

Tank-Riding Yanks Shoot Way Through Crack German Death Battalion

SPEED TO RELIEVE
AIRBORNE FORCES
CIRCLED BY NAZIS

Paratroopers Conquer Nazis
In Streets of Nijmegen;
Race Across Rhine River.

With 3rd Army in France,
Sept. 21—(U.P.)—A German
marksman knocked out 105
German tanks in a three-day
armored battle swirling wild-
ly through the Moselle valley
and were believed tonight to
have cracked the spine of the
panzer herd sent against the
3rd army.

By Virgil Pinkley
United Press War Correspondent
Supreme Headquarters, AEF,
Sept. 21—(U.P.)—Tank-riding
American paratroopers shot their
way through a Nazi death bat-
talion in the streets of Nijmegen
today, broke across the Rhine
river and sped northward with
a British armored column to re-
lieve an encircled airborne force
holding out 10 miles away in
Arnhem, gateway to the Reich.
Only a few narrow canals be-
tween Nijmegen and Arnhem
barred the way to the broad
German plains sweeping east-
ward 260 miles beyond the
Dutch border to Berlin, and it
appeared that the Germans had
little left in the immediate area
to hold the American and British
thrust.

Cut Behind Germans
First word of the dramatic
crossing came in a front dispatch
from BBC Correspondent Ste-
wart McPherson, who reported
that the Americans made an as-
sault crossing near the main
highway bridge late last night
and cut in behind the Germans,
who were defending the span
against a British frontal attack.
Under the front and rear at-
tack, the Germans broke and
fled, leaving the key bridge in-
tact for a flood of British armor
to stream northward to the re-
scue of the airborne troopers at
Arnhem.

At the same time, headquar-
ters revealed that the American
1st army to the south drove an-
other spearhead into Germany
at Scharpensee, 11 miles north
of Aachen, after a swift advance
across the narrow neck of Dutch
soil separating Belgium from the
Reich.

Battle At Stolberg
Other 1st army troops were
locked in a violent battle for
the German factory town of
Stolberg, 6 1/2 miles east of Aach-
en, while Lt. Gen. George S.
Patton's 3rd army closed to
within six miles of Metz and
ground slowly forward against
fierce armored counter-attacks
northeast of Nancy.

But, for the moment, the key
to the battle for Germany lay
in the flaming Nijmegen-Ar-
nhem sector where the Anglo-
American armored force was
moving in giant strides around
the northern corner of the Siegf-
ried line into exposed German
flanklands.

Nazis Desperate
The Germans, faced with the
possible loss of 100,000 men pin-
ned against the Dutch coast west
of Nijmegen as well as a direct
invasion blow toward Berlin,
were throwing every available
man, gun, and tank into the bat-
tle.

Hand-picked Nazi troops fought
like wild men to hold the Nijme-
gen bridge and other German
tank and infantry units, backed
up by heavy artillery, struck re-
peatedly but vainly against the
west wall of the thin Allied cor-
ridor stretching up from the Bel-
gian frontier to Nijmegen.

HOUSEWIFE WINS
Mastic Beach, L. I., Sept. 21
(U.P.)—An electric company crew
repairing damage from the re-
cent hurricane explained today
why they were a little behind
their schedule. A housewife
who had been trying to get her
lights repaired for a week
passed their truck a block from
her house, took the ignition
keys, dropped them down the
neck of her dress and said:
"Boys, you'll get your keys
back when you fix my lights."
They fixed her lights.

SIDE GLANCES
By
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Kathryn Seekatz trying to de-
cide to do two different things
at the same time.
Gain Robinson informing a
customer, who made a special
stop in his office to say that a
window sign was upside down,
that the customer's husband had
just finished hanging the sign.
Clayton Lewis being forced to
discard his old clothes and buy
new ones because of added
poundage.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

United Press—Full Leased Wire
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1944
Medford, Oreg.
NO. 154.

Weather
Forecast: Partly cloudy to
cloudy with scattered showers
tonight and Friday. Little
change in temperature. Temp.
Highest yesterday 57
Lowest this morning 50
Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0

Airborne Troops Join British Second Army



Allied airborne troops, competing their junction with British Second Army, capture Netherlands industrial center of Eindhoven, sweep northward in fast-breaking drive to turn corner of Siegfried Line and strike across Ruhr for Berlin, 315 miles distant. Other American spearheads slash eastward despite heavy opposition which slowed up advance.

DEWEY CAMPAIGNS
FOR CALIFORNIA'S
ELECTORAL VOTE

San Francisco, Sept. 21—(U.P.)
Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, republican
candidate for governor, today
opened a two-day campaign for
California's important 25 electoral
votes.

The New York governor and
Mrs. Dewey arrived from Port-
land, Ore., at the 16th street sta-
tion in Oakland and were greet-
ed by Gov. Earl Warren of Cal-
ifornia and other state republican
leaders.

Appearing rested and amiable
after a night-long trip through
the mountains and valleys of
northern California, Gov. Dewey
waived to a cheering and ap-
plauding crowd of several hun-
dred at the depot.

One of the newcomers was
Dewey's uncle, Howard D. Reed,
professor of plant physiology at
the University of California.
"My, how you've grown,"
Reed hadn't seen his nephew
since Dewey was two years old.
Gov. Warren accompanied
Dewey to a waiting motorcade
which passed through the west-
ern residential district of Oak-
land to the Hotel Lexington.
Dewey will make two major
speeches in California. One at
San Francisco (8 p. m. PWT,
NBC) tonight from the Civic
auditorium, and a second tomor-
row night in Los Angeles.

At Klamath Falls yesterday
Dewey told a trainload audience
of approximately 2,500 that "all
you need is a government that
will say to you 'we believe in
this country' and you will go
ahead to the greatest future in
the history of the nation."
He interpreted their night-
time reception as an indication
that "you agree with me that the
New Deal has not yet destroyed
your confidence in the future"
of the nation.

Throwing a bitter criticism of
the centralization of power in
the federal government during
the last 12 years, Dewey said he
did not contemplate in such ad-
ministrative posts appointees
who would take such jobs "for
the purpose of telling 130,000,000
people that they know better
how to run their lives than the
people do themselves."

Cave Fortresses of Peleliu
Giving Marines Tough Time

By Ralph Teatsworth
United Press War Correspondent
Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Sept. 21—(U.P.)
Clawing their way across sheer, jagged coral, marines are assault-
ing a chain of superbly-constructed Japanese cave fortresses on
the ridges of western Peleliu under battle conditions even worse
than those at Tarawa, Guadalcanal and Saipan, front dispatches
reported today.

Richard W. Johnson, United
Press war correspondent who
went in at the beach at Tarawa
and scaled Mt. Tapochau on
Saipan, reported from Palau:
"Peleliu ridge surpasses them
both."

Considerable Loss
He disclosed that the First and
Seventh marines had suffered
"considerable casualties," and
said "it should be obvious to the
American people that such posi-
tions cannot be naturalized with-
out some losses."

From connecting caves equip-
ped with steel doors, Japs were
reported pouring a cross-fire of
small arms, mortar and artillery
at heroic leathernecks inching
their way over the cruelly-sharp
coral. The surface was so rough
that men injured themselves
merely by falling down.

Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger said
the terrain was "the worst I ever
saw."
"From the standpoint of terri-
tory captured, the marines ap-
peared near the end of the
Peleliu campaign because they
hold two-thirds of the island."

Farther west, land-based Lib-
erator bombers, intensifying the
two-way drive on the Philip-
pines, battered the port of Davao
without opposition Monday.

Japs Fear Landing
Tokyo radio indicated that the
Japanese feared an American
landing in the Philippines was
imminent. More than 50 Lib-
erators of the Far Eastern Air
Force carried out the attack on
Davao, showering 120 tons of
bombs on airfields, supply and
personnel installations.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz
announced that the marines
killed a total of 7,045 Japanese,
approximately three-fourths of
Peleliu's garrison, in less than
one week of bitter fighting on
the strategic island, 560 miles
east of the Philippines.

ADJOURNMENT TODAY
AGREED BY CONGRESS
Washington, Sept. 21—(U.P.)
The House and Senate today
adopted a resolution to adjourn
when they complete business to-
day, until November 14 or until
congressional leaders summon
them back into session, which-
ever is earlier.

TO BERLIN
By United Press
The shortest distances to
Berlin from advanced Allied
lines today:
Western front—300 miles
(from Nijmegen). Gain of 15
miles in week.
Russia—320 miles (from
Praga). Unchanged in week.
Italy—551 miles (from point
north of Florence). Gain of
three miles in week.)

Radio Highlights
Gov. Dewey's San Francisco
speech at 8 p. m. PWT today
will be broadcast over NBC sta-
tions.

Baltic Defenders Reel Back
Before Massive Red Attack

COL. CHAMBERLIN
AROUSES IRE OF
CAMP PERSONNEL

Former Camp White Officer
To Face Inquiry on Con-
duct at Convalescent Post

El Centro, Calif., Sept. 21—
(U.P.)—Col. A. B. O'Rourke of the
inspector-general's department,
Ninth Service Command, has
been sent to investigate the con-
duct of Col. Frank T. Chamberlin,
commanding officer of the
Camp Lockett veterans' con-
valescent center, the El Centro
Post-Press said today.

In an exclusive news story the
Post-Press declared criticism by
civilian employees regarding
conduct of Col. Chamberlin to-
ward camp personnel led to the
investigation.

Col. Chamberlin denied any
misconduct and said he had re-
quested an investigation by Col.
O'Rourke and also by civil ser-
vice representatives.

Camp Lockett, 65 miles west
of here, is a converted troop
training center now used for
convalescent veterans.

Col. Chamberlin was station-
ed at Camp White as director of
the camp medical department
and post surgeon before being
selected as commanding officer of
Camp Lockett. He and Mrs.
Chamberlin came here in Feb-
ruary of 1943 and left July 25.

While here the couple made
many friends and were widely
known in civilian as well as
army circles.

AMERICANS NEAR
APENNINE GATE

Rome, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—Ameri-
can troops advancing north of
Florence approached the famous
Futa Pass through the Apennines,
today amid signs that the
Germans were shifting troops
from the west to meet the threat
against that gateway to north-
ern Italy.

Fighting in a driving rain
which hampered ground forces
and restricted aerial support, the
U. S. 5th army troops captured
five mountain peaks and pushed
near the village of Santa Lucia,
a half mile south of Futa Pass
and itself a part of the German
defenses for the pass.

Other 5th army units on the
Ligurian sea coastal sector ap-
proached the outskirts of the
town of Pietrasanta, on the Luca-
Massa highway, three miles
inland and six miles north of
Viareggio. Pietrasanta is four
miles northwest of Camaiore,
which was captured yesterday
by Brazilian expeditionary force
troops operating with the 5th
army.

CONGRESS BACKS
PRESS FREEDOM

Washington, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—
The two branches of congress
today adopted unanimously and
without debate a resolution ad-
vocating an international com-
mittee to assure freedom of news
to all nations.

The House approved the res-
olution by unanimous voice vote
a few hours after it had been
introduced in the Senate. It
was adopted there almost im-
mediately.

Rep. Luther Johnson, D.,
Tex., explained to the House
that the resolution sought to
give to American press services
the same rights of news free-
dom that are extended to for-
eign news agencies in this coun-
try.

St. John's Island was renamed
Prince Edward Island in 1798.

U.S. BUSINESSMEN
STEALING MARCH
CRIES DAILY MAIL

Financial Agent Went Into
France With First Yankee
Unit, British Paper Says.

London, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—The
Daily Mail said today that Allied
supreme headquarters was per-
mitting American businessmen
to get to Paris to establish con-
tacts and conduct affairs that
might prove ruinous to British
business.

The article, signed by Colin
Bednall, carried an editor's note
that the newspaper knew it

London, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—
Harvey Gibson, director of the
American Red Cross in the
European theater, told the
United Press today that "there
is no foundation of fact what-
soever" in the Daily Mail's
charge that an American fi-
nancier went to Paris in a
Red Cross uniform and later
divested the uniform to pur-
sue private business.

would be assailed both in Brit-
ain and America, but "we feel
that only good can be done by
bringing into the open a subject
which already has caused serious
damage to Anglo-American re-
lations."

Exploitation Charged
Bednall claimed that unless
quick action was taken and ex-
planations given "a grave and
tragic misunderstanding is going
to arise between Great Britain
and the United States."

"It is being stated now in de-
finite terms that agreements into
which Britain entered for purely
military purposes have been de-
liberately exploited by certain
American interests for purely
commercial reasons," he said.

In one case, Bednall asserted,
it was alleged that one of the
first American units to land in
France had with it, in the uni-
form of a Red Cross officer, the
representative of a very power-
ful financial corporation.

"Within 48 hours of the Al-
lied entry into Paris," he con-
tinued, "it is said this gentleman
disappeared from the army and
was sitting in an office in Paris.
He had changed to civilian
clothes and he was busy with
clients."

"Since then responsible peo-
ple have reported observing a
stream of American businessmen
passing through England on the
way to the French capital."

MRS. C. D. BEAN DIES;
EX-MEDFORD RESIDENT
Mrs. C. D. Bean, former Med-
ford resident, died last week in
Chicago, friends here have been
informed. Mrs. Bean is survived
by her husband, formerly man-
ager of Montgomery Ward and
company's Medford store, a son,
Charles, in the army, and a
daughter, Mary, in the WAVES.

The Beans left Medford in the
fall of 1936, going first to Port-
land and later to Chicago. Mr.
Bean left Montgomery Ward to
establish a houseware store
which he operated for about a
year before leaving for Port-
land.

American Casualties Mount;
Total Now Exceeds 400,000

Washington, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—American combat casualties in
this war, as officially announced here, passed 400,000 today to
reach a total of 400,760 as compared with 389,123 a week ago.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced that army cas-
ualties through Sept. 6 totaled 337,743, including 64,468 killed,
177,235 wounded, 48,725 prisoners of war, and 47,315 missing.



Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., poses above before
door of his command post in
France on day he died while on
active duty.

NEW PEAR SPRAY
CONTRIVANCE HAS
AIRPLANE PROPS

Los Angeles, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—
A bug-killing airplane-like "ma-
chine gun," designed to kill
orchard pests has been perfected,
the Food Machinery Corp. an-
nounced today.

The new machine moves
through orchards, throwing its
germ and insect-killing spray in-
to innermost branches by means
of airplane propellers working
through a "wind tunnel."

Dr. Arthur D. Borden, as-
sociate entomologist of the Cal-
ifornia agricultural experiment
station, who observed the ma-
chine in an orchard, reported:

"In this orchard, which had
very large 30-year-old Bartlett
pear trees with very dense fol-
lage, the equipment was drawn
down the centers between every
two tree rows, applying spray
with both sides.

"The lead arsenate deposit on
the fruit and foliage was very
satisfactory and more uniform
than is often obtained with the
use of ground crews. It was
particularly noticed that the in-
side of the fruit generally has a
good coverage and that the
coverage of the fruit on the out-
side was complete, smooth film."

Dr. Borden said a fruit cor-
poration agent estimated the ma-
chine would cover as much area
as four ground crews with a
saving of labor of 14 men and
the operation of three additional
tractors, three spray rigs and
two supply wagons.

BASEBALL

Braves Field, Boston, Sept. 21
(U.P.)—The St. Louis Cardinals
clinched their third consecutive
National League pennant today
when, after losing eight of their
last nine starts, they defeated
the Boston Braves, 3 to 4, in the
first game of a doubleheader.
Score:
St. Louis 5 12 0
Boston 4 11 0
M. Cooper, Brecheen and W.
Cooper; Barrett, Hutchings and
Poland; Hoffereth.

National
Pittsburgh 10 11 0
Brooklyn 4 9 1
Sewell and Lopez; Gregg, Mel-
ton, Brauca and Owen, Andrews.
Chicago 11 12 0
New York 8 13 3
Chipman, Vandenberg, Der-
ringer, Fleming and Gillespie,
Williams; Voiselle, Fischer,
Adams and Lombardi.

American
Boston 2 11 3
Cleveland 5 8 3
Ryba and Partee; Kileman and
Rosar.

RUSSIANS HERD
200,000 FOEMEN
TOWARD POCKETS

Stalin's Forces Attack All
the Way From Gulf of
Finland to Riga Outskirts.

Moscow, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—The
remnants of 30 German divisions
reeled back through Estonia and
Latvia today before a massive
Red army onslaught that rattled
the Nazi defenses all along a 200-
mile front and threatened to
chop up the enemy's Baltic
armies into isolated, doomed
pockets.

Four Soviet armies, number-
ing perhaps 750,000 men, were
on the attack all the way from
the Gulf of Finland south to the
outskirts of Riga, herding be-
fore them an estimated 200,000
Nazis defending the approaches
of both Riga and the Estonian
capital of Tallinn.

Attack Warsaw
(Radio Berlin said the Soviets
also launched their big assault
on Warsaw, forcing several cross-
ings of the Vistula river and
winning a foothold 500 yards
deep in the streets of the capital.
Berlin said the bridgehead was
sealed off after a wild battle that
jammed the quarter-mile wide
river with dead.)

Soviet Premier Josef Stalin
revealed last night that his Len-
ingrad army, freed for action by
the capitulation of Finland, had
been thrown into the battle for
the Baltic states, joining the of-
fensive opened by the 1st, 2nd
and 3rd Baltic armies.

Spearheaded by powerful tank
formations, the combined Rus-
sian armies thrust deep wedges
into the German lines in at least
four vital sectors and observers
believed the Nazi position had
become critical.

Still Hold Corridor
The Germans still held a nar-
row corridor along the Gulf of
Riga for a possible land evacua-
tion to the south and the Port of
Tallinn for a try at escape by
sea. The Riga corridor already
was under heavy Russian shell-
fire, however, and the Soviets
were established by their Fin-
nish armistice terms on the north
coast of the Gulf of Finland,
making a sea-borne withdrawal
all but impossible.

The Leningrad army, operat-
ing under a security blackout
for four days, liberated more
than 1,800 Estonian towns and
villages in a smashing two-
pronged drive westward through
the Narva corridor above Lake
Peipus and northward along the
Tartu-Tallinn railway.

FREIGHT LOADING UP
Washington, Sept. 21—(U.P.)—
Loadings of revenue freight in
the week ended Sept. 16 totaled
892,358 cars, an increase of 68,
405 over the previous week, the
Association of American Rail-
roads reported today.

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