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S/Sgt. Joseph P. Bayerl

## SGT. BAYERL IS LOST IN ACTION

Milladore Soldier Left With National Guard Unit In 1940

Mr. and Mrs. John Bayerl, Milladore, received a telegram yesterday advising them that their son, S/Sgt. Joseph P. Bayerl, is missing in action in the Southwest Pacific area.

The telegram to his parents stated that he has been missing since July 7.

Sgt. Bayerl enlisted in the National Guard, Company C, 128th Infantry, 32nd Division, at Marshfield in October, 1940. He left for overseas duty in April, 1942. Before that time he had trained with the National Guard in Louisiana.

## 2 OF 3 DICTATORS TAKEN FROM SCENE

Tojo Joins Mussolini; Hitler Having Difficulty In Germany

(By the Associated Press) Two of the three Axis dictators who plunged the world into war

## British Grab 12 Towns on Highway Leading to Paris

### SOVIETS CROSS 1941 FRONTIER

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Marshfield News Herald

#### Outskirts

(Daniel De Luce, veteran Associated Press war correspondent and Pulitzer prize winner, has arrived in Moscow from the Italian front to cover the Russian offensive, now driving across Poland. De Luce was in Poland when the Germans invaded that country in 1939, later covered the war in Greece and escaped from that country to Turkey. He subsequently was in Burma when the Japanese attacked, covered the British retreat and then went to North Africa where he followed the Eighth Army drive across Tunisia. His first dispatch from Moscow follows.)

BY DANIEL DE LUCE

Moscow —(AP)—The German Army showed signs of breaking in the hotly contested battleground west of the Niemen River before East Prussia today as seven fronts flamed in battle.

(The German radio said Russian troops had reached Augustow, at the base of the Suwalki triangle which was annexed to East Prussia out of Polish territory in 1939. The town is eight miles from the pre-1939 frontier of East Prussia.)



Daniel De Luce

The string of German-held cities of Lwow, Brest Litovsk, Bialystok, Kaulnas and Daugavpils was tottering, with the Russians fighting to the outskirts of Lwow in southern Poland and possibly in the suburbs of Brest Litovsk in northern Poland.

#### Fighting Continues

(The German communique said "Soviet forces advancing from Lwow," about midway between Lwow and Brest Litovsk, "were brought to a standstill on the Bug River." Enemy attempts to break through toward the city (Lwow) itself were checked. Heavy fighting is continuing north of Brest Litovsk.")

In the south the Russians for

### Former Prisoner Of Marshal Rommel Leading Allied Thrust

BY WES GALLAGHER

Supreme Headquarters Allied Force—(AP)—Strong armored formations under command of a man who once served as a prisoner of war under Erwin Rommel's command have captured 12 towns and now are approaching Vimont, eight miles southeast of Caen on the road to Paris, Supreme Headquarters announced today.

Just short of Vimont the armored drive led by Lt. Gen. Sir Richard Nugent O'Connor—who was captured in the African desert in 1941 but escaped from an Italian prison camp—jabbed into battered German positions after carving out a four-mile wide spearhead south from the vicinity of Troarn east of Caen.

#### 30 Villages Taken

Comparative quiet was registered on the American front except for local advances between St. Lo and Periers which took three villages, the Supreme Command announced. A dispatch from Associated Press War Correspondent Hal Boyle said American patrols crossed the Ay River in the coastal sector and other forces clashed with Germans entrenched in Lesay, western hinge of the Nazi line.

(The German communique said that British attacks were continuing southeast of Caen "without gaining the hoped for breakthrough." Berlin said "the ruins of St. Lo have been abandoned" to the Americans.)

Fighting raged on a bulging 10-mile front from southwest of Caen across to the vicinity of Troarn as the British drove remnants of five and a half enemy divisions back toward Paris and the Seine. Heavy fighting was reported at the farthest announced points of advance—the outskirts of Troarn and near Vimont.

#### Allies Lose Speed

Rommel was on the run again, but it was not clear whether he was going to risk a major battle in the Caen plain. The Allied thrust still pushed ahead steadily although it had lost the speed with which it got off after the Air Force shattered the German lines with an unprecedented bombing.

While British armor slugged into German anti-tank screens on the east, Canadian driving straight south from Caen swept through

## DNB SAYS NAZI DICTATOR HURT

High Officers On Fuehrer's Staff Are Seriously Injured

### MEETS WITH MUSSOLINI

London —(AP)—Berlin announced that Adolf Hitler was burned and bruised in an unsuccessful bombing attempt on his life today.

Three of Hitler's military leaders were seriously injured, while his chief military advisor Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl was less seriously hurt along with five other generals and two admirals.

(The PCC said one German broadcast said the attempt on Hitler's life was "by dynamite," another mentioned "explosives" and still a third said merely "an attempt was made on the life of the Fuehrer today, Thursday.")

The broadcast announcement did not give the scene of the attack, but it obviously took place while Hitler was surrounded by high members of the military staff—perhaps at Hitler's headquarters.

#### Tojo Ousted

The announcement came hours after Tokyo's announcement of the fall of Premier Hideki Tojo, and Berlin said Hitler a-

#### POLICE ON TRAIL

New York —(AP)—The Berlin home radio said today, "the would-be perpetrators of Hitler's assassination have escaped, but the police are on their trail," NBC reported.

After the attack received Benito Mussolini, third member of the ill-starred trio who led the Axis into war.

Among the seriously injured Berlin said, was Lt. Gen. Georg Schmundt, chief of the German Army's personnel department and chief military aid de camp to Hitler for several years.

Two lieutenant colonels named Brandt and Borgmann, and a "co-laborator" named Berger also were listed as seriously injured.

Slightly injured were these: Generals Jodl, Hitler's personal military aide; Karl Enderschaetel, aide to Hitler; Guenther Korte, chief of staff of the German Air Force; Buhle, Heusinger and Walter Scherff.

Admirals Voss and Von Pukammer.

A source in London with close European connections said the