



STEPPING STONES TO JAPAN—Just as Marine invasion forces, after bitter fighting, have established a large beachhead on Iwo Jima near Surabuchi airfield (shown on insert map), reports came that naval forces already were hammering at Chichi Jima, in Bonin group to north. On large map, series of island stepping stones to Japan shows how close to Nippon's coast the conquest of Iwo will bring us. But Japs are said to have carefully fortified mountain caves and passes; have some 20,000 troops on the island and have prepared for a tough struggle. Small arrows show where first landings were reported.

Hillsboro Soldier In Combat Engineers

6th ARMY GROUP, FRANCE—Playing a leading role in the organization of a vast network of defenses in the French Alps along the Franco-Italian frontier, an engineer combat battalion of the 44th anti-aircraft artillery brigade, part of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devere's 6th army group, is gaining a reputation as "the doughboys' right hand." Pfc. William D. Whitney, route 2, Hillsboro, Ore., is a member of the unit.

In its present positions in the French Alps, the men of the battalion are fighting in bitter weather with a fortitude that is comparable to their ability as combat engineers.

Through some of the most difficult fighting terrain in the world, twisting mountain trails, snow-covered ridges, and innumerable points that are "natural" for enemy ambushes, these combat engineers have cleared minefields, constructed by-passes, repaired roads and constructed bridges to facilitate troop movements. At the same time, guarding against any possible German counter-attacks, mines are laid, barbed-wire entanglements are stretched along strategic places, and bridges and roads are prepared for demolition.

Anderson Receives Navy Commission

Ensign Dee Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Anderson of North Third avenue, arrived home Saturday evening from the University of Washington where he had been training in ROTC and recently received his commission as ensign. Following a 10-day leave Ensign Anderson will report to San Francisco for active duty.

Meet in Holland

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rich of Hillsboro recently received word from their son Arthur, now in Germany with the army, that while on a recent trip to Holland he was able to visit his brother, Willis Rich, who is stationed there with the army. This was the first time in two years that the brothers had seen each other. Willis' commanding officer gave him the afternoon off so they could visit. Mrs. Arthur Rich, the former Areen Bunkle, is now living in Portland.

Treglow in Mississippi

Charles D. Treglow, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Treglow, is located at Keesler Field, Miss., where he is taking flight training.

Fowle Wins Promotion To Staff Sergeant

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, ENGLAND—James R. Fowle, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cary E. Dyer, 446 East Main street, Hillsboro, Oregon, has recently been promoted from the rank of sergeant to staff sergeant.

Since his arrival in the European theater of operations on October 24, 1944, Sgt. Fowle has been serving with the veteran 205th bombardment group as a tail gunner on a B-27 flying fortress heavy bomber.

Sgt. Fowle participated in the February 3 8th air force bombing attack on Berlin, in which the German capital got its heaviest daylight pounding of the war.

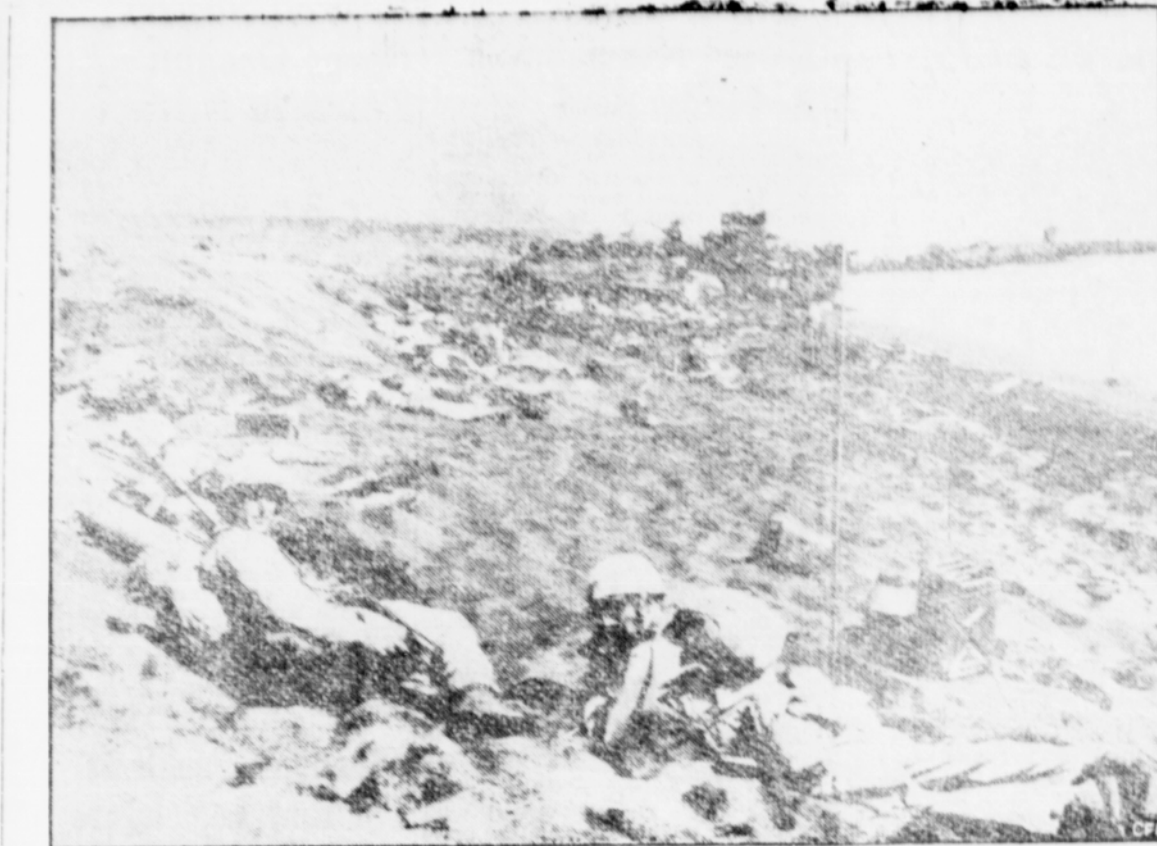
Over 1000 flying fortresses dropped 2500 tons of bombs on government buildings and rail centers, starting huge fires in the center of the city.

County Soldiers in Ordnance Company

6th ARMY GROUP, FRANCE—Twisting mountain roads, high altitudes and freezing weather in the French Alps along the Franco-Italian frontier are the chief reasons why an ordnance company of the 44th AAA brigade is working around the clock. Sgt. George E. Hoisecher, route 2, Gaston, Oregon, and S/Sgt. John W. Conklin, Metzger, Oregon, are members of the company.

Yates in Combat

Pfc. Bill Yates of Hillsboro has been in combat with General Patton's 3d army, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Yates of Hillsboro. The letter, dated January 29, was the first word they had received since November 28. Bill was in an infantry replacement pool of the 6th division of the 3d army when the Germans broke through in Belgium and he went into action.



MARINES AT IWO JIMA—SAN FRANCISCO—(Soundphoto)—In the above picture, Marines of the Fourth Division are shown digging in on the beach of Iwo Jima shortly after coming ashore. In the background can be seen a U.S. tank and a U.S. amtrac. Behind them, smoke is rising from smashed Jap installations.

Yankee Forces Continue Gains On West Front

American infantrymen broke across the Rhine river at several points Wednesday and drove eastward through minefields over the last seven miles to Cologne. Bulk of the German forces were believed to have fled over the Rhine. Panic and confusion were reported spreading swiftly through the ranks of the remaining Nazi troops scattered over a front of more than 100 miles on the west side of the Rhine. U. S. 9th army armored divisions racing northward into the rim of the Ruhr valley toward Duesseldorf.

At the same time the Canadian 1st army to the north won a major breakthrough in the Siegfried line defenses guarding the upper roads to the Ruhr.

Beat Off Japs
A large-scale Japanese banzai charge on the Americans in the battle for the Marikina watershed east of Manila was beaten off with heavy losses Wednesday.

Attempt to Crack Japs
Marines kept terrific pressure on Japanese on two Wednesday in supreme effort to crack a foe known to be short of water and believed to be hoarding ammunition.

Germans in Peril
Smashing 44 miles northward through permanent German fortifications in Pomerania, the Russians Tuesday drove within 22 miles of cutting off the main Polish corridor and northeast Pomerania.

Continue Air Blitz
Waves of more than 3000 allied bombers carried obliteration blitz on Germany into third straight week Tuesday, hitting heavily at rail networks and vanishing fuel supplies.

Nazi Losses Heavy
Germans in northern Italy suffer heavy casualties and were forced to withdraw after launching counterattacks against American 9th army.

President Returns
President Roosevelt returned Wednesday from historic Crimea conference so inspired by the progress toward a durable peace that he could foresee ultimate armament reduction by the major allied fighting powers.

Churchill Tells Plan
Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the house of commons Tuesday that allied plans were complete and ready for the collapse or surrender of Germany, and he promised that that country would be rendered impotent to wage war "for generations to come." He said rich areas of eastern Germany would be given to Poland.

Friday, February 23
Marine casualties rise to 5572 on Iwo Jima in face of grim Jap resistance.

Mightiest Air Blow
Estimated 7000 allied bombers and fighters hurled at approximately 100 Nazi communications hubs Thursday in greatest simultaneous air assault in history.

Relch Triangle Taken
U. S. 3d army breaks across the Saar river at two points 65 miles from Rhine Thursday and completes whirlwind conquest of Germany's 80-square-mile Moselle-Saar triangle. Fortress city of Saarburg and 29 other Reich towns seized.

American Prisoners Lost
Navy discloses that another Japanese prison ship was sunk December 14 by American planes, with loss of more than 800 American prisoners.

Threaten Berlin Flank
Reds, threatening to outflank Berlin's eastern defenses, Thursday smashed 11 miles through reinforced German lines.

Big Drive Started
Gen. Eisenhower launches long-awaited drive toward the Rhine Friday and thousands of U. S. 1st and 9th army troops stormed across Roer river in biggest offensive since Normandy, seizing solid footholds 20 to 30 miles from Cologne and Duesseldorf. Germans expect Russians to join in final blow designed to finish war.

Marines Creep Ahead
Raging battle of two swayed slowly in favor of three U. S. Marine divisions Friday as they occupied one end of an airfield in the island's center and strewn volcanic slopes of Mount Suribachi on south tip with Japanese dead.

Virtually Paralyze Rails
Twelve thousand American and British bombers and fighters virtually paralyze Germany's vast rail network during last two days.

Turkey Declares War
Turkey declared war on Germany and Japan Friday in order to win a seat at world security conference in San Francisco.

Yankees in final mop-up of Japanese in Manila.
Sunday, February 25

Drive Five Miles
American 1st and 9th armies plunge nearly five miles across Cologne plain Tuesday, shattering Roer river defense line Saturday, engulfing 20 towns and villages and capturing thousands of Germans. Gen. Eisenhower says new allied offensive is aimed at reaching the Rhine.

Gain on Last Airfield
Three mine divisions, driving straight into face of most modern weapons Japan has yet employed, captured half of the enemy's last airfield on Iwo Saturday.

Hit Tokyo Again
U. S. carrier force again off Japan sending waves of planes against Tokyo.

Manila Liberated
Manila completely liberated Saturday. More than 2000 civilian prisoners of Japanese, most of them Americans, were freed Saturday from Los Banos internment camp by Los Banos and Philippine guerrillas.

Drive Into Breslau
Russians drive three miles into Breslau while other red forces were pushing to within 33 miles of Danzig.

Monday, February 26
Dueren Captured
A steamroller American offensive tumbled seven miles beyond the Roer river to within 15 miles of Cologne Sunday, knocking out Dueren, keystone of the Rhine-land's outer defense, and 24 other enemy residences.

Heavy Blow Hits Japs
American aerial might landed powerful blows on Japanese home island of Honshu Sunday as carrier-based planes roared over in waves and more than 200 Superfortresses followed.

Winning Low Airfield
"We royal Canadian mounted police and provost corps personnel who were examining the military status of young men at Drummondville, Quebec, Canada.

Tuesday, February 27
Cologne Shelled
U. S. 1st army troops and tanks drive to within 10 1/2 miles of Cologne Monday night and pounded it with heavy guns while the 9th army on the north achieved gains which a field officer said appeared to be a breakthrough six miles from the vital Ruhr basin.

Use Iwo Airfield
Two Jims captured southern airfield put to American use for first time Monday, while marines advanced up to 400 yards and captured a hill overlooking most of the remaining Jap positions.

Invade Another Island
Americans invade small Verde island between Luzon and Mindoro, taking Japanese by surprise.

Turn Government Over
Gen. MacArthur turns civil government for liberated areas of Philippines over to their president, Sergio Osme.

Biggest Raid on Berlin
Americans hit Berlin in biggest daylight raid. Nearly 2000 heavy bombers and fighters drop 2000 tons of explosives in Nazi capital.

Liberate 1000 Yanks
About 1000 Americans and 2500 British empire prisoners of war liberated from German prison camps by red army.

Whoozinit

(Not necessarily news)
At Krahmer telling about trying to fill the flag grocers with food while Glen Ritchey was filling them with speeches. Tony Abbs being sleepy. Art Connell getting more sleep since he sold his dairy cows.
Del Reiche losing truck lantern Tommy Falk and Carl Brooks busy rearranging meat counters Gladys Busch coming out second best when her bicycle hit the railroad tracks.
Ella Barney coming to the rescue on coffee making. "Mac" McNear claiming to have made a cherry pie.
Fred Holzengel passing out postage stamps by mistake.
Bill Gabelman having waste paper trouble.
Al Bogue watching the Spartans' chances in the district basketball tournament.
Walt Henry recalling when a school teacher came to death.
P. A. Anderson, seeking an expert opinion. Jim Dieckx making plans. Jack Person holding a caucus.

Kiwanis A'lan Holds Meeting

Kiwanis A'lan group of Camp Fire held their regular meeting last Tuesday. Jackie Barney, president, was appointed chairman of a program to teach the group law for the Council Fire, which is being held May 5. Miss Blanche Britton, advisor, asked the group in "flower forcing," and Jean Kennedy, Barbara Denton and Jean Jones were sent to a flower-planting project, the results of which are to be sent to the McFall rest home. Temporary plans were made concerning the citizenship naturalization program of which are to be held at the courthouse. The remainder of the evening was spent in the construction of notebooks on the Birthday project.

Ramp in San Diego

Lloyd Ramp, who left here February 29 for Seattle to enter naval service, is now in San Diego, Cal., for boot training. His family visited him in Portland a short time ago while he was enroute to California.

Leaves for Texas

Everett Thompson, who has been spending part of his 21-day furlough with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Griffith, left here Friday for Houston, Texas, for re-assignment. He served overseas for several years.

Sgt. Edwards Writes

Marine Sgt. Jerrold L. Edwards writes home that he is fine. He also says Robert Lee Miller of Hillsboro is stationed near him and he gets to see him often. They are at an undisclosed base somewhere in the South Pacific.

J. E. Henry Writes

Tech. Cpl. John E. Henry is now in the Philippines according to a letter received last week by his wife, Madeline. He has been in Australia, New Guinea and Dutch East Indies for the past 24 months and has a little daughter 32 months old whom he has never seen.

Leta Humphreys of Hapner was a guest Sunday at the Fred Road home.

Poetry Not Accepted for Free Publication—The Argus does not feature a literary page. Therefore poetry is not accepted for free publication, but will be accepted through the advertising department at a charge of 10 cents per type line.

D. Anderson on Leave

BETHANY—Donald Anderson, AMMC, arrived home Friday for a short leave from active duty in the Aleutians. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. Edward East of route 3, Portland, and his wife and baby until March 3, when he reports for duty in Maryland.

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