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THIRD ARMY SCORES ADVANCES; NAZIS ATTACK SEVENTH ARMY

Yanks Boost Leyte Toll Of Jap Dead

Indian-Style Tactics Used

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines — (AP) — Doughboys mopping up Leyte resorted to warfare in the style of the American Indian — moving rapidly by night and striking isolated pockets at dawn—as they brought to 117,997 the total Japanese dead on this bloody Philippines island.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in his communique today that 1,191 more Japanese had been killed in the 24 hours ended Friday.

Organized resistance on Leyte was declared ended Christmas Day, but small bands of Japanese still roamed the rugged country, foraging for food and fleeing the Yanks who control the Ormoc Valley and all main roads.

In Indian style, MacArthur's men were pursuing these scattered remnants of Nippon's Blue Ribbon division, wiping out pockets of 200 to 300 men marooned on the northwest shoulder of the island.

The Japanese hurled new air assaults against American shipping and installations at Mindoro Island on Saturday but fourteen of 30 attacking planes were shot down, MacArthur reported. In two days of such assaults 32 enemy aircraft have been destroyed.

No mention was made of American casualties or damage.

(The Japanese Domei News Agency claimed, wholly without confirmation, that thirteen more transports and three additional cruisers had been sunk or damaged, for a two days total of 33 American ships.)

LUZON RAIDED

Liberators operating off Mindoro and Leyte airfields hit choice targets on Luzon Island and sank a 5,000-ton freighter-transport in Lingayen Gulf.

A small freighter and three

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LLOYD GEORGE

Lloyd George Made Earl

LONDON — (AP) — David Lloyd George, Britain's foremost elder statesman who held a seat in Commons for 54 years, has been raised to an earldom, receiving the highest distinction on King George VI's New Year's honor list.

The award came less than a week after Lloyd George had announced he was retiring from Commons for health reasons, and only sixteen days from his 82nd birthday.

TO HOUSE OF LORDS

The King thus sends to the House of Lords the man who in many years of public life fought that House bitterly and at times threatened to destroy it.

Hints At New Travel Order

WASHINGTON —(AP)—A hint of early action to reduce passenger travel came today from ODT Director James Monroe Johnson. Johnson said co-operation of the public has not been "nearly enough," but he declined to say in an interview what specific steps he has in mind.

Because the Office of Defense Transportation regards travel rationing as involving complex administrative problems, it was believed the first move would be directed against conventions and similar gatherings.

Buda Nearly Cleared Of Nazi Troops

Reds Move Near Center Of City

LONDON — (AP) — Hard-fighting Russian shock troops have hurled the Germans out of two-thirds of Buda, the western half of Budapest and today neared the Danube embankment in the center of the burning Hungarian capital.

Battling amidst scenes of slaughter unrivalled since Stalingrad, Red Army units overran 300 blocks of houses and buildings in Buda yesterday, while in Pest, eastern half of the capital, Soviet spearheads had driven three miles into inner defenses.

Simultaneously, north of the city Russian troops smashed the last enemy remnants trapped in the Pilis Hills in the Danube knee and swept the Germans out of northeastern Hungary into Slovakia on a 200-mile front from the mouth of the Ipoly River to the frontier town of Satoraljaujhely.

A midnight Soviet bulletin said 3,700 Axis troops have been killed in the New Year's Eve battling in the heart of Budapest, making a 48-hour toll of 7,300. Twenty-two tanks and 65 repeated guns were captured.

The Russians were blowing up fortified buildings in the hills of Buda, burying the die-man defenders.

"Fierce struggles are taking place for every building," the communique reported.

OTHER VICTORIES

The Russians scored other successes on the Hungarian front yesterday, plunging to within six miles southeast of the Slovak junction of Losone (Lucenec), 75 miles northeast of Budapest, and made a new crossing of the Hron River at two points west of Leva (Levice). In the latter sector the Russians were only 65 miles from Bratislava and 93 east of Vienna.

Meanwhile, Nazi commentators on the Berlin radio told of Russian preparations for a big Winter offensive. They said the Red Army was massing men and materials on the way to Krakow, southern Polish stronghold on the threshold of German Silesia, and were probing Nazi lines in East Prussia.

Fifth Regains Italian Ground

ROME—(AP)—Fifth Army troops pressing forward in the Serchio River area of the Italian front, have recaptured all the ground taken by the Germans east of the river in their recent heavy attack, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Advancing from Barga, which was retaken yesterday, the American forces drove a mile and a half and occupied the hill town of Sommocolonia, which had been one of the first strongholds to fall before the abortive enemy offensive.

On the Po Valley front Eighth Army troops continued to move forward north of Faenza, capturing several localities against strong enemy resistance.

Fifth Army troops also made small gains west of the Serchio River under fire from Germans entrenched in the hills overlooking Gallicano.

The Allied advances on the east side of the river amounted to about four miles in the last few days.

Allied patrols on the right flank of the Fifth Army sector below Bologna were met by heavy German fire while attempting to cross the Senior River, near Rivola, and had to withdraw.

Meanwhile, the Germans stepped up their heavy mortar fire in the central sector adjacent to the Florence-Bologna highway.

The Tyrrhenian coastal sector, where unusual Nazi movements had been reported, was quiet today.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and colder today with snow flurries this afternoon; lowest temperature around 26; much colder tonight.

Temperature at 2:30 Today:	48
High & Low Last 24 Hours:	59; 47
Sunset Today	5:32
Sunrise Tomorrow	8:31

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STATUTE MILES
PRE-WAR BORDERS AS OF JAN. 1, 1938
NORWAY
SWEDEN
FINLAND
SCOTLAND
ENGLAND
DENMARK
GERMANY
POLAND
1944
RUSSIA
Balkan Offensive
Summer Offensive
Front at End of 1943
Present Front
Dec. 16 Offensive
CZECHOSLOVAKIA
AUSTRIA
FRANCE
1944
June 6 D-Day
NORMANDY
ROMANIA
ITALY
Aug. 15 Invasion
May 11 Offensive
SPAIN
Madrid
Barcelona
Bordeaux
Bay of Biscay
Marseilles
Rome
Naples
Sicily
Sardinia
Corsica
BALEARIC IS.
Mediterranean Sea
Black Sea
Sevastopol
Odessa
Kiev
Moscow
Stalingrad
Caucasus
Rostov
Kharkov
Smolensk
Leningrad
Murmansk
Vladivostok
Tokyo
Osaka
Shanghai
Chungking
Calcutta
Bombay
Karachi
Delhi
Rangoon
Bangkok
Saigon
Manila
Iwo Jima
Guam
Saipan
Tarawa
Pearl Harbor
Honolulu
Midway
Wake
Aleutians
Alaska
Hawaii
Philippines
Borneo
Sumatra
Java
Australia
Darwin
Sydney
Melbourne
Perth
Tasmania
Wellington
New Zealand
Tokyo
Osaka
Nagasaki
Hiroshima
Kyushu
Shikoku
Honshu
Hokkaido
Sea of Japan
Yellow Sea
East China Sea
Philippine Sea
Coral Sea
Tasman Sea
Indian Ocean
Bay of Bengal
Arabian Sea
Persian Gulf
Red Sea
Mediterranean Sea
Black Sea
Caspian Sea
Aral Sea
Lake Baikal
Lake Ladoga
Lake Onega
Lake Balaton
Lake Constance
Lake Geneva
Lake Victoria
Lake Tanganyika
Lake Nyasa
Lake Superior
Lake Michigan
Lake Huron
Lake Erie
Lake Ontario
Great Salt Lake
Lake Titicaca
Lake Maracaibo
Lake Nicaragua
Lake Chapala
Lake Titicaca
Lake Poopo