

440 Japanese Planes Destroyed, Two Ships Sunk

Germans Resisting Furiously

U.S., Nazis Battle For Vossenack; Each Holds Half

By Howard Cowan
LONDON, Nov. 7. (AP)—American and German troops were locked tonight in a swaying, bitter struggle for the center of the German town of Vossenack in Hürtgen forest, with powerful Nazi reinforcements battling fiercely to bar the road to Cologne and the rich Rhine valley only 30 miles away.

After five days of see-saw fighting, Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' first army doughboys tonight held half of the mile-and-a-half-long town, and the Germans were solidly entrenched in the other half. Shock troops of both sides actually were fighting from opposite wings of the church in the heart of town.

Yanks Pushed Back
Vossenack, 13 miles southeast of Aachen, was captured by Hodges' forces at the outset of their new offensive last Friday, but repeated counterattacks by German reserves rushed down from the Arnhem sector in Holland knocked the Americans back.

A front dispatch tonight described the fight for Vossenack as "a savage as was the struggle for Aachen — and one of much greater scope." It said that fighting of "unexcelled bitterness" was raging continuously over all the Hürtgen forest region. The town of Schmidt, which the Germans recaptured in a counter attack two days ago, still was in enemy hands.

Willemstad Falls
To the northwest in Holland American and Polish troops of the British second army captured Willemstad, ferry terminal on the Maas river, and smashed into the outskirts of Moerijk on the same stream, virtually closing out the month-long battle to clear the Germans from south of the Maas.

Eighth Troops Move Toward Forli Village

ROME, Nov. 7. (AP)—British Eighth army troops, stalled for days outside Forli on the important Bologna-Rimini lateral highway, moved toward the town today aided by a powerful attack by medium bombers.

Large formations of Marauders and Spitfires dropped thousands of fragmentation bombs on troop concentrations and gun positions. Returning pilots said the mission was successful.

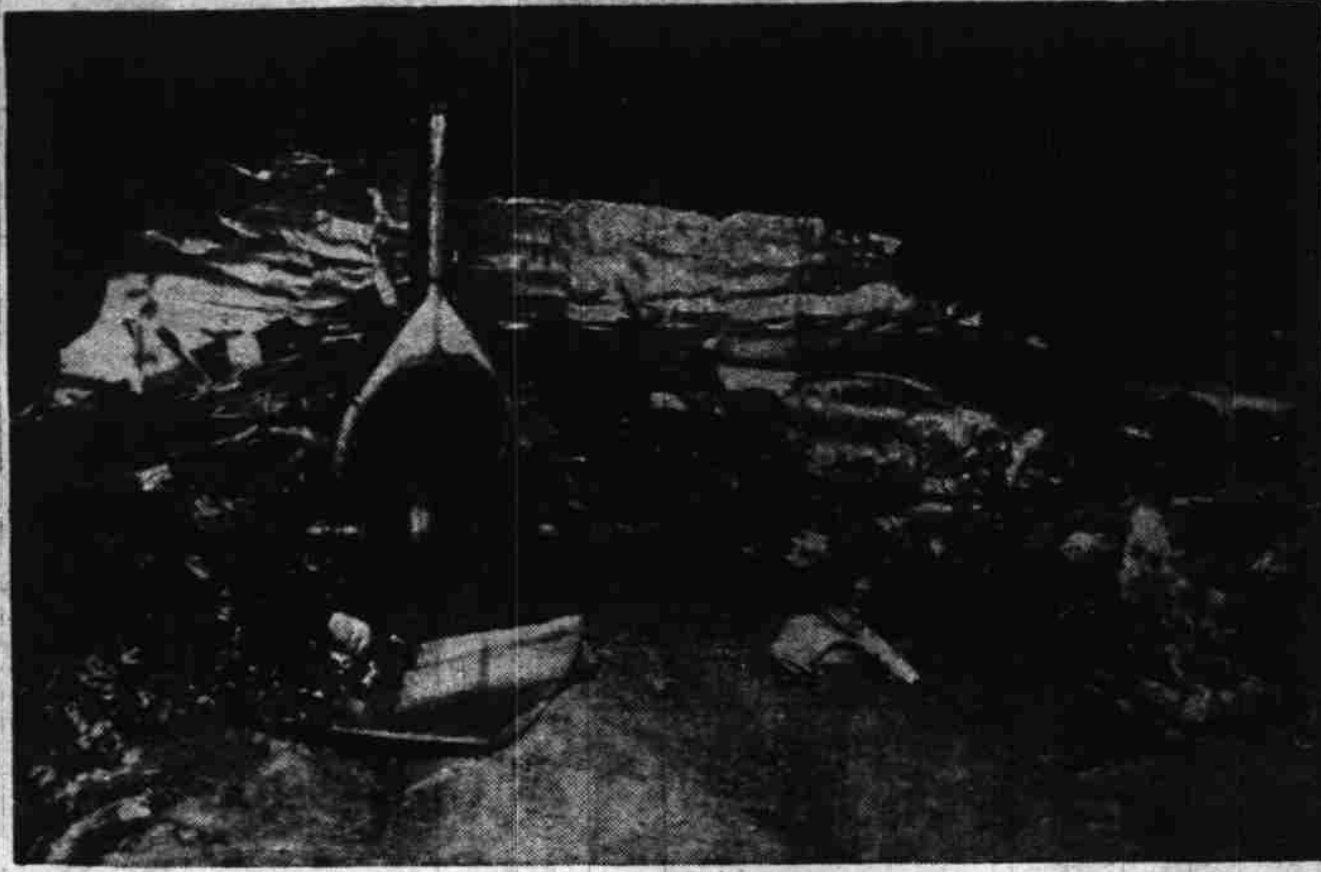
Other allied bombers attacked targets along the Brenner Pass and heavy bombers of the US 15th air force attacked military targets in the Vienna area and northern Yugoslavia.

Prior to today's advances Eighth army troops captured a number of hill features southwest of Forli and took several villages in the mountains farther west, but patrolling, both German and allied, continued over most of the Italian front.

Dog Has Good Reason For Barking Spree

CHEWELAH, Wash., Nov. 7. (AP)—Looking around the neighborhood for the cause of their dog's all-night barking spree, the Elmer Peters family discovered a marauding, 30-pound bobcat crouched on a limb 20 feet from their home.

Wreckage of Airliner Where 24 Were Killed



This is the largest piece of wreckage from an (TWA) airliner which crashed in a field near Hanford, Calif., killing 21 passengers and a flight crew of three. The airliner was on a regular flight from San Francisco to Burbank. Most of the passengers were service personnel.

Nippon Troops Launch Fresh Drive in China

CHUNGKING, Nov. 7. (AP)—Japanese troops launching a fresh drive down the Hunan-Kwangsi railway advanced nine miles and reached a point 36 miles from Liuchow, important Kwangsi province rail center, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

The communique also stated the invaders had captured Mosun, 45 miles south of Liuchow, yesterday. The Tokyo radio claimed the Japanese took Mosun Nov. 4.

The high command said there was no change in the fighting for Kweilin, where the Japanese were last reported to have pushed into the suburbs of the city from three sides. Kweilin is 95 miles north-east of Liuchow.

Foreign observers arriving here from the southeastern China combat zone said the Japanese forces were well equipped while the Chinese units opposing them were poorly outfitted and generally out-clasped.

A communique from headquarters of the US 14th air force said pilots had sunk 23 Japanese ocean going vessels totalling 38,000 tons during October and that 15 others with a displacement of 36,000 tons probably had been sunk. In addition, the communique said, 39 other vessels had been damaged.

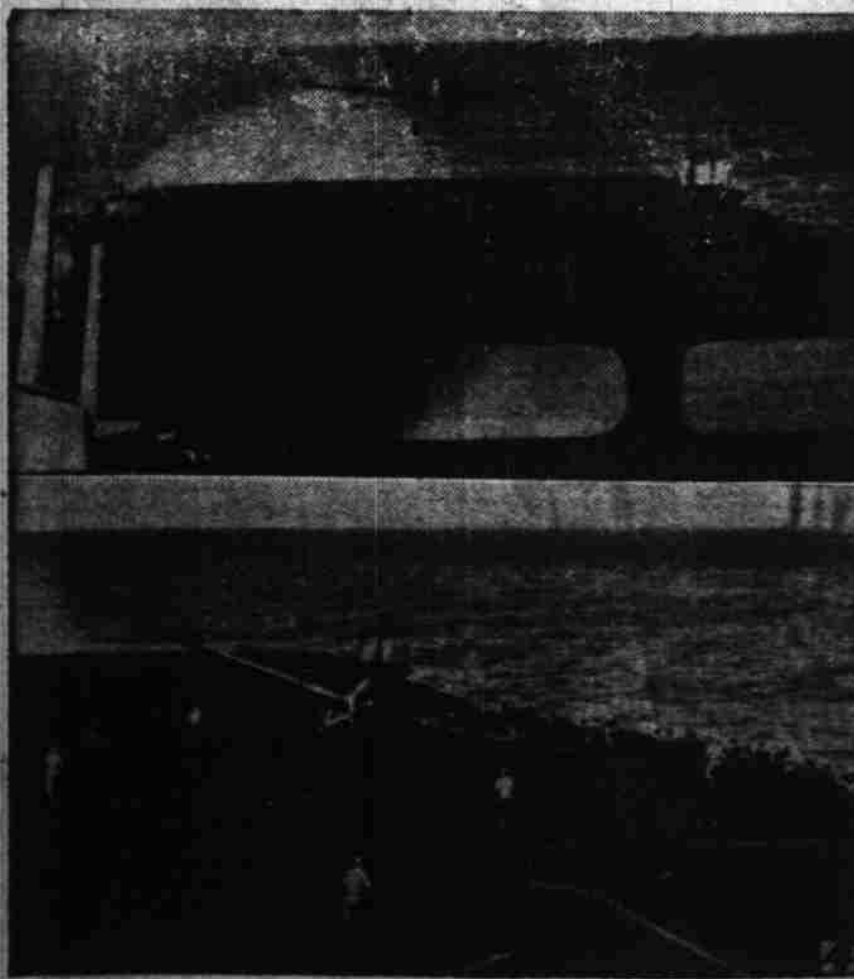
Oliver Morgan Killed at Scio

SCIO, Nov. 7. (AP)—Oliver Francis Morgan, 53, died Monday of injuries received in a logging accident at the Roaring River Logging operation 20 miles southeast of Scio. He died while enroute to the Lebanon hospital.

He was born in LaCenter, Wash., March 30, 1891 and had lived in Scio 50 years. Survivors include the widow, Josephine Morgan; three sons, William, at home; Vernon at Camp Roberts, Calif.; Leo with the US navy in the Pacific; three daughters, Mrs. Marie Urban of Lyons; Jeanette and Bernita Carol at home; two sisters, Jessie Landreth, Aberdeen, Wash.; Mrs. Carrie Shelton, Scio; and his mother, Mrs. Abbie Morgan of Scio.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Plane Lands on One Wheel



With only one wheel down, an Avenger torpedo plane, damaged by enemy fire during the attack on the Japanese fleet in the Philippines, came in for a landing on its carrier. Then (lower) the plane, piloted by Lt. (jg) Huggins, Columbia, SC, came to a stop on the deck as crewmen ran toward it. Photo by AP Photographer Joe Rosenthal on assignment with Warrent Still Picture Pool. (AP wirephoto)



SOPRANO—Prima donna Rosemarie Brancato will play part of a prima donna in Broadway musical opening soon.

Thumbnail of War!

(By the Associated Press)

Western Europe — Americans and Germans locked in bitter struggle for the center of Vossenack, Nazi city only 30 miles from the Rhine valley; virtually all Germans cleared from south of the Maas river.

Russia — No important changes reported along the entire eastern front on the 27th anniversary of the red revolution.

Italy — British eighth army makes small advances under a protective cover of scores of planes, but mud slows down action in other sectors.

Greece — No reported changes.

Pacific — American carrier based planes smash at Manila area again, destroying 249 Japanese planes and hammering shore installations; Yank 24th division battles savagely — resisting elements of four enemy divisions in the Ormoc valley on Leyte.

China — Japanese columns slowly close in on Liuchow, last remaining advanced American air base in southeastern China; no change reported at Kweilin.

Spokane Seeks Gal Swim Meet

SPOKANE, Nov. 7. (AP)—The Spokane athletic round table tonight to ask the national AAU to bring its women's swimming and diving championships here next summer and directors say they understood the offer they were making topped all previous bids by \$2,000. The round table offered \$4,000 to cover all expense. Their information did not indicate who made the previous record bid for the event.

Storm Warnings Up Along Oregon Coast

SEATTLE, Nov. 7. (AP)—The weather bureau at 5 p. m. ordered storm warnings hoisted along the Washington and Oregon coasts as far south as Newport. Small craft were ordered up from Newport to the California line and on inland waters of Washington.

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Worried Japs Switch Leaders In Philippines

By the Associated Press

Indicating concern over American successes in the Philippines, the Japanese war lords have switched generals for that area.

Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, Japan's victorious general at Singapore and Corregidor, will fight it out with Gen. Douglas MacArthur, having been transferred from Malaya to serve as commander-in-chief of Japanese forces in the Philippines, Tokyo radio said last night (Tuesday).

Yamashita, whose change of command was announced in a broadcast recorded in the United States by the federal communications commission, apparently succeeds Lt. Gen. Shigenori Kuroda in the Philippines.

The 59-year-old Yamashita presumably will be responsible, as was General Kuroda, to Field Marshal Count Jichi Terauchi, commander-in-chief of Japanese forces in the southern regions, including the Philippines.

Charles Erskine Dies in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 7. (AP)—W. Erskine, general counsel for the Oregon Public Utilities commission and former chief federal prosecutor in this district, died in a hospital today.

Erskine, 57, has been ill several months with a heart ailment. A Willamette university law school graduate, he served for a time as Crook county deputy district attorney and deputy US district attorney.

He is survived by the widow, his mother, and a son and daughter. Funeral will be held here at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at the A. J. Rose and Son chapel.

Father of British Queen Dies Tuesday

LONDON, Nov. 7. (AP)—The death of the Earl of Strathmore, father of the queen, today brought the British royal family its second bereavement in less than a fortnight. Princess Beatrix, great aunt of the king, died Oct. 26.

Lord Strathmore, 89, had been ill one month. He owned about 25,000 acres of land in Scotland, including medieval Glamis castle in Forfarshire, where he died. His wife died in June, 1938. His heir is the queen's brother, Lord Glamis, 60.

Portland Minister Declines Aimee's Job

PORTLAND, Nov. 7. (AP)—Announcement that he would not succeed Aimee Semple McPherson as pastor of Angelus temple, Los Angeles, came today from Dr. Harold Wesley Jefferies, Foursquare Gospel pastor here.

Complying with pleas of northwest churchmen, Jefferies said he would remain here. He has declined an invitation for the position extended by Rolf McPherson, son of the late evangelist.

Fighting On Leyte Critical

Reinforced Nips Battle Fiercely To Halt Yankees

By Murlin Spencer
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Wednesday, Nov. 8. (AP)—The 24th division is locked in a critical fight in Ormoc valley on Leyte with elements of four Japanese divisions, including three rushed in as reinforcements, headquarters reported today.

This was the crucial battle pre-arranged by Japanese convoy landings at Ormoc while the 24th was capturing Pinamopon on Carigara bay and swinging south.

16th Strengthened
Today's communique said elements of the First, 30th and 102nd Nipponese divisions had augmented the badly shattered 16th—the tortures of Bataan—in opposing the 24th. Three strong enemy counterattacks were repulsed.

Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy in these counterattacks, made at night just south of coastal Pinamopon on northwest Leyte. The strength of them was great, constituting savage fighting equal to the heaviest encountered on the island.

Ground Recovered
After they failed, the Japanese infiltrated American positions and some withdrawals were necessary but the ground lost has been recovered by the Yanks.

The scene of the fighting is along the northern section of the narrow winding road from Pinamopon to Ormoc as well as in adjoining ridge barriers dominating the valley.

A spokesman said the Japanese were well dug in. However, constant artillery shelling has forced the foe to restrict movements of reinforcements and supplies to the night hours.

Less than 10 miles north of Ormoc, Japan's port of last hope on western Leyte, American long range artillery laid down a devastating barrage on the enemy defenses at Valencia. The shelling wrecked warehouses and supply dumps. Large fires broke out.

Burned Office To Be Rebuilt

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 7. (AP)—Rebuilding of the Oregon Shipbuilding administration building, destroyed by fire yesterday, will begin as soon as possible, Albert Bauer, assistant general manager, announced today.

A complete set of plans for the former structure will be used and the building will be erected on its original foundations, he said. Plans for construction were authorized by the US maritime commission.

Meanwhile, the corporation went ahead with launchings as usual, sending the USS Karnes down the ways today. Nora M. Clancy, director of the child care center, christened the transport. The center, which will celebrate its first year's anniversary tomorrow, has cared for 1463 youngsters in that time.

Rough Waters Keep Fishing Boats Idle

MARSHFIELD, Nov. 7. (AP)—Commercial fishing was practically at a standstill here today as rough water kept 85 boats tied up in Coos bay awaiting smoother seas to clear the bar for outside fishing.

While most crab fishermen have not yet set out their pots, some have and they fear they may be lost by the time they can put to sea.

Nondescript Farm Dog Saves Horse's Life

HEPPNER, Nov. 7. (AP)—A nondescript farm dog was the favored member of the Paul Hiesler household today for saving a horse from strangling itself.

The horse, which fell and became tangled in its halter, was gasping for breath when the dog spotted the trouble. Barking frantically, the pooch tore back and forth between Hiesler and the barn until the owner rescued his horse.

Week's Rainfall Almost Equals October's Total

Almost as much rainfall has been reported during the first week of this month as in the entire month of October, according to the local weather bureau. Rainfall for the week has been 2.34 inches compared to 2.90 inches for last month. Average precipitation for November is 5.89 inches. Heaviest amount for this week was registered last Friday when .92 inches was reported.

Average maximum temperature for the past week has been 58 degrees.

Eastern Front Fighting Slack; Blows Expected

LONDON, Nov. 7. (AP)—Fighting along the winding eastern front slackened generally today—27th anniversary of the Russian revolution—with Moscow announcing only that "there were no essential changes on the front" and that yesterday 16 German tanks were knocked out in scattered local engagements.

Behind the major sectors, however, there was the promise of big operations to come.

The close siege of Budapest was impeded by a third day of torrential rains, but the Russians used the weather as cover for movement of thousands of infantrymen into the front lines beside their tanks, and Soviet artillery shelled the Hungarian capital's defenses methodically.

The Paris and Brazzaville radios said that inside the city a veritable civil war was raging among dissident Hungarians and German and Hungarian Nazi troops.

Berlin, too, refused to be lulled into any sense of temporary security by the comparative Soviet quiet in the east. The German radio said that for several days past the Russians had been withdrawing mechanized formations from the East Beskides area of the Polish-Czechoslovak frontier. They said this was to reinforce assault divisions preparing for a new large-scale attack towards Tarnow from the Soviet bridgehead on the west side of the Vistula river.

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Adm. Nimitz said the total of cargo ships damaged on both days was 14.

Whist Animal Puzzles Workers, Grand Coulee

GRAND COULEE, Wash., Nov. 7. (AP)—A whist animal that could be either rabbit or cat but appears to be about half and half is puzzling workmen at Grand Coulee dam.

They report the animal, which roams around the guard station, sits and hops like a rabbit, has a short tail and long back legs, a face like a cat and short, bowed front legs. It sniffs food like a rabbit but it won't eat lettuce.

Old Luke Didn't Whip His Squaw for Long

BLACKFOOT, Ida., Nov. 7. (AP)—Sheriff William A. Clough was called by an Indian who asked him to hurry to the home of a neighbor, saying "Old Luke is whipping his squaw."

But the sheriff reported things had changed by the time he got there. He found "Old Luke" tied with a rope to a wagon wheel, his squaw and the latter's sister looking on complacently.

Judge Misses Court, Fined for Contempt

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 7. (AP)—City Judge Joseph G. Jeppson went deer hunting and failed to return in time for the scheduled opening of court, so City Judge Karl V. King substituted, found Jeppson guilty of contempt and sentenced him to supply venison pies for everyone appearing in his court that day. The number is 50.

Unidentified Body Found in Rogue River

MEDFORD, Nov. 7. (AP)—The badly decomposed body of an unidentified man was found in a Rogue river mud bank by duck hunters, the coroner's office reported today.

Coroner W. H. Conger said the body might be that of one of two soldiers, believed to have drowned in the Rogue river near Camp White nearly two years ago.

Two-Day Air Raid Takes Heavy Toll In Manila Area

Nine Other Warships Damaged In New Carrier Plane Strike; 3 Oil Storage Areas Set Afire

By CHARLES H. McMURTRY
US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 7. (AP)—Carrier-based Helldivers, Hellcats and Avengers destroyed 440 Japanese planes, sank two enemy warships, probably sank a third and damaged eight others in a two-day raid on the Manila area of the Philippines, the navy disclosed today.

Additionally, three cargo vessels and an oil tanker were sunk, a trawler, and 14 others were damaged and heavy destruction was spread among airfields, oil stores and installations.

The raids by planes of the US Third fleet were made Saturday and Sunday. An enemy sub chaser went down Saturday and a heavy cruiser probably sank. An enemy destroyer was sunk Sunday.

A light cruiser and three destroyers were damaged Saturday. Two destroyers and two destroyer escorts were hit Sunday.

Many Planes Banged
At least 191 enemy planes were wiped out Saturday, the bulk of them on the ground. Another 249 were accounted for Sunday.

The enemy warships score increased to at least 72 the total sunk, probably sunk or damaged in actions related to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's invasion of Leyte Oct. 20.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announcing the continued neutralization of the Manila area in a communique today, reported additional "heavy damage" was inflicted on ground installations.

Oil Fires Started
Three oil storage areas were set afire on the north strip at Clark field and a tremendous explosion started another large fire in the northeast area of the same air-drome.

North of Malvar, a railway engine and five tank cars were destroyed.

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Thief Won't Have Any Use for These Clothes

PORTLAND, Nov. 7. (AP)—The thief who stole a handbag containing a sweat suit and basketball shoes from Patrolman Robert C. McKeown's car today is going to feel gyped.

McKeown, who looms 6 feet 5 and weighs over 300 pounds, wears size 13EE shoes.

Annual Mink Show Set for Fairgrounds

STAYTON, Nov. 7. (AP)—Oregon's annual mink show will be held at the state fairgrounds, Salem, on November 13, the Oregon Fox and Mink association announced today.

Cookies for Soldiers Would Stretch 30 Miles

POCATELLO, Ida., Nov. 7. (AP)—The Pocatello army air base newspaper, The Fighter Pilot, figures that if all the cookies distributed to servicemen from the American Legion's cookie jar at the Union Pacific depot were laid out in a line, they'd stretch for 30 miles.

Even After This Happens, American Women Can't Relax



Even after Hitler himself throws in the sponge, American women must not relax on saving used fats in their kitchens. Because it's the Japs, not the Germans, who still have those territories in the Pacific that used to supply us with one billion pounds a year! Our fat salvage job isn't done until we blast the Nips out.

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