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ALLIES BEAT BACK GERMAN COUNTERBLOWS

Patton's Troops Oust 82 Tanks From Battle

By JAMES M. LONG
LONDON, Sept. 29 (AP)—Doughboys of two American armies on the southern end of the allied front advanced to within sight of the famous Belfort pass today and worked forward to within 20 to 25 miles of the four main passes through the Vosges mountains—French windows looking across the Rhine into Germany.

Twenty miles north of Aachen, the U. S. first army gained a mile at Echterbosch along the German-Dutch border. Fighting off repeated German counterattacks through a chill drizzle, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army and Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's seventh army marked up advances of three to five miles—the most impressive gains of any on an allied front bristling with menacing offensives.

Tanks Smashed

Patton's men alone knocked out 82 tanks yesterday in the advance, it was announced from the field. Eight or 10 villages were captured by the two armies, and Belfort, at the entrance to the strategic gap, was only 11 miles away.

A large-scale battle was developing for Rambervillers, 30 miles southeast of Nancy and 50 miles north of the gap, with the Americans only 31 miles south of that center of an important web of highways and eight miles to the north of it.

In the north, meanwhile, the British second army closed up (Continued on Page Two)

Marines Make New Landing

NAVY SMASHES ISLAND-BASED SHIPS, PLANES

Halsey's Third Fleet Strikes Philippine Airfields

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 29 (AP)—Bold and blunt-spoken Adm. William F. Halsey, who pried loose Japan's grip on the Solomons by transforming those islands into graveyards for enemy planes and ships, is more than 1000 planes and 300 ships along the way toward doing the same thing on a grander scale in the Philippines.

The navy has just disclosed that Halsey's marauding third fleet swung its air arm Saturday at the Philippines for the seventh day this month with deadly effect.

Puny Opposition

It obliterated the startling puny air opposition of seven interceptors, and bagged 29 more on central Philippine airfields to raise the seven-day toll of 1014 Japanese aircraft.

It definitely sank 22 ships, including four warships, to raise the seven-day toll to at least 160. Damages 43

It damaged 43 more, including two warships, probably sinking 15 of that number and destroyed or damaged 20 to 30 small craft, raising the seven-day toll of enemy surface craft probably sunk or damaged to more than 200.

The air arm of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, which has been hitting the Philippines hard even though on a smaller scale, was disclosed today to have added to Japan's shipping havoc by sinking a 10,000-ton transport and badly damaging a 3000-tonner in a seven-ship convoy spotted in the Sulu archipelago, Tuesday (U. S. date). A single navy Catalina flying boat handled the deadly job off Jolo, a new hunting ground for the "Cats."

Halsey's third fleet lost 10 planes, five pilots and three air crew members in Saturday's strike against Philippine islands below Manila ringing the Visayan sea but, as on the six other days, no American warship was damaged.

Belgrade Taken By Yugoslavs

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (AP)—The Ankara radio reported this afternoon that "the capture of Belgrade has been announced by the Yugoslav patriots." CBS recorded the broadcast.

Detroit Tigers Defeat Senators

DETROIT, Sept. 29 (AP)—The league-leading Detroit Tigers stepped a notch closer to the American league pennant by defeating the Washington Senators 5 to 2 in the first game of a doubleheader here today.

Willamette vs. Marines

Modoc Field, 2 P. M.

NAVYCATS		LEATHERNECKS	
No.	Wt.	Name	Wt.
21	190	Goodman	195
21	190	Wolfsher	205
64	183	Mantle	187
59	175	Wardrop	195
50	185	Jacobs	180
62	190	Blade	220
29	180	Ward	195
33	170	Pavalock	175
60	170	Rochon	185
13	170	Collagher	235
54	195	Simmons	195

Team Average
Officials: Hunt Clark, referee; Al Lightner, head linesman; George I. Wright, timekeeper; George L. Wright, umpire; Harold Shidler, umpire, and Dr. Coaches: Marine Barracks, Major Clyde Roberts. Willamette university, Duke Trotter.

Deer Hunters Get Weather Break



Captain Floyd B. Read of Camp Tulelake, shown above, got his deer in already opened Modoc county and thousands of Oregon license-holders will be out this weekend seeking to duplicate his feat. Their chances of doing that soon were much improved today when the long dry spell came to an end and rain fell throughout the Klamath area. Many service men are expected to join the crowds of hunters going from here to the deer country Saturday and Sunday. The season opens Sunday morning.

Speed-Up Ordered in Yank Plan for Harmless Germany

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 (AP)—President Roosevelt today ordered a speed-up in American plans for rendering Germany harmless after the war, and specifically put the job under state department guidance.

The order was issued in a letter to Leo T. Crowley, chief of the foreign economic administration, and while it covered no German subjects in its eight points, it apparently is the outgrowth of the sharp division in the president's postwar cabinet committee over a German peace plan submitted by Secretary Morgenthau.

Policy Disagreement

This division reflected a fundamental policy disagreement between Secretaries Stimson and Hull on the one hand and Morgenthau, who proposed the virtual de-industrialization of Germany (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Win Two Chinese Towns

By The Associated Press
Imperial headquarters announced today that Japanese forces advancing on Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi province in China, had occupied Poaching and Tanchuk, site of an advanced American air base.

There was no immediate confirmation of the Japanese claim contained in a broadcast communique from Tokyo recorded by the federal communications commission.

Nazi Minister Buerckel Dies

By The Associated Press
Joseph Buerckel, minister in Hitler's government and one of the highest ranking nazis, died today of inflammation of the lungs, the German radio announced.

Among posts he held at various times were those of civil administrator of Lorraine, the French province which Hitler annexed and which American troops now are invading; head of the civil administration in Moravia, a province of dismembered Czechoslovakia; and governor of the Saar, one of Germany's richest sections on her western boundaries.

Ickes Endorses Mahoney Stand

PORTLAND, Sept. 29 (AP)—Willis Mahoney, democratic nominee to the U. S. senate, said today that Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes had endorsed his stand on development of public power in the northwest.

ONE ISLAND CAPTURED IN PALAU SMASH

Leathernecks Mop Up Second Islet In Group

By VERN HOAGLAND
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Sept. 29 (AP)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today that American marines have landed on two additional islands of the Palau group, already have secured one with a 4800-foot fighter plane strip and are mopping up on the other.

The islands are Ngebus and Hongaur, north of Pelelu where the yankees have already pocketed survivors of the Japanese garrison.

The marine landings on the tiny islets were made Thursday (West Longitude Time). The leathernecks quickly secured Ngebus, where the mopping up on scattered Japanese forces in one small sector on Kongaur.

The landings pushed Japanese artillery out of range of the Pelelu airstrip from which American planes have been operating for several weeks.

The admiral, reporting on widespread yank air strikes against Japanese island positions September 26 and 27, named the targets as Paramushiro in the Kuriles, Chichi Jima in the Bonins, Iwo Jima in the Volcanoes, Pagan and Rota in the Marianas; Wake, Nauru, Truk, and three atolls in the Marshalls—Jaluit, Wotje and Maloelap.

30,000 Germans Slain in 10 Days By Russians

LONDON, Sept. 29 (AP)—More than 30,000 Germans were killed in 10 days ending September 26 by the Leningrad army group of Marshal Leonid A. Govorov pressing against Riga after virtually capturing all Estonia, the Moscow radio announced tonight.

Another 15,745 were captured, raising total permanent casualties in that sector alone to 45,745—the equivalent of four and a half German divisions as presently constituted.

Father Throws Sons in River

COSHOCTON, O., Sept. 29 (AP)—Warren Patterson, a slender 31-year-old machinist whom Prosecutor Russell E. Lyons said admitted in a signed statement that he stood on a bridge and dropped two of his four boys into Milhican river because he had no home for them, was held in jail today.

One of the boys, Larry, 14, drowned, and Lyons said he would file a murder charge this afternoon.

The other, Raymond, 7, crawled from the stream, wandered most of the night in a cold rain and finally was picked up by a motorist, Lyons said.

New Atmosphere of Gloom Felt in War-Wearry China

By PRESTON GROVER
CHUNGKING, Sept. 29 (AP)—Recent Chinese defenses and the possibility that the American 14th air force may lose additional bases in China produced an atmosphere of gloom today in this capital unmatched since the dark days when China was fighting the war alone.

There is no doubt in Chungking that the allies will defeat Japan but the consensus of both Chinese and Americans seems to be that the war has been prolonged for several months already as a result of the recent reverses.

Complete Victory In Estonia Near; Reds Doom Riga

LONDON, Sept. 29 (AP)—All Estonia has been liberated except two small islands and 45,745 Germans have been killed or captured in 10 days, the Moscow radio declared tonight in an official statement.

Troops of the Leningrad group of armies commanded by Marshal Leonid A. Govorov were credited with killing 30,000 and capturing 15,745 in the 10 days ended September 26 in a sweep from the outskirts of Narva and Tartu. His advance swept at least 175 miles along the northern coast of Estonia and then to the south, where his troops now are threatening Riga, the Latvian capital and largest city in the Baltic states.

COMMISSIONING OF BARRACKS SLATED

The Klamath Falls Marine Barracks, unique among military installations in the U. S., will be formally commissioned at ceremonies to be held at 10 a. m. at the Barracks Saturday.

Colonel B. Dubel, commanding officer, today invited the public to attend the event, which will be held at the reviewing ground in the center of the Barracks area.

Special events will include a review of the troops and a presentation of citations. Among those in the reviewing stand will be Commander R. R. Darnon, commanding officer of the Klamath naval air station; Lt. Col. Vern Austin, commanding officer of Camp Tulelake; John Houston, mayor of Klamath Falls; U. E. Reeder, judge of Klamath county; David R. Vandenberg, judge of the 13th judicial district, and Malcolm Epley, president of the Klamath county chamber of commerce.

Although the Marine Barracks has been in operation since last spring, Saturday's commissioning will give it a new official status. The Bar (Continued on Page Two)

Second Bulgaria Warned Against By Nazi Paper

By The Associated Press
The Nazi newspaper Voelkischer Beobachter served notice today that Germany would not "tolerate another case of Bulgaria" and, although not particularly national, was mentioned, it seemed obvious the warning was directed to wavering Hungary.

A Berlin broadcast quoted the organ's diplomatic correspondent, and said a spokesman for Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop commented that the article "meets the Wilhelmstrasse conception 100 per cent."

Russia Approves Second Meeting

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Sept. 29 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill's call for a second meeting with Marshal Stalin and President Roosevelt caused much interest in Russia today.

The opinion was expressed that great benefits would result from a sequel to the Teheran conference.

Russians say a second meeting might accomplish decisions on how to administer the last blows to Hitler; coordination of the three high commands; groundwork for the peace; an exchange of ideas on how the enemy is to be dealt with after the war and how they are to be punished, where, and by whom; and just what is going to be done to Germany.

New Allied Gains Reported

At the southern end of the French front, Yanks advanced to within sight of the Belfort pass, while heavy fighting British ported raging between Metz and Nancy. To the north, the gun units closed up to the Meas river south of Kléve, and the gun duel between nazis and allies continued to sound near Aachen.



Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The war news is still too tight to be censored on all fronts to any much. One SENSES, however, that behind this curtain of silence important new developments are stirring.

FAILURE to establish and hold the bridgehead over the northern channel of the Rhine at Aachen depressed us all, and our propagandists took prompt advantage of it to scare the home front out of its growing (and possibly dangerous) belief that the end of the European war is immediately at hand.

Careful study of the map, in connection with such sketchy disclosures as we have in the slightly censored dispatches, DOESN'T indicate that Aachen was a major disaster.

It appears instead (on the face of such information as is available) to have been merely one of the war's inevitable minor tragedies.

WE (the allies) still hold the corridor through which we reached and CROSSED (over the mile-and-a-half-long bridge that for some reason the Germans didn't destroy) the main channel of the Rhine at Nijmegen.

From the tip of this corridor we are striking both EAST and WEST at the enemy. Our eastward thrust seems to threaten the possibility of a new end run around the northern anchor of the Siegfried line. Our westward thrust is apparently aimed at the Zuider Zee, which yesterday was reported as less than 20 miles away.

Reaching the Zuider Zee would cut off western Holland, including the important ports of Amsterdam and Rotterdam, and force or less isolate the 200,000 Germans referred to by Churchill yesterday.

WE had lost the entire Nijmegen corridor, including our troops holding it, it would have been bad. But we didn't lose it. It is still a major threat to the Germans in the north.

THERE is renewed hard fighting to the south, where Patton is threatening the Metz gateway to Germany and Patch is making progress toward the Belfort gap between the Vosges mountains and the Swiss Alps.

THE Russians appear to be starting a pincers attack on a considerable scale against Hungary.

On the north, coming out of Poland, they are OVER the summit of the Carpathians, with the Hungarian plains ahead of them downhill. In the south, they are reported to have crossed the Danube out of Romania and Tito is said to have "given permission" for them to pass through the Yugoslav section of the Danube valley on their way toward Hungary.

There are renewed reports from Istanbul today that the Hungarians are asking the allies (through Turkey) for an armistice. Hungary would probably wait until the situation at home is hopeless from the German standpoint before making such a move.

Loss of Hungary would open another gate for closing in on the German homeland.

FROM the Pacific, we learn today that Halsey's U. S. 3rd fleet, in seven strikes against the Philippines—on September 8, 11, 12, 15, 20, 21 and 23—bagged more than 1000 Jap planes and some 300 Jap ships.

For the present, at least, the Jap air force in the Philippines has been so badly crippled that little air interference is encountered in our most recent raids.

THE bad news in the Pacific continues to come from China, and it gets worse from the Japs are slowly driving out our advanced air bases in northeastern China, and we're being compelled to retire to our main bases at Kunning—some 350 miles back of the Kweilin and adjacent bases from which we have been striking with our bombers at Jap shipping hugging the coast in the south China Sea and from our Dutch East Indies and their supplies of oil and other war materials.

The fact is slowly coming out (Continued on Page Two)

Bombers Attack Siegfried Line

LONDON, Sept. 29 (AP)—American and British medium bombers took the spotlight in an air war over Germany today, with attacks on various Siegfried line defenses and rail yards at Saarbrücken in southwestern Germany and at Aldershot on the Dutch border. Bombing through openings in the clouds, 9th airforce Marauders from Britain plastered the Saarbrücken junction with what burning crewmen said were incendiary bombs. Other Marauders struck at Nazi concrete fortifications in the Webenheim area 20 miles to the east. No enemy aircraft were encountered and it was announced the bombers turned.