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261st Week of the War — 143rd Week of U. S. Participation

EASTERN FRONT: In a week which saw the mingling of the diplomatic and military, the Soviet Union ordered a cessation of hostilities with one nation and declared war on another. The war with Finland was ended with a cease firing order effective at 0200 hours EWT on 4 September. A few hours before President Mannerheim's government announced the armistice, a Finnish source declared diplomatic relations with Germany would be broken, and that nation was told German troops remaining in Finland after 15 September would be disarmed or interned as Allied war prisoners.

On 5 September the Soviet Union declared war on Bulgaria after warning the German minion that her attempt to adopt "strict neutrality" was insufficient. Bulgaria had been in the Axis camp for nearly four years, and had been a belligerent against the U. S. and Great Britain, but had never gone to war with the USSR. A Bulgarian armistice delegation has been in Cairo, ostensibly to negotiate with Great Britain and the U. S. Meanwhile, a large Red Army force is deployed along the Romanian-Bulgarian border.

Soviet forces skirting the Carpathian Mountains swarmed over Romania to capture Ploesti and its oil fields, as well as the Romanian capital of Bucharest. Continuing the drive, the Reds reached the 1940 Bulgarian border along a front between the Danube and the Black Sea after taking numerous towns and settlements south and southwest of Constanta. The so-called Bulgarian border is the former Romanian territory of southern Dobruja which was ceded to Bulgaria in 1940 by Adolf Hitler's Vienna Diktat.

Moscow announced Romanian troops by side with Red Army soldiers, forces had made a 47-mile march to the Alps to seize the rail and highway network. Other Soviet forces took the latter about 50 miles from Yugoslav territory.

To the north, Red Army troops broke through the defenses of Warsaw, breaking through powerful German forces to reach the Narew River on the northern bank of the Polish capital. Attacking under cover of darkness, the Soviet fighting men smashed through the lines to take 100 towns and settlements in the northeast of Warsaw. The offensive was directed along the Bug and Narew Rivers.

ITALY: Allied offensives flamed in the north. Italian trans-peninsular operations saw the Eighth Army take the seaport of Bari on the coast, while Fifth Army forces seized the Gargano Peninsula on the coast, and drove on to the Serchio River.

Reports from the Adriatic front indicated that elements had penetrated forward to the Po River line along a 20-mile front and were driving toward where communications are canalized. The Allies are trying running northwest of the industrial centers of northern Italy.

Allied heavy, medium, and fighter forces are attacking communications in northern Italy, and a rail line into Germany was put out of service by U. S. heavies.



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An American map titled "Newsmap for the Armed Forces: Monday, September 11, 1944." The map of the Western front shows rivers, highways, international boundaries, and points of Allied activity in northeast France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and southeast France. The map of the European theater shows railroads, rivers, international boundaries, areas under Allied and German control, and notes activity in Finland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, and Turkey. The map of the front in Burma and China shows railroads, rivers, roads, and points of Allied activity. The map of the Pacific theater shows areas under American and Japanese control. Printed text reveals news on multiple fronts. Printed text on the back, accompanied by a photograph of an American plane, describes the effort it takes to build and use the plane. The text reads in part: "Crew: 147,142 men and women."

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