

TANKS LAUNCH TRIPLE ASSAULT

By FRANK JENKINS
WASHINGTON—The war, as these words are written, is being fought swiftly toward its final end.

The British have taken to the coast, by which the sea is much more, and are camped before the German wall, waiting for our support to come up before storming. In the east, the Russians are poised for another mighty push toward the German border. The southeast of the Balkans has crumbled and the Germans in Greece and the Aegean islands are cut off from the mainland.

Soon the end will come. It is likely to be determined in the next few days—perhaps even before these words are written. This is the big IF: Will the Germans be able to STAND their borders?

Washington, where this is written, the end is obviously not at any time. The Jap announced a couple of days ago that practically as soon as Germany folds the holders of the Jap war will be permitted to resume whatever civilian production it can handle BEYOND what is needed for the Jap war. The Jap war will be permitted to resume as soon as the Germans are defeated from labor. There have been announcements of slackened food rationing within the next week or so. New York yesterday, the Jap war went into a tailspin, anticipating sharp curtailment of war orders.

There is perceptible nervousness within the sprawling bureaucracy. Top men for the year are beginning to get back to their respective businesses. The registers and divisions and armies underlings are jumpy, wondering when their present tenure will end.

All this is no more than natural, and DOESN'T indicate that people are beginning to get the fool conclusion of the fighting will be over in Germany quits. They are better. This writer has been a little surprised at the realization here in the East of the toughness of that part of the Pacific war that still lies ahead. There is quite a lot of grumbling about "this business of V-day" and one side instead of getting drunk and waking up with a hangover the day after Hitler throws in the sponge we'd better get our teeth and work just that much harder until the Jap is licked and THEN do our celebrating.

Still, people aren't morose. They don't have to be told that when the European war ends that changes will follow on the American home front. They know that industry, with its war ALL BUILT and its war ALL PERFECTED, is just beginning to hit its real production stride and that MUCH LESS THAN ALL of our present huge equipment will be needed to produce the tools with which to finish the Jap.

Ordinary horse sense tells me that the wise thing to do is to get that part of our war industry that won't be required in the task of licking the little yellow men back into civilian production as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

SOMETHING would be radically wrong if our people weren't smart enough to see these things for themselves and to begin to make plans NOW to adapt themselves to the home (Continued on Page Two)

Planning Chiefs Set V-Day Date

LONDON, Sept. 13 (AP)—United States war planning chiefs were reported tonight to have established October 31 as the tentative "outside" date for the collapse of organized resistance in Germany.

Without discounting the possibility that victory may come more quickly, a responsible non-British source said the date had been pinpointed by the United States war production board after consultation through usual channels in plans for partial industrial reconversion from war to civilian production.

Americans Freed From Internment

THIRD ARMY HEADQUARTERS FRANCE, Sept. 13 (AP)—Five hundred Americans, most of them women, have been freed from a German internment camp at Vittel, 18 miles southeast of Neufchatel.

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Reds Reach Border Of Czechoslovakia; Win Polish Town

LONDON, Sept. 13 (AP)—The red army has reached the border of Czechoslovakia, Moscow announced tonight. The broadcast Russian communiqué, issued after Premier Stalin had announced the capture of the German fortress of Lomza in Poland, also said that a Polish army is fighting alongside soviet forces in a bitter battle on the approaches to Warsaw.

Moscow identified the Polish troops taking part in this engagement as "the first Polish army" and said that fierce fighting was underway against the Germans in the area of Prague, big Warsaw suburb on the right bank of the Vistula river.

Earlier the German high command said Lomza was "given up" to prevent a Russian breakthrough on a broad front.

Stalin's order of the day ordered a victory salute of 12 salvos from 124 guns. Lomza lies on the Narew river 77 miles northeast of Warsaw. At midnight, the Russians said the town was virtually encircled as red troops cut through double decks of thick minefields. Its fall opens the way to the wild Masurian lake region of East Prussia.

The Berlin announcement said tersely: "Given up. 'Northeast of Ostroleka, our troops frustrated an intended Russian breakthrough on a broad front, in the course of which the town of Lomza was given up.'"

Ostroleka, a companion base on the Narew 23 miles to the west, fell to the Russian army group of Gen. G. F. Zakharov last week. German and Hungarian troops were said by Berlin to have smashed strong assaults in southern Transylvania on the Balkan front.

Achieve Penetration
Southeast of Warsaw, the Russians "achieved a penetration" supported by numerous fighter bombers and tanks, the communiqué said.

MOSCOW, Sept. 13 (AP)—Powerful Russian tank forces and Romanian infantry emerged today from the western foothills of Transylvania and fought for control of the rail network radiating from Timisoara, 40 miles south of the pre-war Hungarian border and 75 miles north of the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade.

(The Paris radio said the red army had reached the outskirts of Sofia and that the Bulgarian capital was preparing a reception, having arrested all members of the former pro-Nazi government.)

Marshal Malinovsky's offensive was rolling forward during his brief absence to sign an armistice with Romania in Moscow (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Ninth Army Now in France

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sept. 13 (AP)—American command in the operations command in France, it was announced today, alongside the U. S. first, third and seventh armies making the mightiest American force ever assembled on one fighting front.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson is commanding the ninth army, the announcement said. It was not disclosed immediately in what sector the ninth army was operating nor its relation to the overall command setup.

Representative Now in France

PARIS, Sept. 13 (AP)—Alfred Duff Cooper, British representative to the French committee of national liberation, arrived today.

Duff Cooper holds the personal rank of ambassador, and may assume that formal title later.

Combined Anglo-American War Effort Emphasized

By W. L. BEALE Jr.
QUEBEC, Sept. 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt made known today that his conference here with Prime Minister Churchill and military advisers was designed "to get the best we can out of the combined British and United States war effort."

Simultaneously with the president's statement, the global aspects of his conference with Churchill were emphasized by these developments:

The British announced that Sir William Glasgow, high commissioner to Canada for Australia, and R. M. Firth, acting high commissioner for New Zealand, were also liberated.

Sentenced



Dr. Karl Friedrich Goerdeler (above), former mayor of Leipzig, described by the Nazis as a ringleader of the plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler last July 20, has been sentenced to death along with six other "politicians." Berlin radio disclosed today. (AP wirephoto).

FOREIGN WORKERS IN REICH WARNED

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sept. 13 (AP)—A spokesman for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told foreign workers in northwest, west and southwest Germany today to flee the Gestapo's manhunt for soldiers and trench diggers and to "leave the factories."

"You are in danger," he said in a broadcast, "but in the next few days you may have the greatest opportunities for action. In a desperate effort to eliminate allied support among the workers, Himmler plans to repeat in the west what he and the Gestapo have already done so thoroughly in the east."

Workers there have been sent to man the fortifications. Thousands of other workers, in (Continued on Page Two)

Remarks About King Result in Court Martial

LONDON, Sept. 13 (AP)—A Canadian major has been brought before a court martial on a charge of saying with reference to King George:

"I have no use for that guy or his wife. Eddie is my type of guy."

Eddie is a familiar term for the Duke of Windsor, who as King Edward abdicated to marry Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson. The major was charged also with drunkenness while on active service and with threatening to kill himself. The trial is proceeding.

Romanian Peace Terms Concluded

LONDON, Sept. 13 (AP)—All allied property in Romania will be restored, the soviet union revealed tonight in a broadcast from Moscow announcing the terms of the armistice signed with Romania.

Transylvania, which was assigned to Hungary by Hitler, will be returned to the Romanians, the broadcast recorded by the soviet monitor, said.

ARMY DRIVES TOWARD FUTA PASS IN ITALY

Troops Drive Against Central Sector Of Gothic

By GEORGE BRIA
ROME, Sept. 13 (AP)—Fifth army forces driving against the central sector of the Gothic line northeast of Florence are within a mile of Futa Pass, one of the main avenues through the German defense line barring the path to northern Italy, it was announced today.

The pass was described as more strongly defended than Cassino, scene of some of the bitterest fighting in the Italian campaign.

Allied headquarters said the fifth army had reached Langnano and Poggio d'Elia Dogana, five and two miles, respectively, southwest of the pass.

Fierce Battles
Some of the fiercest fighting of the Italian campaign continued meanwhile on the Adriatic sector, where the Coriano-San Savino positions remained unchanged.

On the west coast fifth army troops drove ahead three miles to the Berlamacca canal, while farther east patrols pushed on to the vicinity of Sant' Ippolito, 18 miles northwest of Florence.

The advance northeast of Florence toward the hard core of the Gothic line was a steady sweep. Troops which had thrust a short distance across the Sieve river Sunday and Monday advanced five miles yesterday.

The Germans apparently were ready to meet any assault on the Gothic line. In the vicinity of the Futa Pass new pillboxes and gun emplacements have been established and many heavy anti-aircraft guns brought into position.

Delaying Action
In the rear areas of the Gothic line the Germans have prepared a delaying action line with heavy gun emplacements and anti-aircraft guns designed to facilitate an orderly retreat in the event of a breakthrough at any of the mountain passes.

The allied advance in the central sector was supported during the night by heavy and medium bomber raids against the Bologna rail yards, 30 miles beyond the Futa Pass.

Medium-light and fighter bombers lashed communications in northwestern Italy and the Po valley as well as strong positions, guns, troops and concentrations all along the battle front. The Mediterranean allied air force yesterday flew 2000 sorties, losing 18 planes.

Gen. Lewis Heads French Mission

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sept. 13 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower announced that Maj. Gen. John T. Lewis of the U. S. army heads a newly activated supreme headquarters mission to France located in Paris as of today.

Maj. Gen. H. Redman of the British army was named deputy. The mission will represent the supreme allied commander with the French government.

Yanks Aid German Wounded



U. S. medical corpsmen dress the wounds of German soldiers who were caught in the open by allied machine gunners near Mons, Belgium. Natives of the town (background) observe the operation. (AP wirephoto).

Pitch of Pacific Offense Rises With New Poundings By Ships, Bombs, Rockets

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 13 (AP)—Japan's deteriorating island fortresses of Palau, Celebes and Halmahera, which shield the southern Philippines, have been dealt new siegheammers blows by battleships, bombers and rocket-firing aircraft operating in concert from the southwest and central Pacific.

The rising pitch of destruction visited on the Japanese bastions was evident in communiqués from Adm. Chester Nimitz yesterday and Gen. Douglas MacArthur today.

Palau, 600 miles east of Davao, came under carrier aircraft attack Sunday (U. S. time). Next day, battleships and cruisers moved in to shell the islands. Planes dumped 120 tons of bombs on buildings, gun positions and coast defenses at Babelthuap, Peleliu and Angaur, principal islands of the group, Nimitz reported.

More than 150 rockets burst among defensive positions during the two-day carrier force attack, wrecking many installations.

The entrance of battleships into the Palau raids was reminiscent of pre-invasion blows at Guam to the northeast. Sixteen-inch battlegun rifles, waiting until carrier planes and lesser surface warships had pounded the island for 10 straight days, opened up five days before Guam was invaded.

Palau Raids
Palau's islands were raided on 17 days in August and on six days of this month.

(The Nimitz communiqué made no mention of a carrier task force assault on the central Philippines, as reported yesterday by radio Tokyo.)

MacArthur's airmen executed a record 202-ton bomb assault Sunday on Dutch Celebes, the (Continued on Page Two)

Kuriles Bombed, Says Tokyo

By The Associated Press
The Tokyo radio said today that 10 U. S. heavy and medium bombers had attacked the Kuriles islands north of Japan yesterday morning (Tokyo time) while another force of Liberators struck at the Japanese base at Marcus island, some 1200 miles southeast of Tokyo, on Monday and Tuesday.

The broadcast, recorded by the federal communications commission, said two of the Kuriles raiders were downed and another damaged.

A Tokyo report that six United States bombers attempted to attack "north Japan" Sunday morning but were driven off by Japanese planes and anti-aircraft guns of Japanese warships. The broadcast did not indicate whether the attack was aimed at the Kuriles, or closer to the heart of the homeland.

TROOPS DIG IN ON GROUND ABOVE AACHEN

Germans Expected to Make First Stand On Rhine

By JAMES M. LONG
LONDON, Sept. 13 (AP)—Two American armies attacked Germany at three points along 75 miles of the Siegfried line today, penetrating to the important city of Aachen.

This industrial center of 165,000 is two miles inside the German border and 320 miles from Berlin. U. S. infantry dug in on heights overlooking the city after beating back an enemy counterattack at the fringes of the Siegfried line.

There were indications that the Germans were planning to make their first stand at the Rhine, 35 miles to the east.

Rotgen Captured
To the southeast of Aachen, tanks and doughboys who shoved off from Eupen, Belgium, had captured the German town of Rotgen. They hit beyond it against pillboxes and anti-tank obstacles, with resistance less than had been expected.

A second invasion column of the U. S. first army was fighting at least five miles inside the reich northwest of Trier, 65 miles south of Rotgen.

Below it, a column of the U. S. third army at the Luxembourg-German frontier assaulted Siegfried positions with a "terrible barrage which failed to provoke a single answering shot from the Germans," an Associated Press reporter at the front said.

Advance Beyond Moselle
Other powerful armored and infantry forces of the third army were striking beyond the Moselle river on the lower American flank. One advanced at least eight miles in two hours below Pont-a-Mousson. Mobile columns again were in high gear there.

Still other units made a new crossing of the Moselle between Metz and Toul, and fought for (Continued on Page Two)

Trexel Assumes Charge of Naval Public Works

SEATTLE, Sept. 13 (AP)—His work to be the allocation of "what is available to the places where it will do the most good."

Rear Adm. C. A. Trexel has arrived here to assume charge of all naval public works in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

He formerly was in the logistics plans division of the office of the chief of naval operations. He attended the Cairo and first Quebec conferences.

Officially, Adm. Trexel carries two titles—director of the Alaska division of the bureau of yards and docks, and supervising engineer of area 8, comprising Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Reich Struck by Heavy Bomb Load

LONDON, Sept. 13 (AP)—A procession of air attacks against Germany today sent upwards of 10,000 tons of fire and explosives bombs crashing and searing the nation which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower warned to prepare for "high and low level air attack at any hour of the day or night."

An armada estimated to number up to 8000 planes cascaded every morning (Tokyo time) while another force of Liberators struck at the Japanese base at Marcus island, some 1200 miles southeast of Tokyo, on Monday and Tuesday.

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Dewey to Make Stop in Klamath

Thomas E. Dewey, republican presidential candidate, will make an "unscheduled stop" at the Southern Pacific station next Wednesday, September 20, 7:30 p. m., it was announced today by Frank Howard, county GOP chairman.

The public is invited to the station to greet Dewey, Howard said.

Bulletin

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (AP)—Carrier based American planes are carrying on a heavy bombing of Japanese positions in the central Philippines where they already have destroyed more than 200 enemy planes, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander-in-chief, reported today.

To Klamath Business Men

NO ONE knows better than you the inconvenience and annoyance of repeated requests for contributions. This year, through the Klamath County Combined Community Fund drive, all such public drives for worthy social services are combined, with the single exception of the Red Cross.

Give generously to this campaign, because every beneficiary has been carefully qualified on a national and local basis for such support, and because your contribution will help to make the combined campaign idea a permanent fixture in Klamath county.

Don't skimp on the Klamath Community Fund drive. Make your contribution commensurate with the size of your business and the collective worthiness of the benefiting organizations. Let's get this job done quickly.

Killed



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Word has been received in Bly of the death of Pvt. Arthur W. Bergquist, killed in action in France on July 26, 1944.

He was inducted into the army on November 10, 1942. Before entering the armed services, he was employed at Crane mill and the Ivory Pine Lumber company, both of Bly.

He was a native of Sweden and at the time of his death was 37 years old. He is survived by his mother and brother in Vansbro, Sweden.