

THE CAROLINA GAZETTE NEWS

Entrenched Japanese Stubbornly Resist Manila Drive

Cavite Naval Base Now In Yanks' Hands

By YATES McDANIEL (AP) — Hopes for a relatively rapid cleanup in Manila's south Pasig district, where fierce fighting has been going on for days, began to fade today because of the stubborn resistance of Japanese troops along Taft Ave. to the College Ground near Harrison Park.

This hotly contested area was still a mile from the waterfront. The Japanese were known to be in many parts of the intervening terrain.

Troops of the 37th Infantry Division captured the Masonic Temple on Taft Avenue yesterday. They did not report how much damage the edifice had sustained.

Although fighting continued stiff the situation was improving hourly. Enemy artillery fire diminished sharply. It was directed unsuccessfully against our pentagon bridges across the Pasig River.

The enemy's ammunition dumps seemed to be running low and 37th Division Infantrymen fought today house-to-house against only automatic and small arms fire. The Japanese apparently had run out of mortar ammunition. Further evidence of this was that some attacking Japanese resorted to smoke grenades.

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May Have Joined On Berlin Front

By RICHARD KASISCHKE (LONDON) — (AP) — Russian troops attacking north-west of Breslau toward a junction with Red armies before Berlin have seized the river strongholds of Sprottau and Neusatz, Marshal Stalin announced tonight, and the German command said they had broken into Sprottau 17 miles northwest of Sprottau.

A Moscow dispatch also described how Marshal Konev's army had crossed through the Queis River line in a westward drive toward the city of Breslau.

Thirty-Seventh Division Infantrymen of Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beighler, using flamethrowers, rifles and hand grenades, captured the town after a slow push through streets and alleyways, over and around wrecked houses, churches, hospitals and canteens. Many Japanese sets to be added to the burning list are buried in the debris.

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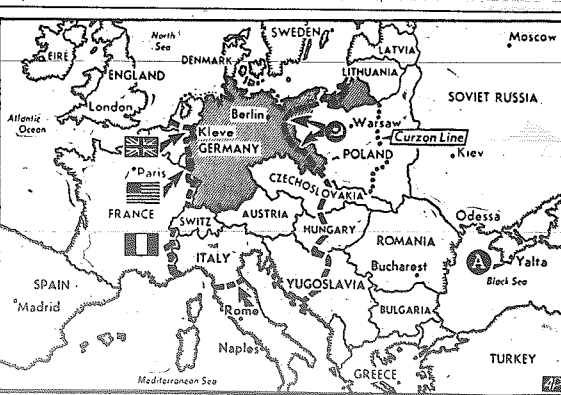
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SUBJECT OF THE "BIG THREE" CONFERENCE AT YALTA — This map shows where Allied armies on three fronts (broken lines) are pressing against Germany (shaded area), subject of the "Big Three" discussions at Yalta (A). The Curzon Line (dotted), with slight digressions, was recommended by the "Big Three" territory, but the plan proposed a compromise Poland by giving her portions of German territory, possibly East Prussia and part of Silesia. (AP Wirephoto Map).

Allied Planes Hit Dresden

LONDON — (AP) — More than 2,250 U. S. bombers and fighters struck Dresden in widespread attacks today, delivering a main thrust. Dresden which was already burning from a night assault by 800 heavy bombers.

Dresden is only 68 miles or less from advancing Russian troops, and is a nerve center of Nazi defenses in central Germany.

Part of the American force, consisting of more than 1,200 Flying Fortresses and Liberators and 550 fighters, also bombed targets at Chemnitz, 35 miles southwest of Dresden, and at Magdeburg, 75 miles west of Berlin.

A fourth formation was assigned to knock out the important railway bridge at West, nineteen miles ahead of the Canadian First Army.

The RAP bombed perhaps 2,200 tons of bombs on Dresden, refugees, and destroyed the city's main controls railroads in Berlin, Prague, Vienna and Breslau, and is the site of great engineering industries.

It was suggested unofficially in Germany that air Marshal Sir Charles Portal, British Air Chief, who returned from Yalta yesterday, brought instructions from the "Big Three" to deliver this and other blows in support of the Red Army whenever possible.

Forces and Liberators of the U. S. Fifteenth Air Force from the United States are attacking and communications air targets and other formations of heavy attacks in the marshy railroads in Silesia for the second consecutive day.

MECKLENBURG CASUALTIES (Storrs Inside)

KILLED — Capt. Leonard Crawford Helms, Pvt. Neil H. Chise.

MISSING — T/S Lawrence B. Westermanland.

Got Death At First

Sentence Of Soldier Who Balked At Drilling Cut To Five Years

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The court-martial sentence of the 27-year-old private who refused to drill at Camp Roberts, Calif., Feb. 3, previously had been reduced progressively from death to five years' imprisonment.

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Jury Takes Case In Spy Trial

NEW YORK — (AP) — A seven-man military commission with power to impose the death penalty began considering today the fate of William C. Colepaugh and Erich Gimpel, accused Nazi spies.

The prosecution declared in its summation that Colepaugh's testimony that he saw in his mission an opportunity to get away from the Nazis was a "brazen defense" and asked for a verdict of guilty on all three counts.

OTHER COXES The other counts against Colepaugh, a native of Natick, Conn., and Gimpel, a native of Germany, are that they violated the law of war by secretly passing through United States defense lines to commit espionage and sabotage, and that they conspired to commit certain acts of espionage and sabotage.

The commission, which sat for eight days behind closed doors at Gimpel's expense and the stand for deliberations shortly after noon.

Army-assigned counsel for Colepaugh and Gimpel, who were charged with three days, conceded the proof of the charges that he violated the espionage laws of the United States was whether he came as an agent of the German Government.

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Rosenman is a special advisor to the President.

Roosevelt is expected to call on Pope Pius during his Italian travels to various spots he visited in Italy as a young man.

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Shells, Bombs Poured On Foe In Mighty Push

Great Air Offensive Lashes Battered Germans As They Retreat

PARIS — (AP) — With massed guns and under clouds of planes, Canadian First Army troops crushed six formidable counter-attacks today and were advancing tonight beyond the breached Siegfried Line at the top of the Western Front.

The Canadian First Army was approaching Goch, another major fortified position, when it was approached by troops who neared Moyland, three miles northwest. Goch was outflanked by the capture of Bedburg and Hasselt east of Kleve. Moyland is 18 miles from the Ruhr valley railroad of West.

The beaten and sorely wounded German infantry, tankers and parachute troops apparently were falling back into prepared positions between the Rhine and the Meuse in a desperate effort to stem the Allied flanking thrust to the Ruhr. They were lashed by the mightiest air offensive yet visited upon the foe in the six-day offensive.

East of Kleve and the captured Reichswald, the Canadian Army was through the main Siegfried belt and had virtually turned the northern flank of that portion of the Siegfried Line west of the Rhine. Once they negotiate the western wastes between Kleve and the Rhine, cross the Meuse in force and capture Goch, they will be in a position to roll up German defenses by sweeping southward between the Rhine and the Meuse.

MASSIVE ARTILLERY Muffled artillery firing from the dark recesses of the captured Reichswald forest roared incessantly the seven crack German divisions opposing the Allied thrust.

Wave after wave of rocket-firing Typhoons flew low over the foe to hurl their deadly lances. With flamethrowers, tanks and bayonets, the Canadian, British, Scotch and Welsh troops commanded by Gen. Henry Crerar advanced up to two miles in mud and icy flood waters of the Rhine northeast of Kleve. The Scots attacked with bayonets.

GOCH OUTFLANKED Goch, a line place of 11 roads and railways, was outflanked by the capture of Hasselt and Bedburg east of Kleve. Kellen and Gritshausen fell.

The general approach to Goch was a Welsh smash into a strongpoint at Asperberg, on the main highway from Kranenburg.

Advancing a mile beyond Bedburg, the Canadians moved within 19 miles of the Ruhr and its nearest railroad of West.

Saying land-lease has been a "most potent factor" in welding Allied unity, he added that Allied grand strategy is moving a "most potent factor" largely through its operations.

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Lend-Lease Called Vital

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of War Stimson said today it would be a "disastrous mistake" to abandon the lend-lease program now with the Allied "net of steel" closing around the foe.

Stimson appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Committee considering a one-year extension in the lend-lease program which expires June 30.

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Weather

Fair and mild this afternoon and tonight. The sun will be cloudy and slightly warmer.

Temperature 100. Wind light from the east. A low over the Gulf of Mexico.