

JAP WAR CRUISES

British Troops Mop Up Dutch Road Junction

By WILLIAM FRYE. LONDON—(AP)—British troops, turning flamethrowers against German bazooka nests, struck through the big Dutch road junction of 'S Hertogenbosch in mop-up operations today, and the Germans fell back in retreat on a fifteen-mile front above and below that key city.

Red Army In Invasion Of Norway Nazis Evacuate Norse Port

LONDON—(AP)—The Russian Army has crossed the frontier into Norway, Marshal Stalin announced tonight. The order of the day broadcast by Moscow said Gen. K. I. Meretskov's Arctic Army which crossed the frontier had already captured the Norwegian seaport of Kirkenes.



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. ACTION IN PHILIPPINE WATERS—Japanese efforts to cut off their troops in American-invaded Leyte Island have resulted in a big three-pronged naval-air engagement.

Jap Carrier Sunk; Princeton Is Lost

By Charles H. McMurtry U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor—(AP)—Carrier planes of the U. S. Third fleet have sunk a large Japanese carrier, damaged two other large carriers, five or six battleships, one cruiser and several other unidentified warships in a great three-pronged naval battle which is still continuing near the Philippines.

The U.S.S. Princeton, a light carrier in Admiral William F. Halsey's force, was lost when, already badly crippled, her magazines exploded and she had to be sunk by American ships. No mention was made in the 1:30 A. M. communique issued by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz of any great sea battle between American fleet units and the Japanese fleet, as claimed by the Japanese radio since late yesterday.

News Roundup

Eastern Front According to the Berlin radio, German forces have evacuated their Norwegian air and U-boat base at Kirkenes, 100 miles east on the Arctic coast. The Nazi withdrawal from Kirkenes is taken as meaning that Soviet troops have smashed across the Finnish border into Norway.

Super-Forts Raid Japan

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Super-Forts of the 50th Air Force staged a daylight assault on strategic targets on Kyushu, the northernmost of the main Japanese home islands today and the Tokyo radio said about 100 of the big B-29s participated.

Yanks Score Long Advance On Leyte

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES—(AP)—Pushing all opposition aside and crushing feeble Japanese counter-attacks, American forces liberated fourteen more towns and barrios and advanced to the outskirts of Tabontaban, eight miles northwest of Dulag, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters announced today.

Tokyo Says 11 U. S. & 3 Jap Ships Sunk

By ASSOCIATED PRESS. Optimistic Tokyo radio reported today that eleven American and three Japanese warships were sunk in a great sea-air battle raging in Philippine waters.

Italy

Fifth Army troops have made important progress in the Italian mountainous south of Bologna, in spite of strong Nazi resistance.

Sinatra Outdistanced

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—An Army officer in New Guinea has written to thank Bing Crosby for saving his life with crooning.

Calm Crosby Crooning Sets Snake A-Snoozing

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Argentine Recalls London Attache

LONDON—(AP)—Argentina has recalled its London ambassador, the Argentine government announced today.

British Continue March In Greece

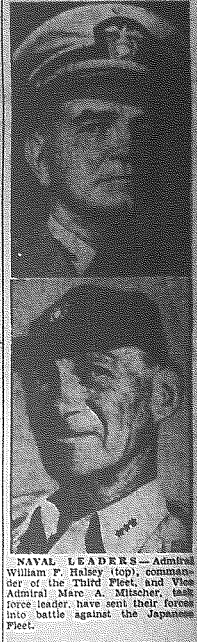
ROME—(AP)—British troops following the German withdrawal out of Greece have entered Lania, 30 miles north of Lania, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Japs Give Battle Story

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—In an English-language broadcast to Australia, the Tokyo radio today gave a play-by-play description of a sea battle off the Philippines in which the Japanese claimed to have sunk or damaged 16 American warships.

Weather

Partly cloudy to clear and a little warmer today, but with little change in temperature tomorrow.



NAVAL LEADERS—Admiral William F. Halsey (top), commander of the Third Fleet, and Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, task force leader, have sent their force into battle against the Japanese.