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WAR NEWS

U. S. And Jap Feets Trade Raiding Blows

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines (AP)—Heavy gung of Japanese and American naval task forces traded raiding blows Tuesday and Wednesday on island bases 1,500 miles apart but the Japanese came off worse, with three destroyers sunk, a battleship and cruiser damaged.

Roosevelt Takes Step In Dispute

Wartime Policies To Be Enforced

CHICAGO (AP)—The Army took possession of Montgomery Ward & Co. properties in seven cities today under an executive order of President Roosevelt, who declared the Government "cannot and will not tolerate any interference with war production in this critical hour."

Nazi Ultimatum Spurned Siege Of Bastogne Lifted After Heroic Yank Stand

By EDWARD D. BALL WITH U. S. FORCES—The siege of the gallant Bastogne garrison has been broken, and part of its story can be told today. The heroic American garrison pointed artillery, machine guns and mortars in all directions after their commander sent a curt one-word reply—"Nuts!"—to the German's surrender ultimatum.

Enemy Salient Hammered At Thinnest Neck

Within Less Than 20 Miles Of Junction; Corridor To Bastogne Holds By JAMES M. LONG PARIS (AP)—American forces cutting into both sides of the Von Rundstedt bulge at its thinnest neck fought to within less than twenty miles of a junction, 26-hour old reports from the front said tonight.

Two-Minute News Roundup

Western Front—The latest word from the Western Front is that less than twenty miles separate American troops attacking the Nazi corridor from the north. The official situation 30 hours ago, and it's possible that the Americans cutting into the German bulge are now closer to a junction.

London Paper Hails 'GI Joe Of Bastogne'

LONDON (AP)—The Evening News today hailed the "GI Joe of Bastogne" as the "greatest hero of the war."

Enemy Turned Back Jap Navy Suffers New Failure In Struggle For Philippines

By SPENCER DAVIS BOMBERS HEADQUARTERS, Mindoro, Philippines (AP)—The enemy attempt to bombard American positions on Mindoro Island was checked up by the Japanese Navy. One enemy battleship, one cruiser, and six destroyers stood off the Western shore of Mindoro Island to carry out the shelling.

Keep 'Em Flying 1,700 Bombers Hammer Targets

LONDON (AP)—Seventeen hundred heavy bombers hammered eleven rail targets in Western Germany today despite bad weather which curtailed close air support for the British.

Simon Reports News Favorable But Situation 'Critical'

WASHINGTON (AP)—War Secretary Simon said today the latest news from France is favorable, but that the overall situation on the Western Front "continues critical."

Gen. Von Kluge's Suicide Confirmed

The British press said today a broadcast received by the OWI today confirmed that Gen. Von Kluge had killed himself.

WEATHER Fairly cloudy and somewhat warmer; this afternoon to be mainly cloudy with showers and colder with passing sun.

Shot Misses Churchill

ATHENS (AP)—Warring Greek political factions were agreed today to formation of a regency in a step towards peace, as British military authorities reported a withdrawal of some ELAS forces from Athens to positions on highways leading into the city.

Superforts Hit Tokyo

By VERN HAUGLAND 21ST BOMBER COMMAND, San Francisco (AP)—Superforts pounded a surprised Tokyo for an hour and a half Wednesday night, dropping 1,000 tons of bombs.

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