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NORMANDY -- American forces driving south of La Haye du Puits have advanced three miles to capture La Salmonnerie. American units in the La Haye sector around Sainteny captured La Maugerie and La Roserie. U.S. troops crossed the La Taute River and captured most of the village of St. Andre de Bohin.

Two towns north of St. Lo were captured by the Americans who crossed the St. Lo-Berigny road. U.S. forces repulsed German counter attacks on the Caen area.

Allied fighter-bombers and rocket-firing aircraft attacked German convoys, communications centers, tank depots, and mechanized concentrations close to the enemy lines in all sectors of the front. Rail installations and bridges were other targets for Allied aircraft Wednesday and medium and heavy night bombers accounted for nine German planes. RAF aircraft attacked the flying torpedo platforms at Pas de Calais and industrial objectives in Germany's Ruhr Valley while mining enemy waters, Wednesday night.

MEDITERRANEAN -- American troops in Italy captured Lajatico, twelve kilometers northwest of Volterra. French forces seized San Donato, forty kilos southwest of Florence. To the east French forces repelled German counterattacks. Allied Eighth Army troops in Central Italy advanced to within ten kilometers of the Citta di Castello. On the Adriatic front no change has been reported.

Allied air force bombers attacked rail yards at Brescia in Northern Italy, Wednesday night. Heavy bombers during the day attacked railyards and bridges in Southern France. Fourteen enemy aircraft were destroyed. Twenty Allied planes are missing.

LONDON -- For the first time in a month, all Britain had a raid-free night Wednesday with no flying bombs falling at any point in the country.

CHINA -- A 14th U.S. Army airforce communique from Chungking Thursday said that air activity continues in the Hengyang and Tungting Lake sector with U.S. planes hitting at Japanese supply lines, ammunition dumps, river shipping and supporting Chinese ground troops in the Salween sector.

DENMARK -- A "violent fire" which raged Tuesday night in the Danish port of Aarhus has ravaged gasoline stores of a large paper firm and caused damage estimated at 100,000 kroner.

NETHERLANDS -- Exercises, completed recently in a small village in the British midlands, were carried out by the special displaced persons branch of the Netherlands military organization to assure a system for the repatriation of hundreds of thousands of Dutch deportees or evacuees who are expected to throng the Netherlands frontier immediately after the liberation of their homeland.

AIR WAR -- General H. H. Arnold, Commander of the U.S. Army Air Forces, said Wednesday in Buffalo, N.Y., that the Allies now have air superiority in the war.

FRANCE -- A Paris newspaper Thursday announced the death of Edouard Herriot, former Premier of France, at the age of seventy-two. No further details were given. Herriot had been a prisoner in Nazi hands.

DOMESTIC -- U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Mexican Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla announced in Washington Wednesday night that they had agreed on transportation and economic programs for the two countries.

NEW ZEALAND -- C. A. Berendsen, newly-appointed New Zealand Minister to the United States, presented his credentials to President Roosevelt Wednesday in Washington.

LONDON AND WASHINGTON announced simultaneously Wednesday that negotiations between the United States and Great Britain on the subject of oil will be resumed shortly.

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