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Shimbu Line Falls; Panay Japs Slain

MANILA—(AP)—Virtually all organized Japanese resistance has been crushed on the 4.448 square miles of Panay, Central Philippines island invaded Sunday, and the enemy's cave-studded Shimbu Line east of Manila on Luzon has collapsed, yielding a mass of war booty, head-quarters reported today.

In the spreading air war. Mitchell bombers caucht a six-ship enemy convoy off Amoy, China, Tues-

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Great Bomber Attack Heralds Drive In North

Saar-Palatinate Defeat Expected To Cost Nazis Over 100,000 Men

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS — (AP) — The Third and Seventh Armles crushed all but disorganized German pockets west of the Rhine today while Allied bombers smashed by the hundreds north of the Ruhr, where the enemy said the Allies had massed enormous, smoke-shrouded strength for an imminent new crossing of the River.

Only remnants remained to be cleaned up in the German chemical capital of Ludwigshafen, enveloped by the Third Army. A stiff fight for Maine flared into its third day. The Germans in the Palatinate and Saarland had lost probably well over 100,000 mem—88:335 in prisoners alone—and two whole armies in one of the greatest debades in Prussian military lore.

The U. S. Seventh Army sped 28 miles north, passing many positions captured by the Third and forming numerous lineups with the Third Army.

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