

ALLIES BATTLE TO AP JAPS ON GERMAN LEYTE

Tanks Lead Infantry In Valley Drive

Enemy Troops Retreating

By C. YATES McDANIEL. GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES — (via Army Radio) — (AP) — American soldiers, pushing westward on Leyte Island's southern front, today overran strong Japanese defense positions and were trying to trap enemy troops retreating up the wide Leyte Valley.

GEORGIAN COMMANDS

The troops engaged in the recent fighting in Georgia are now under the command of Lt. Col. Herbert E. Edmunds of Georgia.

Map of Leyte Island area may be found on page 7-A.

Attention is moving, is 25 miles wide on the southwest. It tapers to 10 miles wide on the northeast. The water is broken by mountain ranges with peaks rising up to 1,300 feet.

Two-Minute News Roundup

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Front

The Allied drive in the Low Countries is sweeping ahead steadily in what appears to be a general offensive to open up the great port of Antwerp as a supply base.

Eastern Front

Today's German High Command communique reports the loss of the road center of Goldap (Goldap), 18 miles inland from the Prussian-Russian border.

Sen. Ball Breaks From GOP To Give Backing To FR

Minnesotan Says President Meets Issues More Squarely Than Dewey

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Joseph H. Ball, Minnesota Republican, announced today that "I shall vote for and support President Roosevelt."

Prussian Road Hub Captured By Reds

LONDON—(AP)—Russian troops have captured the East Prussian highway center of Goldap, eighteen miles inside Germany, and have broadened their offensive along the entire western boundary of the province, the German communists said today.

Air Plant People Back

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—The day shift of 8,000 returned to work at North American Aviation's big bomber plant today, after a 24-hour stoppage which began in the plant's modification center Thursday and carried the next day to the main plant.

Mediteranean Theater

Another big step toward complete liberation of Greece has been made with Allied capture of the big Aegean island of Evvoia being the last of the Greek mainland north of Athens.

On The Home Front

Minneapolis is the political hot spot of this country today, Republican Senator Joseph H. Ball of that state has just announced in Washington that he will support President Roosevelt, instead of GOP candidate Thomas E. Dewey, on the basis of foreign policy statements.

De Gaulle's Government Recognized

U. S. And Britain Take Action

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The United States and Great Britain today recognized the de Gaulle administration as the "provisional government of the French Republic."

Nazis Drop Plan To Evacuate Rhineland

By DON WHITEHEAD

U. S. FIRST ARMY HEADQUARTERS — (AP)—The Germans have abandoned their plans for a mass evacuation of civilians of the Rhineland, and now are trying to isolate the soldiers as much as possible from the people who are weary of the war and frequently urge the troops to lay down their arms.

Bird That Never Wags Howls Hurt Bird Dog

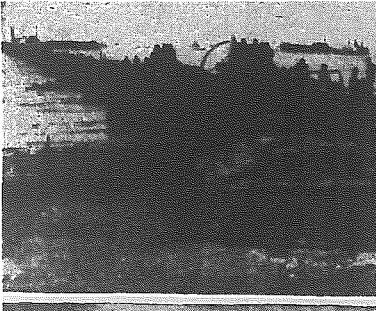
DANBURG, N. Y.—(AP)—A dog was under the care of a veterinarian today, victim of an attack by a bird that never wags its tail.

Old Glory Waves

TACLOBAN, Leyte, Philippine Islands — (AP)—Constantly flying formally was restored to the Philippines today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, while warlike staff surged near Tacloban.

American Forces In Capital Of Leyte

TACLOBAN, Leyte, Philippine Islands — (AP)—American forces have captured in their invasion of the Philippines.



TACLOBAN, LEYTE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, SEEN ASHORE FROM "MULBERRY" — Tanks, motorized equipment, including (top) "Tumbler" shore at "Onaha Beach," near Colville, Normandy, after crossing Pontoon bridgeway from "Mulberry" portable harbor (background) which was prefabricated in England and towed across the Channel.



— BREAKWATER MADE OF 23 SUNKEN SHIPS BEING USED AS A HARBOR FOR THE REHABILITATION OF FRANCE, CAN BE SEEN ON THE COMING OF THE "MULBERRY" PORTABLE HARBOUR. (AP Wirephotos from Signal Corps and Coast Guard)

Spanish Republicans Take Pyrenees Towns

LONDON—(AP)—The German-controlled Civil Radio said tonight that Spanish Republican bands had taken four frontier towns in the Pyrenees after a four-day battle.

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Whole Defense System Under Hot Assaults

Blows Struck In Effort To Thin Line Before Main Attack Opens

LONDON—(AP)—Six Allied armies pounded the tight-drawn Nazi defense band from Holland to Switzerland's border today with an unceasing pressure aimed at opening the eventful cracks that will permit a smash to Berlin.

British Take 4 Key Towns

ON THE BRITISH FRONT IN HOLLAND—(AP)—The British Second Army today captured four key towns today, moving within two and a half miles of the key Dutch rail and road city of 's-Hertogenbosch.

Admits Japan On Defensive

JAPAN IS NOW ON THE DEFENSIVE—(AP)—The British Second Army today said in a dispatch transmitted by Dornier news wires that the Japanese "welcome" the American invasion of the Philippines because it offered "another opportunity to deal crushing blows on the mainstay of the enemy's Pacific forces."

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Tacloban Captured

TACLOBAN CAPTURED—Above is an aerial view of Tacloban, capital of Leyte Island, which American forces have captured in their invasion of the Philippines.

MacArthur and President Obama

MacArthur and President Obama met today in the White House. MacArthur said he was "proud to be in the service of the United States."

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