

# U. S. 1ST AND 9TH ARMIES OPEN BIG OFFENSIVE INTO RHINELAND

Americans  
Make Slow  
Leyte Push

Four Divisions  
Moving Forward

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GENERAL MacARTHUR'S PHILIPINES HEADQUARTERS, MANILA, Nov. 15.—An American corpsman closed tighter on Gen. Yamashita's encircled Japanese on Leyte today, pressing to within ten miles of Ormoc on the south, fourteen on the east and about the same distance on the north.

Advances by four American divisions were small, but they came all around the Japanese perimeter defending Ormoc, their last base on the island.

**DOUBLE THREAT**

In the north, the American 24th Division applied double pressure. On the road from Pinampanao, the main body of the division lunged west, the enemy retreating toward Zamboanga to the Ormoc-bound ridges. West of the road, another unit of the division swung around through the hills, visibility at the time being estimated at 2,000 yards.

To the east and north, pressure was applied by the 1st Cavalry Division, which overran several enemy strong points and seized hilltops as it moved westward through the tangled peaks. No road serv-

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**China Story**  
In Pictures

Dramatic photographs of the British, Americans and their civilian helpers advancing against Japanese appear on page 12 of this edition.

The pictures constituting a remarkable study of human misery, were taken by Frank Carter, NEA news photographer for the War Picture Pool.

Two-Minute

## News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Western Front**

General Eisenhower has thrown the veteran American First Army back into action today, and has sent his 9th Army forward to support the American Ninth Army to what has many remarks of the day's all-out drive to knock out Hitler's Germany.

The Ninth Army was disclosed officially today to be in action on German soil, somewhere near the Dutch-German frontier.

The details of the attack are not yet known. But the fresh GIs of the Ninth went into action early this morning, and 55 minutes after the first hour, had driven out of their foxholes in a new major push east of Arden.

French dispatches indicate that the new Ninth Army drive into Germany may be just to the north of the First Army front. The First Army, with some two months' experience, is to what has many remarks of the day's all-out drive to knock out Hitler's Germany.

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The French American drive north, which now has passed the 100-mile mark on both sides of the Doubs River, and stands at our front, within striking distance of Metz.

The new Ninth Army push under Lt.-Gen. William H. Simpson —

### Proud Of GI's

## General Stilwell Silent On Recall

CARMEL, Calif., Nov. 15.—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, relieved of his duties in the China-Burma-India theater, today refused to discuss his removal, but was insistant in his praise of the American soldier in his first press interview since his return.

"I'm not going to let the generation

for them, he told more than

50 newsmen and photographers

in an interview:

"The Army must have done

an excellent job of training," he said. "The soldiers are more amenable to discipline and I believe the morale of the Army was never presented to them."

"There might have been a little better preparation in years previous to the war, but the stuff I've seen is good."

**BETTER THAN JAPS**

Stilwell said the Japanese are good soldiers, by virtue of millions of men from whom they learn.

"But I think we say we do it if a damned sight better."

The general refused to discuss China or his mission from that time when he was chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek other than to say:

"The Americans in China are doing a good job and are giving people an accurate picture of what is going on."

To obtain information leading to the Chinese situation, the general repeatedly answered:

"I can't answer that. It will lead back to a discussion of the



GEN. STILWELL. "Vinegar Joe" was in a jovial mood when this picture was made.

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For three hours, General Stilwell

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## Yank Force Moves Into Mapia Isles

By MURKIN SPENCER

LEYTE, Philippines, Nov. 15.—A small force of American troops invaded the Mapia Islands, less than 150 miles north of Western New Guinea, yesterday in a purely protective move to knock out Japanese coastal watchmen and warning stations.

The Yanks went ashore in the face of light resistance and under cover of naval bombardment after two days of heavy preliminary bombing. The first enemy installations to fall were those of the Japanese on Mano Island.

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