

MORNING EDITION

N T: WASHINGTON NEWS BULLETIN

No. 10

July 10, 1944

8:00 A.M. Final

== (Compiled by Overseas Branch, Office of War Information) ==

NORMANDY -- Allied troops which captured Caen Saturday have crossed the junction of the rivers Odon and Orne, two miles southwest of Caen. The crossing was supported by naval gunfire and rocket-firing aircraft based in Normandy. Reports indicated heavy German casualties at Caen.

Units of the American First Army advanced close to St. Emy, five miles southwest of the Carentan-Periers Road. Americans widened their bridgehead across the Vire River, south of Carentan.

A front dispatch Sunday says that Canadian troops captured Capriquet airfield, four miles west of Caen.

Reuters reports that Cherbourg soon will be in operation receiving supplies direct from the United States.

Light bombers and Allied fighter planes attacked targets in Central France and along the battle area. Eleven German and eleven Allied aircraft were lost.

WESTERN EUROPE - AIR -- RAF Mosquitoes attacked the synthetic oil plant at Buer Germany Sunday night. Heavy bombers, Monday morning attack military objectives in northern France.

MEDITERRANEAN -- The Allied Fifth Army, after capturing Volterra, forty-five kilometers, southeast of Leghorn, drove a wedge into the German positions between the Ligurian Sea and Poggibonsi, and advanced six kilometers beyond Volterra.

In Central Italy, Allied Eighth Army advanced thirteen kilometers northeast of Umbertide. Monday's Allied communique said fighting has been hard along the entire front. Southwest of Arezzo, two German counterattacks were repelled. On the Adriatic sector advances were made to the Musone River.

The Mediterranean Allied air force attacked enemy oil refineries at Ploesti, Romania. Fighter bombers were active in the battle area. 14 enemy aircraft were destroyed, Eight Allied heavy bombers were lost and one other is missing.

PACIFIC -- American troops have completed the conquest of Saipan Island after a twenty-five day operation which has pushed the American offensive lines to within 1,490 miles of Tokyo.

In China, the Chinese are clinging to Hengyang and have kept open the supply route forced through the Japanese siege troops last week.

The southeast Asia command headquarters announced that all organized Japanese resistance has ceased in Ukhrul, in northeastern Asia. More enemy positions north of the Ukhrul-Imphal Road, 14 miles from Imphal, have been cleared and villages sixteen miles northeast of Imphal also have been retaken.

DOMESTIC -- U.S. Vice President Henry A. Wallace left Seattle, Washington, Sunday night aboard an army plane for Washington, where he will report to President Roosevelt on the results of his trip.

In an address broadcast before his departure, Wallace discussed his recent trip to the Soviet Asia and China, saying: "I am convinced that a main area of new development after this war -- new enterprise, new investment, new trade, new accomplishments -- will be in the new world of the North Pacific and Eastern Asia."

JOINT STATEMENT -- The Roosevelt-Churchill statement issued simultaneously in Washington and London Sunday said Hitler's submarine fleet failed on all counts in June. Statement added that U-boats not only were unable to halt landings in France but also failed in halting movement of supplies to Allied forces in Europe; that the sinking of United Nations merchant vessels reached "almost lowest figure" of the war. No merchant vessel moving across Channel was sunk by U-boats with one possible exception.

(Over)

DE GAULLE -- General Charles de Gaulle entertained British, Canadian and American officials Sunday night in Washington at dinner at the home of the French Committee of National Liberation delegate to the United States, Henri Hoppenot. Earlier in the day, de Gaulle was host at luncheon for members of the French missions in Washington.

De Gaulle is scheduled to arrive in New York City Monday afternoon for a twenty-hour stay. He will be officially welcomed on the steps of City Hall. The climax of his visit will be a reception at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel Monday night.

EASTERN FRONT -- Soviet troops Sunday crumbled the Germans Dvinsk-Luninets railway defense line, seizing control of over half of its length.

The Russians captured Lida; its central fortress, and the last railway from Vilna to the north. Fighting continued in the streets of Vilna. The Red Army drove to within forty-three kilometers of Dvinsk, sixteen of Luninets, twenty-five of Pinsk and thirty-five west of captured Baranovichi. They took 6,530 German prisoners, including a general, in the Minsk pocket Saturday.

* * *