

Military Observers Say, 'This It,' and Cross Their Fingers

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WASHINGTON, March 29—(AP)—Military observers tonight cited reports of the smashing drive beyond the Rhine and "This is it."

They hope that the allied armies the last great battle of the European war. That is what the planners to be. Time and the war will determine whether General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower will have to pull up once more, reform for a second time, or throw still another punch.

By VE-day date is mentioned. But the war department has not yet made an estimate of the day when the organized resistance will cease. Days, weeks and months probably must elapse before they will have verification of the end of the war.

But this thrust fails to roll on to the certainty—Eisenhower can will reform his armies, send them forward and beat the ears

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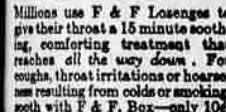


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ON "SUICIDE HILL"

Tech. Sgt. Valentine Schaaf, 1790 Charlotte street, was among the members of a machine gun platoon in the 24th (Victory) division's 21st infantry regiment who clung to their muddy positions through six days and seven nights of concentrated Jap deviltry on Suicide hill in the Philippines.

Despite daily hails of mortar shells followed by waves of Jap shock troops, sniper fire, and night raiders armed with grenades, dynamite and knives, empty canteens, little food, and a large number of casualties, the survivors were still atop the hill at the end of the seventh night.

LEWMAN WOUNDED

PFC Floyd C. Lewman, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewman, Springfield, received a trapped wound on the head, chest, arm and leg during the tenth day of the invasion of Iwo Jima by the marine 4th division. Lewman, who took his boot training at San Diego, previously participated in the Marshalls, Saipan and Tinian campaigns.

A former student at Springfield high school, he enlisted in the marines in October, 1944, and went overseas in January, 1944.

DUNN REPORTS BACK

After spending a month visiting his mother, Mrs. J. R. Robertson, 1235 University street, Jack Dunn, aviation mechanics machinist's mate 1-c, and plane captain, has reported to duty in Kansas. Since entering the navy air corps in 1941, Dunn has been overseas for two periods of six months each, the last spent in the south Pacific.

The navy aviator is a graduate of McHawk high school, and trained at San Diego, Jacksonville, Fla., and Chicago.

WINS AIR MEDAL

The air medal has been awarded Sgt. Delbert L. Alsop, son of Mrs. Eva Alsop, Veneta, it was announced here Wednesday. Sergeant Alsop is with the Eighth air force in England.

NEWS OF GRANDSON

Warrant Officer Edwin R. Wright, whose wife, Hazel, works at the Farmers creamery in Eugene, received word of the birth of a grandson recently while fighting with the 78th infantry division in Germany.

The grandson was born to his daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Rycroft of Arcata, Calif., whose husband is Staff Sgt. John Rycroft, formerly

of Medford. Sergeant Rycroft is now in the Philippines.

Mrs. Rycroft is a graduate of Junction City high school and a former resident of Eugene. Her mother, Mrs. Wright, lives at 110 North Florence street, Eugene. "Grandfather" Wright is 46.

FROM NEW GUINEA

Pvt. Lloyd B. Keeney, husband of Mrs. Edna Keeney, 1042 Olive street, Eugene, has just returned from New Guinea and is stationed at Ashburn general hospital, McKinley, Tex., according to a dispatch from the hospital.

Private Keeney's parents are Mr. and Mrs. V. Keeney, Blachly, Ore.

IN HOSPITAL

MYRTLE POINT—Lt. Willard D. Esmay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Anderson, 819 Spruce street, Myrtle Point, has reported to the AAF convalescent hospital at Fort George Wright, Wash., after eight months in the European theater as a pilot on a C-47 army transport.

He wears the air medal for service with the ninth air force.

GETS SECOND STAR

Sgt. Wallace W. Clark, Eugene, recently added a second star to his European theater ribbon, signifying participation by the seventh photographic group reconnaissance in the Normandy campaign. The first star represents participation in the air offensive over Europe.

Sergeant Clark, husband of Mrs. Edna G. Clark, route 5, Horn lane, and son of Mrs. Ella Clark, 2274 Onyx street, is a baker for a photo squadron at an eighth air force aerial reconnaissance station in England.

SHIREY HAS CLUSTER

Captain Clair L. Shirey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl L. Shirey, 108 Washington street, Eugene, has been awarded his first oak leaf cluster to the air medal at an eighth air force bomber station in England. A B-17 Flying Fortress navigator of the 95th bombardment group, Shirey was cited for "meritorious achievement" while participating in bombing attacks in conjunction with allied ground forces advances on the continent.

HARRY BEAKE

YONCALLA—Graveside services were held at the Yoncalla cemetery Saturday afternoon for the late Harry Beake of Coos Bay. Beake was nearly 89 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Beake lived in Yoncalla a number of years. Mrs. Beake died in 1931, after which Harry sold his ranch and moved to Marshfield. Funeral services were held at Coos Bay Saturday morning.

New Bonneville Appropriation Urged By Rep. Homer Angell

WASHINGTON, March 29—(AP)—The "magnificent" contribution of the Bonneville hydro-electric power system to the war effort must be continued and expanded to meet peacetime needs, Rep. Angell (R-Ore.) told the house appropriations committee. Angell appeared before the group preparing the interior department budget to urge an allowance of \$3,500,000 in new money and re-appropriation of unexpended balances from earlier appropriations to the Bonneville power administration. "More than a million and a half pounds of aluminum ingots have been produced by reduction

plants served by Bonneville power," he declared. He cited these other accomplishments:

Columbia river power also has produced a substantial portion of the nation's magnesium requirements.

In the shipbuilding field, one-sixth of the nation's merchant ship tonnage was produced in the Portland-Vancouver area.

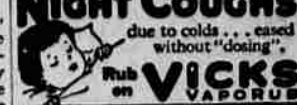
One airplane plant in the area contracted for more than \$2,000,000 of production in a two-year period beginning June 30, 1942. The Columbia Aircraft company, Portland, Ore., has received \$3,500,000 worth of contracts.

Other vital war materials produced with Bonneville power include calcium carbide, ferro-alloys and critical chemicals.

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