

Russians Seal Baltic Trap

Rip for Memel, Tilsit; Second Ring Seen

(P)—Russian troops fought within seven miles of Memel and 15 of the East Prussian rail center of Tilsit Wednesday after slashing to the Baltic Sea above the port, cutting land routes for up to 150 thousand Germans still believed to be in Latvia and Lithuania.

Berlin radio broadcast a totally unconfirmed report that Memel is surrounded by Red troops who "have reached the Baltic Sea north and south of the city."

Yet another death trap was being fashioned in a Soviet drive southeast of Memel, which Adolf Hitler annexed to East Prussia early in 1939 from Lithuania.

Advancing along the last 50 miles separating them from the sea south of Memel, the Russians swept along the Niemen River in a lightning move which appeared likely to cut off from three to five enemy divisions between Taurage and Kirisches Hall.

At the same time, two great new Russian attacks north of Warsaw were reported Wednesday by the Germans, who said they had evacuated the frontier bastion of Taurage, just across the border in Lithuania from East Prussia.

"The autumn offensive is in full swing," Berlin said. "It may now be said that the general attack on East Prussia has opened. This offensive was expected. The thrust past Lomza (in northern Poland) is directed toward Allenstein and Danzig, and the thrust from Memel is toward Tilsit and Konigsberg," capital of East Prussia and a city of 368 thousand.

The new Prussian drives were located north of Warsaw and south of Poznan, which lies near the Narw River northeast of the rubbled Polish capital. The Germans acknowledged local breaches which they said were "cleared or liquidated."

Taurage lies on the Jura River 20 miles from Tilsit on the road between that city and besieged Riga, capital of Latvia.

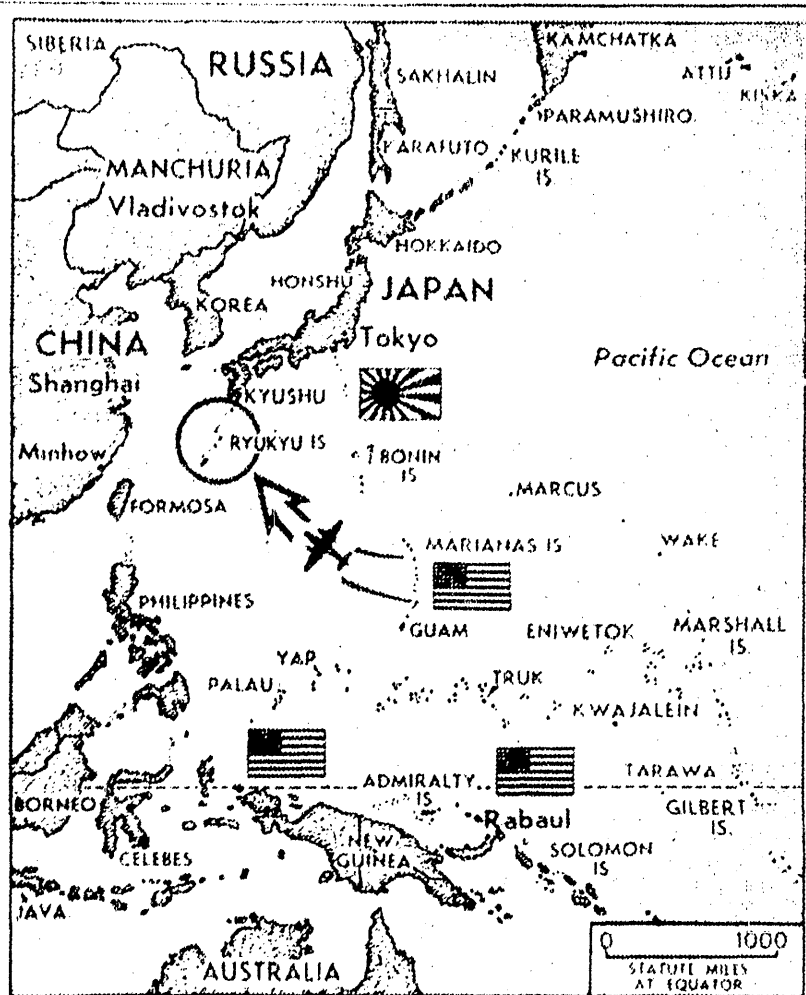
Raids on Coventry Cost 1,252 Lives

London—Twelve hundred high explosive bombs, 30 thousand incendiaries and 50 parachute mines were dropped on Coventry, England when the German air force on the night of November 14, 15, 1940, made its first concentrated attack, lasting nearly 12 hours, on the city, official statistics disclosed Tuesday night.

This was the first time parachute mines were said to have been used against Britain.

A total of 1,252 persons were known to have been killed during a series of 43 raids on Coventry.

Besides the famous Coventry cathedral, there were a number of churches and historic and public buildings damaged or destroyed. A total of 54,373 dwelling houses were wrecked.



Arrow points to Ryukyu Islands (circled) blasted Monday by carrier-based aircraft of the Pacific Fleet in "great force," according to a fleet communiqué Tuesday.



Large arrow shows Russian advance to the Baltic Sea at Palanga, cutting off Germans in Latvia. Other arrows show other gains reported by Moscow.

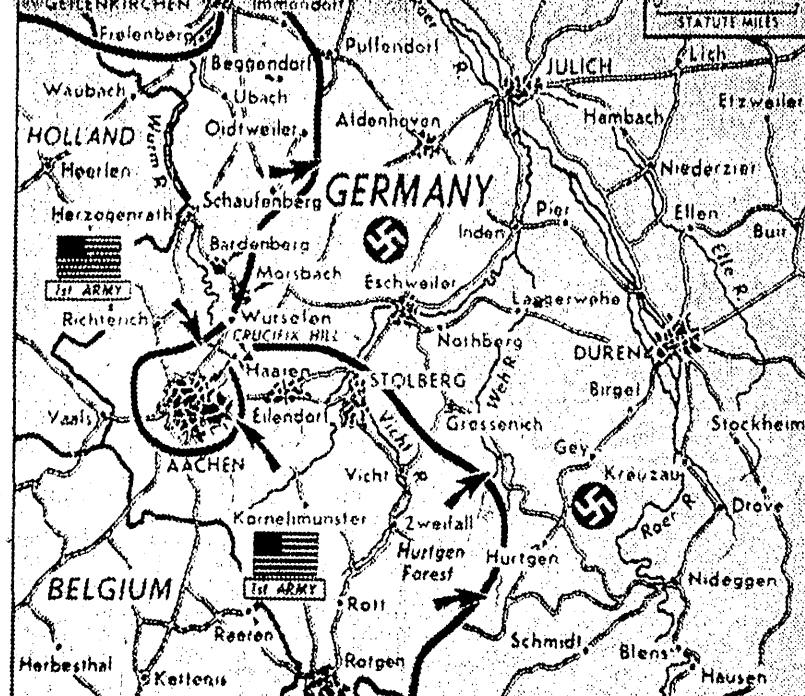
Sgt. Schmid, Pacific Hero, Gets Discharge

Philadelphia, Pa. (P)—Sgt. Albert Schmid, who killed two hundred Japs on Guadalcanal before he was blinded by a hand grenade, Tuesday received his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps.

Married since his return from the southwest Pacific and the father of a son, Albert, Jr., Sergeant Schmid says his plans are indefinite.

Superclippers Will Cut Bermuda Fare

New York (CTPS)—Flying time to Bermuda will be cut from five to three and a half hours after the war, and the round trip fare will be cut from the present \$144 to \$75, Pan American announced Tuesday. Postwar travelers, the line added, will be carried in 108-passenger super-clippers of a type not yet disclosed.



The battle for Aachen... American First Army artillery hammered the German city Wednesday and dive bombers rained home their charges as the Nazis rejected an ultimatum to surrender. Black line shows Yank positions at Aachen as final assault began and arrows indicate direction of drives.—AP Wirephoto.

Going Tough in Italy Push

(P)—American troops, still slowed by rain and deep mud, have reached the southern outskirts of Livorno, 11 miles due south of Bologna on Highway 65, and advanced elements there are meeting fierce German counterattacks, Allied Headquarters in Rome announced Wednesday.

The pace of the fighting along the entire Italian battlefield generally was reported retarded by adverse weather.

After several days of bloody fighting, British troops of the American Fifth Army shot the Germans off Mount Cece and took possession of the little knob of ground. The British also managed to put troops on Mount Fredo, where the Germans had reacted violently for days to any attempt to advance.

West of the highway, too, the Germans were fighting for every mud puddle, but some progress was made in the drive for Bologna and advance elements were approaching Vado, 12 miles to the southwest.

The British Eighth Army appeared to be making some progress in the hills of the Adriatic front despite almost constant rain. Meanwhile, Headquarters revealed that the Third Battalion of the Three Hundred Sixty-second Infantry Regiment, a part of the Ninety-first Division, was the unit which broke through the Germans' Gothic line, September 22, and took Futa Pass in the bleak Italian mountains between Florence and Bologna.

Its troops are mostly from the Midwest and Pacific Coast states. The Three Hundred Sixty-second Regiment, led by Col. John W. Cotton of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., spearheaded the Fifth Army's attack. In World War I, the

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Arrows indicate Russian gains on the southern front, including a drive to the outskirts of Debreceen and an advance which cut the Belgrade-Nis highway and railroad.

Chilean Chief Ill

Santiago, Chile (P)—President Juan Antonio Rios will enter the Santa Maria Clinic Thursday for a month's rest and treatment for stomach ulcers, it was announced Tuesday.

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Foe on Corfu Isle Cut Off

(P)—British troops in Albania have captured the port of Sarande (Porto Edda), isolating the German garrison on the island of Corfu. Allied Headquarters in Rome announced Wednesday.

The announcement said also that "patrolling is active" in Greece, but there was no indication whether the land forces of the Adriatic have moved beyond captured Corinth toward Athens.

Sarande, supply port for the Germans on Corfu, was captured after a hard battle, it was said. About five hundred prisoners were taken.

With the port in British hands there appeared little possibility that the Germans on Corfu, last reported to total a regiment, would be able to escape to the mainland.

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