

The spectacular Russian breakthrough on the Eastern Front was a body blow from which the Third Reich can't recover, Max Werner, authoritative military analyst, says in a special dispatch on page 9.

39 MILES FROM BERLIN

Yanks In Deep Penetration Of Central Siegfried Line

German West Wall Defenses Lightly Manned

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS (AP)—Shock troops of the First and Ninth Divisions penetrated deeply into the central Siegfried Line today and erased the last vestige of the bulge driven into the American First Army front before Christmas.

The Sixth Army stormed the Siegfried Line ramparts in three sectors, encountering opposition ranging from scanty to heavy.
FIGHT IN FOREST
His Ninth Division advanced more than two miles through Hitler's West Wall and ran into heavy machinegun and rifle fire in an attack on the main enemy supply cross roads nine miles southeast of Monechau. Fighting was in a dark fir forest.

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News Roundup

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Subic Bay Is Back In U.S. Hands

Naval Base Given Up By Japanese
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON (AP)—Subic Bay and its naval repair base of Olongapo, dotted with pillboxes but apparently abandoned by the Japanese, were back in American hands today as unbuttoned Yank spearheads to the east rolled clear of a dangerous bottleneck passage only 23 road miles from Manila.

Well-fortified Grande Island, the "Little Corregidor" guarding the entrance to Subic Bay, was taken without opposition Tuesday by Eighth Army units. Units of the U. S. Seventh Fleet then steamed into Subic Bay.

Other elements of Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger's Eighth Army moved by road along the inner rim of Subic Bay to capture the Olongapo naval base which, before the war, was an American depot.

General Douglas MacArthur said in his communique today that "we are now seeing the excellent anchorage and development of a naval base is already under way."

Olongapo was well fortified with Japanese dugouts and pillboxes—almost empty. Similarly, Grande Island was abandoned by the enemy. Its American guns "pointing disconsolately out to sea."

Local Man Saved When Ship Sunk

WASHINGTON (AP)—Loss of two sailing sweepers and a tank landing ship—two enemy action in the Philippines was announced today by the War Department.

The minesweepers were the Hovey and the Palmer converted World War One destroyers, and the landing ship the LST 759.

There was no indication of extent of casualties, but the loss of most of kin had been notified.

Commanding officers of all three vessels survived. The Navy said Lt. William E. McGuirk, Pine Meadow, Bellport, L. I., N. Y., commanded the Hovey; Lt. Gen. N. Cole, 901 North Pine St., Charlotte, N. C., the Hovey; and Lt. John A. Baybutt, U. S. Coast Guard, 3313 St. N. W., Washington, D. C., the LST 759.

This announcement brought to 233 the total of naval vessels lost from all causes since the start of the war, including 202 sunk, 40 overdue and presumed lost, and 10 destroyed to prevent capture.

Snatched From The Japs Americans Captured In '12 Saved By Daring Rangers

By C. YATES McDANIEL AND RUSSELL BRINES
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Jan. 31 (Delayed)—Men of Batuan, Corregidor and Singapore—313 of them—were snatched from under the flaming muzzles of Japanese guns last night in an exploit of unmatched daring.

Some 400 picked men of the Sixth Ranger Battalion and Filipino guerrillas made a commando raid 53 miles behind enemy lines to empty a prison camp and partially fulfill one of the Philippines objectives closest to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's heart.

Man more hundreds of more able-bodied war prisoners had been sent to work camps in Japan. Hundreds of others had died.

All but two of the men were brought alive by the 121 men of the Sixth Ranger battalion who stormed into the prison stockade under command of Lt. Col. Henry Mucci of Bridgport, Conn. Their enticed backs flickered out when they were in sight of American lines.

The Rangers attacked with such meretricious precision that not one of the Japanese stockade guards was left alive or able to resist. And they attacked with such care that not one of the prisoners was scratched.

Wallace Men In Their Own Words Rescued Men Of Life

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt was reported in an authoritative Senate quarters today to have notified Senator Bailey, Kentucky, that he will sign legislation to divorce landing agencies from the Commerce Department.

The President's action, following a Senate vote to delay consideration of Henry Wallace's nomination for Secretary of Commerce, was regarded in administration quarters as virtually assuring current Senate approval of the appointment.

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Administration defeated all-out foes of Henry Wallace today by forcing a delay in Senate consideration of his Cabinet nomination.

Through the delay, which may extend into weeks, Wallace backers hoped to win ultimate confirmation of the former Vice-President by stripping the Commerce Department of its huge lending agencies.

Flight Before The Russians Berlin Attempts To Reassure That All Possible Done For Front Line

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
A grim picture of millions of German refugees fleeing a "gruesome fate" in the east was painted today in a Berlin wireless broadcast to German Army newspapers, the Federal Communications Commission reported.

Soviets Reach Oder Banks In Kustrin Region

Within a matter of minutes all had been released and were on their way to freedom, walking toward the backs of the Rangers or riding in captured cars.

Nearly 100 were so weak from malnutrition and three or four wounds that they could not walk when they were released.

The rescue cost the lives of 100 Filipinos in a guerrilla unit led by Lt. Col. Lapham of Iloilo, who had been ordered to take Japanese attack units to the coast.

The raiders killed 100 Japanese, one for every prisoner released, and 120 Japanese tanks.

The first mass liberation of prisoners was an all-night forced march to the coast in the Western Pacific.

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One Far Herd Among Saved

By DEAN BROWN
ANGELES, whom I met in the city of Los Angeles, said "I was captured at the time the Rangers stormed into the prison stockade."

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Massed For Major Attacks Defenses
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