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BATTLE RAGING IN AACHEN CITY AREA—Berlin

Troops Pouring Through the Siegfried Line: Heading for the Rhine

500-MILE THRUST TO GERMANY 8 Miles Past Maastricht

AS the Allied Armies thrust eastwards towards Germany along the 500-mile front from the Swiss frontier to the Scheldt estuary on the Channel coast, American forces were reported to-day to be pouring through the Aachen gap in the Siegfried Line, heading for Cologne and the Rhine.

In Aachen itself our forces have now reached the city area, according to Berlin reports, which add that fighting is going on in the city. Reuter reports suggest that the fall of Aachen is imminent.

According to New York radio the Americans have pushed seven miles east of Aachen and have broken out into open country leading towards the Rhine river defences.

"The Allied assault front now solidly covers the German border for a distance of nearly 187 miles," added the radio.

It is learned from an unquestionable source, says a Zurich message from Cologne, that military units have been named to take over all police administration in towns and villages west of the railway line Muenster-Dortmund-Cologne-Coblenz.

Our forces were last reported at Stolberg, six miles east of Aachen and 30 miles from Cologne.

Waldendorf Falls

Strong Allied columns are fanning out north, west and south of Aachen and by-passing the city. These advances have placed General Hodges' men on a great four-lane autobahn (one of the German high-speed roads) running into Cologne and other parts of the rich industrial area.

Among the latest towns to be captured is burned-out Waldendorf, half a mile inside Germany, six miles east of Dieckrich and 20 miles north-east of the city of Luxembourg.

The troops fighting their way into the Siegfried Line east of St. Vith are coming under heavy fire from strongly held pillboxes, mortars, and artillery.

Troops who entered Maastricht are now pushing eastwards across the Dutch "appendix" towards the German frontier.

British troops are expected to push forward into Germany at any moment now, while General Patton's forces further south are getting into position for making similar penetrations in Germany.

U.S. Over the Escaut

Fierce fighting continues for the second British day over the Escaut Canal, where the enemy is mortaring and shelling our positions. In spite of this, our positions there have been strengthened.

Poles and Canadians are making slow progress towards the Scheldt estuary in spite of flooding of the Belgian coastal areas.

Berlin said this afternoon that U.S. Army units have crossed the Escaut at Mechelen, eight miles from Maastricht.

In the southern sector, the German 112th Panzer Brigade has been almost completely knocked out as a fighting unit by General Patton's forces near Epinal and is no longer able to function. It was stated to-day.

It is estimated that 3,500 German prisoners were taken and 4,000 killed as a result of the Third Army's thrust to Nancy.

The Germans have thrown violent counter-attacks against the Allies in the vicinity of Pont de Mousson, on the Moselle, and midway beneath Nancy and Metz. All have been stemmed.

Moselle Build-Up

Elements of General Patton's armour have now thoroughly linked up with General Patch's Seventh Army and are cleaning up the pockets between the two armies.

American units continue to cross the Moselle in a constant stream to build up the forces on the far side. The Seventh Army has made steady progress. The Germans have been fighting delaying actions to cover the hinge of their retreat towards the Belfort Gap, and resistance is now reported to be stiffening.

French troops sweeping into the vicinity of Fays-Billot, 47 miles S.W. of captured Charnes, trapped an enemy column attempting to escape along a road north-east of the town and wiped it out. About 300 Germans were killed, all vehicles in the column were destroyed and four 88 mm. guns were captured.

The Seventh Army has captured Chateaus, south of Nancy, and has reached the vicinity of Mircecourt. Some units have sprung forward against slight opposition to the vicinity of Montbard, north-west of Dijon.

Dim-Out Problem



"YES, but we can't very well go and tell her she's a distinguishable object." — By Gitting.

Leaving the Sinking Ship—By the Germans

COLOGNE newspapers, the Koelnische Zeitung and Westdeutscher Beobachter, openly reveal that "many Rhine-landers would welcome capitulation," says a Zurich message. The Westdeutscher Beobachter addresses an article to "the defeatists who inwardly think it would be best to hoist the white flag."

"Capitulation would be senseless, because it would mean the end of our ordeal," it says. "At present the future looks horrible, but our strength lies in the fact that no one can leave the sinking ship. That is why we are strongest in despair."

Pick-a-Back Flying Bombs: London Alert

"Evening News" Air Correspondent

LONDON'S early alert to-day—its first since August 31—was caused by a few flying bombs of the pick-a-back type, launched from Heinkel 111 aircraft over the North Sea.

They caused some damage and casualties in the southern counties, including the London area.

Southern England as a whole had not had a flying bomb for 11 days.

A renewal of the attack on the old scale of intensity is considered extremely unlikely.

It was at first believed that the fly-bombs had been launched from portable sites near the Hook of Holland.

On Village Green

Two of the bombs, coming in over the Essex coast, crashed in open spaces, doing little harm and causing no personal casualties.

They were the Steadmans and the Claxtons. Of the former, Claxton (2), Albert (31), June (44) and the father were dead when found among the debris. Mrs. Steadman was killed and her son John (14) was taken to hospital seriously injured.

Terry Claxton (7) and Jean (11) were also killed, and Mrs. Mrs. Claxton were taken to hospital.

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Two Families

In another incident two families in one house, numbering ten in all, were nearly wiped out.

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8th THREE MILES FROM RIMINI

LONDON SCOTTISH IN ADRIATIC DRIVE

SMASHING through the Adriatic coast corridor, the Eighth Army, with Greek troops, have reached the edge of the Rimini airfield, only three miles from the key town itself.

They have now established a five-mile front across the Malvano River, five miles south of Rimini, with spearheads fighting for San Lorenzo, three miles from the coast.

The Germans—most of whom are left without transport and therefore, have the alternatives of surrendering, fighting to the death, or trying to get away on foot—are putting up a terrific fight between the Munro River and Rimini.

5,500 Prisoners

Since the opening of the Adriatic offensive 5,500 prisoners have been taken.

British troops have made further gains north of the Conca River and captured Cascio and Ill Poggio.

It was revealed to-day that the London Scottish are fighting with the Eighth Army, and that it was the 46th Division, commanded by Major-General (Ginger) Hawkesworth, who breached this sector of the Gothic Line.—Reuter, Exchange, A.P.

NO LIGHTS HERE

Coast Areas Named

THE coastal areas to which the black-out relaxation will not apply were officially named in an order issued by Mr. Morrison to-day. List on Back Page.



EXPERIMENTAL HUT for bombed-outs, erected at Poplar.

PREMIER, F.D.R. TO LIFT QUEBEC VEIL

STATEMENT TO-NIGHT

From LEONARD WIBBERLEY

New York, Saturday. THE world will know to-day all that it's likely to know for some time of the decision reached at the Quebec conference. At noon (Eastern war-time) the two leaders will hold a Press conference, at which each will make a statement, with Mr. Churchill emphasising Britain's determination to pursue the war against Japan after Germany's defeat.

It is possible that British and forces will concentrate on the liberation of Burma and Malaya, though the Navy may join with the U.S. fleet in an all-out assault on Japanese homeland.

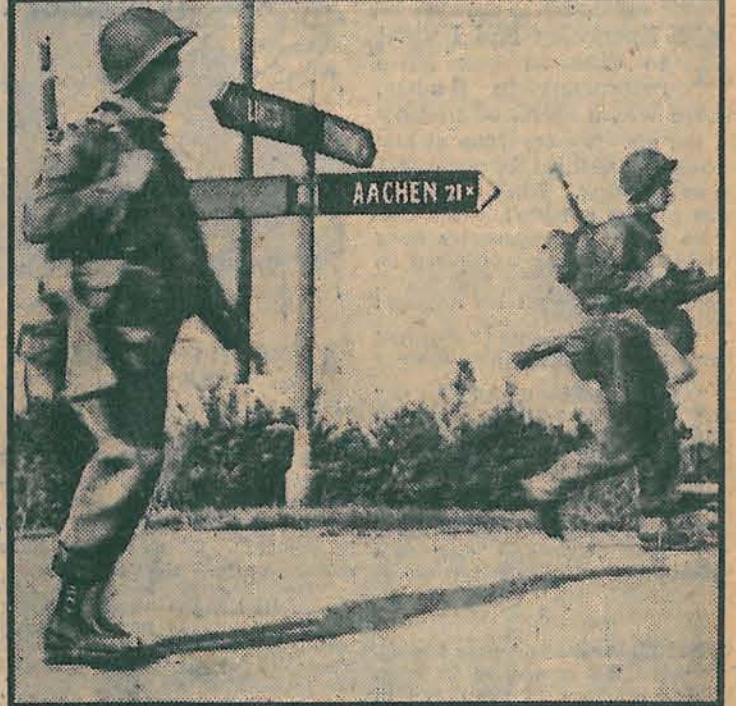
Another Meeting?

Meanwhile there is talk that Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt may hold a further meeting before the Premier returns to England.

Another conference is definitely called for, but it is unlikely to take place without the presence of Marshal Stalin.

GEN. DE GAULLE TOULOUSE

General de Gaulle is visiting Toulouse to-day.—Algiers radio.



ON THE RIGHT ROAD—Picture received to-day.

Sir Malcolm finds 500,000 into 44,000 doesn't go, so—

HUTS CAN'T SOLVE THE WHOLE HOUSE PROBLEM

Though They're Roomy and Comfy

"Evening News" Reporter

WITH Devonshire House as his headquarters, Sir Malcolm Kinnaird, K.C., £5,000-a-year Chairman of the War Damage Commission, has started his work as chief of staff to Lord Woolton in the campaign to deal with flying-bomb damage.

He will fill up every hour of the next few days with appointments and conferences. He has at least two conferences to-morrow.

His slogan for dealing with war damage is: Speed, sympathy, and simplicity.

He told me to-day that in this new work—for which he will receive no extra reward—the regard for speed is most important.

"My part, as I conceive it," he said, "is by working in the closest touch with everyone concerned—councils, builders, operatives and the Government—to discover how best to ease the ways and clear the bottle-necks."

Both human and material factors could impede progress.

"I propose in the very near future—probably in the next fortnight—to see all the authorities concerned."

Sir Malcolm added that the only reason he accepted the job was to be of help to everybody concerned—most of all to those unhappy fellow-Londoners who were desperately anxious to have comfortable homes again.

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Winter Coming

"Hundreds of thousands of houses and other properties need mending," he said, "and the winter will soon be on us. The prospect looks menacing enough anyway. It is rendered the more so by the fact that evacuees are unfortunately drifting back."

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Short of Men

Sir Malcolm has visited many blitzed areas, and intends to see a good deal more of them.

He will have an outdoor secretary to accompany him.

"One of the great difficulties," he said, "is finding craftsmen. We must be careful to see that craftsmen are well used."

Unfortunately, the 10,000 huts to be provided will take a lot of them.

In 10,000 huts you can only house about 44,000 people—and there are 500,000 homeless.

"My aim is to get people back into their homes."

Requisitioning

Sir Malcolm intends to look carefully into the requisitioning problem. He is meeting the local authorities about that on Tuesday.

East Enders, he pointed out, are not always willing to go to big West End houses, but neighbours might be kept together.

Choosing tenants for the huts would be left to local councils. The rents are not yet fixed.

Materials for them are being supplied by the Works Ministry, which is speeding up output of tiles, slates, wall-board, glass, etc.

Doors and window-frames are of so many sizes that mass production is impossible.

London alone needs 150 million tiles and slates and 200,000,000 square feet of ceiling and wall-board.

London's first experimental hut stands almost complete, at Clengall-grove, Millwall. Built by the Poplar Borough Council, it will be officially inspected on Tuesday.

23ft. x 20ft.

It is 23ft. by 20ft. and has three rooms—two bedrooms and a living room with partitioned-off kitchen. This has a draining board, wash boiler, electric cooker and food cupboard.

A second smaller and simpler hut, of the Nissen type, is to be built on the same site. It will be 25ft. by 10ft. and will have a living room about 17ft. 6in. by 13ft. 6in. and two bedrooms.

Local authorities wanting huts will be expected to tell the Health Ministry how many they need.

RED ARMY IN YUGOSLAVIA, SLOVAKIA As Tanks Move Round Warsaw

The Red Army has entered Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, says an Exchange message from Moscow.

FROM a broad front on the east bank of the Vistula Marshal Rokossovsky is poised to-day for a new lunge forward in the Battle of Warsaw.

He is sending out armoured columns to extend the threat to the war-torn capital from the east to the north-west, and powerful Red Army units of tanks and mobile guns are engaged in bitter fighting north of the suburb of Praga, which is on the east bank.

Though there has been no further news of the Soviet force which was some time ago reported to have secured a bridgehead on the west bank of the Vistula below, it is believed that this bridgehead has been maintained and will play a decisive role in the reduction of the German defences at the right moment.

Soviet and Polish troops killed about 8,000 German troops in the four-day battle for Praga and took 44 prisoners.

Other Fronts

The new Soviet offensive in Latvia and Estonia, reported by German radio to have been launched with 400,000 men, is still not mentioned by Moscow.

In Southern Poland, Russian units forced the River San and captured the town of Liske after hard fighting.

In the Lukowa area, 40 miles north of Przemyśl, the Germans launched six counter-attacks which cost them over 200 in killed alone.

In Northern Transylvania, Soviet and Rumanian troops in a joint operation took the town of Todlita.

NOT ONE CLOUD

Perfect Autumn Day

IT was sunny and clear in the Straits of Dover early to-day after a real autumn night, with the temperature falling to 43 degrees and a heavy dew.

At daybreak there was not a cloud in the sky, and with the barometer having risen during the night prospects were again good for more fine weather, with the temperature rising to over 60 in the afternoon. The wind was yesterday, very light, and the sea smooth.

WHITE HOUSE HOPES

Dewey's "Straw Vote" Up

Survey for the week ended August 26 by the New York magazine Fortune showed that President Roosevelt got 49.3 per cent, straw votes for the forthcoming Presidential elections and Mr. Dewey, Republican candidate, 44.4 per cent, says Reuter.

No preference voters totalled 6.3 per cent. The previous week's figures were: President Roosevelt, 54.6 per cent; Mr. Dewey, 40.9 per cent; "no preference," 4.5 per cent.

GERMANS' LAST MAIL

The German radio said to-day that German E-boats had broken through to the remnants of the isolated German garrisons on the Channel coast to fetch the last mail which the troops had written under the hail of enemy shells.

WHEN TO BLACK-OUT

To-night	To-morrow
p.m. 8.43	p.m. 7.41
a.m. 6.7	a.m. 6.9

When it's Moonlight

To-night	To-morrow
p.m. 8.17	p.m. 7.37
a.m. 6.12	a.m. 6.10

LATEST

13 MILES INSIDE REICH

Berlin says heavy battles taking place in the Bitburg area. Bitburg is 13 miles inside Germany beyond the Luxembourg frontier.

BIG STOLBERG BATTLE

Says Berlin

German radio this afternoon reported heavy fighting south of Stolberg, 6 miles east of Aachen. "Thus," it said, "the Allies have now entered area of West Wall."—Reuter.

NEW CROSSING INTO REICH

Berlin reports new U.S. crossing into Germany on Luxembourg border. Polish troops have entered Poland and Canadians have recrossed Leopold Canal.

PILOT GOT 2 FLY-BOMBS

R.A.F. fighters scored successes early to-day when flying bombs were launched against London and Southern England. One pilot shot down two of the missiles on one short patrol.

APPLES FOR CHRISTMAS

The U.S. War Food Administration announced that for the first time since 1941 fresh apples from U.S. would appear this winter in United Kingdom markets.

Hitherto shipments have been prevented by lack of shipping space. First apples are expected to leave U.S. in time to arrive in England for Christmas season.—Reuter.

EVACUEES GO

Out, Instead of In

PADDINGTON to-day had no piles of plums, bicycles or cases. All the staff had to deal with were man and baggage.

Evacuees still returning to London are struggling with their own luggage.

The tables were turned when hundreds of people lined up for trains leaving London. Only a short queue, three deep, stretched a few hundred yards up Cambridge-terrace.

Trains for Cornwall, Torquay and Wales all went out crowded—often with evacuees.

At Euston a few evacuees came in on the Inverness train—but many more were lining up for tickets to leave London.

TEHRAN WINS

The Aga Khan's 5th Leger

The Aga Khan won his fifth St. Leger to-day when Tehran (9 to 2) finished first in the last of this season's classics at Newmarket.

Boralis was second and Ocean Swell, the winner of the Derby, third.

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