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Greatest Force Of Superforts Fly in Raid

Yokohama, Kobe Blasted; New 21st Bomber Command Makes Blow From Saipan

ARMY AIR FORCES HEADQUARTERS, Pacific Ocean Areas, Nov. 24—(AP)—A large force of B-29's, probably the greatest number yet to attack Japan, bombed industrial targets in Tokyo today, as the 20th's Thanksgiving day message to the Japanese.

While Gen. H. H. Arnold's brief Washington statement, released simultaneously here by Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, deputy commander, 20th AAF, made only a general statement that "a sizeable force of B-29's," attacked industrial targets in Tokyo, it was believed here that:

The force was the greatest ever to hit Japan from either land or sea.

Yokohama and Kobe and the Tokyo area probably also were blasted.

Targets included vital hydroelectric plants and dams in the Tokyo area; Tokyo's inflammable industrial district; shipping, shipbuilding yards and repair docks in and around Yokohama bay; airfields in the entire target area.

More than two years have elapsed between the first and second bombing of the enemy capital. The first attack was made by 16 medium bombers launched from the deck of the carrier Hornet on April 18, 1942.

That flight was commanded by the then Lt. Col. James Doolittle, now a lieutenant general and commander of the eighth air force in Europe.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24—Radio Tokyo belatedly acknowledged today the first bombing raid by American Saipan-based B-29's, but claimed residential areas and a hospital were hit and the big ships were driven off by interceptors. The announcer claimed several Superforts were shot down.

SAIPAN, Nov. 24—(AP)—The United States launched a mighty aerial weapon—the brand-new 21st bomber command of the 20th army air force—straight at the heart of Japan today.

A great task force of B-29 Superfortresses thundered into the dawn at breath-taking one minute intervals from this island which five months ago belonged to Japan.

The giant planes doglegged in the sky to form patterns of nine or 12 as they headed northwestward toward the most heavily guarded target in the far east—Tokyo itself, some 1500 miles from this base.

Leading the entire formation was 38-year-old Brig. Gen. Emmett "Rosie" O'Donnell of Jamaica, N.Y., former West Point football coach. He personally is helping avenge the losses the Americans suffered while he, then a major, was piloting B-17 bombers in the Philippines, Java and Australia early in the war.

"It's Rosie O'Donnell against Tokyo Rose," an exuberant officer said.

The B-29 fliers took off knowing the enemy was alerted by recent practice missions against Truk and the Bonin Islands and by photographic reconnaissance over Tokyo.

But they expected to rudely surprise the Japanese from the standpoint of the impressive scale of this initial major combat mission, engineered under the watchful eye of the new organization's brilliant young commander—Brig. Gen. Haywood S. "Possum" Hansell, jr., of San Antonio, Tex.

A photo reconnaissance B-29, which photographed Tokyo on November 1 and several times since then, discovered the Japanese capital was ringed with elaborate air fields, packed with planes.

The entire Yokohama area, adjacent to the sprawling capital, bristles with anti-aircraft guns, which put up a most intense barrage.

On the photo plane's third trip to Tokyo a number of days ago, 100 Japanese fighters rose but failed to attack.

Earlier, smaller formations of fighters also declined to engage the lone B-29, possibly because they were unable to obtain the desired speeds at that altitude. The fighters also may have been handicapped because their engines overheated. This was an early handicap to the Superforts, now largely overcome.

Some of the huge planes took off from the magnificent Isely airfield, which was constructed on the comparatively small Asifto field, the main Japanese airbase in the Marianas.

Isely is one of a series of Superfortress bases already built or under construction at Tinian and Guam, as well as Saipan.

Indicative of the scope of future operations against Japan, Hansell warned that, despite the large size of this initial raid, the B-29 attacks must be regarded as still in the experimental stage in this theater.

Today's raiders knew they would be returning after dark with little fuel. They also knew they must avoid Japanese-held islands in the Marianas and Bonins. En route they had to buck strong westwardly winds, even though the Japanese autumn and winter seasons provide the best flying weather.

The mission also involved a difficult navigational problem. Flying north on the sun doesn't provide the fix that the stars give. A navigator could drift 300 miles east or west of his course without knowing it.

The 21st bomber command is the second unit of the 20th air force to be announced. Hansell said the organization thus is able to take advantage of six months' experience gained by the 20th command, operating in China, 2700 miles away.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

There has been dispute as to how much credit Calvin Coolidge deserved in the breaking of the Boston police strike in 1919 when he was governor of Massachusetts, but his dictum, expressed in a letter to Samuel Gompers, epitomized the attitude of the public toward strikes of that character: "There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, anytime."

While telephone workers are not police, they are in wartime vital essential workers, whose right to strike is impaired by the very nature of their service. To extend that strike from the industrial centers of Ohio clear to the nation's capital would, if completed, virtually paralyze temporarily at least the functions of government and of war industry.

So splendid has been the record of telephone workers that the present refusal of hundreds of telephone operators to work is very surprising. Best of all has been their record of service in time of war.

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Reds Resume Czech Offense, Gain 16 Miles

LONDON, Nov. 23—(AP)—The red army resumed its offensive in Czechoslovakia west of Ungvar today, grinding through rain and mud for gains of as much as 16 miles on a 25-mile front. At the same time the soviets recaptured the famous wine center of Tokaj in northern Hungary.

The operations by Marshal Ivan Petrov's Fourth Ukrainian army in Slovakia and Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army in Hungary gave the Russians a virtually continuous active front of about 55 miles stretching across the frontier northeast from Tokaj to Sobrance, a town 10 miles northwest of Ungvar.

In the fresh drive in Slovakia, Petrov's army again seized the railway junction of Casp (Cep), which has changed hands several times in recent weeks, and occupied more than 30 other populated places.

70,000 Germans Cut Off

Bitter Battles - Rage on Cologne Plain to North

By Austin Balmear
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Nov. 23—(AP)—French armored forces fought their way toward the center of Strasbourg tonight after an 18-mile dash to the Rhine which sealed off the overland escape route for an estimated 700,000 troops of the German 19th army, now pinned against the almost bridgeless river.

The second spectacular Rhine break - through in five days, imperiling nearly one - seventh of the forces the Germans are believed to have committed on the western front, came as the bitterest battle since the invasion thundered into its seventh day far to the north on the Cologne plain.

Battenheim Falls
As the French second armored division pressed into the outskirts of Strasbourg against light resistance, the first French armored division more than 50 miles to the south seized Battenheim, four miles north of Mulhouse, and pushed on north up the Rhine.

This was the southern jaw of a giant pincers reaching around the broken enemy Voges line, with the northern jaw formed by the French of the US seventh army which had sped through Sarverne gap.

Far Into Reich
Although at Strasbourg they are farther from Berlin than their American and British allies fighting inside the reich in the Aachen area, the French advance to Strasbourg is the easternmost penetration on the western front.

They are 370 miles from the German capital as the crow flies and over 400 miles from their landing point in southern France. Reach Saar Border
The third army, battering forward two to four miles along a 35-mile front, reached the Saar border at two new undisclosed points: drove to within 15 miles of the stronghold of Saarbrucken, and pressed a mile deeper into Germany to bring 30 square miles under its control.

Franco Ouster Planned By 'Liberation Junta'
PARIS, Nov. 23—(AP)—Representatives of five Spanish republican party organizations living in the Paris region formed a "Spanish liberation junta" today to campaign for the ouster of Generalissimo Francisco Franco and return to a republic under the 1931 constitution.

Marion's Sixth Loan Campaign Goes Into 'High' Gear Today
The big event next Wednesday. The retail division carries its campaign to the third large Salem store today. Moving pictures of actual battle scenes will be shown by Chairman Ed Boring and his committee workers at a meeting of J. C. Penney company employees this morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Of the more than \$360,000 worth of bonds sold to date, a large percentage are E bonds. Marion has a million-and-a-half dollars quota in that popular series, designed to attract small investors (because of favorable interest rates no individual is permitted to purchase more than \$5000 worth in any one year).

Thanksgiving Day At Front Dreary, But Soldiers Eat

ESCHWEILER, Germany, Nov. 23—(AP)—Thanksgiving day at the front was a dreary and depressing one today with guns thundering and shells crashing regularly, making the buildings of this battered town shudder.

The boys were just thankful they were alive and getting turkey instead of "K" or "C" rations. Thanksgiving was just another day of battle, with no emotions lost on the meaning of the day at home - except that each man wished he was back there.

Churchill Says U.S. Greatest Military Power

LONDON, Nov. 23—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, in a surprise Thanksgiving speech to an Anglo-American audience, tonight hailed the United States as the world's greatest military power and declared that together the Allies were moving irresistibly "and, perhaps, with God's aid, swiftly towards victorious peace."

Nearly 8000 people, including many hundreds of American servicemen, jammed huge Albert hall to hear a gala concert dedicated to the United States and its traditional holiday. The audience rose and cheered when Churchill entered a box to hear the program conducted by John Barbirolli, formerly conductor of the New York philharmonic symphony orchestra, and again when he mounted a flag-draped platform behind which hung a huge portrait of Abraham Lincoln.

The prime minister said Americans never had more justification for Thanksgiving than today "when we see that in three or four years the United States has, in sober fact, become the greatest military, naval and air power in the world."

Allies Drive Ahead in Italy
ROME, Nov. 23—(AP)—British and Polish troops, slogging forward in the hills south of high-way 9 between Forli and Faenza against strong German resistance, have captured a few more villages and ridges and cleared most of the Nazi out of the Cosina river loop southeast of Faenza.

The Poles, after capturing Monte Piano, moved 500 yards east and took the village of San Mamante against bitter enemy resistance. They also captured Oriolo and San Biagio, northwest of Monte Piano.

In fighting through these rugged hills at the edge of the Po valley the Poles captured 140 prisoners and inflicted heavy casualties in killed and wounded on the Germans.

Phone Walkout Called Off

Strike Leaders Voluntarily Offer Return to Work

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23—(AP)—The telephone strike was called off tonight.

Leaders of Ohio and Washington unions told the war labor board they were asking striking members to go back on the job. They asked also that sympathy strikers, such as those at Detroit, go back.

Detroit telephone workers called off their strike, and sympathy strikes, which had been proposed by Illinois and northern Indiana telephone workers, likewise were dropped. New York workers, who had been holding in abeyance any action, announced that the situation now would return to normal in the metropolis.

Robert G. Pollock, president of the Ohio Federation of Telephone Workers, and Mrs. Mary E. Gannon, president of the Washington Telephone Traffic union, advised the war labor board of their decision after the WLB turned the strike problem over to the White House, a step preliminary to seizure of struck war facilities.

Nathan Feinsinger, public member of the war labor board, said both strike leaders walked into his office at 5:20 p.m. (EWT) and voluntarily offered to return to work. Feinsinger said he assured them that strikers could return to their former jobs.

GI Joe Insists On Oregon Gal For Dinner Pal

PARIS, Nov. 23—(AP)—He was as Irish looking as his name and he stood at the edge of the laughing crowd of WACs and GI's asking, "Has anybody seen Sgt. Margaret Zallar?"

Sgt. James McGrenary of New York had a leave that was going to expire at 11 p. m. and he did not want to miss the turkey dinner.

"We'll find her," said Lt. Ethel Rudolf, Milwaukee, Wis. "Anyone seen Margaret Zallar?"

"Here I am, mam," said a small brunette from Oregon City, Ore. The WAC detachments stationed in Paris were giving a Thanksgiving party with turkey and had invited combat troops on 48-hour leaves from the front. McGrenary had drawn Miss Zallar's name.

U.S. Warships Shell Matsuwa

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 23—(AP)—US Ninth fleet warships shelled Matsuwa, Japanese Kurile island base, in an unopposed strike Tuesday within 600 miles of the home island of Hokkaido, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

No American ship was damaged. Large fires and explosions were observed during the bombardment, while Japanese batteries on the fogbound coast were silent.

This was the third time Matsuwa has been bombarded by gunfire. The last task force strike against it, June 12-13, was a feint before the landing on Saipan June 14.

Reveals Raid



Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the army air forces, was the first to give word of the great Superfortress strike on Tokyo.

Nazi Scars on Belgrade Laid Bare to World

BELGRADE, Nov. 20—(Delayed)—(AP)—The story of Belgrade's three and one-half years of Nazi occupation was unfolded to the western world today a month after the Yugoslav capital's liberation by the red army and Marshal Tito's partisans.

Uniforms of the western allies are rare, soviet emblems are everywhere, and the city is scarred by allied bombing and German vandalism. Yugoslavia's future political orientation is declared to be a subject for postwar determination by the people themselves.

The first party of American, British and Canadian newspapermen to visit the city since its liberation found a cold, bomb-scarred metropolis resounding to the songs of hundreds of partisans drilling through streets profusely bedecked with the red star, the hammer and sickle and pictures of Premier Stalin and Marshal Tito.

Virtually every store window is adorned with identical portraits of Stalin and Tito side by side, and a huge two-story picture of Tito is hanging in the heart of the city at an intersection.

Stinson Refuses Press Allied Fighting Quotas

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23—(AP)—War Secretary Stinson declined today to state the relative percentages of French, British, Canadian, and American troops on the western European front.

Stinson told his news conference he did not think he should speak without an agreement first among the countries. He said he is "convinced all our allies are contributing to the full measure of their resources."

Nine Youths Escape From Fairview Home

Nine boys, ranging in age from 12 to 16 years, Thursday afternoon escaped from the Fairview home, state school for the mentally under-par, and at midnight none had been apprehended, state and city police said.

Japanese Bastion Overrun

Entire Yamashita Line in Danger Of Being Broken

By Marlin Spencer
GENERAL MAC ARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Friday, Nov. 24—(AP)—Rain-pounded American infantrymen have captured the Japanese bastion of Limon and have driven 1000 yards south in a sudden upsurge of a battle which has practically destroyed the enemy's first division.

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The entire Yamashita line, upon which the Japanese depend to hold Leyte island, is in danger of being rolled up, the communique said.

As heavy rains continued to lash the battle front, the Yank infantrymen drove through the mountain village to the nearby Leyte river.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur had identified Limon as apparently the Japanese-selected site for their major defensive battle to protect the vital Ormoc corridor. Capture of the town, said today's communique, means the Nipponese have lost a "critical defensive line."

Service Men Add to Holiday Joy in Salem

Extra gratitude marked the observance of Thanksgiving in at least three Salem households, where uniformed men and women who have been serving far away arrived or announced themselves en route home.

From the European theatre came Tech. Sgt. Ernest J. Sing, son of Mrs. Doris Sing, 84 North Commercial street, recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross at an Eighth air force bomber station in England. He will spend a 20-day furlough here.

Capt. Dan J. McClellan, jr., notified his parents by telephone from San Francisco on Wednesday that he had arrived in this country and would come to Salem as soon as details of his leave could be arranged. He had recently been with the First Marines on Peleliu island. Captain McClellan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McClellan, 1100 Chumeketa street.

Ethel Louise Close, S1/c, WAVES, in the vital communications branch of the navy in Washington, DC, is to arrive today for a seven-day leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Close, 1745 State street.

(More news of men and women in the service, page three.)

Weather

Maximum temperature Thursday 51 degrees, minimum 46 degrees; a inch of rain; river -3 ft. 4 in.

Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday with a few scattered showers along north coast and snow flurries over mountains.