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*** An Allied headquarters communique Thursday night said Allied troops advancing east of La Haye du Puits are threatening the last areas of high ground dominating the town. Fierce armor and infantry fighting continued at the Carpiquet airfield in the Caen area, with a number of enemy tanks destroyed. The German rail and road system leading to the Normandy battlefront was "mauled severely today by our air forces operating in strength and without interruption." ***

DE GAULLE -- General Charles de Gaulle, President of the French Committee of National Liberation, arrived in Washington by plane from Algiers late Thursday afternoon for a series of conferences with President Roosevelt and other United States officials.

He was given a seventeen-gun salute at the airport and greeted by highest-ranking United States Army and Navy officials. Later he was guest at a Presidential reception and tea. The White House said he would confer with Roosevelt "intermittently through Saturday."

De Gaulle said on his arrival at the airport: "Our ardent desire is that the United States and France continue to work together in every way."

MEDITERRANEAN: An Allied communique issued Thursday in Italy said that the persistent German resistance is now being encountered, but some progress has been made northwest and northeast of recently captured Siena.

NORMANDY: An Allied headquarters spokesman in London Thursday announced that American forces have captured three Cherbourg peninsula towns -- Glatigny, which is five miles (eight kilometers) south of La Haye; Scorman, due west of La Haye near the coast, which is about seven miles (eleven kilometers) away; and La Butte, six miles (ten kilometers) east of La Haye. Dispatches indicated American forces are by-passing La Haye after having withdrawn from positions in the northern end of the city. The Germans are putting up extremely stiff resistance and progress has been slow. Canadian and British troops have beaten off violent counter-attacks at Caen, and in Carpiquet, northwest of Caen.

RAF bombers in great strength attacked flying torpedo installations in northern France Wednesday night, while squadrons of Mosquitos attacked a synthetic oil plant near Gelsenkirchen in the German Ruhr. On Thursday, according to dispatches from London, more than 750 heavy United States bombers took part in attacks on northwest Germany, France, and flying torpedo platforms in the Pas de Calais area, while light and medium bombers attacked railroad lines leading to the Cherbourg front.

EASTERN FRONT: Marshal Stalin, in the Order of the Day, Thursday announced that the Red Army has captured Kovel, which he described as an "important strong point of the German defense line and large railway junction."

The Soviet communique said Red Army units continued their advance in Soviet Karelia west of Petrozavodsk, and occupied a number of towns north and northwest of liberated Polotsk, Soviet troops occupying more than 150 localities; more than 500 encircled Germans have been killed in mop-up operations east of Minsk.

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FRANCE -- A special communique issued Thursday by Allied Headquarters said French forces of the interior have continued their cutting of enemy communication lines in France and have maintained most previous cuts. It said the Vercors, part of the Gers, the Doubs, the Ardeche and the Ain have been liberated despite "violent" German reaction which included air attacks.

MEXICO -- Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla of Mexico, accompanied by his wife and economic experts, arrived Thursday in Washington for a six-day official visit.

CHINA -- Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in a message to Chinese people on the eve of China's eighth year of war, said Thursday that the military situation in China is grave, but that liberation of occupied areas is close at hand. He said there is "good prospect of" early opening of a China-India land route to supply China.

A Fourteenth U.S. Air Force communique issued in Chungking Thursday said that B-24 Liberators Monday bombed Canton supply and ammunition depots.

An Allied Southeast Asia communique issued at Kandy, Ceylon, Thursday said that Japanese troops have withdrawn from the area east and southwest of Ukhrul, their former Manipur State supply base which Allied troops captured Sunday.

GERMANY -- A Germany DNB dispatch Thursday said that Field Marshall Karl Gerd Von Rundstedt, Commander of German forces in the west, has been replaced by Field Marshall Guenther Von Kluge "for reasons of health". Von Kluge formerly commanded German forces on the central section of the Soviet Front.

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