

# YANKS TEAR GAPS IN SIEGFRIED

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### TWO DEFENSE BASTIONS HIT BY DOUGHBOYS

Berlin Acknowledges Allied Gains Along Line

By JAMES M. LONG  
LONDON, Sept. 14 (AP)—Slugging American offensives knocked open the first line of the Siegfried belt near Aachen and tore gaping holes in Germany's defenses at five other places along a 150-mile front today.

Berlin broadcasts acknowledged that breakthroughs threatened two defense bastions—Aachen in Germany, and Nancy along the Moselle—on two sides. North of Aachen, the Germans said, the doughboys broke through at Maastricht in Holland and drove to the northern approaches of the German key in the Siegfried line, forcing the nazis to fall back to Valkenburg, 12 miles northwest of Aachen.

Front line dispatches said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army thundered through the first belt of Siegfried defenses below Aachen, (Aix-la-Chapelle), and passed the city to attack the second line.

Midway along the front in the Luxembourg area the Americans smashed two miles deep into the line on a four-mile front.

Between the two deep penetrations first army units tore eight miles into outer defenses toward the major bastion of Prüm, 10 miles inside Germany.

To the south, German broadcasts said, the third army forged an 18-mile salient across the Moselle, which fashioned an iron pillar on the Moselle stronghold of Nancy.

All along a front of 150 miles the Americans were hammering home a powerful series of offensives with doughboy teams riding tanks under a cover of fierce artillery fire.

South of Nancy, over broadcasts from Berlin said, Patton's (Continued on Page Two)

### Lid Tightened On Berlin After Reported Riots

LONDON, Sept. 14 (AP)—Heinrich Himmler, German dictator of the home front, tightened the lid on bomb-blasted Berlin with a reshuffled police command tonight a few hours after the French radio had reported peace riots there in which SS troops fired on the demonstrators.

Himmler named Kurt Goehrum, an SS group leader, and lieutenant general of police, as supreme commandant for Berlin. The SS brigade leader, Maj. Gen. of Police Erik von Heimburg, was named new commandant of Berlin security police. He replaced Otto Klinger, an SS group leader and lieutenant general of police, who was announced as pensioned.

### Philippine Raid Reported by Japs

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (AP)—The Manila radio announced that United States carrier-based aircraft "attempted to raid" Legaspi, Negros, Leyte and Zamboanga in the Philippines this morning (Japanese time), FCC monitors reported.

Negros and Leyte are islands in the central Philippines north of Mindanao. Legaspi is a town near the southeastern tip of Luzon island and Zamboanga is a town on the southwestern tip of Mindanao.

The broadcast said the planes "came from a part of the United States task force which on September 12 appeared on the eastern coast of the southern part of the Philippines." An American communique yesterday said carrier aircraft had attacked the islands of Cebu, Panay and Negros Monday, destroying at least 200 Japanese aircraft. It indicated the action was continuing.

### Eden to Attend Quebec Confab

QUEBEC, Sept. 14 (AP)—Bringing an up-to-the-minute report on the European political situation, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is en route from London to join the expanding Roosevelt-Churchill conference.

Overcast weather made Eden's exact arrival time uncertain. But a London report that he was on his way was confirmed.

Only yesterday Eden conferred with Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk of the Polish government in exile and it was considered highly probable that relations between Soviet Russia and neighboring Poland were an important topic in his brief case.

## Jap Airforce Loses 200 Planes as Yank Attack Progresses

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Sept. 14 (AP)—Japan's airforce, caught up with in strength along the approaches to Manila, lost more than 200 planes in one day to American fliers raiding the central Philippines from aircraft carriers—with the battle unfinished and first reports fragmentary.

It is indicated that air operations are continuing against strong enemy opposition. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' Wednesday communique said in disclosing that carrier planes were over Cebu, Negros and Panay islands in the Philippines all day Monday.

Last Friday when Mindanao, which has been attacked since August 6 by land-based bombers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, was blanketed by carrier planes of Adm. William F. Halsey's third fleet, only eight Japanese aircraft were aloft at the south end of the archipelago. All were shot down, adding them to 80 destroyed on the ground.

50 Shot Down  
But Monday's raiders, moving north to within 200 miles of Manila, shot down more than 50 and wiped out more than 150 on the ground, in addition to sinking several cargo ships "in the initial attacks."

The unspecified total of sinkings was added to the 89 small cargo boats and sampans sunk or damaged Friday off Mindanao.

Hoarding Strength  
Uncovering in strength of Japan's airforce recalled the recent assertion of Lt. Gen. Milford F. Harmon, commander of army airforces in the Pacific Ocean areas, that the enemy probably was hoarding his air strength for defense of the Philippines.

The carriers presumably were part of the powerful task forces which, unchallenged by the Japanese navy, have roamed waters east of the Philippines for a week, during which Palau has been raided repeatedly by planes and twice shelled by warships.

Two-Way Attack  
Palau and the southern Philippines were kept under two-way attack. A communique today from General MacArthur reported that his land-based patrol planes bombed an airfield at Zamboanga, on Mindanao, and attacked airfields and a seaplane base at Palau.

Bigger air blows along the southern invasion route to the Philippines were listed against Halmahera, Ceram and Boeroe. Nimitz' Wednesday communique told of a 26-ton bombing of Iwo Jima, in the Volcano islands, 750 miles south of Tokyo, last Sunday and the sinking of five cargo ships off Shumushu island in the Kuriles, north of Japan, Monday by eleventh army air force Mitchells.

Legal Action Taken Against Nazi Party  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (AP)—The first legal action against the Nazi party in the United States, as such, was disclosed today by a justice department announcement that 174 German aliens have been indicted on charges of concealing their Nazi party affiliations in this country.

The indictments charge the group with conspiring to withhold information in the alien registrations of 1940 and 1942 and with making fraudulent statements. Penalties reach a maximum of \$10,000 fines and ten years in prison.

Chinese Re-Take Town Near Burma  
CHUNGKING, Sept. 14 (AP)—The Chinese high command announced today the recapture of Tengchung from the Japanese, saying this "marks another high point in the effort to clear the area west of the Salween river and removes another obstacle to reopening of the Burma road."

The fall of the city, held by the Japanese for more than two years and once their Yunnan province headquarters, was a significant gain in the first real Chinese offensive in more than seven years of war.

Casualties Hit Total of 389,125  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (AP)—Officially announced casualties among the United States fighting forces have reached a total of 389,125.

Secretary of War Stimson said today that army casualties for all theaters through August 29 based on reports to next of kin, total 327,616, an increase of 21,821 from the total given a week ago. The latest navy casualty list reports 61,509, an increase of 1545.

### As Belgian Troops Entered Brussels



Troops of the Belgian brigade serving with the allies get a warm welcome from citizens of Brussels as they ride down Rue Royal in the Belgian capital. (AP Wirephoto)

## Praga, Suburb of Warsaw, Captured by Soviet Army; Red Patrols Cross Border

LONDON, Sept. 14 (AP)—Marshal Joseph Stalin announced tonight the capture of Warsaw's eastern suburb of Praga.

Far to the south, other Russian troops reached the Czechoslovak frontier in the Beskide mountains of the Carpathian range and one report said Czech patrols were believed to have crossed the border within 50 miles of Kosice, sixth largest city of Czechoslovakia with 70,000 population.

Drive Near Prussia  
Advancing five miles beyond the toppled Narwe river bastion of Lomza, still other Russian troops drove to within 15 miles of East Prussia.

Yet another group of red armies moving swiftly through Romania was acknowledged by Berlin to have stormed through the Szekler corner of Transylvania, territory disputed between Romania and Hungary.

Resumes Offensive  
The whole picture of enlivened activity all along the eastern front prompted Moscow reports to cable that there were indications that Stalin had resumed his all-out offensive toward Germany itself.

Stalin's report of the capture of Praga meant that Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's tanks, artillery and infantry finally had gained the ascendancy in an embittered battle of attrition which has raged for many weeks within gunshot of Poland's leading city.

New Climax  
"Southeast of Warsaw, fighting reached a new climax in ferocity and amount of material used by the Russians on Wednesday," Berlin broadcast said. "Paying no attention to losses in men and material, the Moscow high command sent ever fresh formations into the battle so that the Soviet Russians finally were able, after a fierce ding dong battle, to enter (Continued on Page Two)

Japs List Yank Planes Lost  
By The Associated Press  
The Japanese in a broadcast imperial headquarters communique today asserted they had destroyed or damaged 816 allied planes during August, including 28 B-29 Superfortresses allegedly shot down in the western mainland of Japan.

The enemy figures far exceeded announced American losses. Superfortresses carried out two major operations during August against the Japanese homeland. Washington announcements said seven were lost.

Prowlers Enter Businesses Here  
Prowlers were on the loose last night, entering several business establishments and ransacking trucks parked at the Lost River dairy on Esplanade.

Someone entered the New Method Cleaners at 1453 Esplanade by breaking glass at the front of the building. While breaking the glass, the prowler was apparently cut, because blood was found on the premises. A few pennies were taken from the cash register, but nothing else was reported missing.

Several trucks at the Lost River dairy were rummaged with route books, flashlights, and other small items taken. An attempt was made to enter the tent and awning shop next to the cleaning establishment by breaking out glass in the front door, but the attempt failed.

## 5TH BATTERS FORWARD EDGE OF NAZI LINE

Nazis Toughen Fight As Clark's Men Advance

By GEORGE BRIA  
ROME, Sept. 14 (AP)—The fifth army was battering the forward edges of the Nazi Gothic line in Italy on a 25-mile front, when enemy resistance was "increasing tremendously" and future gains will be a test of "allied might against the German will to resist," allied headquarters said today.

Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's fifth army, which now includes several British divisions, cracked through German outposts all along the western sector of the front between Pistoia and Lucca.

An official statement summed up future prospects:

Full Force  
"The enemy has brought into play the full force of his combined arms, and although daily advances have recently been made from one to three miles along the line, the advance will be slowed down by enemy resistance and from now on the test of allied might against the German will to resist will be made."

On the Adriatic sector, British Canadian and Indian troops broke the stalemate of several days in the Coriano-Savigno area and advanced 1000 yards against fierce opposition. Further south British forces recaptured two bitterly contested points about 1000 yards northwest of Croce and continued to forge ahead.

Large Offensive  
The announcement that British divisions—including the sixth South African, whose advance elements occupied Pistoia on September 10—have been thrown into the line with the fifth army indicates the scale of the effort Clark is making (Continued on Page Six)

## Reserved Seat Ticket Sales Open Friday

Reserved seat tickets for the Pelican grid games will go on sale tomorrow morning at 8:30 at the chamber of commerce office. A season reserved seat ticket will be \$4 with tax included.

No reservations have been accepted and it will be first come first served. Reservations may be made later, however.

Admissions will also be sold for the Marine Barracks tiffs and football fans will be able to purchase tickets for all games at one time.

This should be a bang-up gridiron season for Klamath Falls and persons interested are urged to get their tickets promptly.

Sales are limited to six tickets per person.

## Communist Head Dies in Attack

LONDON, Sept. 14 (AP)—Ernst Thaelmann, the German communist leader, was killed in an allied air attack on the Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar August 28, the German radio asserted tonight.

Dr. Rudolf Breitscheid, a social democrat leader held at the camp, was killed in the same attack, the broadcast said. Both he and Thaelmann were former members of the reichstag.

## To Klamath Farmers

FARM costs are high and farmers have plenty of labor and other problems. But Klamath farmers live in a prosperous and productive area, and farm prices are good. There are few farmers who will find it impossible to make a substantial contribution to the Klamath County Combined Community Fund. Klamath farmers are among our best supporters of worthy causes, and they are counted on to come through in behalf of this combination of worthy causes.

Many business and professional men in town are making contributions running into hundreds of dollars, out of incomes no larger than those of many farmers. Many wage earners are giving at least one day's pay. Commensurate support in city, country and industry will put the Klamath Community Fund drive over the top in rapid style.

## Atlantic Storm Whips Virginia

By The Associated Press  
The Atlantic hurricane, roaring northward at 30 miles an hour along the east coast, passed off the Virginia capes this afternoon, whipping the Virginia shore with winds up to 75 miles per hour and heavy rains.

The tropical storm howled close to the North Carolina coast earlier in the day and apparently picked up speed to reach the Virginia capes this afternoon.

The Norfolk weather bureau said the peak of the storm's fury had passed as far as the Hampton Roads section was concerned at about 1 p. m.