

GERMANS' LAST ESCAPE ROAD IS UNDER FIRE

French Land On Island of Elba

BEACHHEAD ON CONTINENT COST 3,283 U. S. LIVES

With American Forces in France (AP)—The American army had 3,283 killed and 12,600 wounded in opening the western front in Normandy, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley said today.

The total of 15,883 casualties was for the first 11 days of the campaign, and included reports up to midnight last night, Gen. Bradley said.

Tribute to Doughboys He paid high tribute to the courage of doughboys in establishing the beachhead on the European continent.

The tall, tanned Missourian, looking extremely fit and in good spirits, appeared before beachhead correspondents in a group for the first time to discuss the campaign.

Bradley said casualties on the central beachhead, where the American First division and elements of the 29th division, landed, had run higher than anticipated, but that casualties in the peninsula area to the west had been lower than anticipated.

This casualty report confirmed Bradley's confidence before the invasion when he predicted that the continent could be invaded without creating the bloodbath which the enemy insisted would result and which many persons expected.

First Words Are Praise Bradley's first words to the correspondents who gathered in the tent under the shade of a huge beech tree were in praise of his doughboys and parachute troops and their leaders.

"Only by guts, valor and extreme bravery on the part of the men and their leaders involved were we able to make the landing a success," he said, "and I cannot say too much for the parachute troops who dropped in the rear and made the job easier for the beach troops. They did a marvelous job."

Two Critical Periods The general disclosed that since D-day there had been two critical periods.

Viipuri's Fall Appears to Be Inevitable Moscow (AP)—The Finns are blowing up all the bridges on two highways leading to Viipuri on the Karelian isthmus, seeking to halt the red army's entry into the city, front dispatches said today.

But Soviet capture of the city appeared inevitable. The rumble of Russian big guns already was echoing strongly in its streets.

"As the offensive develops the battles assume a more violent character," said Red Star Correspondent Gregory Ivanov. "All attempts to stop the offensive are failing."

With more than 100 newly-captured populated points behind them the Russians with strong artillery and bomber support hunked an impressive weight of tanks, tommy-guns and infantry in massive waves across the Karelian isthmus.

(A Finnish communique admitted the Finns had abandoned Uusikirkko, about 32 miles southeast of Viipuri after severe fighting in which they previously claimed to have killed 5,000 Russians and knocked out 25 tanks.

Other Withdrawals (The communique also announced withdrawal from Seivisto and Kanneljarvi, in the same area, and said "the enemy's pressure continued very powerful.")

Stockholm reported that Helsinki dispatches told of compulsory evacuation of Viipuri now is in progress.

Refugees also are streaming from other Karelian towns under long standing plans, dispatches said.

Brief Court Term Held at Friendship Friendship, Wis.—The first court session held here by Circuit Judge L. J. Fellenz, successor to Judge Clayton Van Pelt, resigned, was held here this week.

Three divorce cases were settled out of court. The jury was called Monday and discharged the same day, with no jury cases set for trial. One case was continued until the next court term.

Final citizenship was granted three persons, Mrs. Katherine Cetwinski, now of Chicago; Emil Schultz of Wisconsin Dells and Emil Burda of Adams.

U. S.-Finnish Relations At Low Ebb As Procopé Is Handed His Passport

Washington (AP)—Finnish Minister Hjalmar J. Procopé was held to his home under police guard today with virtual orders to leave the country as soon as possible because of activities the state department termed "injurious to the interests of the United States."

The ban was imposed late Friday on Procopé—Finland's representative in Washington during several critical years—when he was called to the state department and handed his passport and "requested" to go home as soon as transportation could be arranged.

The unprecedented action, which did not involve an actual diplomatic break with Finland, extended also to three counselors of the Finnish legation and to the families of all four diplomats.

The action, regardless of the incident which caused it, brought American-Finnish relations to their lowest point. It apparently increased the probability of a complete break with Finland although the United States has thus far avoided that final rupture in every crisis.

It has, however, accused Finland of playing the German game to the detriment of the United States and its allies and only two weeks ago put 84 Finnish business concerns, many of which represented high political interests, on the blacklist.

The nature of the "injurious" activities was not disclosed and officials flatly declined to discuss the grounds for the accusation.

President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull were accused today by Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.) of having given "the Russians a free hand to invade Finland and wage a war of extermination, which is as savage and barbaric as it is unjustifiable."

Met Obligation "Today Finland is without powerful friends, but it was not ever thus," he said. "It is not so long ago that the officials of this administration pointed to Finland and the Finns as a shining example of honor, honesty and rectitude. Of all the nations who owed us money, she was practically the only one who did not repudiate her obligations to this country. Finland met her obligations promptly, proudly and gladly."

Mr. Roosevelt and his administration may hold Finland up to scorn, but millions of Americans who have longer memories than Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hull feel humiliated over the shabby treatment that this administration has accorded the Finnish people."

Robert Robinson Prisoner of War, Mother Informed Mrs. George R. Robinson, 431 Seventh avenue south, has been informed by the war department that her son, Staff Sgt. Robert R. Robinson, reported missing in action since May 8, is now a prisoner of war.

The telegram, received Thursday night, read: "A report just received through the International Red Cross, states that your son, Staff Sgt. Robert R. Robinson, is a prisoner of war of the German government."

Sergeant Robinson, a tail-gunner on a B-17 bomber, went to England in March of this year.

FSA Consolidation Receives Approval Washington (AP)—The house agriculture committee approved today legislation consolidating in a single agency the functions of the Farm Security Administration, the Regional Agricultural Credit corporation and the emergency crop and feed loan program.

The agency that would handle present functions of the other is the Farmers Home corporation, created by the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act.

The legislation grew out of an investigation of Farm Security Administration functioning by a special committee headed by Rep. Cooley (D-NC).

JOHN CEPRESS FUNERAL Funeral services will be held Monday at 8:30 a. m. at the Ritter and Deusch funeral home and 9 o'clock at St. James Catholic church in Wausau for John Cephress, 70, who died there Friday morning at 1 o'clock after an illness of two years.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. E. O'Shaughnessy will officiate. The body will be brought here for burial in Calvary cemetery.

FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES CONTINUE PUSH NORTHWARD

Rome (AP)—Allied headquarters announced tonight that French forces which landed on Elba island, where Napoleon once spent a short-lived exile, had encountered strong enemy resistance on several parts of the island.

Earlier reports received in Rome said Elba already had been secured by the allies. This was not borne out by subsequent reports, but it was not likely the Germans were prepared to put up prolonged resistance.

Troops Sweep Ahead The landing on the strategically valuable island close to occupied Corsica came as allied forces on the mainland swept on northward against a faltering enemy who showed no sign of making an immediate stand.

Fighter-bombers made preparatory raids for the Elba landing Friday.

London (AP)—Radio France at Algiers said today that Pianosa island, eight miles south of the western tip of Elba "was occupied today by French troops and prisoners were taken."

day, destroying a petrol dump on the island and scoring six hits on a radio station, it was announced. Two attacks were made on a 250-foot motor vessel at Portoferraia. It was left listing.

Destroy Several Boats Another 350-foot motor ship in the harbor was damaged by a direct hit and four small boats were destroyed. Dock installations at Marino Di Campo on the south coast of the island also were attacked and three small boats were destroyed. Bombers also started fires at Porto Longone.

In a swift thrust up the center of the Italian mainland from the Eighth army captured Foligno, about 27 airline miles north of Terni, whose fall was announced only

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Damage From Winds, Rain in Wisconsin (By the Associated Press) High winds that uprooted trees disrupted communication lines and damaged farm buildings were followed early today by heavy rains that sent many streams and rivers over their banks in parts of southern Wisconsin.

In the southwestern part of the state in Vernon, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland and Crawford counties several families were forced to flee their homes in river valleys due to flood conditions. State Highways 13, 56 and 35 in that area were closed to traffic because of washouts.

Fear Further Rains The Kickapoo valley that was struck by a disastrous flood nine years ago was inundated in some sections again. The water did not approach the 1935 mark but residents feared that if rain continued, considerable damage would be done.

The Baraboo river in the vicinity of Kendall went over its banks but was receding rapidly today. Several plants in that city were forced to close Friday because of the high water.

Sheds Blown Down Near Viroqua, 25 tobacco sheds were blown down by the high winds and considerable crop damage was reported. At La Crosse, the Mississippi river was expected to reach flood stage next Tuesday. The river was over its banks in some low land north of the city.

Walworth county was virtually isolated for several hours this morning when high winds blew down

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Electrical Storm Hits Pittsville Area Pittsville, Wis.—A severe electrical storm hit the Pittsville area early today, striking the hardest at the Joseph Nelson farm just south of the city limits. Three lightning struck and killed six cows and three heifers as they stood around a tree in the pasture.

At the George Minor home on Route 1, lightning shattered the telephone but did no other damage.

Considerable damage to telephone lines in the area was reported.



STEEL WORKS AT YAWATA, JAPAN—A view of the steel mills at Yawata in the Japanese island of Kyushu. Radio Correspondent Roy Porter in an eyewitness account of the B-29 raid on Japan said the new Super Fortresses left masses of wreckage at the Yawata mills.

Yank Invaders Capture Coastal City On Saipan; Push Close to Airdrome

(By the Associated Press) Fiercely-determined American invaders of Saipan island, with one of the lesser airfields of the Marianas already in their hands, fought inland today toward additional prospective bases for allied air strikes against Japan only 1,500 miles away.

Eyewitness accounts from the hard-won Saipan island beachhead describing the capture of the coastal town of Charan-Kanoo and its narrow beach airstrip, said the Americans had carved out a two-mile perimeter and were driving close to Asitio airdrome.

5 Miles From Garapan The invaders were only five miles from Saipan's principal town, Garapan, which had a peace-time population of 10,000. The town was reported ablaze under American artillery fire.

Adm. Chester Nimitz reported the Japanese failed to offer aerial opposition to the Saipan landing last Wednesday, perhaps because an allied task force at that same time was attacking the Bonin and Kazan islands, half way between the Marianas and Japan.

Nimitz said two Japanese ships were sunk and 10 damaged, and 47 airplanes destroyed in the Bonin-Kazan raid. One hundred and ten survivors from one of the ships were taken prisoner.

Japs Are Complaining The jittery Japanese, stung by repeated aerial and naval blows the length of their Pacific front within the past week, complained of new American attacks.

A Domei agency broadcast said planes "attempted to raid" the northern Kirite islands Thursday afternoon. A Tokyo broadcast said 27 allied bombers raided Truk in the central Carolines Wednesday for the second straight day, but that 11 of the attackers were damaged. There was no confirmation by American sources.

Japs Deprecate Raids The Japanese continued to depreciate the Thursday night raid by B-29 Super Fortresses upon Japan's great steel mills at Yawata. American witnesses of the raid estimated

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Rep. Cannon Expects Nazi Collapse Soon Washington (AP)—Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.) told the house today it could expect the collapse of the German armies by September and the surrender of the Nazis by Christmas and "perhaps much sooner."

The chairman of the appropriations committee made the statements during discussion of a deficiency supply bill.

"There is a general belief that the German armies will collapse not later than the first or second week of September, and perhaps much sooner," he declared, adding his view that "unconditional surrender" of Germany could be expected before the end of December.

Pilot Sees Signs Of Enemy Flight From Cherbourg

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (AP)—U. S. troops punched forward two or three miles today in the developing drive to choke off Cherbourg peninsula, and an artillery hammered the Nazis' last escape road a U. S. fighter pilot reported signs of enemy flight from the cape and its prize port.

Today's American advance carried northwest of St. Sauveur Le Vicomte—whose fall cut Cherbourg's last railway route—and put U. S. forces astride the Douve river which bends westward above the town.

Other forces farther south plunged within four miles of La Haye Du Puits, road junction of the Nazis' last escape route at the shortest neck of the peninsula, and big guns hurled shells on that highway.

Underground in Action Supreme headquarters in special No. 1 declared the French underground had swung into full-fledged sabotage, paralyzing road and rail traffic in many places to delay movement of German reserves to the front, and even seizing villages in some areas and wiping out Nazi detachments in direct attacks.

The "army of French forces of the interior" has "played its assigned role in the battle of liberation," headquarters said, and attained its objectives in most of its planned sabotage.

Recapture Montebourg The advance beyond St. Sauveur Le Vicomte carried Americans within some four miles of Briquebeac, junction of roads leading to Cherbourg and to Valognes, 10 miles southeast of the port. Other U. S. troops have recaptured Montebourg, 14 miles southeast of Cherbourg on the backdoor route to the port.

Caumont near the center of the 100-mile front took some "limited" objectives, and the allies scored another advance north of Troarn, at the eastern tip of the line, headquarters said.

Repulse Enemy Attack A front dispatch said British bombers threw back a five-pronged Nazi See—INVASION—Page 8

Pittsville Scout Cabin Vandalized; Seek for Intruders Pittsville, Wis.—Vandals broke into and almost completely wrecked the interior of the Girl Scout cabin in Riverside park, Pittsville, sometime during the night on Thursday it was reported to county authorities today.

Cabin windows had been broken with a 2x4 board and all Girl Scout equipment, including the flag, curtains and dishes had been torn, broken or otherwise damaged.

Girl Scout Bonnie Wright discovered the damage when she went to the park at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon and reported it to Mrs. George C. Ritchie, who with Mrs. Ritchie and Mrs. Shirley Werner called on Mayor H. J. Schneider. Investigations were made by Mayor Schneider, Policeman Carl Heuer and members of the park board, and the matter was then reported to county officers.

Previous acts of vandalism on the cabin have occurred continuously causing considerable distress to Scout directors and the park board.

German Prisoners Distribute Leaflets Corsicana, Tex.—(AP)—Sheriff Cap Curington said today pamphlets criticizing allied censorship and making extravagant claims of allied invasion losses had appeared in central Texas and been traced to Nazi prisoners of the Mexico, Tex., prisoner of war camp.

He said the leaflets, claiming seven allied divisions annihilated 64 warships sunk, 1,300 gliders and 1,430 planes destroyed in the first three days of the invasion of France, were signed by the printed words "American-Soviet committee."

THE WEATHER For Wisconsin: Frequent thundershowers tonight and Sunday. Cooler north tonight and Sunday. Cooler south portion. Winds briefly 48 miles per hour in thundershowers.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 87; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 62; precipitation at 7 a. m., .84. Precipitation, .31.

WATER SPORTS TAKE 3 LIVES (By the Associated Press) Two persons drowned in Wisconsin Friday and a third died of a broken neck suffered when he drove off a highway and struck a girl.

The dead: Donald Dostaler, 17, of Clintonville. James J. Yahn, 8, of Lake Mills. Julius Glaser, 19, of Milwaukee.

Dostaler drowned while swimming in Pigeon river near Clintonville. Yahn fell out of a boat and drowned in Rock lake.

Glaser died in a hospital Friday, 21 hours after he broke his neck in a high dive into the Milwaukee river at Estabrook park. He struck the left leg of a girl who was swimming beneath the board.

TO ENTER NAVY Fred Sawaske, who for the past three months has managed the Wisconsin and Rapids Theatres here, leaves this position Sunday after which he will report to San Francisco on the 26th of July to enter the naval service.

DeGaulle to Address French Assembly Algiers (AP)—Gen. Charles De Gaulle returned to Algiers from London today and will address the consultative assembly tomorrow on the fourth anniversary of his appeal to the French people from London to keep alive "the flames of French resistance."

It may be the assembly's last session in Africa.

KING GEORGE VI VISITS NORMANDY London (AP)—King George VI visited the Normandy beachhead Friday, his trip marking the first time in four centuries that a reigning sovereign of England has set foot on Norman soil to visit his armies fighting there.

The king crossed the channel on the British cruiser Arethusa and landed from an amphibious "duck," Louis Wulff, Reuters correspondent representing the combined allied press, said in a dispatch from the warship.

When he stepped ashore on a beach just west of Courseulles, the king heard shells screaming overhead from the cruiser Hawkins, firing at a target 10 miles inland. It was the first time in this war the king had witnessed actual firing at enemy positions.

Robot Planes Again Strike At England London (AP)—Germany's new explosive robot planes, dispatched across the English channel in weather that sharply reduced allied air activity, struck blindly in parts of southern England in intermittent attacks through the night and morning hours today.

Several persons were killed and a number injured when one of the fire-spitting projectiles made a direct hit on a nurses home at a hospital. Rescuers said they thought a number of persons were buried.

Another wrecked a shop, trapping four people for six hours in the cellar. Firemen had to fight flames before rescue squads could start digging, and when the four were released water in the cellar almost reached their necks.

During the night British planes, following in the path of American heavy bombers late Friday, struck the Pas-De-Calais coast—the region from which the robots are believed launched.

Fast German night-fighter bombers also rumbled through the English skies, ducking in and out of the clouds and dropping flares in apparent attempt to confuse British defenses, but rockets from ack-ack batteries plunged steadily upward, and a number of the pilotless crafts were reported crashed.