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NORMANDY -- Allied forces in Normandy made small gains over most of the front in spite of resistance and counterattacks. The Americans south of La Haye du Puits advanced toward Lessay and other American First Army forces driving southwest from Carentan pushed ahead to "slightly enlarge the bulge past Sainteny".

The strongest German counterattack was in the area to the northeast of Caen around Colombelles and St. Honorine.

The Americans driving south from La Haye du Puits reached the outskirts of Angeville Sur Ay, three miles north of the road junction of Lessay. The other American forces to the northeast of La Haye du Puits beat back stubborn German resistance in advancing a mile down the road toward St. Lo after liberating Pont Herbert on Tuesday.

The Allied aerial cover of the Normandy front continued. Tuesday in the face of bad weather and planes concentrated on German supply bases behind the enemy lines in the northwestern sector of the front. Fighter-bombers of the Allied Command destroyed twenty-eight German tanks while seriously damaging sixteen others near St. Lo and destroyed thirteen more farther to the east.

German artillery batteries in the northwest sector were also attacked Tuesday and medium bombers carried the air attack forward hitting fuels and a rail bridge farther behind the lines in Normandy. Other Allied aircraft on armed reconnaissance in the Paris area attacked German transportation targets.

MEDITERRANEAN -- Allied Fifth and Eighth Army advances in Italy moved slowly but steadily closer to the Germans' Goth defense line.

On the Italian west coast American troops of the Fifth Army have captured Costigliocello and have made slight gains northwards toward the Port of Leghorn, third largest peacetime port in Italy. Further inland, Indian troops have captured the village of Mucignano. On the Adriatic coastal sector Italian troops of the Allied Eighth Army have won some ground in the Musone River Area.

Mediterranean Allied air force heavy bombers Tuesday attacked the harbor of Toulon in southern France and medium bombers struck a railroad at Alessandria.

GERMANY -- Royal Air Force Mosquitos attacked industrial targets in the Ruhr Valley Tuesday night without loss of any planes.

LONDON -- A London dispatch says that the city experienced its second raid -- free night Tuesday but that with daylight the Germans resumed their flying bomb attacks on the capital. The dispatch said Southern England had no respite from the flying bombs.

DE GAULLE -- General Charles de Gaulle said Tuesday in Ottawa, Canada, that it would not only be an error, but "an international impossibility" to exclude France from the place she previously occupied among the nations of the world.

COLOMBIA -- President Alfonso Lopez of Colombia who was kidnapped Monday by army rebels, has been released, it was announced at Caracas, Venezuela.

LITHUANIA -- The Lithuanian underground army has joined Soviet troops and is fighting beside the Russians as they advance into Lithuania. The Polish underground has engaged in large-scale operations in the Vilna Area and further south, while Polish saboteurs are harassing German communications in Central Poland.

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