



2nd Armor
Hell On Wheels
Normandy Breakthrough



4th Inf Div
Cherbourg, St Lo, Paris



Gen George Patton

Commander of the new U.S. Third Army. A captured secret document analyzed Patton as "the most dangerous general in all fronts. The tactics of other generals are well known... Patton's tactics are daring and unpredictable."

France had become imperative for Hitler.

It was noon, August 1, when the American divisions in France were split into two official armies, the First and the Third. As the bulk of the First advanced along Barentain and Mortain (more on the First a little later) the latter advanced through Brittany. During the month of August, the U.S. Third was able to make the most advances, and so we'll touch upon them first.

General George Patton's Third Army had the mission of sweeping up Brittany, with his main infantry formation (the XV Corps) in motorized columns heading south, then over east; and with diverse byways his principal actions (the VIII and driving west then along the city of on August third, told Patton to with "a minimum order to make the drive eastward as the major push, only one U.S. Corps remained in Brittany. But no one foresaw the drive to be electrifying-



The first days of August were crucial, because they marked the beginning of expansion, and no one knew precisely what would ensue. Many soldiers had never been in Europe and were oriented by only a map; there were even times when they learned they had moved so fast that the spearhead was beyond a map. Like



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Normandy Breakthrough, Brittany
Loire Valley, Troyes,
Nancy



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St Lo, Falaise, Mortain
Chartres
Spearhead

