

WARGAME SPEEDS UP INVAISON ON LEYTE

DEFENDERS OF AACHEN SURRENDER

All Resistance To American Forces Ended

To The North, Canadians Press Offensive In Antwerp Region

By WILLIAM FRYE LONDON.—(AP)—Eight hundred German troops, the last defenders of wasted Aachen, surrendered unconditionally at noon today and all resistance ended inside and in the suburbs of the first big German city to fall to American arms.

Two thousand prisoners already had been taken by first Army men who captured the medieval city 40 miles from Cologne.

Despite Hitler's orders to resist to the death, the 800 men were unceremoniously killed or captured when Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' doughboys pressed them into hopeless traps at the fringe after taking the center of the city.

Seventy miles to the northwest, the Canadian First Army pushed a three-pronged offensive, four miles nearer the Germans today.

British infantry and Canadian tanks entered the road-junction of Wharfedale, thirteen miles north of Antwerp on the Antwerp-Breda Highway, and sent patrols probing out mile or two northward.

The offensive was the second phase of the battle with use of Antwerp port as a supply base. The first phase was drawing in and neutralizing Antwerp, with Canadians steady.

In Eastern Holland, U. S. forces pushed within 4,000 yards of a German communications stronghold near the Maas River.

A Berlin broadcast said American troops were consolidating positions southeast of Venray on the Dutch frontier.

A British broadcast said American troops had been ordered to attempt to cross the Moselle river.

News Roundup

The Far East American troops at Iwo Jima and the Philippines, and an announcement from England has revealed that the British are sending a great part of their main fleet to the Pacific.

Italy English Army troops have made considerable progress north of the Rimini to Bologna Highway, taking a town thirteen miles above Rimini.

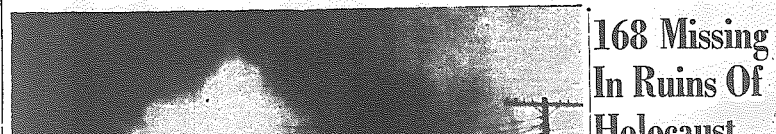
Greece In Greece, British troops are supporting a town 1,000 miles north of Athens, while sea troops still lie northward.

On the Home Front The death toll in Cleveland's great two-day fire is rising hourly. The chairman of the Cleveland Red Cross unit has warned that deaths may reach the 200 mark.

Western Front The Nazi garrison of Aachen has finally surrendered. All organized German resistance in the area ended when the German border city, although with 800 Germans, was surrounded unconditionally to American First Army forces.

Eastern Front American Liberators from Italy captured the Reichsmark in Hungary with a bombing of railroad stations and a house of parliament.

70 Dead In Cleveland Fire



CLEVELAND CONFLAGRATION.—The death toll stood at 70 and 168 persons were missing in a tremendous fire in Ohio city which started when liquid gas storage tanks exploded. An umbrella of flame covered an area blocks square, swallowing buildings.

At Remick, 12 miles southeast of Laverghem, Belgium, the 12th Army Group crossed the river near Remick or captured, said this unconfirmed account.

Yank Airmen Blast Dam To Flood Region

LONDON.—(AP)—American Thunderbolts tore a breach in a French dam east of the Third Army front yesterday and after a second day's attack the river had surged out of its banks in a widening flood as far as Metz.

Slavs And Soviets Mop Up Belgrade

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Partisans, joined with the Red Army today in drives toward the Croatian puppet seat of Zagreb and Budapest, the straits and Soviet forces under Gen. Fedor I. Tolbukhin.

Say Lindy Fought Japs

PASSAIC, N. J.—(AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh flew on combat missions during his recent trip to the Pacific, he said today, and is unofficially credited with shooting down a Japanese plane, the Pacific Herald-News said.

Hint Russians To Invade Norway

LONDON.—(AP)—The Berlin radio hinted tonight that the Russians soon would strike in an invasion of Norway.

Two-Minute News Roundup

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Fall Of Two Jap Airfields

Appears Near

Gigantic American Force Presses Invasion of Philippines

By C. YATES McDANIEL Associated Press War Correspondent GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES, Oct. 21.—The fall of two Japanese airfields appeared imminent today as well supplied troops of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, backed by overwhelming naval and air might, drove inland on all sectors at Leyte in the Central Philippines on the second day of invasion.

The 6,000-foot bomber field at Tacloban on the northeast was approached by one force. To the south, another force which advanced at such speed that Al Dopping, Associated Press war correspondent said it was difficult to keep up with the men, was on the outskirts of an airfield near Dulag.

Japan's Fifteenth Division, remembered for its torture of the Americans and Filipinos who surrendered at Bataan, had succeeded nowhere in mustering a large scale counter attack.

Pending the seizure and utilization of land air bases, American planes from escort carrier swoops as flying artillery on the estimated 20,000 defenders of Leyte, showing up pill boxes and spewing death among convoys.

The enemy airforce, operating from the few fields in the Philippines which could be momentarily repaired, managed two scattered night raids against small units of the 600-ship convoy which carried the Sixth Army and Central Pacific units to the invasion.

Chiefman Stanley Orr of the Central Pacific Cross unit, in a message to Washington Red Cross Headquarters, expressed the fear that fatalities might reach 200.

Witnesses said the first strike on the beach was carried over a 50-block district at 11 A. M. (Central War Time) but was under control, 3,500 HOMELESS.

An estimated 3,500 persons were made homeless by flames cascading from the heights of smoke which were masses of fire lowering to a height of 2,500 feet. Possibly 10,000 others were scattered from their homes because of utilities disruption and the danger of further fires.

Families from the stricken section choked nearby streets.

Berlin Story (Berlin announced last night that Red Army troops had penetrated twelve miles inside East Prussia on an 80-mile front.)

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