~~stonia.

~~But the Nazis may not have so much to~~ ^{TP} ~~crow about after all.~~ Although the Second Baltic Army ~~did~~ ^{xxx} gave way in front of Riga, the third Baltic Army drove to within five miles of the railroad which forms the chief line of communication between the German armies in Latvia and Estonia.

Also on the good side of the Russian ledger is a victory for the First White Russian Army under Marshal Rokossovsky. After three weeks of fighting he broke through the German defense line along the railroad from Warsaw to ^a ~~Bilystok~~ ^o.

As for the ~~that~~ defeat in Latvia, ~~is~~ for the moment

it is
serious because it holds up the Russian attack on East Prussia. ~~Furthermore~~ *and* it has released a number of Nazi troops ~~which~~ *that now* can be sent to the relief of the Army defending East Prussia.

~~While the First White Russian Army threatens Warsaw from the northeast, another Red host is advancing to outflank Warsaw on the South. The Nazis themselves admit the Soviet forces have established a new bridgehead on the West bank of the Vistula River.~~

BULGARIA

Way back in Nineteen Eighteen, the first definite omen of the collapse of Germany came from Bulgaria.

The Bulgars were the first of the Kaiser's Allies to quit him and sue for peace. London says that part of history will repeat itself tomorrow. There are strong indications that the Bulgarian government will accept the offer of Winston Churchill, the offer to "work its passage home", as he phrased it. Representatives of the Bulgar government have been talking to American and British envoys in Turkey for the past week.

The War Department today gives us an official ~~report on~~ ^{account of} Sunday's raids over Japan by our B-29 Super-Fortresses. The results were fair, says Washington. There were two attacks, one by day, one by night. The crews on the night mission reported that they could see fires burning in Yawata thirty minutes before they came to their target.

We lost four of the giant bombers, ¹ shot down by accurate flak from ground crews.

At the same time, the Navy reveals that Uncle Sam's ~~big boats~~ ^{submarines} in the Pacific are cutting down more and more of the Jap supply fleet. Since the last report, which came only a week ago, they have sunk nineteen more enemy vessels, including two warships.

DUMBARTON

The long heralded three-power conference at Dumbarton Oaks began today, the conference to outline preliminary drafts of a world organization to keep the peace. Secretary Hull opened it by reassuring the small nations that they would be included ^{as} ~~would be~~ partners, in any international undertaking. Representatives of the other powers corroborated our Secretary of State. Sir Alexander Cadogan, head of the British delegation, echoed his remarks, also Soviet Russian Ambassador Gromyko. The gist of what they said was that if the international security organization is to do any good, it must include the resources of all freedom-loving nations.

MACHINISTS

The machinists union at San Francisco

will not punish a member who works as the government has asked. After the government seized one hundred and four machine shops, they ^{men} returned to ~~themselves~~ their jobs. At the same time they declined to withdraw their rule against doing overtime. They took a vote which means that if individual members want to work

more than forty-eight hours a week, they will not be penalized. But they do not agree with the action of the President. All of which means that, in principle, the

~~the~~ machinists union still keeps up its opposition to the government.

And now Hugh, a final word from you.