

Scots Score Triumph With
Surprise Smash Into GochTwo Thirds
Of German
Defense Hub
Mopped UpCasualties Heavy
On Both Sides

PARIS — (AP) — Scottish infantry and tanks mopped up two-thirds of the strategic Siegfried Line defense hub of Goch tonight after a surprise attack which caught the German commander and his staff in bed.

At beyond point, the Scots routed out savagely fighting German troops from cellars and rubble ruins of the stronghold where eight military highways meet. Casualties were heavy on both sides.

To the east on the churning seven-mile Kieve-Goch front, British Empire troops were fighting within 25 miles of the great Ruhr Valley inland port of Duisburg and within 25 miles of the westernmost Ruhr railroad.

"BACK DOOR" ENTRY
Scotch troops slipped into Goch by the back door, after breaching difficult defenses to the north of the ruined old city of 12,000.

The southern part of Goch was almost completely cleared. The enemy clung to about a fourth of the north portion in which machine and other fortifications were located.

The German commander, Col. Paul Matusek, was found wounded in the leg. Scotch commanders expressed belief that he inflicted the wound himself, so that he would not be visited upon his family for his "disgraceful" capture in bed. Caught with him in the same building were a scholarly appearing major and two lieutenants.

British and Canadian troops fought within a mile of Goch, like Goch an important frontier trade center, and pushed the stoutly resisting Germans to the southern edge of the Moyland Woods. Casualties were heavy on both sides. The forest extends almost to the edge of Goch.

Field Marshal Montgomery was said by the British Second Army to the intensifying battle between Meuse and flooded Rhine, a front on which the northern end of the original Siegfried Line was located.

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\$600,000 Corporations

Spinning Plants
To Do War Work

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Establishment of two new cotton yarn spinning plants in co-operation with agencies of the Federal Government to assist in meeting the "great shortages" of yarn needed urgently for Army and Navy textile productions will be undertaken immediately by R. S. Dickson of Charlotte and a group of associates in the American Yarn & Processing Co. of Mount Holly.

Two corporations, with a combined authorized capital of \$600,000, were organized by Mr. Dickson and his associates to operate these new plants as subsidiaries of American Yarn and Processing. These corporations were chartered today by the North Carolina State of State at Raleigh. They are American Yarns of Mt. Holly Inc. and Spun Fibers of Mt. Holly Inc. Each corporation has an authorized capital of \$300,000 and this capitalization will be required to put the new plants in operating condition.

The Spun Fibers Corp. plant will manufacture marine yarns, sutures of wool and cotton, for the production of underwear, socks and other supplies for the Armed Forces. The military needs for yarns of this type was declared to be particularly urgent.

NEAR LENOX
Is a subsidiary of American Yarn and Processing Co. of which Mr. Dickson is president, this

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Yanks To Strike

Manila Showdown
Battle In Offing

By FRED HAMPSON
AMERICAN MANILA — (AP) — Manila Bay was all but back in American hands today but in the city itself, where some 7,000 civilians were released in a dramatic rescue, the Japanese still clung grimly to the walled Intramuros section.

Mopping up continued on Corregidor, where Yanks control the island. The 7,000, including 100 Americans, were liberated under gun fire as American troops stormed into the ruins of the Philippine General Hospital, a few blocks south of the walled Intramuros.

Manila Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, commander of the 14th Corps, said today a showdown battle for the city was in the offing. He said thousands of civilians would be voluntarily released to the Japanese.

Troops of the same regiment which liberated the hospital came ashore today. They were met by priests and women and children to whom they had given shelter in the ruins of the city. The 60th were shot and bayoneted to death a week ago today by a frenzied Japanese force of 20,000 men.

Rev. Francis J. Cugrave of

Reds Push At
Dresden And
Berlin FlankBattle German
Counter-Attacks

LONDON — (AP) — The Red Army battled sharp German counter-attacks in some sectors up and down the icy-covered Eastern Front today, but continued to forge ahead toward Dresden and on Berlin's southwestern flank.

While Moscow dispatches said the German counterattacks were not in the proportions of a counter-offensive, they were mounted by veterans of the German regular army and Hitler's Himmler's home army units in the greatest numbers yet and were particularly strong from places in Pomerania and Silesia where the Germans had entrenched artillery positions during the four-year war.

Despite the fierce hammering of their crowded counterattacks, the Allied planes last week the Germans had been able to rush reinforcements to the front.

The German command said Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian army, however, was compelling the Germans to engage in "fighting" all the way from the Czech border to the Oder bend southeast of Berlin.

Konev's tanks have reached the area southeast of Lauban on the Oder River, 62 miles from Dresden, the communists said.

Lauban is eight miles southwest of the Oder bend and 13 miles from the Oder bend.

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New Yorkers
Get Promise
But No Cigs

NEW YORK — (AP) — This was going to be a great day for tobacco-starved New Yorkers. They were promised cigarettes by the Navy's Seventh Fleet warships steamed to the entrance of the bay to bombard Japanese on the Cavite shore, Gen. Douglas MacArthur declared in a communique also reporting mopping up progress on Corregidor.

American troops, who landed on the historic bay entrance fortress Friday, cleared important Malinta Hill.

The communique said the east entrance of Corregidor tunnel, in which the Japanese may follow their usual underground flight to death practices, was closed by a landslide. Seventh Fleet guns had loosened the earth.

Some enemy pockets also remained on Batan peninsula, including Manila Bay. The communique said a small force was dispersed near Orion.

GALLANT 1942 STAND
The gallant stand of American and Philippine troops on Batan and Corregidor in 1942 is now "possible all that has happened since."

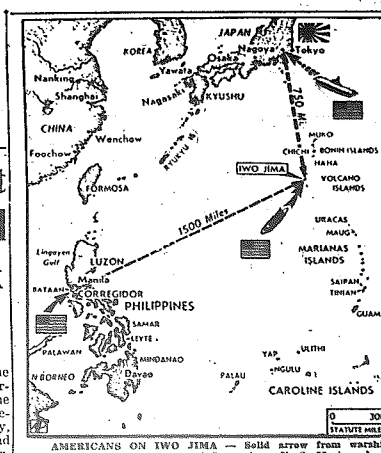
He declared history would record the stand "as one of the decisive battles of the world." In that it delayed Japanese push southward toward Australia.

"Our triumphs of today," he declared, "belong to the gallant stand of 1942."

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AMERICANS ON IWO JIMA — Solid arrow from warship points to the Volcano Island of Iwo, where U. S. Marines have landed. Two to on the direct road to Tokyo and is only 750 miles from the Japanese capital. The landing came after U. S. fleet planes had dealt heavy blows to the Japanese homeland. American forces were mopping up on Corregidor Island at the entrance to Manila Bay.

Withdrawal On?

Nazis Reported
Departing Italy

BERN, Switzerland — (AP) — The newspaper Der Bund from Chisasso reported today that Adolf Hitler had ordered Marshal Albert Kesselring to evacuate Northern Italy and the withdrawal is in progress.

Other targets were not named, but most of the war and wreckage were being moved to the Ruhr Valley.

From Italy Liberators and Porters have been ordered to clear the rail yards at Vienna, Graz and Klagenfurt in Austria and naval installations at Pola and Fiume along the Adriatic coast.

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Objections on the Brenner rail route into Germany were attacked by medium bombers yesterday. Flying Fortresses bombed Linz, a communications center in Austria 95 miles west of Vienna.

A naval announcement disclosed that a force of British motor torpedo boats attacked the Yugoslav port of Korlab, 62 miles southeast of Fiume. The swift attackers fired two torpedoes into the harbor and bombarded the town. Enemy shore batteries caused only slight damage to the British craft.

Eye-Witness Story

Leathernecks Go After Hidden
Jap Guns As Iwo Isle Stormed

By JOHN R. HENRY
Representing THE COMBINED American Press
ABOARD ADMIRAL TURNER'S FLAGSHIP OFF IWO JIMA—On Japan's volcanic island of Iwo Jima, the U. S. Marine Corps today went down today like a black, fire-spitting dragon and tonight two Marine divisions were scrambling up to an enemy airfield atop its mountain.

The Leathernecks, under command of Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith fought uphill and came 400 yards inland from two, eastern beaches to the edge of the vital bomber strip.

The fight lies on a low plateau between an extinct 345 foot volcano known as Suribachi and a smaller high point and rugged northern end of the island that

U. S. Marines
Invade Tokyo
'Lookout' IsleJaps Battle Desperately To Stop
Americans And Casualties Are High

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam — (AP) — United States Marines invaded Tokyo's "lookout" island of Iwo today and pushed 600 yards up rugged slopes from the beachhead to penetrate the important bomber air strip.

The Japanese resisted furiously from heavily fortified positions, despite the continuing bombardment by warships of America's Fifth Fleet.

First eyewitness accounts from the flagship of Vice Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner, commanding the amphibious operation, said casualties among the Marines were "considerable."

GREAT PRIZE
The tiny, porkchop-shaped island, invaded at 9 A. M. Monday (Guam Time), was a prize the Japanese defended with all their fanatical fury.

Invading Marines of the Fifth Corps, America's oldest amphibious outfit, advanced from the south and east beaches.

They reached the bomber strip, most important of Iwo's three airfields (one still under construction) in the first day struggle.

Japanese artillery, mortar, machinegun and rifle snaked the banks of the veteran Fourth Marine Division and the new Fifth Division, making up the invading force, throughout the day.

AFTER JAP GUNS
Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commanding the Fifth Corps, said from his command post aboard Turner's flagship, "Our men are spread all over hill, are out there and they're going after those hidden Jap guns which are mighty hard to locate."

Turner said the "overall progress is satisfactory." He declared that the pre-invasion bombardment by warships of the United States Fifth Fleet had cleaned out some heavier Japanese guns but "by no means all of them."

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, communicating announcing the invasion said "the operation is proceeding satisfactorily." He said casualties were "moderate," by early reports.

The beachhead extends for nearly two and a half miles northward from the volcano at the southern tip of the air-base island.

Nimitz credited B-29s and submarines with helping pave the way for this morning's invasion of the island whose seizure will step up the air offensive against Tokyo. ROCKETS RAKE BEACHES
The thousands of rockets raked the southern two beaches, climaxing the heavy naval bombardment which included

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Admiral In Washington

Halsey Doubts Jap
Fleet Will Fight

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Admiral William F. Halsey Jr., paying a surprise visit to Washington, predicted today that the remnants of the Japanese fleet will not come out and fight in the current Pacific operations.

Halsey said he was going to "beat them out," the commander of the Third Fleet told a news conference today.

"I can't get myself in a rat's frame of mind. I don't know what it would take," Halsey said. "I can't get myself in a rat's frame of mind. I don't know what it would take."

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