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4,189 Yanks Give Lives In Conquest Of Jap Isle

Navy Announces Victory

By ELMONT WAITE
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM (AP)—The Navy announced today that 4,189 American Marines had been killed in the conquest of Iwo Jima, strategic Japanese island within 750 miles of Tokyo, and that the battle for Iwo "has been won."

It added that 15,308 Marines had been wounded and 441 are missing, making a total of 19,038 casualties sustained by three Marine Divisions in seizing the island.

"A very considerable number of the wounded already have returned to action, the press release said."

Two were invaded Feb. 19 by the Third and Fourth Marine Divisions, which were joined a few days later by the Fifth Marine Division.

NEW BATTLE COST

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said today that the bloody battle, the last invasion in the Pacific War, had been won and asserted the Marines fought "with great knowledge of the cost of an objective which had to be taken."

Organized resistance on Iwo ceased at 6 P. M. Friday (five time) when elements of the Third and Fifth Divisions broke through the enemy lines at Kitano Point at the northern tip of the island.

The casualties on Iwo, greatest of the Pacific war to date, topped those on Saipan of 16,525 in 24 days of organized resistance on that island in the Marianas, about 650 miles south of Iwo. The two campaigns lasted for days longer.

Nimitz sent this message of congratulations to all forces of the Pacific Ocean area:

"To Marines of the Fifth Amphibious Corps and to all supporting forces I send my admiration and congratulations on an achievement that brings this war much closer to its inevitable end. In capturing Iwo as it is important as it has taught you have overcome the most difficult defenses that skill and ingenuity could conceive."

Two-Minute News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Front
The Germans have reached the Remagen bridgehead and the Third Army's Meuse River. Enemy communications admit rather tardily that these American operations are beginning to assume serious importance.

First Army Yanks finally have cut the super-highway running east of the Rhine between the Ruhr and Frankfurt-on-the-Main. The vital road was crossed at two points. Front dispatches declare, however, that the Germans are building up for a major attack against the bridgehead. At the same time, Third Army tanks have crushed 12 miles beyond the Moselle River, and there are indications that the Germans are pulling out of the Moselle region in a hurry.

Russian Front
Two unconfirmed sources tell of new Soviet gains. A Moscow dispatch says that battles are in progress east of the Oder along a broad front. The fighting is said to be especially heavy on the Niesse (Niese) River. Another dispatch, this one from the Germans, admits that the Red Army has burst through Nazi defenses on the western approaches to Danzig.

Italy
Allied Headquarters in Rome announce the capture of the village of Serra, southwest of Bologna.

For Education Board Assembly Okays Ten Nominations

RALEIGH — (AP) — A joint session of the North Carolina Legislature today confirmed ten nominations for the State Board of Education made by Gov. Cherry, the terms to be staggered from two to eight years.

In conformity with a constitutional amendment approved by the people last November, eight of the members come from as many educational districts, a system set up by legislative enactment at this session, and also in conformity with the terms of the amendment, while the other two members were named at large. The new board will take office April 1.

The list includes:
District 1—John A. Pritchett, Windsor, two years.
District 2—Archibald McLean, Winston-Salem, eight years.
District 3 — A. S. Brower, Durham, six years.
District 4—Homer E. Stacey, Lumberton, four years.
District 5—Samuel Martin, Winston-Salem, four years.
District 6 — Dr. John S. Miller, Charlotte, six years.
District 7 — Mrs. H. S. Ferguson, Taylorsville, two years.
District 8 — D. Hiden Ramsey, Asheville, eight years.

New members of the board are Pritchett, Ferguson, Ramsey and Stacey. The latter three names were a former member of the school commission of the state.

In naming the new board Gov. Cherry directed the new board to select three of its members from the publishing, broadcasting and newspaper industries. The board is to be composed of 10 members, 8 from the school commission of the state.

Members at large—Dr. H. S. Ferguson, Asheville, eight years.

Violent Attack

Reds Start Drive In Stettin Sector

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

LONDON — (AP) — The Russians have opened a violent new attack against the last German positions east of the Oder in the Stettin area with a drumfire barrage followed by masses of tanks and infantry, the Germans reported today.

In East Prussia the Russians announced a seven-mile breakthrough to the shore of the Vistula River, a Baltic lagoon which divided the remnants of the 200,000 defenders of the Koenigsberg zone into two pockets. The Stettin and East Prussian offensives apparently were part of a wide-scale mopping-up operation along the German border.

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KEY TO NORTH FLANK
Stettin is the key to Berlin's north flank. For days the Russians have been reported on heights overlooking the city, Berlin's chief Baltic port, and pouring artillery fire into the streets.

The chief German bridgehead centered around Alt-Damm, the Stettin suburb on the eastern side of the city, which the Russians were reported to have penetrated at one time.

Another German bridgehead may be along the Dvencen, an outlet between the mainland and Wolin Island which connects Stettin Bay with the sea. The Russian cleared the island of German forces several days ago, but the Germans declared they regained a bridgehead.

The Germans said most of the 30,000 soldiers defending the island had been removed. Moscow broadcasts reported that the city had been turned into a fortress with all manner of fortifications and barricades erected in its streets and environs and its garrison strengthened by 50,000 men, 58 men, Volksgrenadiers and training school cadres.

Another German holdout garrison in Kolberg, Pomerania port on the Baltic 63 miles northwest of Stettin, appeared to be fighting its last.

Moscow dispatches said fall of the town of 33,000 was imminent, and a German broadcast said the garrison had been driven into the northern fringe and harbor area of the town and that the streets were "flooded with Russian troops."

RUSSIAN FRONT
On the Berlin front a German broadcast said the Russians had breached Koenigsberg, 35 miles east of the Baltic 63 miles northwest of Stettin, and on the west side of the Oder, but that the reinforcement had been broken. Koenigsberg is the last German fortress of Koenigsberg and besieged Frankfurt.

The Germans reported Soviet bridgeheads west of the Oder have been expanded until they hold about 100,000 Germans, but Moscow has never officially confirmed the crossing of the river.

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Shimbu Line Is Heavily Attacked

By RICHARD BERGHOLZ

MANILA — (AP) — American infantrymen smashed a wedge two miles deep into the crumbling Shimbu Line on Luzon Island today, perhaps trapping several thousand Japanese in the fifteen "more" villages in the Southern Philippines to spread their Mindanao beachhead over 28 miles.

A Japanese machine gun burst killed Maj. Gen. Edwin D. Patrick, commander of the Sixth Division, while sitting in a foxhole on the northern end of the Shimbu Line. Patrick, who was shot Wednesday, was the second division commander to be hit on the Shimbu Line. Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge of the First Cavalry is recovering from grenade wounds.

The Shimbu Line, roughly fifteen miles east of Manila, was cracked by a heavy blow from the Sixth Division, P. W. Wing's 3rd Division. Wing's infantrymen drove through between two of the enemy's southern defense lines and seized a network of roads, cutting off the enemy's route for thousands of Japanese.

Annihilation of the Shimbu Line was speeded by a new ship-bombing technique of fighter-bombers that sent bombs eddying into the mouths of tunnels and caves.

USE NEW MINES

On Mindanao Japanese artillery and electrically controlled land mines, used for the first time in the Southwest Pacific, slowed the American advance northward from Zamboanga.

Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's 41st Division on Mindanao, defeated resistance, captured the town of Zamboanga, five miles inland, while along the coast the beachhead was widened with the seizure of Manila.

The Yanks, who invaded Mindanao last Saturday, now have more than a score of villages besides the Zamboanga governmental center and two airbases, one a bomber field, five miles from Zamboanga.

On Luzon, where American rail and ship transportation is again operating in Manila, the Japanese are being driven out of the Shimbu Line. Mudge's First Cavalry Division and the Sixth Infantry Division are pushing the Japanese back into the mountains.

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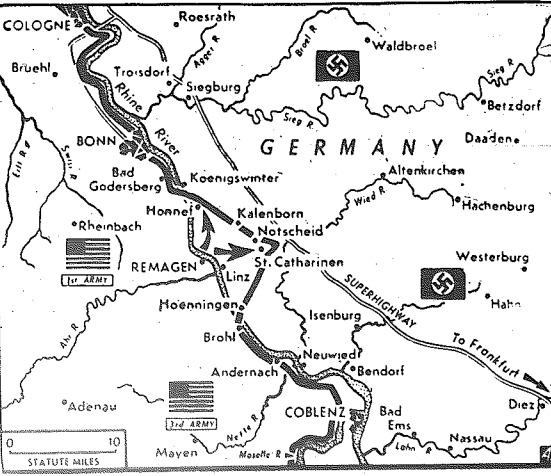
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Berlin Gets Night Raid

LONDON — (AP) — Bomb-blasted Berlin tonight received its 24th consecutive night raid last night after a specially trained American fleet had climaxed a peak day of Allied air operations with a 600-plane raid on the city.

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Bridgehead Lengthened; 3rd And 7th Armies Roll

New Great Trap Threatened

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS — (AP) — The First Army cut the Ruhr-Frankfurt superhighway east of the Rhine in two places today and extended the bridgehead to at least 13 miles in length.

The Americans beat off a German tank attack in heavy fighting four miles northeast of Linz, in the area where the bridgehead is six and a half miles wide. They fought into Koenigswinter in two mile gains within three miles of open tank country leading to the great Ruhr basin.

The Germans are building up for a major attack. Correspondent Don Whithead reported from the bridgehead.

The Germans estimated that more than 100,000 American troops in the bridgehead. The new U.S. 15th Army, and called it the most concentrated force since the Allies broke through in Belgium.

The towns of Rheinfelden and Stettin, six miles east of Remagen, fell to the new and captured First Army thrust through difficult terrain.

Fighting also was in progress in Stettin. Reiter added that the Americans made a two-mile advance to the West. The town of Stettin is six miles beyond the Rhine town of Linz.

GREAT STAGING BASE
The bridgehead was pushed six and a half miles deep at the widest point, and was being built into a great staging base for operations against the heartland of Germany.

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