

AMERICANS SEIZE BEGGENDORF

Today's News

By FRANK JENKINS
EXCITING news may be just around the corner. As this is written, the click-tapped of the teletype has just tapped out word that American First Army tank column in a "lightning" advance of somewhat more than a mile captured the village of Beggen-dorf (north of Aachen) and is FANNING OUT to exploit a BREAK-THROUGH.

THE bulletin adds that our tanks "have reached the area behind the most permanent fortifications of the Westwall, and are approaching the nazis' NEW earthworks, which in themselves are a formidable barrier."

This is the point: We've cracked the PERMANENT fortifications of the Westwall. If we've cracked these, we can crack OTHER German permanent fortifications, including those back of the Rhine.

WHAT would be something new.

The Germans in 1940 out-flanked the French Maginot line (that is to say, they got around the end of it, without having to attack it frontally). We tried the same play at Arnhem, but ran into German resistance that was too strong for the comparatively light forces we were able to get across the last of the Rhine channels. Failing to get around the end, we hit the Westwall from the front—at Aachen. We seem this morning to be THROUGH the PERMANENT defenses, with only the NEW, recently im-proved, field fortifications ahead of us.

What we will do with these remains to be seen.

A WORD of explanation is in order here.

The Siegfried line consists of two "walls"—the Westwall and the German border which we've just cracked and the Siegfried line proper back of the Rhine. Both were built with all the in-fantry at the command of German military engineers. At Aachen they are roughly 30 miles apart.

MORE than 100 miles to the south, we are providing—slowly and bloodily, but apparently surely—another demon-stration of our ability to crack German prepared defenses.

The focal point of the demon-stration is Fort Driant, guarding the city of Metz. We have taken the ABOVE-GROUND part of the fort, but the nazis have re-tired into the intricate system of tunnels BELOW the ground and we are burning them out with flamming petrol-ol and shattering the tunnels with explosive.

Cracking these permanent lines is a bloody and awful job, but we are proving that it can be done.

THE job is being done largely with artillery, as foul weather (which we have had to contend with ever since D-day) hampers the work of our planes. We're apparently using MASSES of cannon, including 10-inchers.

ELSEWHERE in Europe, the job of driving the nazis back to their own borders is going on apace.

British troops, both sea and air, landed on the west coast of Greece—apparently in considerable force. The resistance they encountered doesn't seem to be up to the usual German standard. The nazis in Greece and southern Yugoslavia appear chiefly intent on GETTING BACK HOME.

Farther north (in Yugoslavia) on the ONLY main line railroad left for German escape, the Rus-sians are at the outskirts of Belgrade, and are expected to fall, the dispatches say, is hourly expected. Berlin says the Russians have unleashed a new all-out offensive in Lithuania (next-door to Ger-man East Prussia) and at the same time are moving toward East Prussia from the south. There is no further news from Hungary as this is written.

EVER since El Alamein and Stalingrad, the Germans have been falling back TOWARD GERMANY. Slowly, fighting at every step, but FALLING BACK. All along, their story has been that when they got back within the walls of their own fortress, NOBODY could EVER dislodge them. They'd fight until we'd be compelled by their weariness to give them the kind of peace they'd be willing to accept.

Well, they're back within their fortress on the west, and already, at Aachen and at Metz, its walls are crumbling. Their medieval dream of FORTRESS SECURITY is beginning to fade. The art of offensively war has moved forward rapidly since the days when security could be obtained within fortress walls.

IN the Pacific, the war of attrition against the Jap ISLAND empire goes ahead. Our bombs are beginning to destroy the Jap air installations upon which the Japs depend for OIL. The little yellow men are having to supplement their (Continued on Page Two)

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Britons Strike From Sea, Air on Greece

By NOLAND NORGAARD

ROME, Oct. 5 (AP)—Striking from the sea and air, British troops have landed in western Greece, entered the port of Patrai and seized airfields from which RAF Spitfires already are operating in support of the effort to drive out or destroy German garrisons. The allied command, announcing the invasion today, said landing forces had made contact with the enemy both in Greece and neighboring southern Albania, where other units went ashore ten days ago. There appeared a strong possibility the operations might swiftly end German rule throughout the Balkans. (Reliable reports reaching Cairo said the Germans had carried out demolitions in the Corinth canal to block movements through the Gulf of Corinth and to form a large obstacle for forces proceeding over land from the Peloponnese.)



Edgar W. Smith, democratic candidate for the United States senate, spoke before Kiwanis club at the Thursday noon luncheon. He will fill speaking engagements in Lakeview Friday and in Bend on Saturday.

GERMAN EMBASSIES LOADED WITH LOOT

By MAX HALL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (AP)—German embassies in neutral countries were reported today to be "loaded down" with gold, securities and currency with large staffs working full time to put the stuff—including loot from occupied countries—under cover.

Some of the tricks being used by German leaders to conceal their financial resources were disclosed after the state department announced that the United States and Britain have asked neutrals to deny the enemy protection for his loot.

Other governments which took part in the United Nations monetary conference at Bretton Woods, N. H., last July are expected soon to put similar pressure on the neutral group, which includes Switzerland, Argentina, Sweden, Spain and Portugal.

Washington sources said: That the German ruling clique is salting away assets not only for its personal salvation but as a war chest to keep underground organizations going after the war.

That in concealing funds, the Germans are extending their power in foreign industry. They are cleverly cloaking this control and it will be hard to trace.

German Targets Razed by Bombs

By MAX HALL

LONDON, Oct. 5 (AP)—More than 1000 U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators hit German targets at Cologne, Rheine, Handorf, Lippstadt, Paderborn and Munster in clearing weather today.

Two main forces, with strong fighter escort, attacked the choked rail terminals at Cologne and Rheine, while smaller formations raided airfields at the other places.

Body of Smith To Lie in State

By MAX HALL

NEW YORK, Oct. 5 (AP)—The body of Alfred E. Smith will lie in state at St. Patrick's Cathedral from 2 p. m. tomorrow until funeral services at 11 a. m. Saturday.

The 70-year-old "happy warrior"—four times governor of New York state and democratic presidential nominee in 1928—who died yesterday of lung congestion and acute heart disease, will be buried in the family plot at Queen's Calvary cemetery.

RETURN TO WORK VOTED IN DETROIT

By MAX HALL

DETROIT, Oct. 5 (AP)—Approximately 8000 maintenance workers whose strike action yesterday tied up or impaired war production in 33 Detroit area plants voted today to return to work on afternoon shifts, United Automobile Workers (CIO) spokesmen said.

The action was announced after a meeting of officials of the executive board of the UAW-CIO and representatives of local unions making up the maintenance, construction and power-house council, (UAW-CIO).

The strike, which had begun to spread again this morning, had made more than 50,000 workers idle through plant closings and assembly line interruptions.

Most seriously impaired by the strike was the production of aircraft sub-assemblies, aviation engines, anti-aircraft guns, tank and truck parts and other war material.

Vote Not Given

The vote favoring or opposing a return to work was not announced. Principal speaker at this morning's brief meeting was Walter P. Reuther, international vice president of the union, who with a council committee and UAW-CIO Regional Directors Richard T. Leonard and Melvin Bishop flew back to Detroit from Atlantic City and Washington to urge that the strike be called off.

They told the strikers' representatives that demands for a war labor board panel investigation of wage issues would not be considered as long as the strike was in progress.

Demobilization Delay Denied

By MAX HALL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson today termed "absolutely untrue" reports that the war department would delay partial demobilization in order to ease the job situation.

The statement to a news conference was in reply to a reporter's question that "there has been some comment to the effect that the war department will delay its partial demobilization in order to ease the job situation. Is that correct?"

Stimson replied with an emphatic "no."

Mile Gained in Italian Battle

By MAX HALL

ROME, Oct. 5 (AP)—U. S. fifth army troops drove a mile forward against violent fire from reinforced and hastily entrenched Germans yesterday on the bitterly contested road to Bologna to within 14 miles of that great communications center.

The doughboys seized a ridge just north of La Selva, five miles east of highway 65 at Lolanio. The Americans gained new positions just short of Monte Morosino on the Imola road, three miles north of Castel Del Rio. On their left flank, where the Germans plunked in all types of artillery fire, they took the town of Cuvialva and Quinzano, east of Lolanio, after forcing their way against stiff resistance several hundred yards north of Lagune, which overlooks a secondary road to Bologna.

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press

1. Western front: 305 miles (from west of Klevé).
2. Russian front: 310 miles (from Warsaw).
3. Italian front: 570 miles (from south of Bologna).

Klamath's Casualty List Increased; One Wounded, Three Missing in Action

Names of four well-known Klamath men appeared in the war casualty column Thursday, three of them missing in action and one reported wounded.

1st Lt. Harry Johnson, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of 352 N. 10th, and Harry Sloan of the former Rosemary Sloan of this city, is missing in action over Holland since September 17. He was pilot of a Mustang fighter, P-51. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sloan, 292 Payne, and now a senior student at the University of Oregon. Word reached her late Wednesday afternoon.

Twice Decorated Johnson has been overseas since about April 1, 1944, and was flying a P-38 in early summer. He has twice been decorated, once with the Air Medal, second with an Oak Leaf cluster.

Second on the missing list was James Orlan, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. James O. McKeehan, Hilyard avenue. He has been missing since September 19 in the South Pacific and official word came from the war department Thursday. James was a graduate of Henley high school, class of 1938, and has been in service for 18 months in this country and 5 1/2 months overseas.

Crabb Missing Friends here were advised that Pvt. J. C. Crabb, 20, U. S. army air corps, has been missing since August 16 over Germany. Young Crabb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Crabb of Hot Springs, Ark., and is a former Weyerhaeuser employe. He entered the army 18 months ago. Word came from his brother, Sgt. Jake Crabb, weather reconnaissance squad, U. S. army, now serving in France.

While here, Crabb made his home with Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Swafford, 1316 Shelley, and also with his sister, Mrs. Nina Bean of Lancaster, now living in California.

Slightly Wounded Mrs. Don West, (Dorothy Teed), was advised by the war department on October 2, that her husband, 1st Lt. Don West, 26, was slightly wounded on September 11, while in action in Belgium.

West was with the first army, armored division, and took his tank training in southern California. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. West, Eberlin street, well-known Klamath residents.

In a letter which Mrs. West received Wednesday, Don wrote that he was in a hospital but did not give the location.

Nazis Capture General Bor

LONDON, Oct. 5 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Tadeusz Komorowski (Bor), newly appointed commander-in-chief of Polish military forces, was captured in the battle of Warsaw, the Polish government in exile announced tonight.

A Polish government spokesman declared that the capture of Gen. Komorowski gave the "lie" to the rival, soviet-sponsored Polish national committee of liberation, which asserted that the general stayed away from the ravaged capital after ordering the futile uprising.

Berlin announced earlier that Komorowski and his entire staff had been taken prisoner.

Inquiry Slated In Hotel Battle

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (AP)—Chairman Green (R-R. I.) said today his senate campaign expenditures committee has begun an investigation into the so-called "Battle of the Staller," which followed President Roosevelt's opening campaign address.

Two naval officers were involved in the September 23 disturbance which was ascribed to political questions from members of the AFL Teamsters union who had heard Mr. Roosevelt's speech at the hotel.

Klamath \$20,000 Short in Drive

During the last days of the community fund drive, Klamath is still \$20,000 short of its quota, reports John B. Ebbing, drive chairman.

Several hundred follow-up letters were sent out this week by the drive committee to potential donors who have not yet sent in their contributions. To these persons, many of whom have not been contacted before, a plea has been made for their help in putting the fund over the top.

All who have not sent in their donations are urged to do so immediately at the drive headquarters in the chamber of commerce.

Subs Sink Jap Supply Ships

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (AP)—American submarines, ripping Japanese supply lines, have destroyed another 11 enemy vessels, including three war craft, the navy announced today. The fighting craft included a destroyer, an escort vessel and a seaplane tender, all of which may have been trying to protect Japanese convoys from American underwater attacks.

Weather News

October 5, 1944

Max. (Oct. 4)	87	Min.	38
Precipitation last 24 hours			.00
Stream year to date			.00
Normal	.13	Last year	.00

Forecast: Clear.

Klamath Men Missing in Action



James McKeehan, boatswain's mate, 2/c U. S. coast guard, is reported missing in the South Pacific since September 19. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James O. McKeehan, Hilyard avenue. —Kennell-Ellis



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HUNTERS DISCOVER PLANE WRECKAGE

Two Klamath deer hunters today reported finding the wreckage of a single-motored plane in the remote Buck lake area, 28 miles west of Klamath Falls.

The hunters, Al Rider and Bob Boldischar, said the wreckage was strewn over a wide area and that they discovered bones which may be those of victims of the crash.

Silver, Yellow Sheriff Lloyd Low headed a party which left just before noon today to examine the wreckage. The hunters said paint on the plane appears to be silver and yellow.

PORTLAND, Oct. 5 (AP)—At least two private planes have been reported missing, with no record that they have ever been found.

Medford Plane On November 29, 1940, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. (Dick) Walbert took off from Medford in a private plane, and never were seen again. Searchers had been led to believe, however, that the plane veered westward, and search was directed toward the Rogue River valley.

On October 25, 1941, a private plane carrying Elmer Jeffries and Frank McKenna, Glendale, Calif., fliers, took off from Eugene, bound for California. Their plane never was seen again, although numerous searching parties have gone out. A \$1000 reward has been offered for discovery of the plane.

Printers Fail To Report

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 5 (AP)—The Rochester Times-Union, a Gannett newspaper, suspended publication today when 85 printers failed to report for work in a dispute which the management termed a difference in contract interpretation and the union said was a "lockout."

The employees, members of Union 15, Rochester Typographical union (AFL), joined 92 Democrat and Chronicle printers, members of the same union, who left that paper's composing room last night after discharge of a union member. The Democrat and Chronicle was not published this morning.

Conquering Duck Now in States

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 5 (AP)—Siwash the duck, fighting mascot of the second marine division, is home.

The conquering duck, after breazing through all opposition it met on Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian, arrived here with Corp. Francis J. Fagan, Chicago, and 800 leatherneck veterans of Pacific campaigns.

The duck is admired by marines as the bird which acquired prominence by routing a Japanese rooster on Tarawa a day after the invasion.

Fan Makers Turn To Airplanes

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5 (AP)—A business of "300 years standing" has been abandoned on Shikoku island in Japan.

The Tokyo radio announced today fan makers have "plunged" into aircraft production because "their delicate technique in fan making will henceforth do much toward increased production of airplane wings."

MILE ADVANCE CHALKED UP THROUGH LINE

Huge Artillery Mass Drawn Up By Germans

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON, Oct. 5 (AP)—American tanks and infantry advanced more than a mile through the shattered fixed defenses of the west wall at Ubach today and captured the town of Beggen-dorf, which the Germans had attempted to turn into an anchor of a backstop line.

Widening their wedge, the yanks also captured Kerkrade on the Dutch-German border. Kerkrade, on the south side of the wedge is two miles southwest of Merksteijn and five miles north of Aachen.

Gains Scored Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army scored the gains in a fiercely rising battle in which the Germans massed their biggest artillery concentrations of the western front. Three heavy armored counter-thrusts were turned back and front line dispatches said a major tank battle was developing.

Beggen-dorf is more than a mile beyond Ubach and its capture placed the Americans astride the Aachen-Gellenkirche road and within a mile and a half of the main north road out of Aachen, the highway to Gladbach. The town is three miles from the nearest point of the Dutch border and about four miles from the general line of the frontiers.

Tank Support An Associated Press dispatch from the sector said allied tanks in numbers were now back of the original Siegfried line and were churning out (Continued on Page Two)

JAP RADIO ADMITS SHIPPING SHORTAGE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, Oct. 5 (AP)—Ship-hunting allied planes, which sank more than 200 ocean-going vessels in September, began October impressively by hitting 11 more as Tokyo radio spoke frankly of a shipping shortage.

A communique today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and one last night at Pearl Harbor by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported the sinking or severe damaging of 11 supply vessels in raids reaching to within 615 miles of Tokyo. The raids occurred during the first three days of this month.

Cargo Ship Hit A cargo ship was bomb-blasted Sunday near Chichi Jima in the Bonin islands, the closest approach to Tokyo.

A 2000-ton freighter-transport and three small freighters were sunk or severely damaged Monday night and early Tuesday off Dutch Celebes.

Freighters Destroyed Four small freighters were destroyed near Amboina. A 1000-ton vessel was sunk off the Soela islands, between Celebes and Amboina.

A medium tanker was heavily hit off the southern Philippines. MacArthur's planes, which also have been concentrating on Japanese oil sources in the East Indies, struck Dutch night at Makassar, Dutch Celebes, spreading fires in an area of oil tanks.

Second Raid Nimitz said Liberators made it two raids in a row on Chichi Jima by going back after more report the results. His communique last night also reported air strikes in the Kuriles, Marianas and Marshalls and against Marcus island.

Mopping up operations by marines and soldiers on Peleliu and Angaur in the Palaus continued with the total counted Japanese dead through Tuesday amounting to 10,987.

Revolts Break Out in Austria

LONDON, Oct. 5 (AP)—The London radio, quoting advices from Bern, said last night that revolts are reported to have broken out in Vienna and other parts of Austria. There was no immediate confirmation from other sources.

BBC declared that casualties and arrests had occurred in disturbances only two days after Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Moscow radio told the Austrians that "the time has come" for them to give active proof of their willingness to break with their German masters.

The broadcast said unrest was reported in the industrial district of Steyr, where "workers are in some cases coming out on strike and carrying out considerable sabotage."