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PATTON'S ARMY REACHES REICH

FIGHTING RAGES ON REICH SOIL AT SAARBRUCKEN

British In Netherlands After Taking Antwerp — Third Army On Moselle.

London, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—The Brussels radio reported today that the Allies were only a little more than three miles from Dunkerque.

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army has reached the Moselle in force between Metz and Nancy, a front dispatch revealed today, and an unconfirmed report was published here that U. S. tanks had reached Strasbourg on the German border and fighting was in progress on German soil around Saarbrücken.

British armored forces plunged deeper into the Netherlands more than 30 miles beyond Antwerp, strengthening a trap closed on some 100,000 Germans pinned against the channel coast.

The lower side of the channel pocket was collapsing. Canadian troops speared within three miles of Boulogne on the Straits of Dover. The Evening News said the German garrisons of Boulogne, Calais, Gravelines and Dunkerque were trying to escape by sea in a reversal of the Allied Dunkerque evacuation in 1940.

Robert C. Richards, United Press correspondent with Patton's army, said the American vanguard came to grips with the Germans in the village of Pont-A-Mousson, astride the Moselle roughly midway between Metz and Nancy.

Secrecy Ends
In the second week from the 3rd army front in several days Richards said the Yanks held the west bank of the river, beyond which the Germans had retreated after a brisk skirmish and the demolition of the bridges across the 80-foot stream.

"Although patrols previously had stabbed across the vital waterway guarding the last Nazi defenses in northeastern France, this was the only point at which American troops were standing on the Moselle in substantial strength," Richards said.

The London Evening News, however, published a dispatch credited to French frontier sources which said American armor had plunged to the Rhine and the German border at the outskirts of Strasbourg, 75 miles east of Nancy.

To the northwest, the dispatch, which lacked confirmation in any other quarter, said, American and German troops were locked in battle on Nazi homeland soil around the border city of Saarbrücken.

A big force of U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators with a Mustang escort struck on ahead of the land armies at the Rhine-land cities of Karlsruhe, Stuttgart, and Ludwigsburg, key-stones of the first defenses of Germany proper.

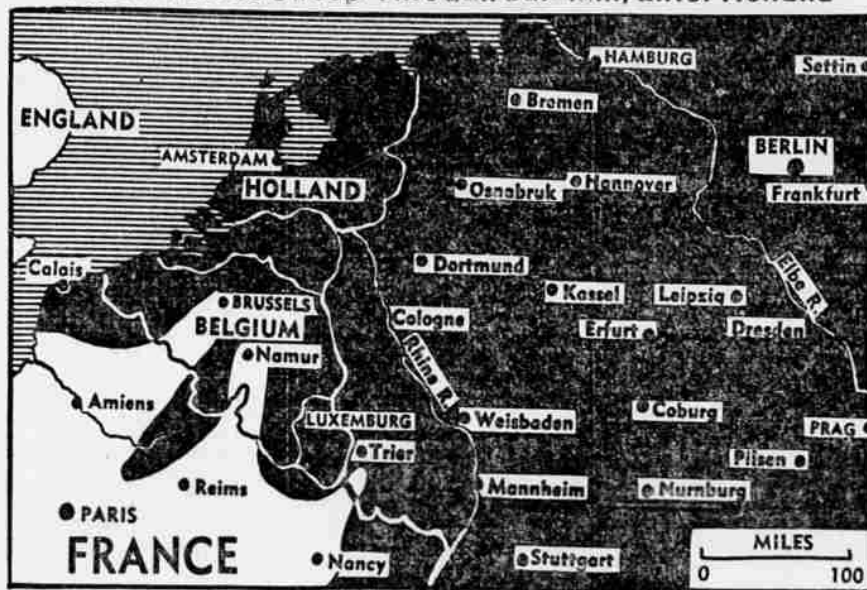
American advances on the center of the front were indicated by the announcement of Premier Pierre Duppont of Luxembourg that Allied forces had marched into the Grand Duchy and its hour of liberation was at hand. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower made a like statement yesterday in a message broadcast to the Luxembourgers.

Skippy information at Supreme Headquarters late today suggested the possibility of a slowdown to some extent from the sensational pace maintained by the Allied armies in carrying the war to Germany's doorstep.

The only specific word at Headquarters was that Canadian troops had pushed near Boulogne, indicating that the south side of the pocket enclosing tens of thousands of Germans was caving in. The barrier penning the Nazis to the coast was about 140 miles long, lying between the Boulogne area through Aire and Lille to Antwerp.

The Nazis, apparently doomed to death or capture, were reported surrendering by the thousands to the Canadians.

Allied Armies Sweep Through Belgium, Enter Holland



British armored forces, in six-hour, 70-mile sweep across Flanders, liberate Belgian capital of Brussels, drive eastward toward Netherlands frontier, where an American First Army column already was reported battling on Dutch soil. Half of Belgium is in Allied hands and liberation of country is only matter of hours away.

HIGH SCHOOLS TO OPEN WEEK LATE TO AID HARVEST

Opening of Medford Junior and Senior high schools has been postponed until Sept. 25, it was announced this morning by E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of schools. Hedrick stated that the decision had been made by board members in response to numerous requests from fruit men who declared that the pupils were needed to relieve a critical labor shortage. The schools had previously been scheduled to open Monday, September 18.

Mr. Hedrick urged students now working to continue until the opening day of school. He said some employers reported a number of students had quit in order to take vacation before school began. "Students should take advantage of the opportunity to earn the extra money," he said, "and should not further aggravate the labor shortage by quitting several days before school opens."

The superintendent said that grade schools would open September 18.

FALSE REPORT OF SURRENDER AIRED

London, Sept. 15.—(U.P.)—The Brussels radio broadcast a wholly unsupported rumor today that Germany had capitulated to the allies and retracted it less than two hours later, adding that "the fight goes on."

The capitulation report, heavily qualified even at the outset, apparently originated from the garbling of a description of the 10,000 Germans near Mons.

The second broadcast on the subject said: "Dear listeners: We are obliged to tell you to our deep regret that a rumor, according to which Germany was alleged to have capitulated and which was this morning broadcast by a foreign station, has not been confirmed. The fight goes on."

GOP CHIEFS TALK ON RADIO AT 6:15

New York, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—Governors of New Jersey, Michigan and Washington broadcast tonight over a coast to coast network in support of Thomas E. Dewey, Republican nominee for president.

Gov. Walter E. Edge will speak from Atlantic City, N. J.; Gov. Harry F. Kelly, from Lansing, Mich.; and Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, from Olympia, Wash.

ASHLAND MOTHER DISAPPEARS, MATE FEARS FOUL PLAY

Kathryn Fay Miller, 22, Ashland, mother of two small children, is being sought today by Ashland city police and members of the state police after her husband, Frank Miller, reported that she failed to return home following a dance at the Silver Moon hall in Ashland last Saturday night. Miller stated that he believed his wife might have been kidnapped or she was the victim of an assault since she was devoted to the children and would not have left them.

Miller reported to police that his wife, described as an attractive golden blonde girl, had attended the dance with a group of friends and that they had all gone to the Dandy Lunch for a midnight meal. During the meal there was a slight argument, Miller said, over what the party should do next and the friends reported that Mrs. Miller left the luncheon and started down the street alone.

The husband's story of the evening's events was gained from the friends, he said, since he had left the group early in the evening to go home and had not attended the dance. Miller said he understood that the group had been drinking, but insisted that his wife was of a temperate nature and drank lightly.

Thinking Mrs. Miller might have gone to Klamath Falls to the home of friends, Miller said he spent part of Sunday there and checked with the friends, with hotels and with the police. Failing to find any trace of his wife he became alarmed and early Monday morning reported the matter to the Ashland police. State police were then notified and are now checking with relatives of the girl in California.

Mrs. Miller was described as five feet seven inches in height and at the time of her disappearance was wearing a navy blue dress, with white trim on the front in the shape of birds, and black shoes.

The Millers reside at 130 Pioneer street in Ashland and Miller is employed at the Jensen sawmill. He returned home four months ago after having been discharged from the merchant marine service because of illness. The children are a girl, four years, and a year-old boy.

RESUME LONG TRIAL

Washington, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—Four of the 26 defendants in the mass sedition case elected to continue their vacation today as the 4½-month-old trial resumed in district court after a two-week summer recess.

CRASH FATAL
Orwood, Cal., Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—One man was killed and two were injured, one seriously, late yesterday, when a car in which they were riding crashed into a switch engine on a siding.

FINLAND ACCEPTS REDS ARMISTICE; FIGHTING CEASES

London, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—Soviet troops on the Finnish front ceased firing today, ending four years of war.

The Russian supreme command ordered the halt of military operations against Finland, effective at 8 a. m. today, in view of the Finns' acceptance of preliminary conditions to an armistice offered by the Soviet government. The Finns ceased firing at 8 a. m. yesterday.

The Soviet terms were believed similar to previous proposals, based on the restoration of frontiers and reparations. Russia did not demand unconditional surrender of the Finns.

A Helsinki dispatch said there was no grounds for belief that the Russians would be excessively harsh and foreign observers believed Finland would retain its independence.

A Helsinki dispatch said the Finnish parliament held two secret sessions last night, believed preparatory to the sending of a peace delegation to Moscow.

The Stockholm Morning Tidningen reported from Helsinki that German civilians and soldiers were leaving southern Finland in compliance with the government's order that they must be out of the country by Sept. 15.

TREMORS FELT IN EAST AND SOUTH

By United Press
Two earthquakes reverberated through eastern, midwestern and southern states and southern Canada early today, the first rattling windows, breaking water mains and doing some scattered property damage.

The second passed virtually unnoticed except for scientific recordings.

Hundreds of sleepers in the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia and as far south as Georgia and west to Chicago were routed from their beds by the initial shock. Father Lynch said the quake was centered 270 miles northwest of New York city in central New York state.

ASK FEDERAL BUILDING
Washington, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—Rep. Albert E. Carter, R., Cal., introduced a bill today to authorize a post-war construction of a federal building at Oakland, Cal., at a cost not to exceed \$6,500,000.

Escape Convict Faces First Degree Charge

IRA C. CARMIAN, 45, MILLWORKER, DIES IN SOUTH FRANCE OF HEAD INJURY

Fred Bailey, 27, San Quentin Camp Fugitive Held In County Jail.

Savagely assaulted with an automobile jack early Sunday morning by a man with whom he became acquainted at a local night spot, Ira Clyde Carman, 45-year-old Medford millworker died in a local hospital at 9:08 a. m. today and District Attorney George W. Neilson said that a first degree murder charge would be filed against Fred Bailey, 27, an escaped convict from California.

Carman, unmarried, a car-loader at Timber Products company for many years, died without regaining consciousness. He lay in a ditch about four miles north of Central Point on the Pacific highway from approximately 3:30 a. m. Sunday, when the attack occurred, to 12:30 Sunday afternoon, when he was discovered by Mrs. Hazel Robbins when she left her home to pick berries along the road.

The district attorney said that Bailey, who was arrested in Yreka, California, at 9 a. m. Sunday, had made a full confession of the attack. He was taken off a southbound stage, waived extradition and was returned to Medford by Neilson and Syd I. Brown and lodged in the county jail.

Bailey, who told police he was serving a San Quentin term for forgery in Los Angeles, escaped from the Beaver Creek work camp about 15 miles west of Hilt at 1:30 a. m. Sunday, authorities said he told them.

He made his escape in a 1939 Plymouth station wagon, owned by the State of California, which was used by officials at the camp, his alleged confession stated.

Driving it to the Zero club he went in, met Carman and the two then went outside for a drink, he was quoted as confessing. He then struck Carman on the head with a bottle, after which he attacked him with the jack, stripped him of his clothing and, driving the station wagon north on the highway, finally threw him from the machine in a ditch on the left side of the road, authorities quoted him as saying.

Bailey's arrest was the result of keen-eyed city policemen in Grants Pass, who noticed a man park a station wagon on the street, then go to the bus terminal. They checked the station wagon and when they discovered its interior to be splattered with blood they went to the terminal and learned that a man answering his description had purchased a ticket for Los Angeles and left on a stage.

Arrested at Yreka
They notified state police in Grants Pass, who called the state police office here, and local officers got in touch with the California quarantine station and Yreka authorities. The sheriff's office and city police took Bailey off the bus at Yreka. He was wearing Carman's clothes, which were bloody, and had \$64 of Carman's money, authorities said.

Bailey, authorities said, confessed to Yreka officers that he had beaten and robbed a man and thrown him in a ditch "somewhere between Medford and Grants Pass," and this information was telephoned to local authorities.

As yet Carman hadn't been discovered, and state police and the sheriff's office here were searching for him when Mrs. Robbins called up with her information.

Found in Ditch
Carman was found lying in a ditch about four feet deep, horribly battered about the head and with bad bruises on his legs. He had on only a pair of shorts. Deputy Coroner Carlos W. Morris, who took the victim to the hospital in the Conger-Morris ambulance, said Carman had suffered the loss of much blood while he lay in the ditch for approximately nine hours.

Bailey, who told the district attorney he threw his own clothes in a ditch after stripping Carman, is originally from Indiana and is believed to have a record prior to the forgery charge that sent him to San Quentin.

Carman lived with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Carman and his sister, Mrs. Jean Shelby on Ross Lane. A brother, Everett Carman, also resides in Medford. Conger-Morris chapel is in charge of funeral arrangements.

French Army Reach Saone River—Nazis Panicky on Swiss Border.

Rome, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—French forces of the Allied 7th army drove up the west bank of the Saone river today to reach Le Villars, 16 miles north of Lyon and 55 miles south of Dijon, arriving the last escape gap for Germans remaining in southern France west of the Saone.

A curtain of military secrecy again dropped over the progress of American troops east of the Saone, although as long ago as Sunday they already had reached through Montreuil and passed points less than 120 miles from the invasion armies of the north.

Geneva dispatches reported the Americans had occupied Morez, 51 miles north of Le Villars, and four miles from the Swiss frontier, and that the German garrison at that point had fled across the border to be interned.

The same sources also reported that the Swiss federal council had ordered partial mobilization of border troops, and that virtual panic had broken out among German civilians along the Swiss-German frontier. Thousands were jamming roads leading to the interior of the Reich, dispatches said.

Since Sunday there has been no official Allied mention of any noteworthy German resistance to the Allied advance, which already has extended more than 80 miles north of Lyon.

WARPLANES SOAR ACROSS CHANNEL

London, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—Allied warplanes soared across the Channel in clearing weather today in a resumption of the aerial offensive against Europe. German radios reported fighter and bomber formations over north and southwestern Germany.

RAF Mosquitoes laid a sharp concentrated assault on Karlsruhe, big road and communications center 100 miles east of Metz, last night. They dropped two-ton nightbusts from deep skies and started large fires in the city the Nazis probably will use, if possible, to assemble supplies and reinforcements for the first phases of the battle of Germany.

AGED MAN SLAIN AS 'LOVE PIRATE'

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—John Coffeen, between 70 and 80, was bound beaten to death last night amid signs of a terrific struggle, a note pinned to his chest.

"Let this be a lesson to you not to fool with married women or sell him whiskey."

New York, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—Cotton futures opened 4 to 6 points lower today.

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War Bulletins

London, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—Carrier-borne aircraft attacked the 35,000-ton German battleship Tirpitz at its mooring in Altenfjord, Norway, several times recently, the British Admiralty announced today. Hits were claimed on the ship, but results could not be observed.

SOVIET DECLARES WAR ON BULGARS, AID GIVEN HUNS

Balkan Nation Ignored Allied Warnings, Helped For Three Years.

London, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—Russia declared war on Bulgaria tonight, accusing the Balkan country of continuing to provide bases for the German army despite repeated allied warnings.

Radio Moscow announced the Soviet declaration of war as a climax to a series of bitter Russian denunciations of the Bulgars. It came a few hours after Bulgaria, struggling to avert disaster, had declared her last ties with the axis broken.

The new Bulgarian government formed last Saturday was reported to have ordered peace emissaries to conclude an armistice with the United States and Britain as soon as possible.

Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov at 7 p. m. handed the Bulgarian minister a note breaking relations with Sofia and charging the Bulgars with a stubborn maintenance of favors to Germany, specifically the provision of bases in Bulgarian territory.

The Moscow radio said the note accused the Bulgars of helping Germany for three years, a position heretofore countenanced by the Russians since the Bulgars were in no position to resist the Nazis.

Although the allies now have sealed the fate of Germany, Moscow said, making the Nazi defeat inevitable, the Bulgars have refused to follow Finland and Romania and join the anti-German coalition.

The Soviets charged that the so-called neutrality of the Bulgars included giving help to the Germans, which the Russian government regards as participation in the war against Russia.

Molotov's note to the Bulgarian minister, Ivan Stamenov, delivered as the red army massed on Bulgaria's border, said:

"For more than three years, Bulgaria, in reality aided Germany in the war against the U. S. S. R. The Soviet government took into consideration that the small country was not in position to resist the powerful armed forces of Germany at a time when Germany held almost the whole of Europe. The Soviet government put up with this situation."

"The Soviet government even tolerated the fact that Bulgarian governing circles helped the Germans evacuate the Crimea and save remnants of the defeated German forces in South Russia."

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
We are indebted to the Elks Magazine for the following diagnosis of Smudge Pot Perry's recent ailment:

"Arthur said 'twas neuritis. That made him feel so bad. 'Arthritis Perrytonitis' Was really what he had."

Otto Frohnmayer describing the bad effects he suffered from an attempt to grind up a little horseshish.

Lil Wickham started to find that her private instructions to the office telephone operator ended up in the ear of a reporter.

Frank VanDyke and Frank Thompson working industriously to uphold the best interests of their home city.

DEMobilization PLANS RELEASED TOMORROW NOON

Military Leaders Confer and Agree—Public Education Campaign Due.

Washington, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—The war department will announce at noon tomorrow its plans for demobilizing fighting men, it was disclosed today after a conference of military leaders and members of the house military affairs committee.

Maj. Gen. William F. Tompkins, chief of the army planning branch; Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey and Col. Francis J. Keesling, Jr., of selective service; Capt. William R. Terrell of the bureau of naval personnel, and other army and navy officers revealed their plans to the committee at a closed session, but declined to make them public today.

Committee Chairman Andrew J. May, D., Ky., told newsmen after the meeting that the plans would be released by the war department tomorrow, but said he was not at liberty to make any statement about their nature.

Other committee members said that part of the army's program is to educate the public about its system of discharging troops so there will be general acceptance of the plan to be followed.

According to one committee member, part of this educational process will be to make fathers and mothers understand why "Johnny Jones cannot be released from service when Jim Smith, who lives across the street and entered the service about the same time was discharged."

Committee members said Tompkins was not asked how many troops could be discharged when Germany is defeated. He indicated, however, they said, that many troops now in Europe will be transferred by units to other war theaters and others will remain in Europe as an army of occupation.

They also said selective service spokesmen have indicated a desire to continue inductions indefinitely to keep a fresh supply of men going into the service with the hope that troops who have spent long periods in disease-infested jungles could be released.

Some congressional quarters have heard reports that the army will be able to discharge as many as 2,000,000 men after Germany collapses. The question of continued drafting of men was in the forefront of their discussions.

SECRET BELGIAN ARMY GREAT AID

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—To a secret Belgian army which has been operating as a unit throughout four years of German occupation, is due much of the credit for the ease with which the Allies swept into Belgium, supreme headquarters revealed today.

When the secret army led by 55-year-old Maj. Gen. Ivan Gerard was ordered on June 6 to intensify its action against the enemy, its efforts were so successful the Germans found Belgian communications almost useless. One German division ordered from Antwerp to the Normandy battlefield was forced to make a great detour through Germany to reach the fighting front.

HONOR RICK'S RESCUER
Norfolk, Va., Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—Cmdr. William F. Eadie, USN, of Evanston, Ill., the pilot who rescued Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker in the south Pacific in 1942, today was awarded a letter of commendation of "meritorious and efficient" service in the south Pacific from December, 1941, to April, 1943.