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## THE BIG THREE AGREE ON KNOCKOUT PLANS

### Conferees End Military Phase of Talks In Black Sea Area and Now Are Discussing Lasting Peace

Washington, Feb. 7. — The "Big Three," in secret, historic session in the Black Sea area, have agreed to aim coordinated, knockout punches at fast-weakening Germany, and are now discussing a "secure peace."

This was disclosed late today in an official announcement that President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin are in session with their highest diplomatic and military advisers.

#### Real Cooperation.

The tone of the pronouncement indicated that they have substantial hope for achieving real Anglo-American-Russian cooperation for the future of Europe and the world.

A three-power statement issued in Washington, Moscow and London at 4:30 p. m., EWT, gave the first official word of the meeting which practically the whole world knew was taking place. The statement showed that the military phase of the talks has ended and the critical political discussions have begun.

Three overall political subjects were listed in the official report, released by the White House here:

1. Joint plans "for the occupation and control of Germany." The Big Three have long since agreed on unconditional surrender and on plans for the initial stage of military occupation. The problem now is to keep Germany weak and unable to start a new world war for many years.

2. The "political and economic problems of liberated Europe." Every liberated country in Europe now has a shortage of some kind of essential civilian supplies and all of them are real or potential powder barrels politically. Hottest spots are in the Balkans where British and Russian influences and interests conflict.

3. Proposals for the "earliest possible establishment of a permanent international organization to maintain peace." The main problem here has been the conflict between Russia and the United States over the question of a great power veto in the world security council. The British have been seeking a compromise and expected to get it. A major question also is that of mandated territories, such as the strategic islands formerly held by Japan in the Central Pacific.

#### For Lasting Peace.

The purpose of the Big Three is "to concert plans for completing the defeat of the common enemy and for building, with their Allies, firm foundations for a lasting peace," the official announcement said.

It promised that at the conclusion of the conference a communique will be issued. Possibly it also will be released simultaneously in the three capitals.

The "Black Sea area" in which the historic conference is occurring covers the shores of three nations—Russia, Romania and Bulgaria. It includes the Crimea, Russia's famous and beautiful resort area. But there are many other famous places to which the Big Three might have gone, ranging from Stalingrad, which is inland on the Volga River, to Constanta in Romania on the western shores of the Black Sea, and Batum in the Caucasus on the eastern shores.

#### Other Advisers.

The list of those accompanying Mr. Roosevelt on this long journey, though not as great as his 1943 visit to Teheran, was only partially indicated in the text of the announcement. That said the President, the Premier and the Prime Minister were accompanied by their chiefs of staff and their foreign secretaries and other advisers. The other advisers are understood to include Harry Hopkins and War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes, the former Senator and Supreme Court Justice whose presence at the meeting presumably is intended to strengthen the President's reports about it to the Senate upon his return.

The chiefs of staff include Admiral William D. Leahy, the President's personal chief of staff, Gen. George C. Marshall of the Army and Admiral Ernest J. King of the Navy. The formal announcement, being only a midway report, left many questions unanswered but seemed to suggest the answers to many speculations that have been raging in London, Washington and other world capitals from the time it became known more than two weeks ago that the historic conference was imminent.

#### No Ultimatum.

Notably missing from the military paragraph of this statement was any ultimatum to the Germans to

surrender. The emphasis was on continuing military pressure until Nazi Germany is completely crushed. There was no use of the phrase "unconditional surrender," but all the United Nations are pledged to that objective. In the political field the greatest problem before the Big Three is to work out a system of boundaries and settlements of centuries-old European problems which will at once satisfy the security demands of the great powers and yet not transgress on vital rights of the small nations. Otherwise, there is little hope among diplomatic officials here for the accomplishment of what the statement called "firm foundations for a lasting peace."

One of the main concerns of Britain and Russia has been whether the United States would participate in a world organization which would help guarantee the security of all nations or whether those two rival European powers would be thrown upon their own resources for the future. A complicating fact also is the long history of distrust between Russian Communism and Anglo-American capitalism.

#### TIN CAN DAY SET FOR FEBRUARY 23

The local Salvage chairman, John B. Lewis, has been advised that there is a critical shortage of tin cans and waste-paper and urges citizens of Farmville and Farmville Township to save all waste paper and tin cans.

February 23rd has been set aside at Tin Can Day and your tin cans will be collected by the school children on the 23rd and sent to Greenville on the 24th for shipment to the mills. If your waste paper is not picked up on the 1st Wednesday by the Rotarians, call the office of John B. Lewis, No. 257-6, or the Town Clerk's Office, No. 292-1, and your paper will be sent for. Please tie it up in a neat and tight bundle so that it can be handled without falling apart.

Everyone is familiar with the method of preparing tin cans and the same method is in use that has been from the beginning.

### High School Team Report Successful Season

Farmville students, teachers and the entire citizenship of the community are proud of the successful basketball record the Farmville Hi team has chalked up this season.

The Varsity boys' team has won 12 games and lost six, scoring 580 against 439 of their opponents from the following schools: Winterville, Grimesland, Bethel, Walstonburg, Arthur, Greenville, Kinston, Wilson, and Scotland Neck.

The Farmville Varsity is composed of the following boys: Donald Walston and Johnnie Gay, Forward, Jackie Willis, Center, Harold Rouse and Bobby Butts, Guards. James Bennett held down the center position until he was forced from the game with a serious ankle injury early in January. Milton Williamson, Marvin Horton, James Corbett and Allie Melton have also rendered very valuable service. Bennett's absence from the lineup has been keenly felt. He always manifested and generated lots of pep and enthusiasm for the team. Donald Walston has compiled a total score of 197 points, closely followed by Harold Rouse who plays guard with 149 points.

The Junior Boys' team has a score of 180 over the opponents' record of 143. The following boys compose the Junior team:

Warren Peeler and Bobby Russell, forwards; Leslie Yelverton, center; Sidney Carraway and Edward Beckman, guards. Shelby Roebuck, Dan Morgan, Henry Tyson, Aaron Tyson, Rufus Curry, Tommie Ramey, Eldon Sturgeon, Cedric Davis and Edward Allen have proved to be of valuable assistance.

The High School Girls have won 14 and lost 3 games this season, with a score of 474 over opponents 304. This team is composed of Mary Leah Thorne and Marjorie Killbrow, forwards; Johnnie Moore, center forward; Jane Turnage, Betty Morris and Margaret Bynum, guards. Inez Williams has also played an important part in the varsity lineup and Lucille Taylor has played the Washington and Walstonburg games.

The Varsity has been ably assisted by the following substitutes: Ann Moore, Margaret Williams and Gene Baker, forwards; Daphne Yelverton, Lois Gray Kemp and Joyce Tyson, guards.

The strong defense work on the part of the guards has enabled the forwards to run up a high score. Johnnie Moore has scored 106 points; Marjorie Killbrow, 121; Mary Leah Thorne, 96, and Margaret Williams, Ann Moore and Gene Baker have all scored many points each.

## City Fathers Adopt Election Resolutions

At the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Farmville, held Tuesday night, a resolution was adopted recommending that our Representative in the Legislature introduce and work for the passage of a law providing that at the next general election of the Town of Farmville, the two commissioners receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four years, and the three commissioners receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two years, unless the people of the Town of Farmville do not wish to have such a law.

If there is objection to this bill the citizens of the Town of Farmville are requested to make known their objection immediately to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners and also to Hon. George W. Davis, member of the North Carolina Legislature. The purpose of the bill is obvious in that it will prevent the possibility of an entirely new Board of Commissioners being elected at one time.

#### LOCAL DOCTORS ARE PROGRAM LEADERS

Dr. Charles E. Fitzgerald and Dr. John M. Mewborn had charge of the program of the Pitt County Medical Society which met Thursday evening in Greenville. Mrs. Thrasher, of the North Carolina School—Health Coordination Service, was guest speaker and delivered an interesting talk on "Present Day Nutrition Standards."

#### PARAMOUNT THEATRE HAS NEW MANAGER

James Yates, of Mt. Gilsead, arrived Saturday, to take over the management of the Paramount Theatre. Gilvry Harris, the former popular and efficient manager, has accepted the management of the Drake and Oasis Theatres in Wilson. Mr. Harris' mother and family will continue to reside here.

#### FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES TO ASSIST INCOME TAXPAYERS

A Federal Deputy Collector will be in the Farmville Town Hall Feb. 28 through March 3, to assist all taxpayers in filing their Income Tax Return form 1940 or Form W-2. No charge will be made for his services. Every taxpayer whose income was over \$500.00 during 1944 is required to file by March 15, 1945.

#### SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Visiting Service Men at the Center during the past week were: Horace Ray Allen, Ed M. S/c Farmville, and Receiving Station, Norfolk, Va., son of Paul Allen; Corporal John F. Burns, Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y., and Cherry Point; Pfc. T. E. Drake, Jr., Coffeyville, Kansas, and Cherry Point; guests of Miss Tabitha M. Deviscenti, Friday and Saturday nights and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davis on Sunday.

Camp Lejeune—Pfc. William F. Kuemerle, Bronx, N. Y.; Pfc. Norman Bloom, Curwensville, Penn.; and Pfc. Frank G. Lawton, Jr., Chester, Penn., guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Joyner, Saturday. Pfc. Lawton was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tyson, Sunday.

Pfc. Emmanuel Nester, of Wheatland, Pa., and Kinston Air Base; Pfc. Raymond E. Roxby, of Paterson, N. J., and Cherry Point. Chocolate cake, fried chicken, tomato and relish sandwiches, and eggs were served; milk was donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Norman and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wooten. Magazines were donated by Hal Winders.

Corporal Harry Bloomer, now in India, says the first time he came to Farmville he felt a hesitancy in being a guest in a private home but the people here soon dispelled that notion and he felt as much at home here as he did in his own home. "A feeling such as that is one you don't have the good fortune to run into only once in a lifetime," he writes and states that he will never be able to say enough about his welcome in Farmville. It eased his mind week after week and confirmed the picture of the South he had often heard about.

#### MRS. LOUMIZER TYSON

Mrs. Loumizer Tyson, 78, died at her home near Farmville Tuesday night. Funeral services were conducted from her home Thursday at 3 p. m. The Rev. M. E. Tyson, Methodist minister of Dover officiated. Interment was in the Brann Cemetery in Greene County.

## Ask State To Cut Expenses

### Says North Carolina Should Live Within Its Income

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—Governor Cherry and other state officials asked again today in a statement that North Carolina live within its income "and not plunge into a situation that may mean future debts and the hardships that debt brings."

Cherry said that "it has been and it is the policy of this administration that all appropriations made for current services be provided out of the current revenue for the biennium. It is not sound business to pay current appropriations out of an accumulated surplus of former years. When we keep appropriations within current revenue then we are on solid ground."

Cherry added that "revised revenue estimates predict that tax receipts for the next fiscal year, July 1, 1945, to June 30, 1946, will yield \$86,610,014, and the following fiscal year of the biennium, will be \$63,635,014, a total for the two year period of \$150,275,028."

"On the other hand the joint appropriations committee has heard pleas for allotments of \$146,129,406 which figure does not take into consideration the proposed medical school and hospitalization plan, a program of aid and rehabilitation for war veterans, a child health program, and other similar proposals and recommendations. Nor does this consider the planned \$55,000,000 permanent improvement program."

Joining in the statement, State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson said that "it seems to me that it would be a mighty wise course to conserve out \$20,000,000 post-war reserve fund as a cushion for the lean days that we all are sure are bound to come. In other words, if and when the revenues begin to fall off, we could use some of this money each year to keep from doing one of two things—cutting back and reducing appropriations already made for state services, or increasing taxes at a time when they should not be increased. When times are hard there is no time to raise taxes. That is when they should be reduced. If the time that I am speaking of never comes—and let us all hope it never will—we could use this money for buildings at some of the hospitals in other places where it is surely needed."

## Local Scout Troop No. 25 Being Reorganized

Members of Rotary Boy Scout Troop No. 25 met recently with the Scoutmaster and reorganized with two new Patrols. This troop is particularly anxious for all boys interested in scouting to either contact one of the members listed or come to their meeting at the Rotary Room Friday night at 7:30. They expect to hold regular meetings each Friday night and function as a Scout Troop should.

Members of the troop have elected Wilber Bennett, assistant patrol leader of the Flying Eagle Patrol with Harry Albright, Wilbert Morris and Julian Boyce members. James Thorne is assistant patrol leader of the Rattle Snake Patrol with Billie Russell, Johnnie Barrett and Zeb Whitehurst members.

All Scouts are urged to attend Friday night's meeting and pass their Tenderfoot Requirements which will enable them to register as an Official Troop.

## Farmers Asked To File Their 1944 Practice Reports

A final appeal to encourage all eligible farm operators in Pitt County to file their 1944 Soil Conservation Practices by February 15, 1945 is being made. J. V. Taylor, Chairman Pitt County AAA Committee said here today.

"There are approximately 425 farmers in the county who have not yet filed these reports and unless they are received by the above date no payments will be made," he said.

He pointed out that practice reports will determine whether the farmers are eligible to receive payments and if they are, applications for payments may be signed at the time practice reports are filed.

As a final warning, the AAA leader said, "It is sincerely hoped that these 425 farmers will call by the Pitt County AAA Office between now and February 15 and file their practice reports. We are proud of the conservation records made by the farmers in this county and we want them to receive the payments that they have earned."

"Don't let failure to turn in your practice reports by the deadline keep you from getting your payment. Call by the office today," he urged.

There are nearly five acres of forest land in the United States for each man, woman and child.

## Kiwanis Club Holds Organization Meeting

### Greenville Club Sponsors New Group; Dr. R. T. Williams Made President

The Farmville Kiwanis Club was organized at a banquet at the high school Monday night with 27 representative business and professional men and farmers as members.

Ed (Little Lamb) Rawl, vice-president of the Greenville Kiwanis Club and chairman of the Inter-club Relations Committee, was master of ceremonies. He paid tribute to the fine spirit of the people of the Farmville community, lauded the activities of the various organizations, and praised the people here for their activities in the war effort.

Carolina District Governor Sam Bundy of Tarboro and Frank Maturo of Chicago, field representative of Kiwanis International, officiated at the installation of Dr. R. T. Williams, a prominent Farmville physician, as president of the new club and the other officers and the induction of the members into Kiwanis. Charles S. Hotchkiss is vice-president, Seth Barrow is secretary and Henry D. Johnson is treasurer.

Directors of the Farmville Kiwanis Club are Alex W. Allen, James W. Joyner, Zeb M. Whitehurst, Louis Williams, Alton W. Bobbitt, Frank K. Allen and C. Hubert Joyner and Jack Lewis. The club will hold super meetings with an entertaining program each Monday night at 7:00 with the various Kiwanis clubs in this division providing the programs for the next twelve weeks. President Williams appointed the following committee chairmen:

Youth Service — Under-Privileged Child, Grady L. Gilchrist; Vocational Guidance, James W. Joyner; Boys and Girls Work, J. T. Sutton, Jr.

Community Service — Agriculture, Ben M. Lewis; Public Affairs, Owen H. Lemon; Business Standards, Lewis Allen; Support of Churches, Earl Trevathan.

Administration — Kiwanis Education, Ted L. Albright; Finance, Andy Martin; Laws and Regulations, Pat Ruffin; Classification, Howard Moye; Membership, Jack Lewis; Public Relations, Sam T. Lewis.

Club Meetings — Attendance, Fred Moore; House, Louis Williams; Reception, Ferd W. Satterthwaite; Music, Charlie S. Hotchkiss; Inter-City Relations, John D. Dixon.

International Representative Frank Maturo said some nice things about the fine personnel of the membership of the club, and added with an evidence of pride that the people of Greenville had told him that "Farmville folks do things in a big way." He explained the value of men meeting weekly for an hour of fellowship and discussing plans for helping the community. "Kiwanis will help you to know your neighbor better," he said. "When you know each other better you will work together better and do more for your community," he said.

Frank Jones, former lieutenant-governor, Dr. E. P. Spence and C. H. Gurley of Goldsboro and Harold Myrick, Tarboro banker and Kiwanian, participated in the installation exercises. Chester Walsh of the Greenville Kiwanis Club offered the invocation. Mrs. J. W. Joyner was accompanist.

Dr. Williams, president of the newly organized Kiwanis Club, announced that "Charter Night" will be celebrated with a banquet and "ladies night" program on Monday, March 26, when the Kiwanians of Greenville and their wives and sweethearts will attend. Don E. Conley, a former lieutenant-governor and superintendent of Pitt County Schools, will be the speaker and discuss the objectives of Kiwanis next Monday night.

The Greenville Kiwanis Club and Ed Rawl, Inter-Club Relations Committee chairman, are sponsoring the new club. Arthur Tripp and other Greenville Kiwanians assisted him and the Farmville leaders in organizing the club.

#### PFC. McKEEL KILLED

Pfc. Walter D. McKeel of Norfolk, son of Mrs. W. D. McKeel and the late Mr. McKeel of Fountain, was killed in action in Italy on Feb. 2, 1944, the War Department has notified his relatives. He previously had been reported as missing in action. He has been awarded the Purple Heart posthumously for meritorious service and devotion to duty. Private McKeel served with the Seventh Army.

North Carolina growers have an extra 30,000 bushels of the Louisiana Porto Rican sweet potato this year as certified seed stocks. The variety gives extra yields and quality.

## SIEGFRIED LINE PUNCTURED AT FOUR STRATEGIC POINTS

### WAR IN BRIEF

Third Army explodes new offensive along a 24-mile stretch of Luxembourg border; First Army smashes through Siegfried Line in two new places.

Eastern front reports indicate decisive battle for Berlin joined; Red Army reportedly ripping up fortified outer defenses of German capital; Kunderdorf, historic battlefield, captured.

U. S. cavalrymen and infantrymen clear northern part of Manila; airborn troops mopping up in southern part.

Fifth Army troops occupy Monte Bono and Resio and spear forward northeast of Castelvecchio; in center of front, Germans heavily shell Allied positions at Livergnano.

#### BASKETBALL NOTES OF THIS WEEK

The Farmville girls' basketball team won a thriller from Walstonburg at Walstonburg, Thursday, Feb. 1, by a score of 35 to 33 while the boys took an easy 28 to 14 victory.

Friday night the boys defeated Belvoir on the Farmville court by a score of 33 to 25 while the Farmville girls were victorious by a score of 34 to 23. Tuesday night, Farmville boys defeated South Edgecombe by a score of 29 to 17 while the girls were idle.

Tonight at 7:30 in the Farmville High School Gymnasium the Farmville boys and girls will play the strong Bethel teams.

Bethel boys have defeated Farmville three times this season while the Farmville girls have defeated Bethel girls three times.

This should prove to be two excellent games, since the Farmville boys are determined to get revenge for the defeats suffered from the hands of the Bethel boys early in the schedule.

Farmville will play Scotland Neck here Tuesday night, Feb. 13, in a double header. In games played at Scotland Neck, the Farmville girls defeated the Halifax girls by a score of 26 to 18 while the Farmville boys were defeated by a score of 12 to 9.

## 8 GIs Snowed In 16 Days On 4,000-Foot Italy Peak

With the 22nd Tactical Air Command, Jan. 26.—Eight castaways of a 22nd Tactical Air Command Radio Platoon, snow-bound atop a 4,000-foot mountain peak for 16 days, today received a two week supply of food after a Canadian light tractor struggled within a mile and one-half of their position.

Capt Howard G. Macdonald, commanding officer of the isolated airman's squadron, reported that they were now well supplied and would continue with their lonely work. Snow plans hope to clear the last blocked section and restore direct road communication by Sunday.

Previously the only physical contact with the airman had been maintained by S-Sgt. Ben J. Skinner of Farmville, N. C., noncom in charge. Donning snow shoes, he made several arduous, day long trips down from the mountain top. Sgt. Skinner reported that aside from their isolation the men were comparatively comfortable.

Fresh supplies first reached the marooned men Sunday when a P-47 parachuted boxes of K-rations. Capt. Howard MacAdams of New York City, assistant operations officer, said that a two week supply was dropped. Later Sgt. Skinner brought down news that half of the rations were lost amidst the crags and deep snow.

The Canadian tractor finally fought upward through the mountain drifts with a jeep in tow. B. C. and K-rations were packed into the quarter ton. The radio men plan to make the mile and a half snow shoe trip to the jeep cache when food is running low.

Additional supplies of coffee and sugar, of which they are still short, will be parachuted down on the first clear flying day, the 22nd TAC Public Relations announced this morning.—Stars & Stripes.

#### C. L. IVEY VOTED MAN-OF-THE-YEAR

C. L. Ivey, local agent of the Home Security Life Insurance Company, of Durham, has the distinction of having been voted recently by his company as the "Man-of-the-Hour" due to his very fine all-round record and to the fact that he also leads the company on "Paid-For-Ordinary."

The Home Security Weekly states that "Mr. Ivey has a debit of \$259.78 and during the year made \$71.12 Industrial Increase, averaged 102.6 per cent collections and paid for \$82,000 Ordinary. At the end of the year, 1944, he had only 7 per cent arrears on his debit. While we have many other excellent records, we think that Mr. Ivey deserves the distinction given him."

During the next three months the State College Extension Service will hold pressure canner clinics in all sections of North Carolina. Ask the county or home agent about the schedule.

## New Offensive By Patton's Men Carries Mile Into Germany From Luxembourg Border; Americans Breach Our And Sure River Defenses At 10 Points

Paris, Feb. 8.—The American First and Third armies broke through the Siegfried Line in four places yesterday as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops exploded a new attack that drove a mile deep into Germany along a 24-mile stretch of the German-Luxembourg border.

Four new divisions of the Third Army—the Fifth and 80th Infantry, 17th Airborne and Sixth Armored—breached the Germans' Our and Sure River defenses at 10 points north of Echternach, extending the blazing American drive to a 75-mile front that reached within 27 miles of the Rhine.

#### Through Westwall.

Patton's troops that have been fighting into and through the Eifel mountains for the past 10 days broke completely through the Westwall at three new points west and northeast of Pruem, capturing four towns in bitter, half-mile advances through the last of the pillbox belt.

These new gains put the Third Army completely across the forested, snow-choked ridges of the Eifel range and set the stage for a three-mile downhill drive along good roads to Pruem, main key to the enemy's defenses along Patton's entire 40-mile front.

Captured in the day's advances were the towns of Hontheim, Selberich, Hercheid, and Wasscheid, the latter less than a mile from the main Euskirchen-Pruem road.

#### Fortresses Outflanked.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army troops in the Monachau sector, keeping pace with Patton's men, drove the last Germans out of Hellenthal and advanced almost a mile east to cross the flood-swollen Olef River.

Hodges' breakthrough crashed the defenses of both Schleiden and Gemund, major fortress towns guarding the Cologne plain, by outflanking them from the south.

Other First Army troops tightened a three-way pincer on Schmidt, a stronghold in the headwaters of the Roer, and front dispatches said that the fortress was expected to fall within 24 hours.

The Third Army's new attack out of Luxembourg opened at 1 a. m., and crossed the river border in rubber assault boats at seven points before dawn between Echternach and a point about six miles north of Clervaux.

Three more crossings were made later, and throughout the day steel-bottomed barges poured men, material and equipment into the newly-won footholds on the far banks. The greatest gain across the river was made a mile north of Echternach, where Fifth Division troops and artillery smashed a German counterattack by tanks and infantry and drove one mile to the northeast. At another point one-half mile north other Fifth Division troops gained three-fourths of a mile.

In this area, front dispatches described a battle for the town of Weiberbach, two miles north of Echternach, against heavy enemy machine-gun fire.

#### Nazis' Strongest Stand.

This dispatch said: "Many observers are convinced the Germans are making their strongest defensive bid in the forts along the river's edge, and once the Siegfried Line is cracked in this area three probably will be little between the Americans and the Rhine."

Patton's new offensive drove straight into hitherto unpenetrated German nests in the Siegfried Line from which Field Marshal Karl Gerd Von Rundstedt's counter-offensive into Luxembourg and Belgium was launched last December 16.

Front reports said that the heaviest resistance to initial crossings, was met by the Fifth "Red Diamond" Division, which stormed the flooded waters of the Sure in rubber boats at three places along a five-mile stretch between Echternach and Bollendorf.

Striking out blindly at 1 a. m. without previous artillery support the Fifth ran into heavy machine-gun and small arms fire from the opposite bank southeast of Bollendorf. Some assault boats were sunk in midstream, but American casualties were described as light.

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A single seed tree left by loggers to reseed surrounding areas may replace as many as several million seeds.