

Local Temperature

Maximum 62
Minimum 52

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Local Tides

(Pacific Standard Time)
Thursday, August 17
High 0:09 20.0 feet
12:56 18.7 feet
Low 6:46 3.0 feet
18:56 7.0 feet

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Invasion Troops South France Surging Forward

Meeting Only Negligible Opposition—Mediterranean Beachheads Secure—Many Prisoners Taken

ROME, Aug. 16 (CP)—Allied invasion troops are steadily into Southern France today from several beachheads still meeting only negligible opposition from the Germans as convoys poured a constant stream of reinforcements ashore.

Reports to Geneva said the Allies had occupied Cannes and Nice and that French partisans co-operating with a thousand Allied parachute troops were about to take Marseilles, from which city the Germans were moving southward toward Toulon.

A BBC broadcast said the Allied forces had taken five towns including one five miles inland while prisoners streamed back in batches.

German dispatches said the Allies had made additional landings from the Mediterranean, which had increased the front to 120 miles between Toulon and San Reo.

Another Berlin dispatch said the Germans were blowing up harbor installations at Nice, Cannes and St. Tropez.

No Air Attacks
In Landing Parties
No air attacks have yet been reported on landing parties. Weather is continuing to be good.

Spanish reports that Canadian troops are taking part in landings have not yet been confirmed.

While the Allies successfully landed on several beaches, they encountered serious opposition at one point which prevented them from disembarking.

C.N.R. Locomotives
Receiving Orders
Over Their Radios
MONTREAL, Aug. 16—Radio communication was introduced to Canadian railroading for the first time today when the Canadian National Railways, in co-operation with the Canadian Marconi Company, started a series of tests of the transmitting and receiving equipment developed during the present war.

The principle is similar to that employed by the tank units of the Allied armies at the front. Two Canadian National locomotives, a diesel and an electric, which operated in the electrified area of the Montreal terminals, were specially equipped and for the next few weeks their respective engineers will proceed in and out of the busy terminal on instructions received by radio, instead of the customary written train orders and signals.

It is anticipated that this new system will considerably speed up train movement and will also effect greater operating economy and efficiency.

HALIBUT SALES
American
Martindale, 70,000, B.C. Packers, 15c and 13 1/2c.
Canadian
Prosperity A., 30,000, Pacific, 18 1/4c and 16 1/2c.

LONG-TERM CULTIVATION
The watermelon has been cultivated since ancient times.

PREHISTORIC PAINT
The use of veneers dates back to the earliest days of civilization.

Invasion of Germany by Russian Soldiers Foreseen in 72 Hours

Damage Recorded in Guide

YugoSlavia Invasion Rumored in Turkey

ANKARA, Aug. 16—Reports are abroad in Turkey today of an impending Allied invasion of YugoSlavia.

There has been no comment from other sources on this report.



C.W.A.C.'s VISIT ROME—With the dome of St. Peter's in the background, these girls of the Canadian Women's Army Corps view monuments in the Vatican grounds in Rome. Left to right: Cpl. Helen Alberry, Courtney, B.C.; Pte. Ruth Charlton, London, Ont.; Pte. Jerry Mumford, Halifax; and Pte. Mary Reeves, Merritt, B.C.

Military Parade For Ambassador Atherton

United States Ambassador Ray C. Atherton, supported by local military authorities, will take the salute at an army march past tomorrow at 2 p.m. outside the Federal Building, Third Avenue.

Ambassador Atherton, together with his wife and two children, are scheduled to arrive from the north at 10 a.m. They will be met at the dock by army officials, and the city council headed by Mayor H. M. Daggett.

The ambassador will pay an official call at the City Hall at 11:45 and will then be taken on an inspection tour of military installations.

A luncheon of military and civic dignitaries will be held at 12:30 at the staffhouse dining room, Hays Creek, after which Mr. Atherton will be driven to Port Edward.

A special luncheon in honor of Mrs. Atherton will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the U.S. Civilian Women's Barracks, and in the afternoon the two Atherton children will be taken on a fishing trip.

The ambassador and his family will proceed south at night before returning east.

In honor of the ambassador's visit, Mayor Daggett has proclaimed a civic half-holiday.

Much activity prevailed today at the City Hall as civic and American military officials collaborated on the program and made last-minute changes.

140,000 Nazis Killed By Ukrainian Army

MOSCOW, Aug. 16—Soviet authorities have announced that the First Ukrainian Army has killed, or taken prisoner, 172,000 Germans between July 13 and August 12.

Of this number, approximately 140,000 were killed. For the same period the Russians destroyed 700 aircraft and captured or destroyed 1,900 tanks and self-propelled guns.

SUPPLY COMMISSION CHUNGKING—A Chinese supply commission has been set up to deal with increasing war and food supplies to be conveyed into China by road and air.

PEARL HARBOR—Japanese bases northeast and southeast of the Philippines have come in for heavy poundings from the Allies.

DECIDE BATTLE AREA TOKYO—A Japanese spokesman has stated the Japanese would fight their greatest battle on the are extending from Japan to the Philippines.

Nazi Seventh Army Is Disintegrating In Pell Mell Retreat

NEGRO SOLDIERS ATTACK ITALIAN WAR PRISONERS

Body of One Italian Found Hanging in Tree at Fort Lawton

SEATTLE, Aug. 16 (CP)—Negro soldiers conducted a raid on sleeping members of an Italian military service unit at Fort Lawton, it was reported Tuesday night.

The official statement said, "A short time following the fight the body of one of the Italian soldiers was found hanging from a nearby tree."

The military statement refrained from placing the responsibility for the hanging and said an investigation was launched.

Twenty-four of the Italians who originally were brought to the United States as prisoners of war, were reported injured and hospitalized. A lesser number of attackers, said to have been armed with rocks, was injured.

The Americans were arrested. Military officers gave no hint as to cause of the attack.

BAD WEATHER HELD UP BOTH INVASIONS

LONDON, Aug. 16—Just as bad weather had caused a postponement of D-Day, the invasion of Southern France had to be set back until Tuesday.

Invasion plans were said to be one of the war's worst-kept secrets. Talk of the invasion was common in the Mediterranean area.

Supporting the southern invasion was the greatest naval force ever assembled in the Mediterranean.

Astonishment was expressed by leaders at the smoothness with which the invasion was carried out.

C. H. CAHAN DIES

TORONTO, Aug. 16—Charles H. Cahan, 83, secretary of state in the Bennett government, died yesterday. As a young newspaper man he studied law in his spare time, and rose in political life to a position of importance.

NAUTICAL TERM

A fathom, used as a unit of measurement in sea depth, is six feet.

REASON FOR REFORESTATION

There are more than 15,000 different uses for lumber and its by-products.

LUKE IS PORTUGUESE

The ukelele is of Portuguese origin.

New Non-Partisan Assn. Headed by W. M. Watts

Association to Take Active Part in all Current Matters Relative to Best Interests of Community, Officers State

W. M. Watts has been elected president of the newly-organized Prince Rupert Non-Partisan Association, formed primarily to participate in municipal affairs.

Other officers of the association, which already claims a substantial membership, are: Alderman N. E. Arnold, vice-president; A. Dominato, secretary-treasurer; with Thomas Black, Robert McKay and W. J. Scott on the executive committee.

A general meeting is planned for early in September when the executive slate will be completed. Matters of community interest also will be discussed and plans will be laid for participation of the organization in the year-end civic elections.

Preamble to the adopted by-laws governing the association reads:

"The Prince Rupert Non-Partisan Association has come into being by reason of popular demand to ensure that civic government may be free from political or party influences. The objectives of the association are to promote the welfare and development of the city as a whole; to take an active part in all current matters relative to the best interests of the community; and to ensure that representative candidates are available for election to the various civic offices. The association will endorse candidates from among those offering themselves for election; will lend support to their campaigns, and will leave such candidates free to use their experience and ability in the best interests of the city."



AWARDED MILITARY MEDAL

For bravery in the face of the enemy, while photographing Canadian troops in the battle for Ortona last winter Sgt. Jack Arnold Stollery of St. Thomas, Ont., has been awarded the Military Medal. A member of the Army Public Relations photographic unit in Italy, his disregard of danger while securing action pictures in the forward area was credited with bolstering morale of the combat forces.

His wife, Mrs. Florence Arnold, lives at 32 Princess ave., St. Thomas, Ont. Sgt. Stollery is the second Army Public Relations Officer to be honored in recent awards. Lt. J. H. Smith of Toronto having been made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for gallantry during the Sicilian campaign.

Plumbing Business Opened at Smithers

SMITHERS, Aug. 16—J. J. Herman has opened a heating and plumbing business in the old Laflour building, Main st. and 3rd ave.

Free Transportation For Nurses Returning To Their Profession

Graduate nurses, at present engaged in other occupations, are being urged to return to the nursing profession to ease the acute need for nurses in hospitals throughout Canada.

Under new provisions of the National Selective Service, graduate nurses are assured of transportation to the hospitals and return transportation upon termination of their work. They will be entitled to reinstatement in their present employment upon leaving the hospitals.

INDIAN FOOTHOLD

Madras, on the eastern coast of India, was the first territorial possession of the British East India company.

Missing Target Almost Impossible With New Bombsight of R.A.F.

LONDON, Aug. 16—The Air Ministry has revealed the R.A.F. is using an automatic bombsight which enables the bombardier to pinpoint a target as small as a single building even when his plane is taking violent evasive action.

This machine, which "practically thinks for itself," consists of two main parts, a sighting head in the nose of the plane, and a computer box which is the "brains" of the machine.

All calculations, except the speed and direction of the wind,

Allies Reduce Escape Outlet to Eight Miles

Most of Enemy Armor Extricated—Germans Showed With Surrender Pamphlets as They Break Up Into Roving Guerilla Bands—Defenders at Falaise Cracking

ALLIED SUPREME HQ., Aug. 16 (CP)—Field Marshal Von Kluge has managed to extricate most of his armor from the still tightening Normandy trap.

German infantry remnants are streaming through the escape hatch south of Falaise.

Allies are hammering all around the perimeter of the German Seventh Army salient have halved the size of the area and narrowed the escape gap to less than eight miles.

Allied planes have wrecked hundreds of German vehicles in the Nazis' swift retreat to the east.

It is not known how many Germans are still in the trap. Latest estimated was 50,000, a great reduction from the first estimated that ranged upward to 200,000.

The salient is approximately 20 miles long and eight miles deep.

One explanation for the failure of the Allies to close the Falaise-Argentan escape gap was that the two armies driving toward each other had to exercise extreme care to avoid coming under each others artillery fire.

Allies today launched an all-out assault on the Nazi citadel of Falaise and the Germans appeared to be cracking under the pressure of attacking Canadian, British and American troops.

Estimated German casualties in Normandy up to August 8 were between 250,000 and 300,000.

Breaking Up Into Guerilla Bands

The German Seventh Army is breaking up into roving guerilla bands and appears to have passed the point where it is able to mass its remaining men and supplies for a break through to the Seine River to join other broken and disorganized units fleeing beyond Paris.

Allies showered steel and surrender leaflets on the Seventh Army's pell mell retreat.

Berlin reported an American column is within 40 miles of Paris, threatening a new encirclement of fleeing German troops.

The German radio said Americans in the lightning 60-mile eastern drive are battling near Dreux and Chartres, 40 miles from Paris, carrying the potential menace of swinging behind the enemy and bottling him up between the river and the Atlantic coast.

Seine River bridges have been knocked out by dive bombing.

SYNTHETIC WALKER

The United States Bureau of Standards uses a machine that tests rugs by imitating the effect of as many as 48,000 footsteps.

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can be set before the plane takes off, leaving the bombardier only two adjustments to make over the target.

Looking through the sighting head while approaching the target, the aimer knows the point covered by a cross at the moment of release is the point at which the bombs will fall.

Even if the pilot turns, glides, climbs or takes evasive action almost up to the moment of release, the bombs can still be aimed accurately.