

# GOthic LINE GAP OPEN TO ALLIES

## Crack Parachute Division Breaks Under Assault Of British.

ROME, Sept. 6 (U. P.).—Allied troops advanced to within four miles of Rimini today as Nazi Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's crack first parachute division, breaking under the combined assault of British, Canadians and Poles pouring through a gap in the Gothic line, abandoned a key ridge defending the important Adriatic coastal city.

In the western sector of the Italian front U. S. 8th army troops captured Altapascio, 10 miles north of the Arno river, and sent patrols into the important city of Lucca, nine miles to the northwest.

### Yanks Control Heights

Front dispatches reported that the Americans hold all dominating heights just north of the Arno between Florence and the Tyrrhenian sea, and were poised for a drive against the western end of the Germans' Gothic line.

(The British radio reported today that Italian patriots had seized control of the entire Ligurian sea coast of northeastern Italy, with exception of Genoa, and a state of siege had been proclaimed in Bologna, endangered by the allied drive through the gap in the Gothic line.)

Polish troops operating at the eastern end of the front took possession of the southern suburbs of the town of Riccione Mariana, five miles below Rimini, and there were signs that enemy resistance in that sector was rapidly weakening.

BRISSAGO, Switzerland, Sept. 6 (U. P.).—Italian partisans reported from the frontier town of San Bartolomeo Di Valmeta today that German commanders in northern Italy held a secret meeting at Cernobbio Monday and drafted plans for the evacuation of the Italian peninsula.

The partisans said they understood the Germans had packed all their documents for shipment to Germany.

British troops two and a half miles inland from that point advanced a mile past Misano, while Canadians to the left drove another two miles forward to within 1000 yards of the Marano river, only four miles from Rimini and the last river guarding the approaches to the city.

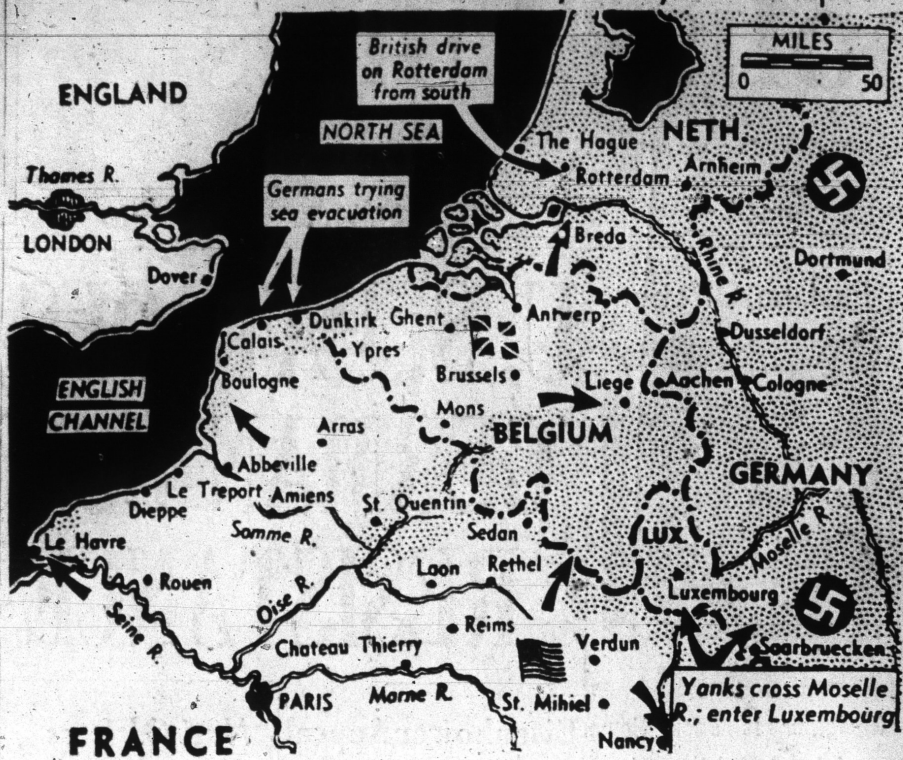
The Canadians seized high ground just north of the town of Coriano, six miles southwest of Rimini, and held it against counter-attacks by the Germans yesterday. There were indications the Germans had left Turcoman conscripts to defend the Marano river and had withdrawn inside Rimini to make a last-ditch fight to hold the coastal city which is the gateway to the Po valley northward.

### Ships Shell Nazis

Two British destroyers, Undine and Uchire, again went to the support of the allied troops before Rimini yesterday and fired more than 600 rounds at coastal batteries and gun emplacements around the city.

An island of German resistance at Montefiore, one and a half miles below the Conca river and eight miles inland, was finally overrun by British troops, but further inland the Germans were still holding northwest of Tavoleto and about five miles southeast of the tiny republic of San Marino.

# What Nazi Generals See as They Study War Maps



While silence shrouds the exact whereabouts of British and Yank armies it has been officially announced that patrols from Gen. Patton's forces have crossed the German border in undesignated localities. Meanwhile the British driving on Rotterdam have thrown a cordon of PT boats and planes around the coast to stop any attempted Nazi sea evacuation from channel ports.

# MANUAL BEGINS ITS 50TH YEAR

## New Generation of Students Wanders Through School's Hallowed Halls.

As the semester opens for public schools, Manual high school enters its 50th year.

In February, alumni celebrated the school's 49th birthday with the theme centering around the gold rush days of the 40's.

Yesterday E. H. Kemper McComb, principal, said of the prospecting party, "I hope they find gold in these halls of Manual."

Steeped in a half century of tradition, Manual alumni can look back to the day there were but 21 teachers and a handful of pupils in what was then the Industrial Training school. Today the faculty and office force numbers better than 90 and the student body more than 1400.

### Glorious Tradition

A glorious tradition lies back of the school's athletic standing. From 1895 to 1900, Manual eleven took on anything in the field and routed such college teams as DePauw, Franklin and Indiana.

But yesterday a new generation went through the halls of Manual. The class of '48 wandered with wide eyes through the halls on conducted tours. Sophisticated seniors stood by, typically aloof.

Another semester opened.

# INDIANA CENTRAL'S 'WALKOUT' TONIGHT

The annual "Big and Little Buddy-Big and Little Sister" walkout of Indiana Central college will be held tonight. Women of the class of '48 wandered with wide eyes through the halls on conducted tours. Sophisticated seniors stood by, typically aloof.

The men will go to Longacre park for a program at 8 p. m., to be conducted by Glenn Catlin. The two groups will meet on the north college campus for a campfire program later tonight. Miss Ardith Kitterman will be in charge.

# 7th Army Races Up Saone Valley Virtually Unopposed

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ROME, Sept. 6.—Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's 7th army raced up the French Saone river valley virtually unopposed today, quickly tumbling five key road junctions and driving to within less than 65 miles of American lines in northern France.

(Unconfirmed Swiss radio reports heard in London and a C. B. S. broadcast from France said units of the 7th army and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d army had made contact in an undisclosed area of central France.)

Officially the gap between the two forces was 65 miles, but elements of both armies probably were several miles beyond the points announced in communiques.

French troops, who have met almost no opposition in the race up the Saone, swept through the towns of Cluny, Le Villars and Sennecey and reached the approaches of Chalon-sur-Saone, nine miles north of Sennecey.

The drive encompassed a 25-mile advance up highway 6 from Macon, where yesterday the French were 90 miles from northern allied forces.

The French troops advancing on Chalon-sur-Saone anchored a 28-mile front which stretched across the valley to the road and rail junction of Lons le Saunier, which the Americans captured in the sweep northward toward the Belfort gap into Germany.

(A German DNB news agency broadcast, heard in London, claimed a Nazi tank formation has smashed an American tank group from the south near Pontarlier, 41 miles northeast of Lons and 56 miles southwest of Belfort.)

(An NBC correspondent reported that allied troops were driving up the Besancon-Belfort road and were less than 30 miles from the gap. Besancon, juncture of the highways running from the south and west toward the German frontier, is approximately 43 miles north of Lons.)

There were no reports of any definite German stand in the valley and the Nazi forces apparently were withdrawing as quickly as possible to the famous passageway for invasions and retreats before the allied armies join.

East of Lons, nearly midway to Sennecey, a second American salient captured the town of Louhans, straightening the 7th army line across the valley.

The American force, which occupied Lons, a town of about 13,000 population, were moving northeastward toward the Swiss frontier above Lake Geneva. Lons is approximately 30 miles northeast of Montreuil, where the Americans broke through a stubborn German stand several days ago, and a similar distance from Switzerland.

### IRISH BRIDES IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6 (U. P.).—Sixty navy brides, just arrived from Ireland, divided their time today between preparing to meet their "in-laws" and getting a close up of New York's skyscrapers. They were given an enthusiastic welcome as their navy transport docked yesterday.

### FINNS EVACUATING NEW AREA

LONDON, Sept. 6 (U. P.).—Press reports from Helsinki said that the Finns had started evacuating districts east of Finland's 1940 frontier as a Finnish commission left today for Moscow to negotiate the terms of peace.

# Freeman Field Is Selected As Helicopter Training School

SEYMOUR, Sept. 6.—The first helicopter training school for the army air forces has been established at Freeman field near here, Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, announced today.

Personnel of the helicopter section of the field consists of officers and enlisted men who received their training at the Sikorsky plant, Bridgeport, Conn. The officer instructors are rated as pilots and the enlisted men as mechanics.

Reasons for the establishment of the school at Freeman field were not given.

Two officers of the school, Maj. John J. Sanduski of Omaha, Neb., and Lt. Norbert T. Guttenberger of Chicago, recently made aviation history when they flew two R4-B type helicopters 725 miles on the longest formation flight ever made by rotary-type planes in the U. S. The flight was from Bridgeport, Conn., to Freeman field.

On the trip, new cross-country helicopter speed records were set despite strong winds over the Alleghany mountains in Pennsylvania.

Maj. Sanduski is director of helicopter training and Lt. Guttenberger is a helicopter instructor at Freeman field.

Field officials said that while other reasons were responsible, selection of the field for the school was particularly fitting because the helicopter has proved in many instances to be a "mercy" plane. The field was named after the late Capt. Richard S. Freeman of Winamac, Ind., who won fame for "mercy" flights in Alaska.

Recently it was announced that helicopters were used in the airborne invasion of Burma by American units.

# Up Front With Mauldin



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# SEES 'AMAZING' RECONVERSION

## Krug Says Civilian Goods To Pass '39 Peak After Germany Falls.

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back into civilian production," Krug said at his first press conference. "We can't wet-nurse 200,000-odd enterprises."

The 36-year-old Krug, who was appointed by President Roosevelt less than two weeks ago to run production as he saw fit, refused to

speculate on which consumer goods will return first.

He said the program was designed to make swift new jobs for an estimated 4,000,000 war workers who will be thrown out of employment when Germany falls.

An informed source high in government said that radios may be one of the first non-military items to reach the public.

Other equally informed sources estimated that some passenger car manufacturers should be in production in from 90 to 120 days after the end of the war in Europe. It was emphasized, however, that a crimp could be put in the whole civilian production program if any unexpected shortages suddenly developed while the war against Japan was in progress.

It was the general belief in production circles that such items as refrigerators and washing machines

should be in process of manufacture within 90 days after Germany falls.

Krug said he believed maximum civilian production could be achieved "without detailed priorities regulation from Washington." So, he said, it was decided to retain only two priority ratings after the German defeat.

One will be the overriding emergency rating and the other will merely designate a particular order as military.

Under the program, all manufacturers can use any plant and any materials that are not needed for military production.

### SLAYS BLOCK NAZI ESCAPE

LONDON, Sept. 6 (U. P.).—Yugoslav partisans have blown up a key bridge at Zelenkovo, cutting off communications with German troops in Macedonia.

# PLANT CUTS COSTS; INCREASES BOMBERS

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Sept. 6 (U. P.).—Three hundred B-25 Billy Mitchell bombers were produced in 23 working days during August at the North American Aviation, Inc., plant of Kansas, the company revealed today with war department permission.

The company also was permitted to reveal—in this first announcement of production figures since the plant went into operation a few days after Pearl Harbor—that the cost of the medium bomber had been reduced by 26.5 per cent since last Jan. 1, while production climbed 108 per cent.

The plant now is the only one in the world producing the bomber, a workhorse in all theaters of war and the first to pack a 75-millimeter cannon in its nose.

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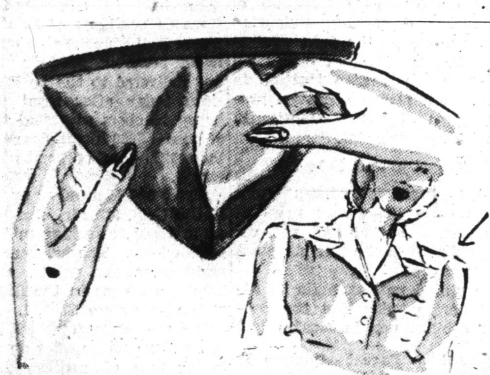
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