

# Carrier Based Planes Destroy Entire Jap Convoy

## 10 Nippon Ships Go To Bottom

### Only Remnants Of 8000 Troops Reach Beaches

By Martin Spencer  
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Sunday, Nov. 12—(AP)—Carrier planes of the US Third fleet destroyed an entire Japanese convoy of four transports and six destroyers in Ormoc bay today, smashing the second Nipponese attempt in three days to reinforce their Leyte island army.

Only remnants of an estimated 8000 fresh enemy troops reached shore, after a slashing dawn battle.

**Jap Loses High**  
The Japanese lost 13 destroyers and seven transports, plus thousands of men, in their attempts today and last Thursday and Friday to land reinforcements.

Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, the new Japanese commander, has "chosen western Leyte as a main battleground for his supreme effort to crush our liberating forces," Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in today's communique.

He said Japan's conqueror of Malaya is attempting to land sufficient forces to break out of the "Yamashita line," the American-encircled area around Ormoc, last Japanese stronghold on Leyte.

**American Grounds Forces Make New Gains**  
American ground forces made new gains across the rugged terrain south of Carigara bay, as the Yank army smashed the latest reinforcement effort some 20 miles southward.

The naval airmen, attacking in force, caught the Japanese convoy as it slipped into Ormoc bay under cover of early morning darkness.

(Leif Erickson, Associated Press war correspondent at Pearl Harbor, said "The report of the convoy destruction disclosed that Third fleet carrier forces again have undertaken direct support of MacArthur's ground operations on Leyte.")

"(Opposed by the Third fleet plane power, the Japanese attempts to throw more troops into the defense of Leyte should become increasingly difficult.)"

## British Halted In Italy Drive

ROME, Nov. 11—(AP)—British eighth army troops grinding slowly forward from captured Forlì in the eastern Po valley were halted today just outside the city at the Ravaldino canal, which they found the German tanks and infantry defending in considerable strength.

The canal runs from the northwest corner of Forlì in a north-easterly direction. Southwest of Forlì the Germans have taken up positions along the Montone river.

Snow flurries fell on both the fifth and eighth army fronts, varying from a light coating in some sectors to a depth of nine inches on the right flank in the hills.

## Harold Olfert Dies in Action

DALLAS, Nov. 11—Harold Olfert, postman first class, died of wounds received in action on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wall, have been notified.

Olfert enlisted in the navy in 1943 after completing three years of high school work at Dallas. Survivors include the parents, three brothers, Melvin, US navy at Shoshemaker, Calif.; Walter, US navy; Farragut; and Waldo, at home; also one sister, Sophie, a student at the Bible institute in Los Angeles.

**Paper Says Marshall's Age Won't Retire Him**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—(AP)—President Roosevelt is expected to retain Gen. George C. Marshall as chief of staff after he reaches retirement age Dec. 31, the army and navy journal says.

The journal noted that Admiral Earnest J. King, chief of naval operations, who was 65 in 1942, was continued on active duty by the president. Marshall, in addition to being army chief of staff, is one of the American members of the combined chiefs of staff.

**Football Scores**  
Army 20, Notre Dame 0.  
Harvard 20, Cornell 0.  
Yale 13, Brown 0.  
Penn. St., Columbia 7.  
UCLA 7, California 0.  
4th Air Force 28, Washington 0.  
Utah 21, Colorado College 0.  
Ohio State 20, Auburn 7.  
Great Lakes 12, 3rd Air Force 10.  
Michigan 14, Illinois 0.  
Minnesota 19, Indiana 14.  
Wisconsin 24, Iowa 7.  
Ohio State 20, Pittsburgh 19.  
Purdue 27, Northwestern 7.  
Mississippi St. 20, Auburn 11.  
Georgia 19, Florida 12.  
Georgia Tech 24, Tulane 7.  
Alabama 24, Mississippi 0.  
Tulsa 20, Northwestern 0.  
Tex. Christian 14, Tex. Tech 0.  
Oklahoma A & M 13, Texas 0.

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## STEEL ARC CLOSES ON METZ

### Yankees Advance 5 Miles

#### German Bastion Nearly Circled; Planes Support

By Austin Bealmear

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Nov. 11—(AP)—American infantry and armor drew the arc of steel threatening to envelop Metz to fully two-thirds of the way around that Nazi-held French fortress today, with less than 10 miles separating the two flanking forces.

The US Third army smashed ahead five miles, crossing rivers, rail lines and highways, to tighten the noose around Metz. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who celebrated his 59th birthday and Armistice day with the most sweeping advances of his new winter offensive has sent elements of at least eight divisions into the line since the drive started four days ago.

**Draw Near Citadel**

Hinges of two assaults swinging around Metz from both sides were driven to within five miles of the citadel due south and within four and one-half miles on the opposite side. The forces on the southern hinge southeast of Metz—excluding all or part of six divisions—continued to smash recklessly ahead, swinging far to the east and increasing the threat of complete encirclement of Metz.

American fighter-bombers flew 700 sorties despite varying weather. At one point they caught more than 25 German tanks moving toward the American lines and reported the destruction of 10 and the damaging of 15.

**Push Three Miles**

At the same time, the Fourth armored division pushed on three miles northeast along a rail route from captured Haboudange to the area of Conthil, only four miles from the Benestroff rail junction and nine miles northeast of Chateau-Salins.

The doughboys were engaging the German 110th and 111th panzer grenadier regiments in the area of Gerbecourt on the eastern edge of Chateau-Salins forest. Planes combined with ground forces to inflict severe losses on the enemy.

## Tax Boost Bar Being Planned

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—(AP)—Legislation to block an automatic \$1,500,000,000 increase in social security payroll taxes will be offered when congress reconvenes Tuesday, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) announced today.

"I should think that 1945 would be rather a poor year to double payroll taxes," the senator said, citing campaign declarations by both major parties favoring lighter tax loads on business as it reconverts to peacetime pursuits.

For three successive years Vandenberg has championed legislation which prevented doubling of the payroll tax, now one per cent each on employers and employees. Without positive action by congress, the tax increase becomes effective January 1, 1945.

## Hunt for 1948 Presidential Timber Already Under Way

By Douglas B. Cornell  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—(AP)—With some election boards still counting 1944 votes, professional politicians already have begun sizing up potential timber for 1948.

Looking over the assortment, republicans could see nearly half a dozen men who might be built up for the presidential nomination four years from now.

Thomas E. Dewey, of course, is high on the list. He has two years to go as governor of New York.

Political analysts thought they detected a hint that Dewey was looking to the future when he let it be known in New York Wednesday that he was pleased with the degree of acceptance of his foreign

## Petrillo Removes Recording Ban as Companies Accede

NEW YORK, Nov. 11—(AP)—James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM), announced today the lifting of his 27-month recording ban against RCA-Victor, Columbia Recording Corporation and the National Broadcasting Company's transcription division.

Petrillo, who had rejected a war labor board order and a request from President Roosevelt to permit union musicians to resume recording for the companies, said all three companies had agreed to the union's requirement that they pay the union a royalty on each disc sold.

## B-29's Shower Japs With Aid Of New Device

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—(AP)—Using secret instruments to locate their targets through clouds, B-29's today bombed a Japanese homeland aircraft manufacturing center and transportation and storage facilities in two enemy-held Chinese cities.

One Superfortress was reported in a communique to be missing. At least two enemy planes were shot down, seven others probably destroyed and 11 damaged.

The communique said a large task force of Superfortresses, operating from bases in China, participated in the three-prong aerial blow. The targets were:

The Omura aircraft factory at Omura, on the Japanese home island of Kyushu.

The extensive dock and loading facilities at Nanking, a ferry port for rail traffic between Shanghai, Tientsin and Manchuria. Nanking also is the seat of the Japanese-controlled puppet government in China.

Enemy military storage and transshipment facilities at the great port of Shanghai.

## Inauguration Plans Sealed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—(AP)—The low-down on the fourth Roosevelt inauguration January 20 was given to Capitol officials late today by the president.

They kept mum, however, pending their report to the joint inaugural committee Tuesday.

The presidential callers were Edwin A. Halsey, secretary of the senate, and David Lynn, Capitol architect. They make the physical arrangements for the ceremony, usually held on the Capitol steps.

They will report Tuesday to a committee whose joint chairmen are Senator Byrd (D-Va.) and Speaker Rayburn. Other members are Senators Vandenberg (R-Mich.) and McKeller (D-Tenn.) and Reps. Doughton (D-N.C.) and Martin (R-Mass.), the latter house minority leader.

## Night Attacks on Germans Resumed

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 12—(AP)—A force of heavy bombers of the RAF flew over the east coast of England last night, heading for the continent in what apparently was resumption of night attacks which had been interrupted by unfavorable weather.

Bad weather, however, did not deter daylight attacks yesterday when 2000 American planes struck at the Reich from the west and south. The returning flyers reported that German anti-aircraft gunners in Italy, Austria and western Germany offered only meager to moderate resistance.

## Many Soldiers Prefer Army to Jobs, Claim

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—(AP)—Many servicemen do not want to come marching home now or after the war's end, says Omar B. Ketchum, national legislative officer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Instead they prefer to remain in the armed services where their paycheck may equal or exceed their civilian salary, Ketchum said in a statement today.

## Search Goes On For Cons

### Pair Believed Hiding in Hills 12 Miles South

A slowly converging circle of state police and prison guards this morning surrounds the spot 12 miles southeast of Salem where a pair of fleeing convicts Saturday afternoon abandoned the station wagon in which they had escaped from the Oregon state penitentiary after injuring C. J. Plonksky, guard.

The car, property of the state blind trades school, Portland, was found shortly before 6 p. m. in the brush beside Skyline road. Possibility that the fugitives, 33-year-old Cornelius Price Long and 63-year-old Martin Caswell Broom, the former described by officers as desperate and the latter serving a life term, might have held up and taken another car and driver is not overlooked by police who have set up a network of highway blockades over all western Oregon.

Long and Broom made their getaway at 10:09 a. m. Saturday in the station wagon which had entered the prison yard to pick up milk and cream purchased by the trades school from the penitentiary farm. Plonksky, guard at the penitentiary the past three weeks, who rode the vehicle into the yard, described the seizure: "I didn't realize they were there until suddenly we were traveling 40."

Outside the wall but still on prison grounds, the convicts tossed Plonksky, who is no lightweight, from the speeding car and drove nonchalantly through the outer gate, traveling west on State street. In the fall, two bones in Plonksky's right arm were broken.

**Escaped Before**  
In September, 1942, Long escaped and was at large three days. Friday, men at the penitentiary told Deputy Warden Gene Halley after the pair had fled, Long said if he ever got out again "they" wouldn't take him alive. (Additional details on page 2.)

## Alcohol Study Will Be Made

PORTLAND, Nov. 11—(AP)—Sponsored by Gov. Earl Snell and the education advisory committee of the Oregon Liquor Control commission, the first Pacific coast conference on alcohol studies will be held here November 27 to December 1.

Yale university's section of alcohol studies, under the direction of Dr. E. M. Jellinek, will conduct the four-day session which will cover the alcohol problem in its widest ramifications.

Invitations have been sent to governors and law-enforcement officers in 11 western states.

## FDR's Lead 3,099,284; 7947 Precincts 'Out'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—(AP)—President Roosevelt's plurality over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey stood at 3,099,284 tonight on the basis of unofficial returns from all but 7947 of the nation's voting precincts.

The total major party vote reported by 122,842 voting units was 45,568,042 with this division: Roosevelt 24,323,663; Dewey 21,234,379.

## Rural Idaho Houses Poise Postwar Job

MOSCOW, Idaho, Nov. 11—(AP)—A University of Idaho agricultural experiment station report issued today said that 5600 rural Idaho dwellings will require replacement and repair work costing \$20,000,000 will be needed in the first 10 years after the war.

The report estimated that 12,000 man years of work will be required to meet these needs.

## Weather

Maximum temperature 58 degrees, minimum 41 degrees, 61 inch rain, river -1 ft.

Increasing cloudiness followed by showers and snow flurries in mountains Sunday; rain Sunday and Monday.

## Action, Agency Of World Peace, Says Bennett in Speech

Action by the United States which will more nearly assure world peace was demanded by Frank B. Bennett, superintendent of Salem public schools, in the principle address of the Armistice day celebration Saturday.

Veterans of World War I, all grey or greying, their shoulders beginning to show the stoop of time, marched with steady tread beside the veterans of World War II and many other patriotic, fraternal and civilian groups. Lt. Col. Benjamin F. Pound was parade marshal and Rex Kimmel master of ceremonies. Rev. J. C. Harrison gave the invocation.

## Soviets Expand Wedge Between 2 Prize Cities

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 12—(AP)—Russian troops steadily expanding their wedge between the German defenders of Budapest and Miskolc, yesterday drove to within 11 miles of Miskolc, Hungary's fifth city, while a Budapest broadcast late last night announced that heavy fighting had broken out at Vecses, only five miles southeast of the capital.

A midnight Soviet bulletin said the enemy had thrown in powerful reinforcements in an effort to break the Russian hold on the railway to Miskolc, 84 miles northeast of the capital, and also on the main railway to Szolnok, 50 miles southeast of Budapest.

While the Russians did not mention the Vecses sector they told of particularly heavy fighting near Cegled, 35 miles southeast of Budapest, which is on the same line serving Vecses.

Sixteen miles northeast of Cegled, other Soviet units captured Ujszasz, 43 miles east-southeast of Budapest.

## Fleet Losses Of 2 Months All Replaced

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 11—(AP)—The American Pacific fleet's first carrier task force is becoming increasingly stronger, and in a very few months will have twice as many carriers operating in the western Pacific as it had six months ago, Rear Admiral George D. Murray said today.

As of six months ago this fleet could put at least 1000 planes in the air.

Admiral Murray, naval air commander in the Pacific, also reported that all US naval aircraft and pilot losses of the last two months had been replaced. This included losses in the great naval battles of the Philippines October 24 and 25.

"I'm glad to be able to report," Murray said, "that our losses of the last two months, since the Marianas, are well within what we can stand."

"All our aircraft losses have been replaced. Our pilot losses have been replaced."

## Yank Captures 2 Nazi Paratroopers With Empty Rifle

WITH THE US FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY, Nov. 11—(AP)—Pfc. Charles L. Winkler, of Yale, Michigan captured two German paratroopers in the mountains south of the Po valley and marched them nearly a mile to military police and then discovered his gun was not loaded.

Winkler, "armed" with a carbine, surprised the nazis in a fog. One had a machine pistol and the other a revolver. They came calmly when they saw Winkler's rifle.

Winkler discovered his gun was empty as he began the march back to his company. He kept it secret.

## V-2 Rocket Swishes Through Sky at 3500 Miles Per Hour

By E. V. Jones  
LONDON, Nov. 11—(AP)—The German V-2 rocket bomb, described as a 13 1/2-ton wingless projectile which cuts through space at a maximum speed of 3500 miles an hour, has been falling in allied sectors of Belgium and France as well as in Britain, front dispatches permitted through army censorship said tonight.

A number of these new vengeance weapons, which cannot be heard coming because they are faster than sound, fell in one US army sector alone in less than two days, and the rate has increased at various intervals, said a dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Austin Bealmear. The censor deleted the origin of the dispatch.

## MacArthur Greets Air Ace



Gen. Douglas MacArthur (right), commander of American forces in the Philippines, shakes hands with Maj. Richard Bong, as the army air forces' leading ace arrived at a newly opened airstrip. (AP photo)

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Three great rivers—the Rhine, the Meuse, and the Scheldt—had deposited their silts for ages among the dunes and sandbanks heaved up by the ocean around their mouths. A delta was thus formed, habitable at last for man. It was by nature a wide meadow, in which oozy islands and savage forests were interspersed among lagoons and shallows; a district lying partly below the level of the ocean at higher tides, subject to constant overflow from the rivers, and to frequent and terrible inundations by the sea.

Such were the rivers which, with their numerous tributaries, coursed through the spongy land. Their frequent overflow, when forced back upon their currents by the stormy sea, rendered the country almost uninhabitable. Here, within a half-submerged territory a race of wretched ichthyophagi (fish-eaters) dwelt upon terpenes or mounds, which they had raised like beavers, above the almost fluid soil.

Here at a later day, the same race chained the tyrant ocean and his mighty streams into subservience, forcing them to fertilize, to render commodious, to cover with a beneficent network of veins and arteries, and to bind by watery highways, with the farthest ends of the world, a region, outcast of ocean and earth, wretched at last from both domains their richest treasures.

Thus does John Lothrop Motley in his introduction to "The Rise and Fall of the Dutch Republic" describe the country we know as The Netherlands.

The battle of these lowland dwellers against the sea covers the whole span of the Christian era, for the Romans found them on their tiny earth-mounds in the first century A.D. These primitive people of Celtic and Germanic origin learned early to build dikes, but it was not until the 12th century that construction was begun on a great scale.

(Continued on editorial page)

## Chinese Admit Jap Advances

CHUNGKING, Nov. 11—(AP)—Estimating that 350,000 Japanese had been flung into the sprawling battle for Kwangsi province, the Chinese high command admitted tonight that the enemy had broken into Kweilin and also was pushing a menacing drive in the south toward important Yungning.

Resistance continued inside Kweilin, Kwangsi capital and defense pivot for southeast China, which was penetrated Thursday night, the high command stated.

Luchow, site of the last advance American airbase in southeast China, still is in Chinese hands, the communique said. A US 14th air force communique detailed widespread attacks in Hunan and Kwangsi provinces.

## Bong Nips Two Nips, Plane Mark Now 36

AT A LEYTE AIRBASE, Philippines, Sunday, Nov. 12—(AP)—Major Richard I. Bong, of Poplar, Wis., America's ace of aces ran his string to 36 today, downing two more Japanese planes in the skies above Ormoc.

He said the enemy fighters encountered were among the best he has met in the air.

## Police Ban 'Hot' Tire Sale in Public Square

DURANT, Okla., Nov. 11—(AP)—Two men started a tire sale on the public square here today and the merchandise was going good—until police put them out of business.

The officers said the stock of 178 tires, along with a truck in which they brought them to town, were stolen at Tulsa early today.