

AMERICANS MAKE WELL BEYOND CA Americans Make All-Out Effort To Win On Leyte SCORE BREAK-THROUGH IN GARY

Nazi Forces Swept Back On 75-Mile Front

LONDON (AP)—Premier Stalin announced tonight in an order of the day that the Russian Army under Marshal Rodion Malinovsky had broken through German defenses northeast of Budapest on a 75-mile front and reached the Danube north of the Hungarian capital.

In storming to the Danube, Stalin said the town of Vas on the Danube fifteen miles north of the capital, was captured by the Russians. Fall of the town also had been admitted by the German High Command.

Negrad, eight miles northwest of Vas, also was taken, the order of the day said.

FORCES LINK UP

Stalin's broadcast order said other forces under Malinovsky had forced the Danube below the capital and linked with Marshal Fedor to Lubbim's Third Ukrainian Army driving toward the capital from the southwest and toward Budapest by Russians.

Outskirts Of Ormoc Attacked

Yanks On Move In All Sectors

By MURLIN SPENCER
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines—(AP)—Storming the outskirts of the port city of Ormoc, the recently landed U. S. 7th Division broadened the coastal center of two main traps on West Leyte today and a front-line dispatch told of accelerated Japanese flooding in disregard of orders to stand or die.

In the main, however, there was bitter Japanese resistance.

U. S. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army, going all-out to wind up the Central Philippine campaign, was on the move in all sectors, penetrating from three directions on Ormoc.

NAVAL PATROLS

Naval patrol boats were maintained in the Camotes sea in an effort to check off the last trickle of enemy shipments to that heavily fortified reinforcement base. Today's communiqué disclosed the patrol boats fully loaded with small vessels and set a growth ablaze.

Far out over the Philippines from Luzon to Mindanao, Army, Marine and Navy planes hunted down other enemy ships, sinking a 9,000-ton transport and destroying or damaging 14 small freighters in operations just reported.

Enemy stragglers of Guam, powered they way north for two miles from the point of Thursday's amphibious landing to seize the former U. S. Army base of Camp Down on the edge of Ormoc. This seizure was scored yesterday, the third anniversary of the first enemy blow struck at the Philippines.

Five miles south of the 77th's beachhead, the northbound Seventh Division swept beyond Pasig to seize Balgo and inland high ground north of the Tabaco Pacific Ocean area. Harmon also is deputy commander of the Twelfth Air Force, which has charge of all B-29 operations.

Nimitz said a "stealthy" force of B-29s participated in the raid and could carry 10 tons of bombs on such a mission, and the Liberators could pack at least two tons in the payload. He said the use of "stealthy" force by Nimitz has meant 75 to 100 planes.

That pass ten miles due west of Boracay near where American ground forces still are probing the wilds for any survivors of the 1,000 Japanese paratroopers dropped behind the lines Wednesday for sabotage purposes.

The Ruin Of War Along The Road To Berlin



BATTERED CITY—American soldiers, slogging relentlessly through endless seas of rubble toward Berlin, are greeted by scenes of death, destruction and devastation as they pass through liberated areas. In Blomhoff, near Strasbourg, the broken masonry of blasted homes was trod upon by fighting Yanks.

Great Winter Offensive Saps Nazi Strength

Almost Fourth Of German Western Front Divisions Destroyed

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS (AP)—The U. S. Third Army stabbed a half mile to a mile deeper beyond the Saar today while at Supreme Headquarters it was estimated the Germans lost 152,000 men in the first three weeks of the winter offensive.

At present strength, that toll is equal to seventeen enemy divisions.

The attrition rate of 6,600 Germans a day from Nov. 8 to Nov. 23 represents destruction of almost one-fourth of the 72 divisions which authoritative French sources had estimated earlier this week as the total German strength on the Western Front.

It was learned at Supreme Headquarters that seven German divisions were regarded as utterly destroyed—meaning they are no longer appearing in any form on the battlefield—and 22 others, four of them armored or armored grenadiers, were severely battered.

Pacific Raids Bonins Raked By B-29's, Warships

By LEIF ERICKSON
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor (A)—Two Jima's threat to the American Superfortress base at Saipan was considerably diminished today after a thorough co-ordinated pounding by warships and perhaps the biggest land-based air fleet ever used against an island target in the Pacific war.

Scores of Superfortresses and B-29 four-engine Liberators flying under a shield of 30 Lightning fighters, scored a ferocious attack on bombs yesterday on the Japanese base in the Bonin Islands which warships sent destructive salvoes ashore in the first combined action of its kind.

Six Japanese planes took the air in a feeble attempt to intercept. Five were shot down and the sixth was damaged.

Rear Adm Alan E. Smith's task force almost certainly included cruiser and destroyer escorts.

BOMBING ROUTE CLEARED

The bombing route on the island only eight square miles in size, 70 miles south of the main island to clear the B-29 bombing route to

News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Front

American Third Army troops have pushed a little farther beyond the Saar River. Supreme Allied Headquarters has revealed estimates that the Nazis lost about 152,000 men in the first three weeks of the Allied winter offensive. That's a break-out rate of 6,600 Germans a day and about six divisions a week. And the equivalent of 17 enemy divisions of supplies and equipment.

The United States War Department has announced that the Third Army General Patton and First Army General Hodges have been cited for their distinguished service.

Air Warfare

Official air news from London is that American Flying Forts have gained the Nazi radar base at Stuttgart. The B-29's dropped 1,000 tons of bombs on the big traffic center in southern Germany after flying through 15 hours of enemy anti-aircraft fire. Three hundred enemy fighters planes also made the trip but there was no Nazi fighter opposition.

Russian Front

The Russians have done it again. Marshal Stalin has announced a new Soviet breakthrough in Hungary. This time Russian troops under Marshal Rodion Malinovsky have blasted Nazi defenses northeast of Budapest on a 75-mile front. The Red Army units have reached the Danube River north of Budapest.

Soviet troops slipped to within 15 miles of Budapest from the north-east. At the same time, other Russian forces captured a Danube River point, Ercet, 12 miles south of Budapest.

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Japs Report Tokyo Raid

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
ANALYSTS in Japan, Tokyo and the Inland Sea area today (Japanese Times), the Japanese radio announced.

The Japanese reported one B-29 flew over the capital and dropped a few incendiary bombs. The other B-29s appeared separately and flew over Tokyo, one of them for about an hour, without dropping one bomb, the broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission said.

The second sortie over the Japanese capital was followed an hour later by an hour-long raid on the Seto Naikai Japanese designation for the Inland Sea coastal area.

There was no indication by Tokyo on how many planes were involved in the Seto Naikai action. The Japanese made no report of damage at either Tokyo or Seto Naikai.

The Inland Sea flows between the home Japanese islands of Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu and the strong Kuroshio naval base in the Inland Sea. It may have been the target of a bombing raid. The broadcast did not say B-29s were involved in the Seto Naikai raid.

"That the enemy is making raids in this way with a very high rate of success, it is indicative of the fact that they are aimed at a war of nerves."

Chinese Regain Railroad Town

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING—The railroad town of Shengsu, eighteen miles south of newly-captured Tzushan, was retaken last night in the Chinese campaign to clear Kweichow Province of the Japanese, the Chinese High Command announced today.

"The Tzushan sector now has been cleared of enemy remnants and pursuing operations to the south are continuing," the High Command communiqué said. Shengsu lies 82 miles southeast of Kweichow, the provincial capital, and less than five miles from the border of Kwangsi Province, from which the invaders thrust into Kweichow toward Chungking. Most of the invaders has already been driven out of the reinforced divisions of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Anybody Wants Buy A Good, Used Jail?

CASTLE, N. C.—(AP)—The townships has a jail for sale and Mayor E. L. Meseh said today it would make a very satisfactory garage.

The Town Board had night rejected three bids because they were too low. The highest was \$300. The brick building was 20 feet by 10 feet, 10,000 cubic feet and had 10 cells.

There has been no complaint of the jail for the past three years.

WEATHER

Fair and rather cool today (night and tomorrow) with moderate temperatures 32-50.
Temperature at 2:30 Today High at 50 Low at 34 Tomorrow High at 50 Low at 34
Barbarie Zimmerman

Husband No. 15 Asks Annulment

DETROIT—Husband No. 1 filed suit in Circuit Court yesterday for an annulment of his marriage to Kathie B. Galvin Spang-Kovach, etc., who admitted sixteen husbands during her last July on charges of fraudulently obtaining alimony checks from services. Completed, she was sentenced to six years in Algonquin, W. Va., Reformatory.

Hubby No. fifteen, Pat S. Galvin, a real estate salesman, said in his bill of complaint that he married Kovach Oct. 22, 1943 in Salem, Ind. They had been wed eight days, he asserted, when he learned of her marriage to Hubby No. four, Claude F. Fox of Phoenix, Ariz., and later discovered it was but one of many matrimonial ventures.

Robin Hood Steals From Boss To Aid Office Pals

NEW YORK—A Robin Hood story, with a Fifth Avenue hangout and a blonde bookkeeper in the role of the beneficent outlaw, unfolded today in Foley Court.

There, a pretty accountant, Mrs. Madeline Dumigan, 22, was arraigned on a grand larceny charge—a prosaic phrase to describe this story which Assistant District Attorney Francis M. Clark said Mrs. Dumigan told him.

In the past year, Mrs. Dumigan told Clark she had stolen approximately \$4,000 from her employer, Owen H. Gropper, distributing the money in increased salaries to fellow employees, cash gifts to friends, including services, and for herself.

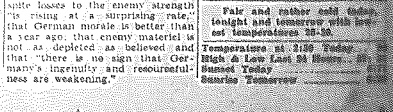
One fellow employee's salary was increased from \$30 to \$55 a week. Another employee was raised from \$3 to \$15 a day. One friend received \$25 weekly. Mrs. Dumigan who earned \$10 a week, used some of the money to purchase clothes for herself.

Clark said Gropper learned that his money had been empty when creditors asked for checks and Mrs. Dumigan told him funds were not available.

Oak Leaf Clusters Go To Hodges And Patton

WASHINGTON—(AP)—17 Oak Leaf Clusters, announced by Gen. George S. Patton and Gen. Omar H. Bradley, commanders of the Third and First American Armies, respectively, have been awarded Chief Oak Leaf Clusters for their distinguished service medals.

Both awards, the War Department announced today, were for their leadership in the campaigns for the capture of Metz, France, by the Third Army and Hodges' capture of Metz, France, by the First Army during World War I. Patton was awarded his first Cluster in 1917.



TOLL OF THE ENEMY—In Gellonkirchen, American soldiers came across this tank full of dead Germans, burned to a crisp. The picture is mute testimony to the terrific toll taken of the enemy and of Allied soldiers by the intense fighting. (ACME Photos.)