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## Enemy In Baltics

BY EDDY GILMORE

**Moscow — (AP) —** Soviet forces have smashed three Nazi divisions in the Sandomierz salient below Warsaw, while other Red Army units have yielded slightly before costly German attempts to rescue possibly 200,000 troops isolated on the Baltic front, a Russian communique announced today.

In the Warsaw sector, meanwhile, Russian troops have driven closer to Praga, suburb to the east of the city, and have captured some vital positions to the north-east, front dispatches said.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukraine Army, thrusting up the west bank of the Vistula, liquidated the trapped Germans north of Sandomierz. "As the enemy refused to surrender, most of the encircled enemy troops were killed," the Russian war bulletin declared.

### 144 Tanks Destroyed

The victory freed Konev's forces for a possible drive either south-west on the rail fortress of Krakow, north toward Warsaw, or directly west across the Polish plains toward German Silesia, which would snap the Polish capital's communication lines.

The slight Red Army reverse occurred in the Jelgava sector near the Gulf of Riga, where 144 German tanks and self-propelled guns were reported knocked out.

In Estonia, Gen. Ivan Maslennikov's Third Baltic Army, capturing more than 150 populated places, drove to within seven miles of Tartu on the Tallinn-Riga railway.

### Nazis Report Action

Below the Estonian sector in Latvia, Gen. Andrei Yeremenko's Second Baltic Army, sweeping up more than 70 places, advanced to within 55 miles east of Riga with the capture of Erglin on the Madonna-Riga railway.

Maslennikov and Yeremenko were hammering back the snared Nazis in the Baltics, cut off by Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian's First Baltic Army drive that reached the Baltic Sea 25 miles west of Riga several weeks ago.

(Berlin reported a southern Red Army had begun a "large scale attack" on both sides of Iasi, key Romanian rail city 175 miles northeast of the Ploesti oil wells. Moscow gave no confirmation.)

## VESSEL LAUNCHINGS AT PHILADELPHIA SET MARK

Philadelphia — (AP) — Naval

ces were in the suburbs of Paris itself.)

Invasion of the territory north of the Seine at Mantes threatened to compress further the 75-mile long, 50-mile deep corner below the river where elements of 18 Nazi divisions were fighting desperately to escape from a succession of pockets with the hope of executing a German Dunkerque across an almost bridgeless Seine.

Madly charging into the Allied bands of steel, the Germans made two violent efforts to break out of these traps, one last night and the other yesterday, field dispatches reported.

### Decision Not Clear

Using about 70 tanks scraped up from the elements of five divisions, the Germans attacked from the westernmost pocket be-

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## Auburndale Boy Lost in Action; Arpin Boys Hurt

**Auburndale — (Special) —** Pfc. Daniel Strupp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Strupp, Auburndale Township, has been missing in action in New Guinea since July 25, according to a War Department telegram received by his parents last week.



Strupp, who entered service on April 6, 1941, was released in November of that year when he became 28, but re-entered the Army on Feb. 22, 1942, and had been overseas for more than two years.

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

**Arpin —** Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Arpin, received word today that their son, Pvt. Alfred Nelson Jr., has been wounded in France and is now hospitalized in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schunneman, Arpin, heard from their son, Pfc. Norman Schunneman, to the effect that he had been wounded in France and sent to a hospital in England, where he is recovering.

### NAZIS WRECKING WARSAW

**London—(AP)—**The Germans are laying waste large sections of Warsaw with artillery and planes, trying to smash underground forces battling Nazi troops within the city, Polish quarters here said

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