

NORMANDY -- Supreme headquarters announced Thursday that in the Caen area Allied troops, striking toward Troarn, have reached the railway half a mile from the town. Other forces, which have taken part in the clearing of Louvigny and Vaucelles, have driven the enemy from the villages of Cormelles and Yves. Allied armored units have been in action against enemy armored and anti-tank defenses based on villages and farmsteads in the south and east of Cormelles and Yves. Further west a systematic advance has been made along the front between Grainville and St. Germain d'Aquet.

Allied medium bombers Wednesday attacked seven bridges at Le Pont d'essay, Tours La Riche, La Poissoniere and Nantes and other bridges at Nantes, Gassicourt, Cabourg and St. Hilaire de Harcourt were attacked. Southward to Bordeaux and eastward from Normandy to the Paris area was attacked by armed reconnaissance. Many locomotives and goods wagons were damaged.

In an announcement last night, Supreme headquarters pointed out that more than 60,000 Germans have been made prisoners since the beginning of the campaign.

MEDITERRANEAN -- Following the capture by the Allied Fifth and Eighth Armies of Leghorn and Ancona, torrential rain covered the battlefront of Italy and seriously interfered with the Allied forward drive. American troops of the Fifth Army on the Italian west coast have reached the Arno River and there now is only scattered German resistance south of the river. Further inland other Fifth Army troops advanced from three and one-half to five kilometers to clear the towns of Carna, Certaldo and Sandonate from the enemy after engaging rear guard German forces. In central Italy Eighth Army forces west of Arezzo have engaged heaving fighting in the area of captured Montevarchi and in the hills around Radda -- south of Florence -- which has been occupied by the Allies and from which further progress has been made on the north.

In the Adriatic coastal sector, other Eighth Army Polish and Italian troops are now meeting German resistance on the general line of the Esino River west of captured Ancona.

JAPAN -- The official Japanese announcement Wednesday of the resignation of Tojo's entire cabinet said that "it has been decided to strengthen the cabinet by a wider scope of personnel." Following the resignation, the retiring minister of Home Affairs, Marquis Koichi Kido, had an audience with Emperor Hirohito who reportedly questioned him with regard to the succeeding cabinet. Kido Tuesday also called a meeting of Japanese in high political and military circles to discuss the personnel of the succeeding cabinet. No decision was indicated.

RUSSIA -- The Red Army drive south of Ostrov Wednesday broke the second line of German defenses at the Sinyana River.

FAR EAST -- It was announced Thursday that Allied troops pursuing the Japanese down the Tidoim road in southeastern India have reached a point south of Moirang, the last important village on the Imphal plain before the road enters the hill country.

LONDON -- Lord Selbourne, British Minister of Economic Warfare, Wednesday warned head of treasuries and banks in neutral countries that Nazi fortunes deposited with them will be regarded by the United Nations as legitimate contraband for confiscation. He said also that a department has been set up to list every known masterpiece of art from both public and private museums, and that looted treasuries will be tracked down and returned to rightful owners.

FRANCE -- Radio Cherbourg Wednesday called upon Frenchmen in liberated France to serve aboard French merchant vessels in the British Navy.

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