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RUSSIAN TROOPS NEARING APPROACHES TO BELGRADE

Only 14 Miles From Yugoslav Capital; Reds Land on Isle in Riga Gulf

London, Oct. 5.—Russian tanks and cavalry, smashed at least 26 miles across the Yugoslav plains, yesterday drove to within 14 miles northeast of the capital city of Belgrade while other Red Army forces south of the Danube River linked with Marshal Tito's liberation army and thrust toward the big Yugoslav rail hub of Nis.

The Red Army and Marshal Tito's Partisan fighters drove down the White Timok River valley along the Bulgarian border to within 37 miles of Nis, junction of the Sofia-Belgrade and Athens-Belgrade railroads.

Surrounding Belgrade. At the same time, Belgrade, outflanked to the north, was being surrounded by crushing Soviet troops striking from the north, northeast and southeast by Marshal Tito's Partisans hammering toward the city from the west and south.

Almost 1,000 miles to the north, Soviet forces landed on the 1,600-square-mile Estonian island of Saaremaa (Oesel) in Giga Gulf, Berlin said, virtually sealing the seaward escape route for Nazi troops in the shell-torn Latvian capital of Riga.

Moscow's midnight war bulletin early today reported that Russian troops west of the Polish city of Lomza had crossed the highly fortified Narew River only 16 miles below the southern border of East Prussia and had broken into enemy positions.

After blowing up enemy blockhouses, the Soviets returned to the south bank. Before the Lithuanian border of East Prussia reconnaissance troops broke into enemy lines northwest of Mariampole, Moscow said.

Reaching a powerful Nazi defense area north and northeast of Belgrade, troops of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian Army who have driven 45 miles inside Yugoslavia from Romania in 48 hours, penetrated almost to the suburbs of Belgrade by capturing the rail station of Banat Kraljevicevo.

By seizing Banat Kraljevicevo, 14 miles northeast of the capital, the Red Army cut the last railroad escape route north of the Danube River for the German garrison in Belgrade, leaving only one railroad south of the Danube for the endangered troops in the capital, which lies on the river's southern bank.

While spearheads that captured Petrograd, 37 miles north of Belgrade, Tuesday battled to cross the wide, marshy Alsa river and drive the remaining 27 miles to this final railroad escape line from Belgrade, Soviet infantrymen packed in American jeeps joined Cossacks and tankmen in a sweep toward Belgrade from the northeast.

Red Army forces southeast of Belgrade meanwhile extended their bridgehead on the south bank of the Danube river below the iron gate, linked with Marshal Tito's men in the first major junction between the Red Army and the Yugoslav liberation army, and battled through the capital.

Tito's Partisan army also was advancing toward Valjevo, 45 miles southwest of Belgrade, and was reported fighting near Zemun, Belgrade's western suburb, after having temporarily cut the Belgrade-Munich railroad by the brief occupation Tuesday of Srem Mitrovica, 42 miles northwest of Belgrade.

The German DNB agency said that German forces fighting a losing battle south of the Danube river and southeast of Belgrade were locked in a struggle with 75,000 Russian troops. The Germans reported also that extremely fierce fighting raged on the border of southeastern Hungary and Romania with the battle in the area of Seged, Hungary's second city, reportedly "reaching a climax."

Austrians Revolt

London, Oct. 4.—Revolts have broken out in Vienna and elsewhere in Austria and casualties and arrests have been reported, the BBC said tonight.

The report of an uprising in Austria, first reported to be described by Hitler, came two days after Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Moscow radio told the world that "The time has come for us to give positive and active proof of their willingness to liberate themselves from their German masters."

The BBC in a broadcast on its European service said:

Reports from Bern tonight stated revolts had broken out in Vienna and elsewhere. Casualties and arrests were reported.

IN ITALY

Rome, Oct. 4.—American Fifth Army troops have reached a point within 15 miles of Bologna, important German communication center in northern Italy, in a drive slowed by mud and bitter Nazi resistance. Allied headquarters announced today.

Clearing skies, allowed Allied bombers to resume support of the northern Italy offensive and gave promise of better footing.

The British Eighth Army on the Adriatic sector was still stalled on the banks of the flooded Fiumicino, across which the Germans are heavily entrenched. However, patrols crossed the stream and probed enemy positions.

In the center of the battle line American troops moving along Highway 65 advanced two miles beyond captured Monghidoro and were within 16 miles of Bologna, while other American forces east of the highway reached the area just south of Boscchi, 15 miles from Bologna, a city of 770,000, and a major supply base for the Germans.

On the west coast, Brazilian troops of the Fifth Army "continued to maintain pressure against the enemy" along their sector, headquarters reported.

The Pitt County Fair To Be Held Week of Oct. 16-21

(By Chester Walsh) "Zacchini," the human "cannonball," former star in the Barnum and Bailey-Ringling Bros. Circus, will be the feature free attraction at the Pitt County Fair which opens at the Fair Grounds in Greenville on Monday, October 16, and continues through Saturday, Manager A. J. Grey, announced. The fair is sponsored by the American Legion.

The J. C. Weer Shows, with 100 circus wagons, will feature the Midway. There will be concerts by military bands. The rides are modern and will provide plenty of thrills. The management is offering until October 10 a group of five general admissions for \$1.40—a saving of \$1.10. Members of the American Legion have these tickets for sale only until Oct. 10th. The tickets are on sale at the Farmville Drug Store in Farmville.

A thousand dollars in cash prizes will be awarded at the Pitt County Fair this year to exhibitors of farm products, livestock, poultry, home demonstration club products, etc. Farmers and others are invited to show what they are doing by exhibiting at the fair. The fair offices are now open in the Proctor Hotel lobby in Greenville, with Mrs. Grey in charge.

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Visiting Service Men registering at the Center this week were: Pfc. Charles W. Adams, Shelbyville, Ky., and Fort Bragg, N. C., guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Greer, Saturday and Sunday.

Camp Lejeune: Pvt. John J. Spies, Brooklyn, N. Y., guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Skinner, Saturday night and Sunday; Pvt. Joseph P. Reddington, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cpl. Vic J. Damiano, Paterson, N. J.; Cpl. Rufus G. Foster, Jr., Belfast, Tenn.

Kinston Air Base: S/Sgt. Edward M. Ryan, Chicago, Ill.; Pvt. Thomas G. Toll, Elmira, N. Y.

LT. LEE MEADOWS RECEIVES HONORS

First Lieutenant Lee Meadows, Jr., who is serving as a combat fighter pilot in the famous Assau Draggie Flight Squadron of Major General C. L. Chennault's Fourteenth Air Force, in China, has recently received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. He was previously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

LT. Meadows, who prior to his enlistment in the Air Corps, made his home here with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Boyster, has been on more than 125 missions.

RICHARD HOBGOOD KILLED IN ACTION

Richard Hobgood, a member of the Farmville High School football team, was killed in action while serving in the United States Army in the Philippines. He was a member of the Farmville High School football team and was a member of the Farmville High School football team.

Churches Sponsoring Collection of Clothing, Europe

Plans For Collecting, Sorting and Packing Completed at Meetings Monday; Mrs. B. O. Turnage Appointed General Chairman

Representatives from the various Churchwomen's groups met with the Ministerial Association Monday morning at the Christian Church, and laid plans for the local collection which will be a part of 15 million pounds of clothing—men's, women's and children's, collected in the United States for free distribution in the liberated areas of Europe. The success of this project must be achieved through the generosity of every man, woman and child.

The drive here will be made by committees from the different churches who have been assigned specific zones. Collections are being made this week. If for any reason you have not been contacted in this regard, please notify the president of your Church organization and she will call for your bundle. Please have yours ready before Tuesday, Oct. 10—the deadline.

Discussion of Clothing Collection Chief Business of Regular Church Meetings, Monday

Mrs. A. C. Turnage, President, presided at the Woman's Council, at the Christian Church and appointed Mrs. G. B. Mashburn, Chairman, of that organization in the Clothing Drive.

The devotional, "We Seek the Truth," was given by Mrs. L. E. Turnage. The program continued the study of the American Indian. Mrs. Lee Corbett talked on "Trails of Our Forefathers" and Mrs. Lloyd Smith on "The Trail of Social Betterment."

Announcement of future activities includes, "The 100th Anniversary of the Church, the celebration tentatively set for 5th Sunday in October; Christian Literature Week—October 29th-November 5th; World Community Day, November 3rd; and the Convention in Wilson, November 8th.

The Methodist, Woman's Society of Christian Service, had as its devotional topic, "Serving a Purpose," which was developed by Mrs. Wesley R. Willis. Scripture was from 1 Timothy, "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated to Thee" which was chosen as the meditation hymn.

Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt presented the missionary topic, "The Call and The Answer," telling of the work of Clara H. Swain, medical missionary to India.

Mrs. B. O. Turnage appointed Mrs. J. H. Harris, Mrs. E. C. Carr and Mrs. M. V. Horton as a nominating committee. Quarterly reports were given; Mrs. Neal Howard reported on collection for the Orphan's box; Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Observance was set for Monday, October 23rd, at 3 p. m. and a Committee for the Clothing Collection appointed this includes Mrs. R. G. Ruffin, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mrs. R. A. Fields, Mrs. W. M. Willis, Mrs. Ernest Barrett, Mrs. S. G. Gardner and Mrs. Ed Neal Warren.

Mrs. M. W. Hollins was welcomed as a new member.

The Executive Board met in the home of Mrs. T. W. Lang, Friday afternoon of last week, at which time quarterly reports were made out and plans to be brought before the Society were discussed.

Mrs. Pearl Johnston, Spiritual Life Chairman, gave a devotional, "Every Life Is a Signpost" or What Is Your Influence? Scripture was taken from First Cor. 5:6.

In a social period, Mrs. Lang, assisted by her sister, Mrs. S. G. Gardner, served individual mimosas with cream, cheese straws, pickles and coffee.

Chimes of the Presbyterian Auxiliary, had as their subject for meditation, "Cooperation in Prayer" and for their program topic, "And They Prayed in the Hour of Prayer." Announcement was made of the Group Conference which was held Thursday of this week. Mrs. John Mewborn, Mrs. Joe Butts and Mrs. Edwin Coates were put in charge of the Auxiliary's part in the Clothing collection.

In this afternoon, Mrs. J. M. Hollins gave the devotional and Mrs. C. E. Bauman, the program. Eight members were present and the hostesses, Mrs. Frank Dupree, Jr., served tea and cookies in the social period.

Tobacco Markets Placed on Four-Day Sales Week

General price declines were noted on North Carolina and Virginia flue-cured tobacco markets Tuesday, and at the same time the Tobacco Association of the United States, controlling body in the auction system, announced that all markets now open would be closed each Monday until a current congestion in factories and warehouses is alleviated.

L. L. Gravely of Rocky Mount, president of USTA, said the order would become effective Monday of next week. In effect, it reduces the number of weekly selling days from five to four. Markets already are operating under reduced selling speed regulations and, in some cases, with fewer buyers.

Meanwhile, the War Food Administration said that the price declines shown in Tuesday's auctioning were more notable in the Old Belt. WFA said lower quality leaf, lug and nondescript grades were down from \$2 to \$3 per hundred pounds, with best thin nondescript declining as much as \$9.

However, WFA said that despite some decreases in lower quality grades, the price picture was brighter on Middle Belt markets, with gains up to \$2 per hundred noted in some lug, cutter and smoking leaf grades. Eastern Belt markets reported declines of up to \$2 in a few lower quality grades.

Markets in all belts reported increasing heavier sales. Some markets in the Middle Belt were blocked, while 80 per cent of the warehouses operating in the Eastern Belt reported enough tobacco on hand to last a week.

Monday's sales by belts: Old: Virginia, 2,551,334 pounds at an average of \$41.74, North Carolina, 2,752,019 at an average of \$41.32. Gross sales, 5,303,353 pounds at an average of \$41.52, and for the season through Monday, 14,706,979 pounds at an average of \$41.94.

Eastern: Monday's sales 7,209,792 pounds at an average of \$42.54, with the season total reaching 156,916,270 pounds at an average of \$41.86. Middle: 3,553,540 pounds at an average of \$42.09, an increase of 24 cents over figures for last Friday. Season sales totaled 26,484,111 pounds at an average of \$42.32.

BABY CONTEST BEGINS MONDAY

The Baby Contest, which is being held under the auspices of the Junior Woman's Club, to raise funds for the Club's standing projects, the Tiny Tots Playground, and the project for the year, aiding the Teen-Agers with their plans for a recreational center, will get underway Monday. Sponsors of entrants are already lining up supporters for their favorites and much interest is being manifested in the very young citizenry of Farmville.

Babies and their sponsors are Alex Allen, by Mary Leah Thorne; Kay and Fay Allen, by Sue Taylor; Kay Allen Janis Kemp; Anne Frances and Virginia Allen, Gay Pippin; Lou Alice Bryant, Sybil Barrett; Joan Gregg; Joyce Tyson; Betty Lou Harris, Lois Grey Kemp; Michael Haten, Billy Johnson; Anne Palmer Hodges, Betsey Morris; Tod Holmes, Emily Barrett; Walter Beamon Jones, Jr.; Johnnie Moore; Noel Lang, Margaret Williams; Edith Anne Lee, Betty Rose Wilkerson; William Horace Lewis, Jr.; Nell Beamon; Andy Martin, Jr.; Anne Moore; Ben Moore, Sister Sat. terthwaite; Betty Jans Menden, Jane Dail; Peggy Myers, Nancy Lu Moore; Harriet Lee Paylor, Ruth Tyson; Guss Ross Roebuck, Mary Frances Allen; Jack Hollins, Connie Hollins; Shipley Ryan, Vivian Scott; Maxian Weeks, Willie Ray Harper; Barbara Jean Wholes, Betsey Jones; Rod Williams, Jr.; Babe Williford; Johnnie Mewborn, Barbara Gray.

The loving cup, to be presented to the Baby receiving the largest number of votes, will be on display in the window at Robert's Jewlers. There will be a prize for the sponsor getting the most votes and a prize for the boy and girl judged the cutest. The contest will close at 8:30 P. M. Thursday, October 13.

The gifts will be presented the following afternoon, when the entrants will parade on the stage at Perkins Hall, at which time judging will take place. The public is cordially invited to attend.

S/SGT. LINWOOD EARL QUINN RECEIVES HONORS

S/Sgt. Linwood Earl Quinn, of the Eighth Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Quinn, of Farmville, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

He also wears the European War Ribbon and with the Congressional Medal of Honor. He has received Presidential Citations for his service in the Philippines and in Europe.

At the evening meeting, Mrs. Chester Boyler gave the devotional and Mrs. J. M. Hollins, the program. Eight members were present and the hostesses, Mrs. Frank Dupree, Jr., served tea and cookies in the social period.

Exec. Committee Local United War Fund, Hold Meet

Campaign To Be Conducted On Similar Lines As Last Year; Meeting of All Workers To Be Held Tuesday, Oct. 10; Sam Underwood, County Chairman, Speaks To Rotarians

At an organization meeting of the Executive Committee of the United War Fund of Farmville Township, Thursday afternoon, September 28, plans for the drive here were made. Those present were local chairman, George W. Davis, R. A. Joyner, Secretary and Treasurer, John B. Lewis, member of the County Committee, J. W. Holmes, J. I. Morgan, W. A. Allen, R. D. Rouse, C. H. Flanagan and Mrs. Beale Taylor.

Farmville's quota is \$9,100, and includes both our part in the County United War Fund Quota, and the needs of the Farmville Community Chest.

Chairmen of the Groups have been furnished with a special gifts list and all other workers will receive their instructions and material at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Sam B. Underwood, who is County Chairman of the United War Fund, spoke at the Rotary meeting, Tuesday evening, stressing the need of the Fund and telling something of the way in which it is used. He closed the program with a short sound reel of G-I Joe.

Representatives from Farmville attended a meeting of workers from all over the County, held in Greenville, Thursday night.

TO KEEP THEIR SPIRIT STRONG, GIVE TO YOUR COMMUNITY WAR FUND. Give of your own free will. Why?—because victory and a lasting peace begin in the hearts of men. By your gift, you tour the combat zones with a USO-Camp Show troupe, bringing the men in the foxholes a holiday from war; you give a pat on the back to the new kid in Basic Training, who feels a little less homesick, a little less beaten-down, after an evening's good time at the USO Club. You give a rest from convoy fatigue to the weather-burned merchant seaman, who has just come halfway around the world; you pass through prison gates to that young bombardier and bring him a book, a game, a photograph record to lighten his hours of stagnant idleness behind barbed wire, with food, medicine and clothing you extend the hand of friendship to sick and starving people abroad and try to make human beings again out of blasted lives; you go to the furthestmost part of the world and to the nearest—from the neighbor's next door to the thatch shelter on a coral atoll.

DO THIS FOR OUR OWN AND FOR OUR ALLIES!

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pvt. Jesse J. (Jake) Joyner was wounded in action in Germany on the morning of September 20th. A letter from Pvt. Joyner, who is a patient in an English Hospital, to his wife here, states that he is getting along all right.

THE SHRINE OF ST. THOMAS

The fathers might have raised a shaft, Of bronze or brass or stone; That all men might be shown, Who settled here and owned the soil, And named the halls of state; They might have built a monument, Proclaiming they were great.

The fathers might have anchored here, A shrine to fame and sword; But better still, they bulded well, A temple of the Lord. They raised their faith and courage here, And pledged the twin their troth, And every brick is sacred to The memory of both.

Aye, every brick and board and beam, Through years that are to be; Will be a monument to faith, And stalwart piety; And pilgrim hands from near and far, Will follow trail and path, To where their sires put first things first. St. Thomas Shrine at Bath.

—Alex C. D. Noe.

To Celebrate 210th Anniversary

St. Thomas Church, Bath, N. C., the State's oldest religious edifice, built in 1734, of English brick, will celebrate its two hundred and tenth anniversary next Sunday, October 15th. At that time an offering will be presented to continue work of restoration. The offering will be a memorial to the faith and courage of our ancestors, who in spite of hardships and privation, built a temple of the Lord. All North Carolinians are asked to have a part in this historic celebration. Contributions should be sent to St. Thomas Church, Bath, N. C.

UNITED STATES TANKS PLUNGE INTO GERMANY

WAR IN BRIEF

American tanks plunge into Germany through wide hole in Siegfried Line above Aachen. First Army troops less than 30 miles from Cologne and Dusseldorf. Hand-to-hand fighting rages inside Fort Drant in northeastern France.

Russians advance 14 miles in drive into Yugoslavia and seize railway station 23 miles northeast of Belgrade. Moscow announces Red Army forces made contact with Marshal Tito's Partisans. Firms close in on Kani, German-held port of Gulf of Bothnia.

British radio reports rioting in Vienna and other parts of Austria in response to General Eisenhower's plea to Austrians to break with Germans. American bombers rained Munich and Brenner Pass as RAF heavies pour on U-boat pens at Bergen, Norway.

Allied planes sweeping over Philippines, Celebes and Molucca's leave 10 Japanese freighters sunk or damaged. Jap troops in China within six miles of Foochow, last big east coast port remaining in Chinese hands, and pose new threat to Kweilin.

Junior Woman's Club To Sponsor Teen-Age Recreational Center

At the request of representatives from the Teen-Agers and confident of the whole-hearted support of all civic-minded organizations which in the early summer, under the leadership of the Parent-Teacher Association, endorsed a Young People's Recreational Center as a community project, the members of the Junior Woman's Club will endeavor to serve as helpers, advisors and chaperones for the Teen-Age Group's Organized Recreational Activities.

Miss Sue Taylor and Miss Joyce Tyson were present at the regular Tuesday evening meeting of the Junior Woman's Club and presented tentative plans. After discussion, the Club voted to accept this project for the year. A committee, appointed to assist the group with foundation plans, is composed of Mrs. John Mewborn, Mrs. Clarence Hodges and Miss Margaret Smith.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. J. W. Munden with Mrs. Menden and Mrs. W. R. Burnette as hostesses. Red and blue flowers were in artful decoration in the living room. Yearbooks, which this year are in patriotic design, were distributed by Mrs. Stuart Sugg.

Mrs. T. S. Ryan reported on further plans for the Baby Contest, beginning Monday, proceeds of which will go for the Tiny Tots Playground, standing Club project, and for the Recreational Center, the new Club project for the year.

Mrs. Frank Allen, president, who presided, reminded members of the District meeting in Ayden, Oct. 25, and appointed Mrs. Alex Allen, Mrs. C. S. Hotchkiss and Mrs. Fred Moore in charge respectively of the serving, tables and decorations for the Scottish Rites Supper next week. At the request of Mrs. W. B. Carraway, the Club will serve in the role of Grade-mother, for her room at school.

Mrs. G. S. Hotchkiss presented the program, "The U. S. in a New World," one of a series of articles on this subject, scheduled. She spoke of the U. S. relations with Britain; the 19th Century—4th prevailing policy; a post-war program, and the Atlantic Charter. Mrs. W. R. Burnette, program chairman, gave out a time Magazine Quiz, to be studied for next meeting.

The hostesses served a sweet course with coffee, after adjournment. Mrs. R. C. Copenhaver was present and welcomed back into the Club. Mrs. Bill Malone was a guest.

DO NOT CASH CHECKS FOR STRANGERS

To The Retail Merchants of Farmville, N. C.: It has come to my attention that merchants have issued a number of commercial and government checks for persons other than lawful owners of such checks. Many of these merchants have lost considerable sums of money by accepting checks with forged endorsements.

In order that this type of crime may be prevented effectively, I urge you not to cash checks for strangers unless you are certain of their identity by their right to such checks. Before cashing ANY check, ask yourself the question: "If this check is returned because of a forged endorsement, am I ready to forfeit and recover my loss?"

This warning is brought to you as a public service by your police department and in cooperation with the "Know Your Endorser" campaign of the United States Treasury Department. T. Lucas, Chief of Police.

Armor Pours Through Siegfried Gap Over Two Miles Wide; Patton's Men Storm Into Fort Drant, Mighty Bastion Guarding Metz and Reich's Saar Basin; Munic, Brenner Pass Bombed

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Oct. 4.—Squadrons of hard-biting American tanks which had been held back for two days while Doughboys hacked a yawning hole in the Siegfried Line north of Aachen were sent charging through the breach today to blast German secondary defenses and help clear the path of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army to the Rhine.

Pouring into a gap two and a half miles wide in the vaulted Westwall, the Yanks tonight were fighting through minefields, tank traps and hastily-built rifle pits more than two miles inside the border of Germany after having thrown back three weak enemy counterattacks in the early morning hours.

Nazi Reserves Short. Front dispatches said the Nazi commanders, for all their desperate need to halt the bursting Allied drive at the heart of the industrial Rheinland, did not have enough first class troops to throw against Hodges' crack infantry divisions and tremendous reserves of armor.

More than 100 miles to the south in France, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army veterans fought bitter hand-to-hand duels inside Fort Drant, a great rabbit warren of defenses guarding the vital city of Metz from the west bank of the Moselle River.

After tank troops stormed into the gun-studded fortress and began driving the Nazis out of underground tunnels with blazing oil, the enemy rallied from hidden machine-gun and rocket nests within the mile-and-a-half-long maze and a deadly close-quarter battle raged into the night.

While headquarters announced officially that the first one of several similar strongpoints protecting Metz—had been captured, a field dispatch from Edward Hall of The Associated Press said that the Nazi garrison, composed of former students of the German officers school at Metz, still was putting up "fierce resistance."

The American officer commanding the attack told Hall, however, that he was optimistic his shock troops would stay inside Fort Drant this time. They were thrown back in their first attack last week after fighting across a most guarding the fort.

Metz, which never has been taken by storm in all its war-torn history, stands between Patton's forces and the Saar basin of Germany 30 miles to the east.

"Just Keep Going." Capture of the elaborate fort would open the way for an assault on Metz itself, strongest fortress city in Western Europe. The attack on Drant, whose thick walls stood almost intact under heavy preliminary bombing and artillery fire, was delivered head-on by tanks and infantry who just kept going until they smashed through it.

There were losses of American men and tanks, but information reaching headquarters said they were considerably lighter than were to be expected in storming one of the main fort rings of the German defense system.

One factor in this, officers said, was that the Nazis apparently never expected infantry to dig through the barbed wire and most defenses and that the fortress guns, consequently, would not depress far enough to cover the last close-up approaches. Patton's men wriggled under the big guns on their bellies. By far, the most critical importance was attached to the First Army's smash toward Cologne and Dusseldorf. Paul Joseph Goebbels, Germany's mobilization director was reported by the German news agency DNB to have rushed to the west and implored the war-weary people to give the last ounce of effort.

"The German people cannot show any war weakness at all," he declared. "Their freedom, their national existence and the existence of the Reich are immediately threatened."

"Our enemies have surrounded us all our efforts in our struggle of gigantic importance."

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY. Mrs. Tom Hatten of Statesville, reported her father, Mr. Paul Hatten, of Farmville, with a birthday card Sunday, which was mailed from the Statesville post office. Mrs. Hatten is the widow of Mr. Hatten.