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## AMERICANS MAY HIT GERMANY BY NIGHT

### Russians Crossing Romania To Reach Yugoslavia

#### ONE YANK BLUFFS 946 GERMANS INTO SURRENDER



CAPTURED by the Nazis in France, Lt. Clarence E. Coggins, Poteau, Okla., talked Nazi major into surrender of 946 men. (International)



SWARMING ABOUT A PRISONER stockade in southern France are 946 Nazis who surrendered to one Yank. He is Lt. Clarence E. Coggins, Poteau, Okla., after being captured by the enemy while on patrol in south France, convinced the enemy major that his unit was trapped by the Allies. Result: 946 Nazis, including 17 officers, surrendered. Official U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

### Germans Are Fleeing Up The Danube

#### Soviets Pushing On To Soil of Serbia As Triumphs Grow

Moscow, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Red army flying columns, skirting the southern shoulder of the Transylvania Alps, after marching triumphantly through Bucharest, headed today in the direction of Serbia's northeastern mountain's where Marshal Tito's partisans are battling the common enemy.

A junction between Soviet and Yugoslav patriots, became a prospect of the near future as Red army units approached within 120 miles of the Yugoslav-Romanian frontier.

The German command was reported flying to organize a new defensive line of the Danube river, which runs within 50 miles of Serbian territory.

Serbian forces, which invaded past the middle of German bombed buildings in Belgrade yesterday, have rapidly recaptured about the Belgrade-Bratislava railway.

From dispatches said the Germans were still in disorderly flight up the Danube valley. Belgrade's war-weary populace saw Red army troops bare the mechanical power of their armor. Huge self-propelled guns, squad and thickly armored tanks and a seemingly endless stream of motorized infantry crossed the city from end to end.

A Red Star correspondent wrote proudly from Belgrade:

Not a single one of our fighters walked in the capital's streets. They all were in trucks. This was a real triumph.

He added that Romanians had told him "you have as many tanks as you need a hundred flights of fields to supply you."

### Stocks Keep Even Balance

New York, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Secluded investment trading helped the stock market keep its balance today, although many leaders were neglected.

Support was accorded United States Steel, DuPont and General Electric. Leaders included American Telephone and Goodyear.

### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy and continued rather warm tonight and Saturday, with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers occurring heaviest in mountains.

## Bulgaria's Government Falls

### \$229,474 Sent To State By Paralysis Foundation

Raleigh, Sept. 1.—(AP)—The State Foundation for Infantile Paralysis today received a check for \$229,474.17 from the National Foundation for the Fight Against the Polio Epidemic, which has struck a 645 per cent in the State since June 1.

Leroy Martin, treasurer of the State organization, said the money was raised through the March of Dimes over a period of years.

Since June 1, Martin said, the National Foundation has sent funds totaling \$229,474.17 to North Carolina.

Country in the State have contributed \$19,778.81 toward the polio fight since June 1, and contributions from individuals and private organizations have brought the total funds available in the State during the epidemic to \$239,253.14.

Four new cases of infantile paralysis were reported today to the State Board of Health. One case was reported in Davidson, New Hanover, Polk and Stokes counties. The total number of cases now stand only 23 short of the 1935 epidemic toll, which was 95.

### Brest Blasted From Air, Then Infantry Moves In

London, Sept. 1.—(AP)—American medium bombers assailed German strong points in Brittany at the port of Brest today at request of Lt. Gen. Bradley, whose troops then began an effort to assault the prize Atlantic harbor of elements of three enemy divisions.

The attack on gun positions, mortar parks and two forts on the edge of Brest was only one of numerous operations by Allied planes based in Britain and France as the result of good flying weather enabled them to bomb and strafe the foe at many points.

### Japs Offer No Fight To Our Planes

General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Sept. 1.—(AP)—America's air might, gearing for the day when 1,000 planes at a time can bomb Japan, was disclosed today to have bagged five more Japanese ships and struck anew at Mindanao in the aerial prelude to invasion of the Philippines.

Nowhere in more than 4,000 miles from Dutch Celebes to the Kuriles did raiding planes stir up enemy air opposition, but Lt. Gen. Harmon surprised Japan was hoarding plane strength, which would be turned loose in furious combat once the Philippines are invaded.

MacArthur reported explosions and fires started at Davao, capital city of Mindanao, in the southern Philippines, by light raiding patrol planes. Paula, guarding the east approaches to the Philippines, was pounded by planes from the MacArthur theater.

Belief was expressed by Harmon that Japan was not attempting to meet American aerial threats in the

### With 11,417,000 In Service, Big Calls No Longer Likely

Washington, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Selective Service reported to Congress today that the armed force, estimated at an overall 11,417,000, can be kept at full strength without changing current draft policies, barring unexpected military reverses.

That means, Colonel Francis V. Keeling, Jr., informed the Senate and House Military Committees, that if future induction calls remain constant, few men over 26 will be drafted during the remainder of this year. During July, 83 percent of the men inducted were between 18 and 26, he said.

### FT. BRAGG NAMED PERSONNEL CENTER

Washington, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Designation of 18 military posts to serve as department personnel centers—to process personnel inducted into the army or released from active duty—was announced today by the army.

The centers will include a reception center for processing newly inducted men prior to assignment, a reception station for receiving and reassigning personnel returned from active duty.

### Hungary Reported Trying Desperately To Leave The War

London, Sept. 1.—(AP)—The Bulgarian government of Ivan Bagrianov fell today shortly after its failure to win an easy way out of the war by pleading neutrality, and amid indications of far-reaching international developments within the Balkan kingdom.

Simultaneously it was disclosed that the European advisory commission had drafted armistice terms for Bulgaria—a demonstration of British-American-Russian solidarity on the terms which the Balkan satellite must meet to get out of the conflict.

It was said that Bagrianov was pushing along the country's northern frontier, ready to send tank columns coursing along her northern plains.

At the same time rumors spread throughout Europe that Hungary was trying to contact the Allies on an armistice term.

With Romania already out of the Hitler line-up and negotiating in Moscow for terms on which she might join the Allies as a co-belligerent, Hitler's southeastern front thus appeared to be falling apart in three countries.

Berlin immediately launched a campaign of denials to contradict the rumors that Hungary was seeking a way out. But Budapest itself was silent. Reports reaching London from Turkey said Hungarians there had intimated that Budapest was seeking terms.

The Allied terms for Bulgaria were kept secret, inasmuch as they involved military operations. But it was regarded as certain that one condition would demand the withdrawal of all her troops to within her pre-war border, and the return to Greece and Yugoslavia of Macedonia and Thrace, territories which she gained in a bargain with Hitler in 1941.

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### German Guns In Parting Channel Fire

London, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Heavy German coastal guns near Bologne hurled 100 shells early today in a four-hour barrage which Berlin said was "drum fire of the heaviest type against the English invasion port routes."

Several British coastal towns were reported heavily damaged, and at least one man was killed.

Reconnaissance on the channel 23 miles south of Dover and in the path of swiftly advancing Allied armor, it appeared possible that the Germans, with their communications shattered, were trying to unload as much ammunition as possible upon England before the Allies arrive.

English channel reports said that a wide area was shelled and that the attack was "serious."

Berlin radio tried to make a mystery of the shelling, with the assertion that "an explanation can be obtained from competent circles as to whether this fire constitutes measures against further invasion preparations, or whether new, long distance weapons have come into action."

British coastal batteries answered the salvos of five to eight shells.

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### WHERE ONCE THEY STRUTTED, NAZIS NOW FLOP



IN THAT SAME HOTEL MAJESTIC which was their Paris headquarters throughout German occupation of France, high officers of Hitler's humbled Wehrmacht find seats on the floor while awaiting disposition as Allied prisoners-of-war. Captured by French troops in the liberation of Paris, they seem content for the moment to enjoy their last taste of luxury before setting out for bleak and waiting prison camps. Perhaps they're thinking of contrasts between this flophouse scene and that other of four years back when they strutted into Paris as conquerors. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. (International Soundphoto)



Jungle Music

MEMBERS of a Yank howitzer unit in Guam advanced a piano left behind by the retreating Japs. Here the group listens to Cpl. Philip Mancini of Millard, Mass., tap the ivory of the Jap piano. It is out of tune, possibly from playing on it the Nipponese national anthem for the last three years. Marine Corps photo. (International Soundphoto)

### Nazi Flight At Top Speed Along Rhone

#### Southern France German Army Left To Its Fate There

Rome, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Sharp attacks by American tanks and infantry crumpled Nazi rear guard resistance in the upper Rhone valley of southern France today and the Germans fled northwest at top speed, with the pursuing Allies less than fifty miles from the great city of Lyon.

Violence in north Italian Lyon fell at noon yesterday, General Patton's headquarters said. Apparently departing of view, getting their tank army out of northern France as an intact unit, the Nazi command had ordered its units to remain in Germany "by their own resources," an official report said. Such an order was given by artillery personnel in the Nimes area, prisoners related.

From Narbonne, a French flying column in a sweep around southern France's Mediterranean coast, was reported bursting down to the Spanish border without meeting enemy resistance.

The seventh army command declared the situation remained "unchanged" on the Riviera following American occupation of Nice.

In the Alpine region along the French-Italian frontier farther north, however, the Americans entered the village of Candamine Chateaud, which the Germans had burned in reprisal for patriot activities.

With the American third army

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### Yanks Push Through And Past Verdun

#### Patton's Armies Now Well Beyond Old Maginot Line

London, Sept. 1.—(AP)—The United Nations radio at Algiers, quoted a "last minute dispatch" tonight saying the channel port of Dieppe had been captured without opposition.

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Sept. 1.—(AP)—The United States third army swept through and beyond the French fortress city of Verdun today in a landslide offensive which, if continued at its present pace, promised to carry over into an invasion of Germany's frontier before night-fall.

Behind the channel coast coast, Field Marshal Montgomery's task forces, which had burst forward 20 miles in three days, poured toward Belgium's Flanders Fields, only 45 miles distant, and approached the backdoor of Calais itself.

Montgomery's spearhead paralleled the channel coast for 100 miles and threatened to hammer out for the second time in this war a giant trap around Calais and Dunkirk—this time with the Germans in it. The British were only 70 miles south of Calais.

Lt. Gen. Patton's armor ground out an advance of 65 miles in less than 24 miles to reach Verdun—a pace which left official headquarters communique lagging many hours behind. But even at the official headquarters communique lagging many hours behind. But even at that rate he could catch few fleeing Germans.

On a 70-mile front Americans had stabbed to or across the Belgian border in the vicinity of Sedan, reached to within 40 miles of the German frontier of Verdun, and in an eastward thrust through St. Dizier to Commercy had advanced to within 58 miles of Germany's Saar.

They had crossed at a jump the famous Argonne forest and the Meuse river, where General John J. Pershing's doughboys fought for six bitter weeks in 1918, and drove through or passed some of the most important works of the old French Maginot line.

Verdun is only thirty miles from the Duchy of Luxembourg and 45 miles from the rail center of Metz.

Commercy is 11 miles from

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### Berlin Recounts Lightning Gains By Yankee Units

London, Sept. 1.—(AP)—The Berlin radio said today that three American armored divisions and three motorized divisions had reached the Vervins area in a 30-mile thrust from Reffel, north of Laon. Vervins is 15 miles from the Belgian border and 45 miles west of Sedan.

The broadcast said part of the fourth had turned toward the west at Montcornet, en route to the Vervins area, possibly cutting off German formations between the Seine and the Somme rivers.

### Gothic Line Is Smashed By Eighth Army In Italy

Rome, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Eighth army troops have broken through the outer Gothic line defense in northern Italy to a depth of 1,000 yards at one point, but are meeting strong German resistance north of the Foglia river, where the Nazis have hurled in tanks in repeated counter attacks. Allied headquarters announced today.

The 1,000-yard penetration was made west of Borgo Santa Maria, where the strong point of Montecchio was captured. Tank-supported infantry followed through and established themselves along the Nazi defenses.

In Pesaro steady fighting was reported continuing between British and Polish troops and the first Canadian parachute division—their old enemies at Cassino.

Dispatches from Rome yesterday declaring that Polish troops had captured Pesaro apparently were premature. Pesaro is now divided between the Germans and the eighth army, which is established along the railway line running through the town.

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