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Lyle L. Jones of Days Creek was promoted to the grade of corporal on September 3, 1944, after one year's service in the army. On Oct. 2 he was awarded the good conduct medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" during that year. He was inducted on August 17, 1943, and was trained at Camp Callan, Calif., where he was a member of a 90 mm. gun crew. After this training he was assigned to his present duty as gunner in an overseas anti-aircraft battalion. He has participated in one amphibious beachhead landing operation.

For the past few weeks Col. Jones has found much use for the knowledge he gained while working for the M. & G. logging company of Eugene, Oregon. He and the other crew members have been doing some fine construction work at their gun position. They are using such woods as mahogany and teakwood for floors, tables and benches.

Jones attended Myrtle Creek high, where he studied commercial subjects and the woodwork- ing that has been so well employed in his present habitat. He was also an active member of the photographic hobby club and the glee club. He is quite adept with

the accordion and from time to time entertains the rest of the crew in their spare time. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Jones of Myrtle Creek, Oregon.

Earthquake Hurls Tidal Wave On Japanese Area

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only window panes being broken.

"In general, the damage was slight with practically no damage caused to our production facilities," Domei said.

No mention was made of damage sustained in shipping. This may well have been heavy.

An earlier broadcast by radio Tokyo said that "a landslide on a minor scale and the crumbling of cottages took place over a limited area."

Wide Area Affected
Domei's identification of the cities in which there was damage indicated that the tremor had affected not only the southeastern coastal area but also had run in a northern diagonal to the city of Nagano on the west coast of Honshu.

In addition to Nagano, the cities of Shizuoka and Hamamatsu on the southeast coast had suffered some damage, according to Domei, which added that in Nagoya—"damage was slight with only window panes being broken."

The earthquake was recorded by seismographs around the world and J. J. Shaw, veteran west British England, seismologist, said that it was "one of the greatest (quakes) I have ever recorded."

Yankees Knife Eight Miles Into Germany

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ed south through the Rhine valley to within four miles of Colmar, last Alsation city in German hands. The gap between the Seventh and the French First army, pressing north, was narrowed to 32 miles and the nazis were reported withdrawing across the Rhine.

Budapest Pressure Upped
In Hungary, a battle of rising intensity surged toward besieged Budapest. The heavily armored right wing of Marshal Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army drove up the Danube's west bank to within little more than 15 miles of the capital and the Germans threw in reserves from Vienna.

The Russians, taking prisoners at the rate of 2,000 a day, widened a gap along the Drava river, 70 miles from Zagreb, Croatian capital. Partisans in Croatia were said to have stepped up guerrilla warfare in expectation of early aid from Marshal Tito's forces and the Russians.

Canadian Valor Cited
British and Polish troops in Italy, driving through rain and fog, widened their bridgehead over the Lamone river southwest of Faenza, capturing three villages. The allied command disclosed that the First Canadian corps, now in action with the Eighth army, was the unit which broke through between Lamone and Montone rivers and brought about the capture of Ravenna on the Adriatic coast.

Poems Appear in Magazine
—Marjorie Hunt Pettit, Roseburg writer and poet, is one of 14 new writers in the December issue of the "Horse Feathers" magazine. Mrs. Pettit, who resides at 1018 Winchester street, has some of her poems appearing in this issue.

Churchill Defends Act Of British in Greece

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liant member."

A move to name Sforza Italian foreign minister had brought British opposition and a blunt statement from American Secretary of State Stettinius that the United States did not oppose the long-exiled count and further more wanted the Italians to determine the course of their own government.

Denies Pact Broken
Churchill, challenging the opposition to a vote of confidence, denied his government had broken any agreements with the United States in Italy.

"If what is called in this amendment the action of the friends of democracy," cried Churchill scornfully, "is to be interpreted as a carefully planned coup d'etat by murder gangs and by the iron rule of ruffians seeking to climb into the seats of power without a vote ever having been cast in their favor—if that is to be masquerade as democracy, I think the house will be united in condemning it as a mockery."

"If I am to blame for this action, I will gladly accept dismissal of the house, but if I am not dismissed, make no mistake about it, we shall persist in this policy of clearing Athens and the Athens regions of all those who are rebels to the constituted authority of Greece."

Belgium Action Cited
The prime minister stood pat on British troops' intervention in Belgium, also. He said the troops under orders of Gen. Eisenhower patrolled the streets of Brussels and prevented a November putsch to destroy the Pierlot government and "Gen. Eisenhower's decisions were absolutely right."

Churchill's statement about Sforza and Italy brought shouts of "De Gaulle" from labor benches.

Churchill replied: "I certainly never felt about De Gaulle the sentiments which experience has endeavored in me about Count Sforza. De Gaulle is a man of honor and has never broken his words."

Labour Files Protest
In a broadside defense of his policy, as he concluded his address, Churchill declared:

"I have no fear at all that the most searching inquiry into the policy which we have pursued in Belgium, Holland, Italy and Greece, will entitle any man in whose breast fairness and fair play reside to accuse of pursuing reactionary policies or hampering the free expression of the national will."

Even as commons opened its historic debate, labor organizations throughout the country were adopting resolutions protesting against British troops firing upon Greek guerrillas.

A delegate meeting of the Birmingham borough labor party, claiming to speak for 300,000 workers, demanded in a resolution that "in the future neither British arms nor the distribution of food relief should be used to thwart popular will in liberated countries."

Athens Fighting Reduced Under British Measures
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dential quarters, however, and occasional bullets still whipped over the former royal palace in Constitution square, where Greek civil police were holding rooftop positions.

Nearly 1,000 members of the ELAS, armed militia of the EAM (national liberation front) had surrendered up to this morning to British forces.

"The Paris radio reported without confirmation that leftist forces were in control of the Greek provinces of Thrace and Macedonia."

Casualties Fill Hospitals
Greek hospitals are working at top pressure patching up hundreds of casualties, including women and children, as a result of the Athens fighting.

The international Red Cross and the British army medical services are rushing in drugs and hospital equipment.

British Red Cross-marked ambulances have been fired upon while bringing in wounded from both sides. Some ambulance drivers, said, however, they had stopped where the ELAS had

roadblocks and had been waved on after passing our cigarettes.

One wounded EAM member said: "Why did the British bring in Papandreou? This nightmare would have been averted if an Anglo-American-Russian commission had come in and run the country until elections."

DESERTING BULGARS, NAZIS BLAMED BY GEN. WILSON FOR TUMULT IN GREECE

ROME, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Gen. Sir Henry Wilson declared today that the fighting in Greece was caused by "irresponsible extremists," among whom the British had found deserters from the German and the Bulgarian armies.

"I can see little difference between the actions of these extremists and the actions of the ex-Gestapo," the retiring supreme allied commander in the Mediterranean declared.

Wilson expressed belief that some of the Germans and Bulgarians rounded up during the past few days in Greece possibly were "planted there for the purpose of causing trouble."

"British forces are disarming all irregulars without regard to what army they belong to," the general added. He described the turmoil as "a disease grown up from the war which I think we will find in other countries too."

"Until irresponsible people are eliminated, the Greek people cannot have freedom from want or political freedom," he said. "We are still at war with Germans in Greece."

"A lot of people have forgotten that there are Germans within 100 miles of Athens, on Crete and in the Aegean islands. We are using the air and naval bases of Greece to carry on a war."

Yamshita Line Split, 13-Ship Jap Convoy Sunk

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caught the Nipponese strategists unaware. At the hour of landing, a 13-ship enemy reinforcement convoy bound for Ormoc was spotted and it was wiped out, together with the 4,000 troops and equipment aboard, during the day by fighter planes.

The Leyte campaign, stalemated for more than a month by storms and Japanese reinforcements from swift conquest of its eastern side, roared into high gear on the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor day.

In all, 19 enemy ships, including seven destroyers, were sunk Thursday off Leyte in troop-carrying operations while planes elsewhere in the Philippines areas blasted nine cargo vessels.

Sixty-two Nipponese planes were shot down over and around Leyte at a cost of five U. S. planes whose pilots were rescued.

Bong Ups His Score
Army Maj. Richard I. Bong, of Poplar, Wis., celebrating his award of the Congressional Medal of Honor, bagged two to run his score as America's leading war ace in all theaters to 38.

The army's 49th fighter plane group pushed its record toll of enemy aircraft above 600 by downing 15.

Double Trap Fixed
But the day's outstanding development was supplied by the navy and the 77th troops of Maj.

Gen. Andrew D. Bruce, of Temple, Tex.

Covered by guns of Rear Adm. A. D. Struble's destroyers after bold negotiation of narrow Surigao strait, the troops landed with "practically no ground losses," today's communique reported. They thus sprang two traps on the reinforcements Lt. Gen. Yamashita has been pouring on Leyte under orders to hold or die while at grips with five other Yank divisions converging from north, south and east.

One enemy force south of Ormoc is caught in a six-mile area between the 77th and Seventh division infantrymen who earlier in the week broke through the Palanas river line of Nippon's veteran 26th division.

In between those two positions, dismounted cavalrymen of Lt. Col. O'Neill Kane landed Tuesday at Tabgas after a trip of more than 125 miles around southern Leyte aboard amphibious tanks.

An even larger Japanese force is menaced by possible loss of its backdoor to the 77th even as it carries on a 49-day-old ridge fight to hold the runway corridor north of Ormoc against U. S. 32nd division troops inching south from captured Limon. The 32nd, moving down from Carigara bay, is roughly 20 miles from Ormoc.

"By this maneuver," today's communique reported on the 77th's landing, "we have seized the center of the Yamashita line from the rear and have split the enemy's forces in two, isolating those in the valley to the north from those along the coast to the south. Both segments are now caught between our columns which are pressing in from all fronts."

Lead Road Clearing
Preston Grover, Associated Press war correspondent at New Delhi, India, said today Japanese withdrawals in Burma are on such a scale as to indicate the Ledo route to China may be cleared in a matter of days. However the Japanese in China are in a position to threaten Kunming, the only really effective terminus of the Burma road.

Counterattacking Chinese troops have recaptured Tushan, 75 miles southeast of Kweiyang in Kweichow province, according to field dispatches, but Chungking offered no confirmation.

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