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Patton Hits Bulge Flank To The South

Bulge Neck Less Than 9 Miles; 101st Division Nears Hoffalze

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army won the biggest tank battle of the Belgian bulge campaign today, capturing the secondary road center of Samre after 30 hours of violent fighting in deep snow which included an all night artillery barrage.

On the south of the salient, now less than nine miles wide at its neck, the seasoned American Third Army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. gained up to a mile and a half in an advance along a 20-mile front above Bastogne.

Air Fleet In Action

LONDON—(AP)—Eleven hundred U. S. Liberators and Flying Fortress bombers bombed bridges, airfields, and road junctions along the Belgian bulge and along the Rhine today in a daring daylight raid supported by only 300 fighter escorts.

Two-Minute News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Pacific
Gen. MacArthur has unceremoniously new invasion campaign intended to knock the Japs out of Luzon Island, which they seized three years ago.

Western Front

The American First Army has carried off the prize in the biggest tank battle of the Belgian bulge—capture of the secondary road center of Samre (Salm-ray). The town is situated on the northern flank of the enemy penetration. Violent fighting was carried on for 30 hours in deep snow before the Yanks won the town. A spider web of secondary roads leads into the salient from Samre. On the south of the salient, the Third Army has gained up to a mile and a half in an advance along a 20-mile front. German units have been withdrawn from the western tip of the salient.

Air Warfare

Eleven hundred American heavy bombers have dropped 4,000 tons of bombs on military targets behind the bulge and along the

Army Plans Huge Draft In 6 Months

Patterson Lists Manpower Needs
By WILLIAM F. ARROGAST
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson told Congress today that inductions for the armed forces for the first six months of 1945 will total 900,000 men, as a minimum.

Blow At Nazis

Troopers Dropped Inside Norway
LONDON—(AP)—Norwegian parachutists dropped in Norway have cut the main railway between Trondheim and Oslo, over which Germans were being evacuated to Germany, a Norwegian Government official disclosed today.

Budapest Siege

Soviet Assaults Increase In Fury
By DANIEL DE LAUCE
MOSCOW—(AP)—Red Army assaults within Budapest were reported increasing in fury today, while German relief columns, now menaced by a costly outflanking drive north of the Danube bend, had failed in attempts to break through to the besieged garrison.

Explosion

Sabath Says Cocktail Bars Cluttered Up
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Representative Sabath, Democrat, Illinois, declared today that Washington cocktail bars are cluttered with Army officers and that it is a damnable outrage.

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Rhine. Objectives included bridges, airfields, and road junctions. Three hundred fighters escorted the heavies.

Norway

Norwegian parachutists have been dropped into German-held Norway and are conducting what is called a good-stored operation. A Norwegian Government official in London reveals that the parachutists have cut the main railway from Trondheim to Oslo.

Italy

The eastern end of the Italian front has flared into action. British troops have given a German combat patrol from the south flank of the Caraculovich, other Soviet forces are 47 miles from Vienna.

Russian Front

Red Army shock troops have stepped up their attacks on the German salient behind the burning Hungarian capital of Budapest. The core of enemy resistance appears to be cracking. And the Russians now hold more than half of the Danube City, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, other Soviet forces are 47 miles from Vienna.

Horn of Front

Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson has informed Congress of stepped up inductions for the first six months of 1945. His inductions will reach a total of 900,000 in the first half of 1945.

Home Front

The House of Representatives has requested by President Roosevelt. The postponement will permit the House to devote full attention to war manpower legislation.

Eye-Witness Account

Spearhead Division Loses Not One Man In Landing On Luzon
By C. YATES McDANIEL
WITH AMERICAN TROOPS ON LINGAYEN BEACH
HEADLINE—It is as if I could learn, not a single man of this division was hurt, not a single man was wounded as they pushed through the coconut palm plantations. Instead of armed, vicious Japanese soldiers, smiling Filipino civilians met them.

Vandenberg Would Give FDR Power

Wants Enemies Demilitarized
By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Mich., proposed today that Congress participate in presidential power immediately to use force to keep Germany and Japan demilitarized after the war.

Tank Forces Lead Troops Over Plains

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Backdoor To Manila

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