

# CHEMULT CRASH KILLS STUDENT

## Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
MILITARY censorship still limits our view of the war in Europe to occasional glimpses through holes in the fog. About all we can do today is to guess.

THIS sounds a trifle petulant. It isn't so intended. MILITARY censorship, whether we like it or not, just has to be. No quarterback could win if he constantly tipped off his next plays to the other team.

Political censorship is another matter. This writer doubts if political censorship is EVER justified.

THE Nijmegen corridor in Holland ("salient" is the military word) is still a hot spot—maybe THE hot spot. The Germans are fighting desperately to bite it off. Yesterday they threw in 300 fighters and fighter-bombers to strafe and batter the allied ground troops holding this long thin finger that points threateningly at northern Germany. That's a lot of planes for the Germans to risk in these days.

British fighters met them head on, knocked down 33 and damaged 16—all at a cost of ONE British plane lost. So hot was the British air attack that the Nazi planes never got close enough to strafe and batter.

THERE is still fierce fighting at Arrhen. Some time last night, the Germans crossed over to the SOUTH BANK, but were pushed back. Retreating, they DESTROYED the NORTHERN APPROACHES to the bridge—thus indicating that they still hold it intact.

The fact that they haven't destroyed it suggests that they still want to use it for counterattacks against us—such as the apparently abortive one last night. They'll destroy the bridge as soon as they come to regard it as a liability rather than an asset—that is to say, whenever they think we have strength enough to push over it. We're still crowding the Germans hard clear down to Switzerland—presumably to keep them from shifting reinforcements to the north.

THE Russians, already holding most of the passes out of Poland on the north and probably OVER the Hungarian border on the south and southeast, open a strong propaganda drive to induce the Hungarians to surrender—pointing out that it still isn't too late and that Romania was well treated when she gave herself up.

A GLANCE at the map gives a fair idea of present Russian strategy. The reds are systematically cutting off ALL the German-held territory to the east and southeast and moving up to the German borders—probably aiming to get there before winter. We're already to the German border on the west and HOPE to have the nazis driven out of Italy by winter.

Thus the nazis, if they still hold out when snow flies, will face a ring of enemies ALL AROUND and will have to live on their own fat instead of drawing a large part of their food and weapons from their satellites and slaves.

THERE are already hints of winter in the news. Light snows have fallen in the Vosges mountains. There are heavy rains all along the western front and in Italy.

THERE is another hint in the news. The Germans buzz-bombed southern England again last night in a relatively mild sort of way. The robots were launched from new planes over the North Sea. There are frequent tales in the news (taken rather seriously by our side) of further German vengeance weapons—including a 14-ton robot whose explosion is supposed to destroy everything within a radius of a couple of miles.

The nazis are obviously hoping to stall off collapse until winter. Like cornered rats, they're of course stalling off doom as long as they can at ANY cost. But they MAY have new variations of the buzz-bomb up their sleeves. In the heavy clouds of the European winter, these flying terrors will be harder to fight.

MUCH will depend on the weather in the next few weeks. A late fall, after the equinoctial furies, will be helpful to us. An early winter will help the Germans.

(ALL this, you must understand, is the purest kind of guesswork. When there is little or no news, it is hard to keep from guessing.)

THE Pacific is still quiet—yet. There is no further news from China—TODAY. No one knows what may break at any moment.

THE Jap radio today gets around to announcing total destruction of the Jap forces on Guam and Tinian some time ago. Says, rather proudly, that of (Continued on Page Three)

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### Weather News

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Max. (Sept. 29)	53	Min.	40
Precipitation last 24 hours	17		
Stream year to date	10.84		
Normal	12.95	Last year	18.27

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

## Pace Of Reich Battle Slows

### YANKS, FRENCH HIT OUTPOSTS ALONG RHINE

### Calais Battle Opens After Truce Of 24 Hours

By JAMES M. LONG  
LONDON, Sept. 30 (AP)—American and French troops advancing up to three miles struck today into the first two Vosges mountain passes guarding the Rhine, but all along the western front the allies battled desperate German resistance and chills, and had settled into the nearest thing to positional warfare since Normandy.

The Germans lost 113 tanks—almost the equivalent of an armored division—in two days of counterattacks on the third army front, and threw artillery shells and rockets in vain efforts to halt the allied pushes while they strengthened their own defenses.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's French and American battle team fought up the slippery slopes into the entrances of two Vosges passes in the foothills northeast of Epinal and Lure. Snow powdered the hillsides ahead.

Push Through Forest  
Four miles east of Remiremont, 50 miles south of Nancy, American patrols pushed through a forest in the St. Amed sector.

Farther north the American first army attacked against Hurtgen deep in the Siegfried barrier (Continued on Page Three)



A throng of townspeople witnessed the formal commissioning ceremonies at the Marine Barracks Saturday morning and one of the most impressive incidents in the program was the presentation of Purple Hearts and presidential citations to five marines. Here the marines salute their commanding officer, Colonel B. Dubel.

### NELSON QUITS WPB; KRUG TAKES OVER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—President Roosevelt today accepted the resignation of Donald M. Nelson as chairman of the war production board and said he was counting on Nelson remaining in the government "in a high post of major importance."

The president named Julius A. Krug, Nelson's successor, but did not immediately disclose the post he had in mind for Nelson. Krug has been serving as acting WPB chairman.

Early Announcement  
White House Secretary Stephen Early said the president will be ready in the near future to announce Nelson's assignment.

"He is not ready to announce this today," Early added.

Reading from an exchange of correspondence, Early today reports Nelson had sent in his letter of resignation yesterday to take effect immediately.

First Phase Done  
Nelson said that he and Major General Patrick Hurley had carried out the first phase of the work assigned to them by the president in China, and that he had returned to make certain essential arrangements from completing his part of the mission.

"The main purpose of his letter," Nelson said, was to tender his resignation. He added he had contemplated this action since war production had successfully met its crucial task in the invasion of Europe.

He had delayed resigning, Nelson said until he could first chart the course of WPB in the reconversion program.

Nelson said that today the policies, plans and methods of war production are well established, and that during his absence Krug "administered the board very successfully" and is quite capable of completing the development of plans for reconversion.

### Today On The Western Front

By The Associated Press

U. S. 1st army—Smashed further into the Siegfried line inside Germany in the northern Prum-Salient, knocking out eight Nazi fortifications.

U. S. 3rd army—Knocked out 24 tanks north of Lunerville and smashed three counterattacks north of Nancy.

U. S. 7th army—Drove wedges into two of four main Vosges mountain passes leading to the Rhine.

British 2nd army—Held firmly against counterattacks aimed at Nijmegen and the Waal Rhine bridge in Holland.

Canadian 1st army—Resumed the battle for Calais on the channel coast after a 24-hour armistice to remove civilians; Nazi resistance stopped at Cap Griz Nez.

### Blitz Theory Hurts Japanese, Asserts Pravda

MOSCOW, Sept. 30 (AP)—Three days after Berlin and Tokyo observed the fourth anniversary of the Tripartite pact, Pravda said today that "the adventurist theory of the blitzkrieg has had a destructive influence" of Japan's military and political strategy.

Japan joined the axis September 27, 1940.

The official communist newspaper indicated that the Japanese were in an almost hopeless position with United States production outstripping theirs; the war coming ever closer to the home islands with the Americans and British superior in the air and on the sea.

### Farm Implements Still Limited

CHICAGO, Sept. 30 (AP)—The farm equipment institute said today the end of rationing and distribution control of farm equipment does not mean that any more agricultural implements will be available to farmers in the immediate future.

"The limitation orders applying to production of farm equipment," the institute declared in a statement, "are still operative and manufacturers have allocated their curtailed output to dealers on the basis of war food administration instructions issued several months ago."

### Rain Delays Harvest Work

All harvest work was stopped by the rain storm Friday and the grain harvest continues to be held up today, although a few spud fields are being worked.

Growers report that the spud crop was dry and that the moisture was beneficial providing the weather clears and does not interfere with the harvest. The bulk of the grain harvest is already over.

### Bulletin

LONDON, Sept. 30 (AP)—Russian troops have crossed the frontier into Yugoslavia, the soviet communique said tonight.

### HUNDREDS ATTEND BARRACKS OPENING

Hundreds of Klamath residents trekked to the Marine Barracks throughout Saturday to attend the formal commissioning ceremonies at this military installation.

Pride in the Marine Barracks was evidenced in the interest shown by townsfolk who had the opportunity of witnessing the ceremony, review of the troops and presentation of citations at 10 a. m. From that time on they continued to drive over the winding road to the Barracks as "open house" proceeded throughout the morning.

2500 Attend  
The road above the reviewing grounds was lined with an estimated 2500 persons who heard Colonel B. Dubel, commanding officer, preside at the commissioning. A congratulatory telegram was read by Colonel Dubel from Governor Earl Snell of Oregon who voiced the state's pride in the Marine Barracks.

Five marines, three presented with the Purple Heart, and two with presidential unit citations, stood at attention while Major Clyde C. Roberts read the individual citations, presented by Colonel Dubel with (Continued on Page Three)

### RED PROPAGANDA URGES SURRENDER

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
MOSCOW, Sept. 30 (AP)—Russia opened up today with a strong propaganda campaign urging Hungary to surrender as red army troops tightened a pincers offensive against Hitler's last big Balkan Vassal state.

Leaflets dropped over the Hungarian lines encouraged the enemy troops to capitulate. The leaflets declared the Romanians were well received when they threw down their arms. Broadcasts informed the Hungarian people it was not too late to desert Hitler and save themselves.

Cracks Fortifications  
The Russian offensive against Hungary has cracked a 90-mile stretch of frontier fortifications along the Czech-Polish border defending the Ruthenian highlands, and is sweeping west through northern Transylvania.

On the Czech-Slovak-Polish border, the soviet hold all the east besides passes south of the Polish city of Sanok. Farther east they have most of the passes in the Carpatho-Ukraine, and are in or at the frontier over a long front.

Into Yugoslavia  
At the corner where Romania, Hungary, and Yugoslavia join, the red army is well into Yugoslavia, and probably inside Hungary at several places.

(The German high command said fighting continued in the Danube bend on both sides of the Iron gate, and that a stronghold on the Danube was recaptured from the Russians.)

In Transylvania, the Germans claimed recapture of Oradea, also known as Nagyvarad, six miles from the pre-war Hungarian frontier. The Bucharest radio earlier declared the soviet had broken into that strategic (Continued on Page Three)

### Jap Garrisons Destroyed

LONDON, Sept. 30 (AP)—Japanese imperial headquarters announced in a Tokyo broadcast today that Japanese garrisons on Guam and Tinian islands had been destroyed by September 27 and that Japanese residents of the islands "seem to have shared the fate of the troops."

The announcement was heard by The Associated Press listening post here.

### THREE PALAU ISLANDS WON BY MARINES

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Bases Used  
Added to the flying facilities of the Palaus, the Americans have other bases close to the Philippines and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today indicated he is making good use of them. He said planes, flying from them, sank or damaged 17 Japanese craft, ranging from small freighters to barges.

Some craft were sunk or damaged off Mindanao, in the southern Philippines, and seven of the Celebes. Others were bagged off Borneo, Boeroe and the Halmaheras.

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### Ration Head Gets Stiff Penalty

SEATTLE, Sept. 30 (AP)—A 30-day revocation of the A book gasoline allotment held by Charles H. Lavers, chief clerk of a Seattle ration board, was voted by the board members last night.

Lavers was arrested by a traffic officer September 19 for traveling 40-miles in a 25-mile zone.

Bert Swain, board chairman, said the penalty was "10 times more severe than usually has been speed offender in the 40-mile bracket," inasmuch as "he has sent out dozens of notices to other speeders to appear before this panel." Usual penalty, the chairman said, is a three-day revocation.

When Lavers denied he had been driving 40 miles an hour, Swain said "we have only the word of the arresting officer, just as we have in all cases before us."

### Finns Advance Past Resistance

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 30 (AP)—The Finns have broken German rearward resistance south of Pudasjarvi on the II river in central Finland and are continuing to advance, it was announced officially in Helsinki today.

West of Pudasjarvi the Finns were reported to have crossed the Ohava river.

An Aftonbladet dispatch said the first real fighting between Finnish and German troops occurred at Kuminki, eight miles northwest of the Bohnian gulf port of Oulu. The Germans retired leaving dead and wounded behind, the account said.

### Ralph Gustavson Reported Missing

Staff Sgt. Ralph Gustavson, United States army air corps, has been reported missing in action over Germany since September 11.

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### THREE HURT ON JOURNEY FROM SALEM

Nicholas Demetrakos Dies In Auto Wreck

Nicholas Demetrakos, 16-year-old Klamath high school student, was killed, and three other students injured, in an automobile accident this morning near Chemult, in northern Klamath county. The wreck occurred as the boys were homebound from last night's football game at Salem.

Reports from Chemult said the car was driven by Charles Perry, another high school student, and that five boys were riding in it when it left the Dalles-California highway about a mile south of Chemult. The car went 57 paces after leaving the highway and crashed into a tree, according to the information from Chemult.

Almost Instant Death  
Demetrakos was killed almost instantly. Marvin Albee, Klamath Falls, who was passing the scene just after the wreck, said that he ran to the car and felt Demetrakos' pulse just as it faded.

Perry received an injured shoulder and at least two of the other passengers sustained minor injuries.

Left Early  
The boys had left Salem early Saturday. They stopped in Chemult to purchase a bag of cookies, and one of the boys in the rear seat reached into the front seat for cookies just before the car went out of control on a straightaway, according to word received here.

Demetrakos was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Demetrakos of 2137 Main, Klamath Falls. A high school senior, he was on the Peleliu squad but not on the first string. He was not on the posted list of boys going to Salem as players. Perry was (Continued on Page Three)

### Twin Sons Die In French Action

CANTON, Ill., Sept. 30 (AP)—The twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vaughn, Ipava, who refused to be separated when only one of them was drafted in 1941, were killed in action in France on September 11, their parents have been notified by the war department.

The youths, Sgt. Archie Willis Vaughn and PFC. Otis Wilson Vaughn, would have observed their 26th anniversaries on Sept. 17. Four other brothers and a brother-in-law are in service. When Otis was drafted late in 1940, Archie, from whom he never had been separated, enlisted.

### Tennessee Hit By Flash Flood

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 30 (AP)—Flash flood waters from the heaviest rain in the city's history receded today leaving widespread property damage throughout east Tennessee but no confirmed loss of life.

Traffic was blocked completely in some sections of Knoxville by the 7 a. m. downpour that fell in 27 hours and hundreds of persons were evacuated from their homes.

### Furious Nazi Counterblow Wins Fiumicino Bridgehead

ROME, Sept. 30 (AP)—Furious German counterattacks have pinched out the small bridgehead won by the British eighth army across the Fiumicino river eight miles northwest of Fimino, but similar savage efforts to wrest Monte Battaglia, 11 miles below Imola, from the fifth army have failed, allied headquarters announced today.

Steadily rooting the enemy from commanding heights overlooking the roads into the Po valley, both American and British forces of the fifth army reported moderate gains in the central sector of the Italian front.

Highway Town Taken  
The Americans captured Giugnola, an important highway town seven and a half miles northeast of Fiumicino, and patrols forged ahead into Belvedere, 18 miles south-southeast of Bologna.

Other American units pushed more than three miles up Highway 65 toward Bologna from La Mazetta to Filigare.

Launch Counterattacks  
Enemy efforts to regain Monte Battaglia, which overlooks most of the route down the northern slope of the Apennines to the Bologna-Rimini highway, were launched in heavy strength. One Nazi regiment was beaten off Thursday and another yesterday.

Other fifth army troops captured the village of Montefredente, nine miles northwest of Fiumicino, and nearby Monte Balestra.

From the west coast sector, where the Brazilians and other units have been advancing slowly, came only a report that pressure was maintained on the enemy with aggressive patrolling.

Drive to River  
On the Adriatic end of the front New Zealand troops drove to the Fiumicino river on a 600-yard front. The nazis, defending the north bank strongly, launched two night counterattacks which were repulsed.

Gen. Sir Oliver Leese's eighth army troops gained a small bridgehead across the Fiumicino west of San Mauro Di Romagna, but before it could be reinforced strong enemy armored units compelled a withdrawal.

The Marecchia and Rubicon rivers were reported running swiftly with rising waters, making crossings difficult.