17 AUGUST 1944

FRANCE:
The new invasion of southern France is going very well. The Allied troops there have now linked up some miles inland and now hold 500 square miles. The Allies are reported to be within 10 miles of each of the big French cities of Cannes and Toulon. The Allies now have a continuous front of 50 miles and have taken over 2,000 prisoners. General Patch, formerly of Guadalcanal fame is in command of the tank forces in southern France. He has announced that he has three veteran Yank divisions as the spearhead of his attack. The unloading of vessels is going on at full speed without interruption from the Luftwaffe. Full tank and tank destroyer units are now ashore. This morning, Allied forces were reported to be 10 miles inland. Yesterday, American heavy bombers without fighter escort bombed 4 railway bridges in southern France. The French underground in great numbers is helping the invaders.

In northern France, great new gains have been made. American forces heading eastward from Le Mans were reported this morning to have taken the larger cities of Chartres, Orleans and Dreux. The Yanks who liberated Chartres have pushed on to Paris. Orleans is a large city in the Loire Valley almost directly south of Paris. An American correspondent said that the Yanks were about 30 miles from the capital of France. This afternoon, the German Overseas agency said that Paris can now hear the thunder of guns and that electricity is on for only 12 hours a day. The Germans say that the Paris underground railway is not operating and that the Paris police force has gone on strike. On other sectors of the front, the First Canadian Army has taken the town of Falaise and the Americans pushing up from the south have gained more ground. United Kingdom troops on the right of the Canadians now control the main highway through the German salient, the Allies say that the Germans still have the neck of the gap open but the Germans are being crowded into a smaller space hourly. Last night Mosquito bombers blasted three river crossings.

RUSSIA:
The Red are now fighting in the town of Bandolin on the western bank of the Vistula after broadening their salient across the big Polish river, east and north of Warsaw. German SS troops have counterattacked savagely and the Russians have been forced to give up a small town in the outskirts of Warsaw. This marks the first setback for the Russians since the start of their great summer offensive.

ENGLAND:

Last night over 1,200 British heavies blasted the German Baltic ports of Kiel and Stettin. Mosquito bombers made another concentrated attack on Berlin. They H.V. now pounded the German capital for several nights in a row. From the night's operations, 16 British bombers are missing.

ITALY:
The Eighth Army is continuing to clear the last remaining Germans out of Florine. There were vigorous patrol activities reported from the rest of the front.

PACIFIC:
The British H.V. now cleared the last organized Jap force from India. The neutralizing of Irian-Jaya, island between New Guinea and the Philippines, continues today. Tank Island was again bombed by Liberators.
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SCORES**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

NEW YORK: 11  CLEVELAND: 8
DETROIT: 4  BOSTON: 2
CHICAGO: 7  WASHINGTON: 2
PHILADELPHIA: 4  ST LOUIS: 2

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

CHICAGO: 11  BOSTON: 3
BROOKLYN: 3  CINCINNATI: 1
ST LOUIS: 5  NEW YORK: 0

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