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YANKS CLINCH GRIP AT SALERNO

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE battle on the beaches at Salerno still holds our breathless attention and its outcome isn't yet predictable, but our situation appears to be somewhat better than yesterday.

GENERAL CLARK says this morning: "Our Salerno beach head is SECURE. Additional troops are landing every day, and we're HERE TO STAY. "Not one foot of ground will be given up."

MONTGOMERY (thank heaven again for Montgomery!) is moving up fast from the south and is reported this morning to be only 39 miles from the southern edge of our beach head.

Clark says: "In a matter of HOURS the 5th (Montgomery's) army's presence will be FELT BY THE ENEMY."

(BECAUSE Americans are fighting at Salerno, we tend in this country to think of it as wholly an American battle. It is carefully explained in today's dispatches that Clark's 5th army is composed about equally of Americans and British.)

THE Germans are favored, as usual, by short INFER communications. That will be true to the final bitter end. They're fighting the war WITHIN A CIRCLE. We have to fight from the outside inward.

TO get at the Germans, we (Americans and British) have to go ashore from ships—unless Turkey gives us a land bridge. Salerno is our first FULL-SCALE landing operation against a determined, reasonably strong, well-equipped enemy dug in on the shore. It is vastly important for that reason. If we land there, in spite of all the Germans can do, it may be assumed that we can land elsewhere.

If we FAIL at Salerno, it will be assumed that we can fail elsewhere. That assumption will encourage the Germans and discourage us.

That is why the fighting at Salerno is so important.

DON'T lose your nerve. Don't get the jitter. Don't listen to wild, incomplete or unconfirmed tales.

HAVE CONFIDENCE in the fighting quality of our men and the wisdom and soundness of their leadership.

The battle of Salerno isn't over.

GOOD news continues to come from Russia.

Novorossisk, in the Caucasus, across the Kerch strait from the Crimean peninsula, falls to the Russians this morning. A Moscow dispatch says: "The city was captured after a hard battle."

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ARMY SHOW TO PUSH KLAMATH BOND CAMPAIGN

Local War Loan Drive Passes \$800,000 Mark Today

Klamath's Third War Loan drive went officially past the \$800,000 mark Thursday on its way to a quota of \$2,518,000, it was announced by E. B. Hall, chairman of the Elks war bond committee.

Simultaneously, the drive was given another "kick in the pants" by the announcement that a big-time Camp White army show will be staged at the Pella theatre September 28, with admission by war bond purchase only.

Actual Sales
Hall said that actual bond sales had reached \$823,000, and the figure does not include the \$200,000 the Klamath Indians expect to contribute toward the Klamath quota. A number of other expected large bond sales have not yet been made.

The official report of sales, compiled for Hall by G. C. Blinn of the bond committee, follows:
E bonds—\$120,000.
F bonds—\$45,081.
G bonds—\$95,000.
C bonds—\$587,000.
1 per cent certificates—\$1000.
2 per cent bonds—\$1000.
2 1/2 per cent bonds—\$59,000.
Drive officials urged emphasis on E bond sales, inasmuch as the county has been asked to make (Continued on Page Two)

Border Clash Revives Talk of Russ-Jap War

By JAMES D. WHITE

(Former Head of The Associated Press Office in Poland)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP)—Speculation about a Japanese attack on Soviet Russia revived here today with unconfirmed reports from Chungking that a border clash—the first reported in some time—has occurred along the Mongolian frontier.

The Chungking report said the incident occurred north of Pailingmiao, a Japanese-controlled Inner Mongolian desert settlement below the border of outer Mongolia, which is an autonomous republic dominated by Soviet Russia.

Pailingmiao is a strategic base position for the Japanese if they should be planning a lightning drive across the Gobi desert through Ulan Bator, the outer Mongolian capital, to cut the trans-Siberian line in the vicinity of Lake Balkal.

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To the Saws, and Then Into the War Effort

Like a hog going up for slaughter, this huge ponderosa pine log, measuring over five feet at the butt, and containing over 6000 board feet is shown going up the slip at the Lamm Lumber company plant at Medford. It will be sawed into lumber and then material for war use. Standing beside the log is Ray Norton, veteran pond man with 31 years of service at the Medford Point plant. (Picture contributed by Philip E. Nehm).

JAPS BACKED INTO DEATH TRAP AT LAE

Big Malahang Airfield Nearly Overrun By Aussies

By OLEN CLEMENTS

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sept. 16 (AP)—Backing the Japanese into a death trap where they are forced to fight, allied jungle troops have battered through pillboxes, trenches and machinegun nests with the aid of artillery and planes to bring nearer the fall of the big air base of Lae, New Guinea.

East of Lae, Australians are only two miles from the center of the coastal town and are about to overrun the prized Malahang airfield.

On the west, where the intricate defenses were breached after hours of fighting, another force in the Markham valley is only five miles away.

Patrols Hunt Japs
To the south, American and Australian troops annihilated most of a Japanese garrison in capturing the airfield and harbor town of Salamaua, left behind patrols to hunt down the (Continued on Page Five)

Balkan Island Outposts Taken Over By Allies

LONDON, Sept. 16 (AP)—Allied occupation of two island outposts to the Balkans, in a move strikingly similar to operations which preceded the invasion of Italy, was reported in dispatches from Ankara today.

One account said that the Greek island of Samos and the Dodecanese island of Lero, off the Turkish coast and about 150 miles north of German-held Crete, were occupied three days ago—the day before Great Britain's ninth army was reported to have embarked from its Mediterranean port.

Negro Soldier Stabbing Probed

CENTRALIA, Sept. 16 (AP)—Fatal stabbing of a negro soldier on a train en route through Lewis county late Wednesday night brought preliminary investigation of the crime in Centralia, where the train was halted for over an hour while military and civil authorities questioned the knife wielder, also a negro soldier, and witnesses.

Milk-fed Spud May Fill RU

Farmer Henry Nelson was asked by chamber of commerce directors what had been done about getting a big potato for Captain Ehlen of the army, who wrote for a spud too big to eat at one sitting. Replied Nelson:

"There are lots of big potatoes here. But to get an exceptional spud for Captain Ehlen, we're irrigating a few hills with milk."

Early Morning Fire Damages Merrill Store

MERRILL—Fire caused considerable damage to the Crater Lake dairy store here Thursday morning but quick work on the part of the Merrill volunteer fire department checked the flames before they reached that section of the building which houses 500 cold storage lockers, now filled to capacity.

Flames were noticed at 2:15 a. m. by Warren Walker and Virgil Barron who turned in the alarm. The fire was caused probably by an overheated refrigerator motor located in the plant. The entire front of the building was destroyed.

Glenn Kent of Klamath Falls, one of the owners of the Merrill plant, expressed appreciation to the Merrill fire department for its efficient work.

"Too much credit cannot be given to this volunteer organization," Kent stated. "The people of Merrill, who have thousands of pounds of fine meat and vegetables put away for the harvest season, have the firemen to thank for saving their food."

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Philadelphia 1 4 0
New York 5 11 1
Harris, Citta (8) and Wagner; Russo and Dickey.
(1st game)
Philadelphia 9 13 1
Boston 2 7 1
Rove, Lee (9) and Seminick; Tobin, Cardoni (6) and Masl.

FORTRESSES THROW BOMBS AT NAZIS

Berlin Battered by RAF in Night Raid

By GLADWIN HILL

LONDON, Sept. 16 (AP)—American Fortresses, following up an inaugural dash, hit Hitler's Europe and probably the allies' biggest night assault on the continent, bombed naval installations at Nantes in France today in their second day in two days.

An official announcement of the raid on Nantes, big French industrial center at the mouth of the river Loire, said the Fortresses were escorted by American Thunderbolts.

In the mammoth operation last night the Fortresses, joined by Liberators and Marauders, plastered naval airfields and aircraft plants in France, in their first after-dark assault, while RAF planes hit Berlin anew and stabbed at one of Hitler's important rubber factories at Mounlucon, only 43 miles from Vichy.

It was the first attack on Berlin since the pre-dawn hours of September 4 and presumably was carried out by the RAF's swift Mosquito bombers which pummeled the German capital between the saturation attacks by fleets of four-engine craft.

Other RAF bombers struck at additional targets in northwest Germany, the air ministry announced.

Merrill Man Seriously Hurt In Auto Wreck

Olen Colvard, 33, of Merrill was seriously injured last night when the car he was driving collided with one driven by Tommy Van Cleave, about 18, also of Merrill. Colvard was coming north on the Lava Beds road, about two miles this side of Merrill, and Van Cleave was driving south.

Colvard was taken to the Klamath Valley hospital, where he remains in a serious condition, according to state police officers who investigated the affair.

Van Cleave was uninjured as was Bud Mahoney who was riding with him. Colvard was alone in his car. Van Cleave said that his car was sideswiped by that of Colvard's. Both cars were badly damaged, police said.

NOVOROSSISK FALLS; DESNA RIVER FORCED

Novogorod - Seversky Taken, 80 Miles From Border

LONDON, Sept. 16 (AP)—Novorossisk, Black sea naval base in the German bridgehead of the Caucasus, fell to the Russians today after a five-day battle between soviet land, sea and air forces and more than four German divisions, while red army troops driving westward between Bryansk and Kishin captured Novogorod-Seversky, 80 miles from the white Russian border.

The capture of two important but widely separated points on the farflung Russian front was announced by Premier Joseph Stalin in separate orders of the day, broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded here by the soviet member.

Novogorod-Seversky is about 80 miles southwest of Bryansk and about 80 miles northeast of Kishin, which fell to the advancing Russian forces yesterday.

German in East
In capturing Novorossisk, the Russians pushed the Germans in (Continued on Page Two)

Seventeen Men Trapped in Coal Mine Explosion

HARLAN, Ky., Sept. 16 (AP)—Seventeen men were trapped 5000 feet underground today when an explosion of undetermined cause closed a tunnel of the Three Point Coal company mine about 12 miles south of here.

Nearly 300 miners were on the job at the time of the blast but all were accounted for except the 17 trapped in the closed tunnel.

George Ward, secretary of the Harlan County Coal Operators' association, said James (Continued on Page Two)

Fathers Must Make Up Deficiency in 1943 Draft, Hershey Tells Congress

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP)—The army and navy will require 1,231,000 more men during the last four months of this year, and there are only about 775,000 non-fathers available for the draft during that period, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey told congress today.

The deficiency of 456,000, Hershey testified before the senate military committee, apparently must be met from the pool of 5,588,000 married men of military age with children.

Army Navy "We"
The chief of selective service appeared before the committee to give these statistics after high army and navy officials had voiced a stern "no" in response to the question whether congress should act to postpone or cancel the planned induction of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers beginning October 1.

Hershey stated that the October 1 draft order was issued "because we no longer had the assurance that in the manpower pool there remained sufficient men to meet our calls" for September, October, November and December, without taking fathers.

The 3,412,000 men in class 4-F are being prospectively re-

Big Offensive Pushes Jerries Off Bridgehead

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 16 (AP)—Sweating British and American soldiers of the fifth army have lashed out at the Germans, driving them back from the Salerno bridgehead, and have clinched their foothold in Italy, Lt. Gen. Mark Clark announced today.

Gen. Clark launched his offensive this morning on the eighth day of the biggest battle yet fought in the Mediterranean, and threw the German armored forces back between the junction of the rivers Sele and Calore north of Altavilla in the central sector of the 27-mile front.

Simultaneously, Gen. Clark, in an order of the day to his troops, declared "Our bridgehead is secure. Additional troops are landing every day and we are here to stay. Not one foot of ground will be given up."

The vigor of the attack drove the Germans back to a position eight miles from the sea. (The British Broadcasting corporation reported a German retreat of four miles northwest of Altavilla, which would put the allied forces 10 miles inland.)

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's eighth army, racing northward toward Sapri, but 39 miles from the southern anchor of the fifth army's front, was mentioned by Clark, who said "In a matter of hours its presence will be felt by the enemy."

A military spokesman said the Germans were in flight in the Salerno sector for the first time since the original landings eight days ago and that this morning's assault was "the first serious offensive thrust we have been able to make since getting on the beaches."

Reinforcements pouring into the bridgehead during the past 48 hours made the drive possible, he said.

The United Nations radio at Algiers said the eighth army was within 37 miles of Agrigoli, the southern end of the fifth army's front.

While the terrific fight raged back and forth under the thunder of 16-inch guns from British battleships and the artillery of lesser warships, allied naval might poured a flood of reinforcements into the area.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's fifth army, composed equally of British and Americans, was now the largest allied force engaged in a single battle since the Mediterranean war started, and it was supported again yesterday by more than 2000 sorties flown by the powerful north-western African air force and separate raids by middle east heavy bombers.

The entire allied air force thus joined the struggle for the second straight day and hurled hundreds of tons of explosives upon the Germans' positions with earth-shaking barrages.

With unchallengeable control of the sea, the allies exploited the advantage to the utmost by moving their mobile naval batteries up close to the blackened, smoking beaches and hurling tons of screaming steel into the teeth of the Germans. The British battleships Valiant and Warspite with their 16-inch rifles joined in the bombardment.

Gen. Clark toured the fiery arena, cheering begrimed tommyes and doughboys with his presence at the advanced positions where he told the troops that every soldier must fight to the last and that there must be no withdrawals.

Casualties in this seven-day battle have been the heaviest of any in the Mediterranean fighting.

At least four German divisions had been identified in the action against the 27-mile front, and more were (Continued on Page Two)

"Conshies" Aid Fight on Klamath Brushland Fires; Plum Valley Still Blazing

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burning over open country. It endangered second-growth timber, but had been kept away from the woods by the efforts of the augmented crew.

Need Manpower
Fire-fighting agencies were hard put to find manpower to fight the fires, and many high school boys were called from classrooms to help.

Charles Ogle, of the Klamath Forest Protective association, warmly praised the high school boys for the work they have done during the past few critical days.

"They've done a bang-up job," he said.

Indian Springs Fire
He mentioned an incident on the Indian Springs fire near (Continued on Page Two)