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BRITISH HEAD FOR PORT OKINAWA TOWNS SEIZED

Two Airfields Captured By Yank Forces

GUAM — (AP) — U. S. Marines and Army troops captured two airfields and a town on the island today.

The Yanks went ashore yesterday (6:30 P. M.) and captured two airfields and a town on the island.

By nightfall they had advanced miles deep at points on an island.

Front reports said a third airfield was seized.

The Yank invaders walked inland from the beach 200 yards or more without once being in such a position as to be shot at.

Tough fighting is expected now as the Japanese prepare for defense. The enemy stepped by invasion of Okinawa's western shore near Katsua after a 10-day bombing and bombardment of his eastern shore defense.

Size of the Yank invasion force was not announced but is numbered perhaps 100,000.

Final decisive victory is expected. Nimitz declared as personally read his Sunday communique.

Capture of Okinawa will give airfields for increased aerial bombardment of the enemy's main islands and continued blockade.

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WESTERN FRONT—Catastrophe befell German armies when two U. S. armored columns closed Ruhr entrenchment, welding steel cordon near Paderborn and pushing eastward.

Leaves High Post

Byrnes Resigns; Vinson Successor

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Roosevelt announced today the resignation of James F. Byrnes as Director of War Relocation Authority.

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Attack Made By Germans

WITH U. S. FIRST ARMY — The Germans launched their first coordinated attack today to break an escape corridor through the Allied steel ring circling the Ruhr.

The attack was made by the First Army's Ninth Army.

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Big New Troop Is Threatened For German

3rd Army Reaches Kassel And Troops Within 155 Miles Of Berlin

PARIS — (AP) — The American First and Ninth Armies have trapped 21 divisions of 110,000 enemy troops in the Ruhr and the British are driving swiftly northeast.

The Ninth Army has advanced 100 miles east of the well past the Ruhr and the west steel and coal region.

THIRD ARMY DIVISIONS — L. Gen. George Patton's Third Army is swiftly and steadily driving into Kassel and Paderborn.

The British Second Army, which is driving into Kassel and Paderborn.

American and British armored troops are driving into Kassel and Paderborn.

L. Gen. Sir Miles S. Dempsey's British Second Army is driving into Kassel and Paderborn.

Trapped Germans in the Ruhr are being ordered to attack in an attempt to break the steel ring.

The Doughboys held firm in hard fighting.

SILENCE LIFTED — Field Marshal Montgomery lifted the last of the 21st Army Group advances in the Westphalian Plains late today.

Among towns captured were Rhine and the British are in the outskirts of Grola.

The entire German Army Group is being driven into the Ruhr.

In the 4,000 square mile Ruhr are five tank, ten infantry, two parachute and four other divisions.

The trapped Germans threaten about looking for a weak spot they could not find.

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Mecklenburg Casualties

(Stories Inside)

KILLED — Capt. Grover Bernard ...

WOUNDED — Pfc. E. H. Shepherd ...

Two-Minute News Roundup

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Third Army Joins Combat

American Easily Smash Japs In Daring Plunge On Okinawa

... with their guns slung on their shoulders.

CIVILIANS INACTIVE — A half million civilians that have been evacuated from the area have been ordered to remain inactive.

James Strong, Associated Press writer, said that the Japanese are being driven into the Ruhr.