

# BRITISH SPELLOW OVER CANALS BRIDGE TO PRELIEVE SOVIET TROOPS

## Rain Slows Fifth Army Offensive

### Italian Front Fighting Bitter

By NOLAN NORGAARD  
ROME — (AP) — Greek troops of the Eighth Army fought to within 2,000 yards of Rimini on the Italian Adriatic coast yesterday, but rain slowed down the Fifth Army's offensive after American forces had captured heights dominating Firenzuola, an important junction on the road to Bologna.

Headquarters described fighting on both ends of the front as intense and declared the Germans were "fighting desperately" to their defensive positions.

**CANADIAN DRIVE**  
The enemy's hold on Rimini and the gateway to the Po Valley was jeopardized by the Canadians, who broke through German defenses southwest of the port and advanced to San Cesario, less than 20 miles southeast of Rimini.

As a result of this breakthrough, the Canadians were in position to outflank Rimini on the seaward side of its defenders. They were within a mile of the Marecchia River which flows past the Adriatic at Rimini and east through the city.

A mile behind the farthest point of the Canadian advance a large enemy force still was making a desperate battle on San Marino Ridge.

American troops meanwhile began their drive down the northern slopes of the last mountain barrier guarding the plains of Northern Italy, drove the Germans out of the key town of Monte Maggiore. There were 25 miles southeast of Firenzuola, which is a junction of roads carrying northern and southern military traffic through the remaining Nazi defenses.

The Canadians also fought their way toward the city of Bologna, which is part of the Fifth Army's offensive along the northern slopes of the Apennines.

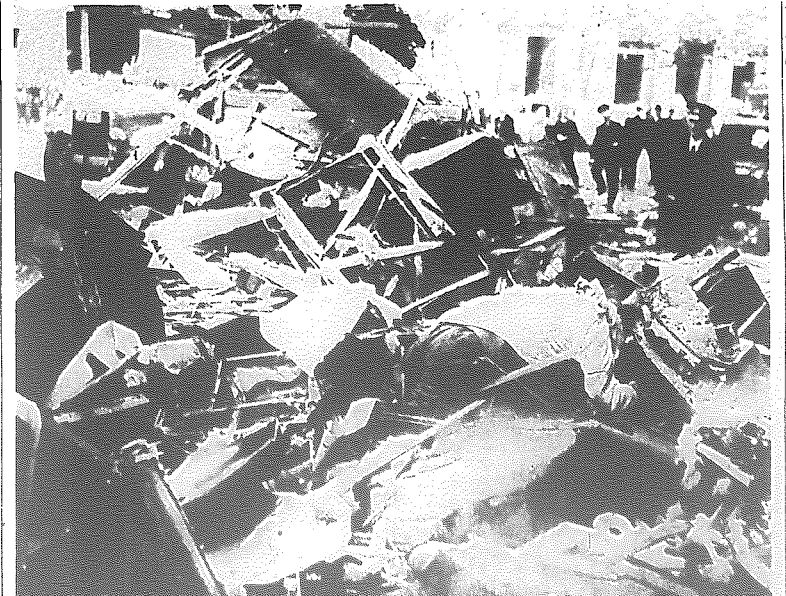
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**TAKE BILLS**  
The Fifth Army's British forces captured and set off the first moves on the night of the American side of advance.

A Fifth Army Headquarters report said "the prevention of the close air support which has hitherto assisted the advance during the past few days and poor observation caused by weather hampered our ground forces."

To meet the situation, American troops continued to attack along the coast of the Adriatic from the West Coast since the Germans had taken to the sea in the face of the Fifth Army's advance.

**Bob Hope's Communique**  
BY BOB HOPE  
HOLLYWOOD — I have been home from the South Pacific for a week, and I feel like the trooper just about every night. I don't sleep. I don't eat. I don't think I went out for a hot minute and some dancing and something I did not know I could do. I don't know what I did, but I did it. I was very confused to the people who heard Crosby was in London.



**BARBARIANS' VENGEANCE**—Now that the vicious robot bomb's reign of terror has almost passed, how that frightened, near-defeated Germans no longer have time to gloat over the mass slaughter and destruction accomplished by their vengeance weapon. British censors have released this graphic report of the Nazi crime against British civilians. Here, after a flying bomb landed in a street in Southern England, a bus driver lies dead amid the wreckage of his vehicle. The hand of one of the passengers buried beneath the debris can be seen in lower right of photo. (A.S. Telephoto.)

## Sky Troops' Role Lauded

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Secretary of War Stimson said today the First Air Force was to be highly commended for its part in the destruction of the Gotha line in the Lucania coastal area. Fifth Army troops approached the city of Potentino, captured miles south of the town, in a series of attacks which resulted in the capture of the western extremity of the Northern Apennines.

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## Japs Lose Palau Island Of Angaur

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR — (AP) — A American invasion of the Palau has cost the Japanese the small island of Angaur, most of Peleliu and 7,645 lives, but Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported last night that "the enemy resistance is bitter."

The Nimitz communique spoke of "a more optimistic report" after the battle. The Japanese loss was estimated at 7,645 men, including 1,000 killed on Peleliu and 600 on Angaur, plus a small number of Japanese left on the island.

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## Reds Sweep Toward Port Of Tallinn

### Big Drive Made Across Estonia

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
MOSCOW — (AP) — Marshal Leonid A. Govorov's Red Army veterans of Leningrad, having destroyed the northern anchorage of the German Baltic Line in a massive sweep across Estonia, raced forward today in a double-bordered drive for the enemy-occupied port of Tallinn.

Govorov's second wing was speaking north from Tartu. London estimated this force was less than 50 miles from Tallinn on the northeast.

**SAFETY TO MARSHAL**  
Moscow's guns thundered a salute to Govorov for his four days' gallant fighting from 37 to 44 miles, wiping out formidable German defenses between Lake Peipus and the Finnish-Gulf of Bothnia.

Govorov's northern "troops" following the Narva-Tallinn railway, were within artillery range of the city of Tallinn.

**MOVE ON RIGA**  
The Latvian port of Riga, Gen. Ivan C. Bagration's column captured an additional 100 settlements from a fanatically resisting force and again hurled back tank and infantry attacks aimed at his command's rear of advance.

Between Bagration's and Govorov's forces, the two armies of Gen. Andrei Vernerovskii and Gen. Ivan Maslennikov surged forward an attempt to liberate the German port of half in the vicinity of the command border of Estonia and Latvia.

In the past two days Russian communications have annihilated German forces of 47,000 soldiers in the Soviet Baltic drive.

## Army & Marines Want War Dogs

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The Defense Dept. announced today that soldiers and Marines who are assigned to the Army and Marine Corps will be permitted to take their own dogs with them.

## Once-Proud City A Picture Of Desolation

LONDON, Sept. 20.—The city of London, once a picture of desolation, today is a picture of desolation. The city is a picture of desolation.

## Nijmegen Span Seized Intact By The Allies

### Germans Hurl Armor Into Battle Against Yanks Along Moselle

By JAMES M. LONG  
LONDON — (AP) — British armor and American parachute troops have captured the Nijmegen bridge across the main branch of the Rhine in Holland, saving the important span from German destruction and paving the way into Germany.

The Allied forces swung across the bridge toward Arnhem, where surrounded sky troops had been battling grimly for control of the last river crossings before Germany. German broadcasts tonight said the cut-off air-borne forces had been relieved by troops of the British Second Army.

The Germans claimed—with no Allied confirmation—that 2,800 of the British First Airborne Division had been captured.

With the northern end of their historic Rhine River defense line punctured except for its last water-course by the sweeping threat, the Germans scraped up a large part of their remaining armor and hurled it into battle along the Moselle, 200 miles to the south.

**TANKS BLASTED**  
Fighting through rugged hills and forests northeast of Nijmegen, American planes destroyed 105 Nazi tanks, field dispatches stated, as the Germans struggled desperately to save at least their Upper Rhine line.

American "other" sectors liberated Holland for at least 124 enemy tanks destroyed.

Despite the ferociousness of their German effort, however, French troops of the Third Army drove close to Fin, five miles north of Baccarat and

## Tremendous Tank Struggle Raging

By WES GALLAGHER  
ALSACE-LOREINE — (AP) — Adolf Hitler has thrown in a large portion of his armored forces against the U. S. Third Army and for three days this armored force has been engaged in the greatest single tank battle since the landings in France.

## Nazis Move Factories

By DON WHITEHEAD  
IN GERMANY — The Germans have begun dismantling factories west of the Rhine and are shipping the machinery to Eastern Germany to prevent its falling in the hands of American troops.

## Road To Berlin

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
L-Western Front: 393 miles (from near Arnhem).  
S-Russian Front: 315 miles (from outside Pulkovo).  
M-Italian Front: 580 miles (from 25 miles below Bologna).

**WEATHER**  
Partly cloudy, moderately warm with scattered showers today and tonight; partly cloudy and not quite so warm tomorrow.

**Today's Temperatures**  
7:30 P. M. 84  
Summer Today  
Summer Tomorrow  
Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 2.