



16 AUGUST 1944

FRANCE:

IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, GROUND OPERATIONS ARE GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN. THE NAVY AND MERCHANT MARINE ARE CONSTANTLY SHUTTling IN MORE TROOPS. IT IS REPORTED THAT TROOPS HAVE PUSHED INLAND TO THE FIRST RANGE OF HILLS COVERING THE ANCHORAGE. THE GERMAN RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT IN ONE SECTOR, TROOPS HAD PUSHED 10 MILES INLAND. THE LANDINGS TOOK PLACE ALONG A 100 MILE STRETCH OF COASTLINE. GERMAN OPPOSITION WAS FOR THE MOST PART, "WEAK." THE STIFFEST RESISTANCE WAS ALONG THE ALLIED RIGHT FLANK. ALLIED PARATROOPERS WHO LANDED TWO HOURS BEFORE DAWN YESTERDAY HAVE SET UP THEIR OWN HEADQUARTERS ALREADY. IN ONE SECTOR ALONE, THE ALLIES HAVE TAKEN 5 TOWNS. THE FRENCH PEOPLE ARE TURNING OUT IN GREAT NUMBERS TO MEET THE INVADERS. ADMIRAL LEMONNIER OF THE FRENCH NAVY ANNOUNCED THAT 12,000 SAILORS OF THE FRENCH NAVY WERE TAKING PART IN THE INVASION. ALLIED PLANES FLEW A RECORD NUMBER OF SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF THE INVASION YESTERDAY.

IN NORMANDY, THE NAZIS IN THE FALAISE GAP ARE STILL BEING HAMMERED MERCILESSLY FROM THE GROUND AND THE AIR. IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT THE NECK OF THE GAP HAS CLOSED TO ONLY 6 MILES. LAST NIGHT DURING A THUNDERSTORM THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY LAUNCHED A NEW ATTACK FOR THE TOWN OF FALAISE ITSELF. WHEN LAST REPORTED, THEY WERE FIGHTING THEIR WAY INTO THE CITY. IN THE LAST 30 HOURS, THE CANADIANS HAVE TAKEN 3,000 PRISONERS. THE AMERICANS AND THE CANADIANS NOW CONTROL ALL THE ROADS LEADING OUT OF FALAISE. IT IS REPORTED THAT ONLY A TRICKLE OF GERMAN TRANSPORT IS NOW GETTING THROUGH THE GAP. THOSE VEHICLES THAT DO GET THROUGH WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO TURN AND FIGHT AT THE SAINE RIVER. YANKS HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCES ALONG THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN FLANKS OF THE POCKET. AMERICANS ARE MEETING THE STIFFEST RESISTANCE. THE GERMAN SEVENTH ARMY IS NOW FIGHTING FOR ITS LIFE AND THE MAIN FORCE OF THE GERMANS IS STILL IN THE POCKET. THE GERMAN WITHDRAWAL IS STILL ORDERLY ALTHOUGH THEY ARE BEING HAMMERED WITHOUT MERCY FROM THE AIR. ALLIED PLANES ARE BLASTING EVERY VEHICLE THAT SHOWS ITSELF. TODAY, BAD WEATHER HAS HELPED THE GERMAN WITHDRAWAL SOMEWHAT. THE ALLIED PLANES HAVE DROPPED LEAFLETS CALLING ON THE NAZIS TO SURRENDER. THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY REPORTED THAT HEAVY FIGHTING WAS GOING ON NEAR CHARTRES ABOUT 40 MILES FROM PARIS. THIS REPORT HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS. IN THE BRITANNY PENINSULA, THE TOWN OF DINARD HAS BEEN OCCUPIED. SUPREME ALLIED HEADQUARTERS TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT FRENCH FORCES OF RESISTANCE IN THE INTERIOR HAVE INCREASED.

RUSSIA:

THERE IS HEAVY FIGHTING GOING ON IN THE BALTIC, IN THE SUBURBS OF WARSAW AND IN THE CARPATHIAN FOOTHILLS. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN COUNTERATTACKING FIERCELY WITH TANKS AND INFANTRY BUT THE RUSSIANS HAVE THROWN THEM BACK ALL ALONG THE FRONT. THE REDS HAVE ENLARGED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE VISTULA RIVER EAST OF CRACOW.

ENGLAND:

OVER 1000 AMERICAN FORTRESSES AND LIBERATORS OF THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE TODAY BLASTED AIRPLANE FACTORIES AND OIL REFINERIES IN THE MAGDENBURG AND LEIPSIG AREAS OF GERMANY. LAST NIGHT, RAF HEAVIES PLASTERED A GERMAN AIRFIELD IN THE RHONE VALLEY. MOSQUITOS DROPPED IN FOR ANOTHER VISIT ON BERLIN AGAIN LAST NIGHT. FLYING BOMBS WERE OVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND LAST NIGHT AND TODAY. A B.B.C. CORRESPONDENT AT SUPREME ALLIED HEADQUARTERS TODAY SAID, "WE ARE NOW TRYING TO KILL THE GERMAN AIR DEFENSE AT HOME LIKE IT WAS KILLED ALONG THE BATTLEFRONT. ALL OUT BLASTING OF GERMAN AIRFIELDS IS TRYING TO KNOCK THE LAST BREATH OUT OF THE LUFTWAFFE."

ITALY:

IT WAS REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY HAD CROSSED THE ARNO RIVER INTO FLORENCE AS WELL AS A LITTLE TO THE WEST OF THE CITY. ALONG THE REST OF THE FRONT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE.

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PACIFIC:

IN SPITE OF BAD FLYING WEATHER, ALLIED PLANES HAVE BOMBED A NUMBER OF JAP BASES INCLUDING HALMAHERA.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

AMERICAN

DETROIT: 3     PHILADELPHIA: 2  
NEW YORK: 3     CHICAGO: 1  
CLEVELAND: 1     WASHINGTON: 0  
ST LOUIS: 6     BOSTON: 5

NATIONAL

CHICAGO: 4     PHILADELPHIA: 1  
PITTSBURGH: 7     BOSTON: 5  
CINCINNATI: 6     NEW YORK: 3  
ST LOUIS: 6     BROOKLYN: 3

