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Allies Landing On Dutch Isle, Nazis Report

By WILLIAM FRYE

LONDON — (AP) — The German High Command announced today that Allied forces, striking to clear the last Nazi guns blocking Allied convoys from Antwerp, had landed on the south shore of Beveland Island.

"Countermeasures are in progress," the communique said, indicating the amphibitions forces already had made good a bridgenead on the north side of the Scheide estuary. Earlier Berlin broadcast that "Walchern, another island north of he cutary, had been haved by Frederic Heurika and teached the Allied land and sea forces were not joutskirts of Greeke at a progress of the county.

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Two-Minute

News Roundup By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fortune Magazine's latest political poll, reflecting the attitude of the Nation's voters as election day nears, is released today. The poll indicates a slight gain for President Roosevell. Turn to page 8A.

Vestern Front

Air Warfare

Americans Raid

West Germany



Red Troops Drive Deeper Into Norway

MOSCOW—(AP)—Russian troops drove deeper into orway today beyond captured Kirkenes in Arctic storms thich tumbled the temperature several degrees below zero, a supreme effort to annihilate up to 130,000 Germans in Josef engerments was most finish forces.

ng hertful before Red and a local eneagements just north-tavaged Warsaw, the Kremlin unditiblit announced the cap-s of a dozen satelite towns on east stile of the wide and swift titla River which bends sharpif tensive in East Prussia slackened in before ferocious German resistance, it explained in part by the dependence of Berlin and other Nazi etites on foods produced on East Prussian farms, All northern Transvijania was helind Burstian lines in

LONDON.—r.—The Crecho-slovak communications center of Mukacree uax captured to-day in a une-mile Russian ad-vaure through the Carpatho-Ukraine, Marshal Stalin an-nounced tonight in an order of the day.

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Cuderian Fights Reds

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What Eisenhower Thinks About When End Coming

7th Fleet Saves MacArthur's

Leyte Invasion In Hour Of Peril

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Yanks Slam Leyte Trap Door Shut

Advance Through Mud And Rain

By MURLIN SPENCER By MURLIN SPENCER
GEN. MACARTHUR'S
HEADQUARTERS, LEYTE,
PHILIPPINES (AP)
Mud-caked Yanks today slammed shut the southern door
of strategic Leyte Valley, a
potential Japanese death trap,
and tightened their stranglehold on Nipponese communications with adiacent islands,
As mayal and six units beat off
the Japanese filter threasy the sem-

American Losses Relatively Small

(Note-Turn to page 13-4 for the box score of the great naval battle in the Pacific.)

sary to engage the U. S. fleet in another major action or se-riously check its further in-cursions into the Western Pa-cific.

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR — (AP) — More than 26 Japanese warships were sunk or heavily damaged in the three-pronged battle of the Philippines, incomplete reports on the most crushing defeat ever administered the modern Nipponese Navy disclosed today. Wreckage strewn waters marked the possible end of the Imperial Fleet as a major obstacle in the path to the coasts of Japan and China, and probably shortened the Pacific war by months. Combined reports of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur on the three major engagements involving the bulk of the Japanese Fleet listed these known results: Eight Japanese ships sunk—two carriers, one battleship, four cruisers. Three prohably sunk—two battleships, one carrier. More than fifteen damaged—seven battleships, four cruisers, four destroyers, and "several" more destroyers. Known American losses in the running battles around the Philippines were two small carriers and a number of PT boats sunk, plus an unamounced number damaged. Both commanders made it clear that their final reports will show heavier Japanese sunk. Two distances will show heavier sunk. Two distances will be shown the sunk through store sunk. Two battleships will be sunk through street of the sunk through street of the sunk through street of the Japanese vossels in the feerach better the practice. (In

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Triumph May Speed Pacific War's End

By HAMILTON W. FARON
Associated Press Naval Writer
WASHINGTON—The crushing defeat handed the Japnese navy in Philippine waters brought to Washington
ind the nation today the cheering thought that the whole
ourse of the war may now be changed and victory brought
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duce drastically the effectiveness of B-24 bomber attacks on shipping along the China coast, and probably eliminate such attacks in the Formosa Strait." President Roosevelt took a per year hand in active.

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