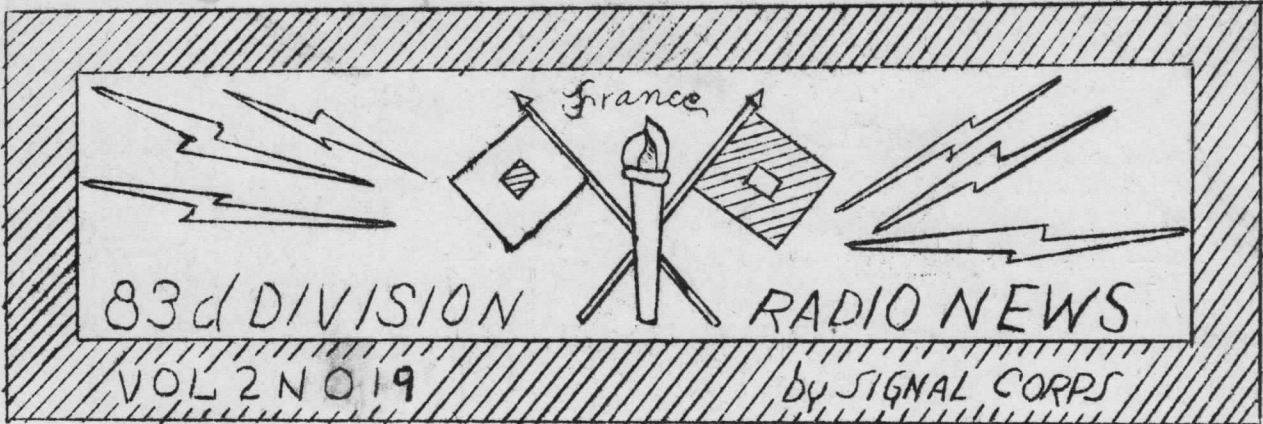


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FRANCE:

PARIS HAS BEEN LIBERATED, AFTER 4 YEARS, 2 MONTHS OF GERMAN RULE. 50,000 ARMED FORCES OF THE INTERIOR SUPPORTED BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF UN-ARMED PATRIOTS STARTED A GENERAL UPRISING ON SATURDAY AND AFTER FOUR DAYS OF FIGHTING, DROVE THE GERMANS FROM THE CITY. VICHY OFFICIALS IN PARIS HAVE ALL FLED OR BEEN ARRESTED.

ALLIED PILOTS RETURNING FROM THEIR MISSIONS HAVE REPORTED THAT GERMAN RESISTANCE WEST OF THE SEINE RIVER IS CRUMBLING RAPIDLY. THE GERMAN SEVENTH AND FIFTEENTH ARMIES ARE SO DEPLETED AND MIXED TOGETHER THAT THEIR ORGANIZATION IS A TURMOIL AND THEY ARE FIGHTING WITH HURRIEDLY IMPROVISED FORCES. THE FALLASE TRAP WAS ELIMINATED YESTERDAY. YANK FORCES HAVE LIBERATED 60 MILES SOUTHEAST OF PARIS. CLEARING WEATHER TODAY GAVE THE ALLIED AIR FORCE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSUME THEIR DEVASTATING ATTACKS ON THE RETREATING NAZIS AND THE FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS RIPPED PONTOON BRIDGES OVER THE SEINE AND GERMAN ESCAPE AND COMMUNICATION LINES. ALL THROUGHOUT FRANCE, FIGHTING BY THE FORCES OF THE INTERIOR HAS INCREASED GREATLY. IT IS REPORTED THAT GENERAL KOENIG'S MEN NOW HOLD 75 MILES OF THE RIVER BANK OF THE GREAT RHONE RIVER BETWEEN AVIGNON AND LYON.

IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, ALLIED FORCES 140 MILES INLAND HAVE LINKED UP WITH FORCES OF THE INTERIOR AND HAVE CAPTURED THE LARGE TOWN OF GRENOBLE. THE TWO FRONTS IN FRANCE ARE NOW ONLY 240 MILES APART. THE F.F. I OR MAQUIS HAVE LIBERATED 14 DEPARTMENTS OF FRANCE. HEAVY FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON IN TOULON BUT OTHER ALLIED TROOPS HAVE PUSHED TO WITHIN 3 MILES OF THE GREAT CITY OF MARSEILLES. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM THE SPANISH FRONTIER SAY THAT ALLIED TROOPS HAVE LANDED AT ARCACHON SOUTHWEST OF BORDEAUX.

RUSSIA:

THE MIGHTY RUSSIANS ARE ON THE ROLL AGAIN IN RUMANIA. RED TROOPS ARE POURING THROUGH GREAT BREACHES IN THE NAZI LINES ONLY 200 MILES FROM THE CAPITAL OF RUMANIA. THE GERMANS ARE FALLING BACK IN DISORDER ON THIS FRONT. ANOTHER FORCE OF RAMPAGING REDS WAS LAST REPORTED ONLY 50 MILES FROM THE DANUBE DELTA. THE NAZIS SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE GAINED SOME GROUND IN THEIR NEW DRIVE NEAR WARSAW. THE RUSSIANS HAVE SPOKEN OF A NEW OFFENSIVE AROUND WARSAW FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS.

ENGLAND:

FLYING BOMBS WERE OVER ENGLAND YESTERDAY. A TERRIFIC ANTI-AIRCRAFT BARRAGE ACCOUNTED FOR MOST OF THE MISSILES BUT SOME GOT THROUGH AND CAUSED SOME DAMAGE.

ITALY:

ALLIED BOMBERS FROM ITALY YESTERDAY BLASTED OIL TARGETS IN THE VIENNA AREA. FIFTY SEVEN (57) GERMAN FIGHTERS WERE SHOT DOWN BY THE BOMBERS AND THEIR ESCORT. POLES AND ITALIANS ON THE ADRIATIC SECTOR HAVE PUSHED AHEAD FOR ANOTHER THREE MILES.

PACIFIC:

THE BRITISH FOURTEENTH ARMY ARE PURSUING THE BEATEN JAPS FURTHER INTO BURMA.