

# TANKS GAIN GROUND AT AACHEN

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### Weather News

Max. (Oct. 12) 83 Min. 43  
 Precipitation last 24 hours .02  
 Stream year to date .13  
 Normal .98 Last year .03

Saturday Shooting Hours  
 Oregon—Open 6:30, Close 6:00  
 Tulelake—Open 5:47, Close 6:25

### NAZI ESCAPE GAP SLASHED TO HALF MILE

#### German Attempts to Reinforce Town Smashed

By The Associated Press  
 LONDON, Oct. 13.—American infantry gained slowly tonight inside the smoking ruins of Aachen proper, narrowed the Nazi escape gap to a half mile and, with shells and bombs, smashed strong German columns forming up for counterattacks to relieve the battered city's garrison.

The suburban Schielfhof factory district on the northeast outskirts of Aachen was taken. The enemy had counterattacked earlier in the Bardenberg area after wheeling up one of Hitler's finest tank divisions.

**Loss 60 Tanks**  
 The Nazis lost 60 tanks in two days fighting around Aachen, including those knocked out in today's attempted counterattacks. Opposition was surprisingly weak as the doughboys entered the city, which had been bombed and blasted for two days by hundreds of divebombers and an almost solid ring of heavy artillery plunging shells by the thousands into its ancient structures.

**Close Quarters**  
 The Americans entered the city itself at 9:30 a. m. (1:30 a. m. Pacific war time) along a path blasted by artillery and mortars. The Yankees gingerly crossed 16 rows of tracks and started routing out dirty and bearded Germans holed up in the narrow streets which were cluttered with debris. The fighting was close quarters, sometimes with bayonets, sometimes with small arms and it went from house to house, from street to street. Self-propelled artillery moved into the city with the infantry.

The Americans fought near fires in many parts of the old city.

Berlin asserted that the Americans already had suffered 19,000 casualties in the battle of Aachen including 5000 dead, but nothing from allied quarters supported such a claim.

The appearance of a fresh German armored division, shifted from the Arnhem sector in Holland, stirred expectation that a major tank battle would soon be joined.

### Formosa Hit Second Blow; Ships Downed

By CHARLES McMURTRY  
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 13 (AP)—The Halsey-Mitscher naval and air team returned to Formosa Thursday and destroyed 175 more Japanese planes, sank 11 more ships, probably sank 14, damaged six others and sank or damaged 37 small craft.

This gave the powerful third fleet this box score for the concentrated Wednesday-Thursday bombing of Formosa and Pescadore islands, immediately to the west:

396 aircraft destroyed.  
 27 ships sunk.  
 14 ships probably sunk.  
 22 ships damaged.  
 37 small craft sunk or damaged.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, reporting the second day's action in a communique nine hours after he had given preliminary figures on Wednesday's strike, said "small groups of enemy aircraft made repeated attempts to torpedo or bomb carriers or supporting ships, but no damage was done to our surface ships."

**45 Yanks Lost**  
 He said American losses were 45 planes in the two-day attack.

Reports on the number of flight personnel rescued have not been received.

Nimitz gave this "preliminary" resume of damage to Japanese shipping for the two days:

Ships sunk: Two large cargo ships, four medium cargo ships, nine small cargo ships, 12 coastal cargo ships.

Ships probably sunk: One large cargo ship, three medium cargo ships, three small cargo ships, one small oil tanker, five coastal cargo ships, one minesweeper.

Ships damaged: Six medium cargo ships, 15 small cargo ships, one large troop transport.

**Surprise Indicated**  
 Wording of the latest Nimitz communique might indicate that the Halsey-Mitscher task force achieved complete surprise in its Wednesday attack which began before dawn; that the Japanese were forced to concentrate on futile attempts to defend Formosa bases and shipping rather than attack American warships.

Nimitz only mention in either communique of Japanese counter-attacking the mighty third fleet was this:

"During the late evening of October 11 and night of October 11-12 following the first day of the attack on Formosa small groups of enemy aircraft attacked one of our fast carrier task forces operating in the approaches to the Japanese position in Formosa and the Ryukyus, and repeatedly attempted to torpedo or bomb the carriers or supporting ships in the force."

### LATVIAN CAPITAL TAKEN BY SOVIETS

LONDON, Oct. 13 (AP)—Marshal Joseph Stalin tonight announced the capture of Riga, Latvian port and capital.

An order of the day broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded by the Soviet Monitor, said the Baltic stronghold fell to the combined assault of the second and third Baltic front armies and a tremendous salute of 24 salvos from 324 guns was ordered.

**Rosoz Evacuated**  
 DNB in Berlin broadcast said Rosoz, 44 miles north of Warsaw and 33 miles southwest of the east Prussian border had been evacuated by the Germans.

At the same time a special communique from Marshal Tito's partisan army in Yugoslavia said Russian and Yugoslav forces had "penetrated" the walls of Belgrade, Serb capital.

**Positions Backed**  
 In a broadcast Col. Ernest von Hammer, German military commentator, stated "the last remaining German positions east of the Daugava, even those inside Riga, were taken back to the western bank of the river."

Running north and south through Riga to the gulf of Riga, the Daugava splits the city in two.

"Several Russian attempts to capture the river crossings were smashed," Von Hammer reported.

### Forces Under Gen. Wilson To Land in Greece; Athens Taken by Allied Fighters

ROME, Oct. 13 (AP)—Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, supreme allied commander in the Mediterranean, said in a broadcast tonight that "a force under my command is about to land in Greece" and that the kingdom's liberation was at hand.

Later Rome radio broadcast an "official announcement" that Athens has been evacuated by the Germans and its administrative offices are in the hands of Greek patriots.

The allied-controlled radio said its report came from allied headquarters.

A Cairo dispatch earlier announced that the Germans had quit Athens and declared it an open city.

(British authorities in London said they were unable to interpret Wilson's proclamation but that it might have anti-dated the invasion of the Peloponnese, which took place late in September.)

**Aid Promised**  
 Allied proclamations were broadcast promising immediate aid to the Greeks.

Gen. Wilson told the Greeks: "Your day of liberation is at hand. For the second time in this war, a force under my command is about to land in Greece but I am thankful to say, under very different conditions."

The allied commander declared, "we come now to sweep away all traces of the invader and, by use of your ports and airfields, to harass his retreat."

He said the allies also were returning to restore Greece's administrative services.

Late in September, small British forces landed in the Peloponnese, the large southern peninsula of the Greek mainland, and with Greek patriots cleared the Germans from most of that area capturing Patras, Pyrgos and Corinth. Ancient Corinth is but 40 miles southwest of Athens, the Greek capital.

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### HEAVY BATTLE FLARES AFTER ITALIAN RAID

#### 300 German Prisoners Taken In Central Sector

By Lynn Heinslerling  
 ROME, Oct. 13 (AP)—Heavy fighting flared up in the hills along the Florence-Bologna road today following yesterday's massive air assault on German positions and installations south of Bologna, key communications center of the Po valley.

Allied headquarters announced that fifth army troops took more than 300 prisoners in the new assault in the central Italian sector.

Aided by warm weather American forces pushed ahead in the wake of yesterday's tremendous aerial attacks and partly flanked the town of Livorno, 10 miles south of Bologna on highway 65, the communique said.

The doughboys again encountered stiff enemy resistance. In describing the heavy fighting astride highway 65 the communique said "no material advances have been made."

**Reach Hill**  
 Foot troops reached the summit of the hill only nine miles southwest of Castel San Pietro on the Bologna-Rimini road, while other forces captured Mount Delle Formiche, two and a half miles east of Livorno where the fiercest fighting seems to have centered.

Yesterday's pulverizing raids by "American planes" in their heaviest blow yet in the north Italian campaign were made in an attempt to blast a pathway into the Po valley for fifth army forces which have been virtually stalled south of Bologna for two days by a Nazi death stand.

West of highway 65 fifth army units pushed a mile beyond Monterotondo, bare little village in the hills overlooking a subsidiary road to Bologna. On the west coast, troops of the 92nd American infantry division clung to Mount Canala, about four miles southeast of Massa, western terminus of the Gothic line.

Meanwhile the eighth army found itself on firmer ground and appeared to be moving steadily from everywhere except in the immediate Adriatic coastal sector where a succession of streams at short intervals gave the Germans a wide choice of defensive positions.

**Three Missing**  
 Headquarters disclosed that the three heavy bombers and 17 other planes were missing from yesterday's aerial operations in the Mediterranean sector, which included strafing of Austria and Hungary.

Eighteen enemy planes were shot down.

(A new attack on the Vienna area today by bombers of the 15th air force was reported by London.)

### Hunters Line Up For Precious Shells



Sportmen wait their turn in front of one of the local sporting goods stores Wednesday to secure shells for the bird season which opens tomorrow. A bang-up season is anticipated by hunters.

### Klamath Hunters to Open New Front Tomorrow; Declare War Against Birds

The bird season gets under way tomorrow, October 14, with a figurative and literal bang. Hunters are primed for one of the biggest opening days ever seen in this area. A tremendous license sale was reported and a fine season, extending to January 1, is anticipated by sportsmen as there is an enormous influx of birds.

Shooting time opening day in the Tulelake area will be at 6:47 a. m. and the sun will set at 6:29 p. m. Times for Sunday will be 6:48 a. m. and 6:27 p. m. For the benefit of hunters,

starting times and sunset will be published every day during the season in the weather box on the front page of The Herald and News.

**Same Area**  
 The same open and closed hunting areas as were in effect last hunting season will again prevail during the present season on waterfowl. The west side of the Tulelake refuge from a line west of Lost river to the Henzel pumps on the south dike will be open to hunting. The closed line follows from the Henzel pumps along the dike one mile, thence south to the Lava Beds park boundary.

On the Lower Klamath refuge units four and nine will again be open to hunting. The closed and open hunting line follows down the dike from the gate entrance on the north to the chalk bank on the extreme south side. The open and closed hunting areas have been thoroughly posted with open and closed signs so that hunters should have little difficulty in locating the open and closed areas. Hunters will be permitted to drive down the dike on the Lower Klamath refuge some four miles from the north gate entrance.

**No Check Stations**  
 Checking stations will not be in operation this season as has been the custom in previous seasons. Several special wardens

### ITALY TO SETTLE OWN RULE, FATE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt, saying the American army entered Italy "not as conquerors but as liberators," has promised the Italian people that they "will be free to work out their own destiny, under a government of their own choosing" when the allies defeat Germany.

"The United Nations are determined that every possible measure be taken to aid the Italian people directly and to give them an opportunity to help themselves," the president said last night in a radio address from the White House.

**To Meeting**  
 It was directed to the meeting of the Italian-American labor council in New York in acceptance of the council's four freedoms award.

Earlier, Mr. Roosevelt addressed chiefs of diplomatic missions from the other American republics on the occasion of Columbus (Continued on Page Two)

### M'Pherson Death Ruled Accident

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 13 (AP)—A coroner's jury today returned a verdict that Evangelist Almee Semple McPherson died last September 27 "from an accidental overdose" of sleeping tablets.

The jury of 13 persons, including four women, deliberated only a short time.

A pathologist told the jury the evangelist had died "of shock and respiratory failure due to overdosage of a barbitol compound" and a kidney ailment.

The witness, Dr. Mary Ruth Oldt, said she had examined the stomach contents.

Coroner Mark L. Emerson asked Dr. Oldt whether the death could have been accidental.

"It could," she replied. "A person could get in such a state of forgetfulness that he may not remember how many he has taken of these pills."

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### Reds, Yugoslavs Enter Belgrade

LONDON, Oct. 13 (AP)—Russian and Yugoslav forces have "penetrated" the walls of Belgrade, a special communique from Marshal Tito's partisan army headquarters said tonight.

The communique, broadcast by the free Yugoslav radio, also announced the capture of Ripanj, 12 miles south of the capital, and Beli Polok, about the same distance to the southeast.

### Klamath vs. Grants Pass

Pelicans			Modoc Field, & P. M.			Cavemen				
Nos.	Names	Wts.	Pos.	Nos.	Names	Wts.	Pos.	Nos.	Names	Wts.
13	Kimsey	178	LER	13	Ausland	182				
10	Mason	177	LTR	27	Robertson	195				
17	Wirth	167	LGR	16	Richards	185				
14	Vanderhoff	162	C	19	Barry	176				
25	Wilson	158	RGL	32	Porter	160				
1	Long	172	RTL	38	Popken	221				
11	Thurman	165	REL	23	McLearn	165				
4	Perkins	145	QB	26	Boyce	150				
2	Berry	155	LHR	25	Roley	159				
6	Redkey	140	RHL	15	Pippin	172				
3	Biehnl	170	FB	12	Lutz	166				

Klamath reserves with numbers: 26 Pope, 12 Hopkins, 15 Chidester, 21 Reed, 16 Bessonette, 7 Tindall, 20 Hannen, 8 Hicks, 30 Palmer, 22 Hearth, 31 Dalrymple, 28 Henthorne, 23 Ellis, 34 Noreen, 35 White, 27 Edwards, 19 Nichols.

Grants Pass reserves with numbers: 21 Burdell, 33 Moser, 10 Marsh, 30 Aschenbrenner, 14 Riebel, 17 Fuller, 18 Chambers, 22 Bean, 24 Every, 20 McClellan, 11 Flickinger, 37 Norman.

Coaches: Klamath Falls—Marble Cook, Grants Pass—Mel Johnson.

Officials: Hunt Clark, referee; Harold Shidler, umpire; Harold Hendrickson, head-linesman; Doctor George Wright, timekeeper.

### Diphtheria Hits Migratory Camp

One death by diphtheria, and a second case in the migratory camp located at the edge of the Merrill city limits, brought action by the Klamath county health authorities this week, according to Dr. Peter H. Rozendal, health officer.

No new families are to be admitted to the camp, Dr. Rozendal stated, and residents are not permitted to leave except those adults working in the potato harvest.

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### Rain Delays Spud Harvest

The current rain has not damaged any potatoes to date, it was reported today. It has delayed digging, however, and slowed down the operation of the harvest in general.

A good many places in which the soil is heavy are not being worked at all and other areas will not be able to speed up digging until clearer weather prevails.

### Today On The Western Front

**U. S. 1st Army**—Infantry fighting street by street for the ancient fortress Aachen while Germany masses reinforcements for impending battle, and yank artillery and dive-bombers pour destruction on city.

**Canadian 1st Army**—Lands reinforcements for Antwerp push, and captures the village of Bleizen.

**British 2nd Army**—Tommy break on 17 sharp thrusts, supported by tanks, west of the Meuse in support of the Canadian push to the west, and capture the town of Overloon.

**U. S. 3rd Army**—On the center of the western front, Lt. Gen. Patton's forces took Parroy, east of Lunerville, while other units fought hand-to-hand with the Nazis in Mezieres-Les-Mez, five miles north of Metz.

**U. S. 7th Army**—On the extreme south of the front, gained in its drive on the Belfort Gap.

### Farm Machinery Step-Up Ordered

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt directed WPM Chairman J. A. Krug today to step up the production of farm machinery so that the United States can continue its record high food production into the postwar period.

"Wartime experience has demonstrated that a fully employed American will consume food in quantities substantially in excess of the prewar period," the president told Krug in a letter made public at today's news conference.

### MONEY IN TREASURY

SALEM, Oct. 13 (AP)—The state of Oregon now has \$44,271,273 in its treasury, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott said today. Half of the amount is in the state general fund, while the rest is divided among a dozen other funds.

### Fourth Measure Provides Addition of Area to City

(Fourth article of a series)  
 Fourth and last measure on the special city election ballot to be presented November 7, is an annexation proposed, and reads by title:

"Charter amendment submitted to the voters by the common council and initiative petition."

The fourth measure embraces an addition to the city roughly including that area south of Shasta way, west of Washburn way, and north of South Sixth street, a diamond shaped area. Also, an area across South Sixth street from Midland road, northwest, including the railroad and then northwest and down to the present city

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### London Pole Hopes for Accord

MOSCOW, Oct. 13 (AP)—Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk of the London Polish regime said today "I am most hopeful" of accord with the soviet-sponsored Lublin committee of national liberation after a conference with the American ambassador, W. Averell Harriman.

The belief prevailed that a compromise would be reached before Prime Minister Churchill concludes his talks with Premier Marshal Stalin.

### Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
 Despite of startling and significant development in the Pacific, Aachen still holds the center of our interest. What is opening there COULD shorten German war materially, and we have to get Hitler licked before we can get at our real job with both hands.

their efforts to RETAKE Aachen (the city is practically in our hands now) the Germans are rushing in some of their troops—both infantry and armor. They're throwing in the numbers (the correspondents say "swarms") of their fighter planes.

They've shifted a fresh TANK division down from the Arnhem area, which gives rise to a number of thoughts.

Their stubborn determination to save Aachen at any cost, MIGHT so weaken themselves at Arnhem that the British would break through for the first time that was frustrated because things have happened in

straws in the Dutch winds are blowing the other way.

rather looks now as if the decision of docks in Rotterdam, be planning a last-man stand in southwest Holland to keep us as long as possible from the shorter and more direct Amsterdam-Rotterdam line.

apply is unbelievably important in this western front fight-

TER a long period of relative quiet (bringing up supplies, reorganizing their armies, it looks today as if the Russians are beginning to move in again.)

are fighting in the out-lets of Memel, in PRESENT Prussia (the Memel area annexed from Lithuania in 1918, before World War I it had German soil for general).

Tilsit, they are only nine miles from the German border. They seem to be racing west across Hungary with complete opposition.

GIARIAN resistance is being in the dispatches today "willing," and Moscow apparently to expect a Hungarian surrender at any moment.

HUNGARY is a stepping-stone to Austria, and Berlin too is egging the Austrians on to do it. "Dig in and fight, we're doing in the Rhineland East Prussia," the Berlin press are exhorting.

The Berlin Nazis don't care many German and Austrian foodstuffs are sacrificed.

if only THEIR miserable can be prolonged a little—maybe until they can have a chance to flee with their

WERFUL forces of Italy—U. S. bombers are being at German communication in Hungary and Austria, the Russians needed supplies we hope THEY in time give us needed support at the Jap).

ITZ today confirms the ap stories of heavy American attacks on Formosa. DID hit there, in GREAT strength, bombing and strafing one end of the island to the (it is 240 miles long), sinking 6 Jap cargo ships and damaging 19, shooting 124 Jap planes from the air and destroying 97 on the ground—all at a loss of 8 planes, with none of our ships damaged.

number of Jap planes destroyed in the air on the ground is SMALL, suggests that the Japs are fully SHORT ON PLANES. fair guess that if they'd more we'd have SHOT IN MORE.

duck hunter knows that the ducks the smaller

Pacific story, first told by Jap radio, GROWS, UR days this week we've had at Jap inner defenses—today at the Marcus Islands; today at the Ryukyus; on a force" of carrier aircraft; today at Formosa.

### Germany, Hungary Bombed

NDON, Oct. 13 (AP)—Powerful forces of American heavy bombers from Italy attacked the area, German Silesia and Hungary today while from Britain and France bombed heavily at Nazi front positions on the western

heavy bombers from Italy led industrial objectives railroads over which the were supplying them in the swaying lines in before the red army against Budapest.