

100,000 Germans Still Holding Out In French Ports

By Joseph W. Grigg
(United Press War Correspondent)

Paris, Jan. 25 (Delayed) (UP)—Defying all attempts to blast them out, more than 100,000 well equipped Germans still are holding out in Atlantic coast ports six months after the liberation of rest of France.

The enemy in this "forgotten front" is estimated to have at least a year's supply of food and huge stores of ammunition with heavy artillery and tanks. Also they are reported to be regularly supplied by night-flying planes and submarines, even receiving reinforcements and specialist officers.

Resisting the deeply entrenched and powerfully fortified German perimeters are rugged, ill-clad, almost shoeless troops of the French forces of the Interior under the command of Gen. Edouard de Larminat.

Not Well Equipped
The French are equipped with only a scratchy assortment of German, French, British and American rifles and tommy guns and a few pieces of light artillery. Around Saint Nazaire on the west coast, 40 miles west of Nantes, they are aided by a small number of United States troops.

The perimeter of Dunkirk is contained mainly by Canadians. The continued existence of these Nazi pockets, in which it is estimated about 100,000 French civilians are still living under Nazi rule, has become a source of bitterness to France generally and is seriously hampering the country's economic recovery.

Lack of ports has cut civilian food imports to a trickle.

Lorient Still Held
According to latest estimates there are 25,000 Germans holding Lorient, 35,000 at Saint Nazaire and 40,000 at La Rochelle and in pockets on both sides of Gironde estuary, effectively blocking the use of undamaged Bordeaux near the southwestern coast. In addition the Dunkirk pocket is believed to hold from 15,000 to 25,000 Nazis.

German troops north of the Loire are reported to be under command of Gen. Frambacher, former commander at Brest who escaped there at the last moment and established himself at Saint Nazaire.

Besides these ports there are still Nazi garrisons on the islands of Croix, Belle and Noirmoutier, all near Saint Nazaire, and Re and Olderon opposite La Rochelle, as well as the peninsula of Quiberon.

20 Miles Long
The Lorient pocket is 20 miles long and varies in breadth from six to 12 miles. At Saint Nazaire the Germans hold an area inside a 45-mile perimeter extending 25 miles north and 20 miles south of the Loire. The La Rochelle pocket, less clearly defined, is held mostly by isolated outposts, strongpoints and pillboxes extending about 25 miles from the Gironde estuary.

Heavy railroad guns on the Quiberon peninsula regularly bombard the Brittany coast.

Boats Are Used
In addition to maintaining communications with the Reich itself the various pockets communicate with each other by motor, speed boats and submarines. Stores and supplies are supplemented by sudden forays of small tank forces into the neighboring countryside where villages are pillaged and burned and the cattle driven in by the Nazis.

In the past week, the evacuation of thousands of French civilians from the Saint Nazaire pocket has begun under a truce arranged by United States army authorities. The Germans themselves welcome the evacuation as it relieves their food problem, but 10,000 civilians still remain inside the various pockets.

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Equal Pay Bill Warmly Argued

Salem, Ore., Jan. 27 (UP)—A senate bill providing for equal pay for men and women working at the same job was strongly opposed by employers' representatives at a senate labor and industries committee hearing Friday.

Declaring that "this law does not belong on the statute books," Gunther Krause, attorney for the Portland Waterfront Employers' association, said that the bill proposed to create a "penal statute" to control matters which would be much better handled by labor-employer negotiation, and that the bill, if made into law, would involve employers in endless law suits.

Eugene Allen, Portland, editor of the Labor Press, spoke warmly in favor of the bill. He said that it was a copy of the Washington law which had been operating smoothly, that the war labor board requires such equal pay and that after the war pay discrimination against women in industry would simply mean that male heads of families, many of them, veterans, would be unable to get jobs.

Redmond

Redmond, Jan. 27 (Special)—The annual meeting of the Central Oregon Production Credit association was held here Friday. The banquet and business meeting were held in the Knights of Pythias hall. The banquet was furnished and served by the guild of the Community church.

Marine Sgt. Homer J. Johns, has recently been graduated from the infantry school battalion at Camp Pendleton, in California, and is prepared for assignment as an instructor. Sgt. Johns is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Johns of this place. He is a Redmond high school graduate. He has had 22 months service in the Pacific, serving in New Zealand, Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

Miss Korene Sawyer, daughter of Mrs. Wayne Keeney, is spending a short vacation between semesters from her work at St. Mary's academy in Portland, where she is a student, with her mother and friends here. She will return Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of San Francisco, are visiting relatives and friends in Redmond. Mrs. Moore is a sister of Mrs. James Short and Mrs. Ethel Gorking. Moore is a brother of Mrs. Marion Coyner.

Mrs. R. V. Blutcher of San Bernardino, Calif., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jorgensen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Buckley and daughter, Mrs. Richard Teater, went to Spokane this week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Buckley. Mrs. Buckley visited her sister in the fall, who has been an invalid for many years.

Word has recently been received by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fields that their son, Col. Thomas A. Fields, who is with the quarter-master corps in New Guinea, that he has been transferred to a new camp. Cpl. Fields wrote that he is with an inventory group. He is a brother of Mrs. Clarence Killingbeck and Ned Field's, manager of Piggly-Wigly's store here.

Mrs. C. W. Heim presented the program at the meeting of chapter AQ of P. E. O. Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. A. Lynch, who was hostess to the group.

A high school faculty party will be held in the home economics

room of Redmond high school this evening. Hostesses are Miss Mable Livesay, Mrs. Maude Lee and Mrs. Jean Pith. Following the dinner Miss Doris Saich and Tom Lee will entertain the group at a theater party.

Mrs. C. B. Hoogner will entertain the grade school principal and teachers at a no-hostess dinner at her home on Tuesday evening, Jan. 30.

Dr. James Brown Visitor in Bend

Dr. James B. Brown, northwest home missionary of the Orthodox Presbyterian church, will be guest preacher at services of the Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian church this Sunday, January 28. It was announced today by the pastor, Rev. Robert Nicholas. After speaking in the Sunday school, Dr. Brown will preach on "The Secret of the Christian's Success" in the morning worship service. Dr. Brown will also speak at the regular alfalfa afternoon service and at the Westminster Machen league on its monthly guest speaker night.

Recently appointed for service in the northwest area by the presbytery of California after many years of pastoral and church extension work in Nebraska, Dr. and Mrs. Brown arrived in Bend Thursday afternoon following several weeks of speaking in churches in California. The Browns were guests of a combined meeting of the Fidelity class and Quest club Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. William James, 335 State St. After a Bible study led by Dr. Brown, Mrs. Brown told some of their early experiences as missionaries in Syria.

Remaining in Bend until next Wednesday, the Browns will speak at the meeting of the Women's Missionary society next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. G. Gilcher, 1452 Harmon. They are guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Nicholas during their stay in Bend.

War Briefs - - -

Eastern Front — Red army pounds new holes in Oder river line; Moscow radio reports whole eastern front collapsed.

Western Front — Third army advances in 20 mile front in final mopup of Ardennes salient; Germans fall back on stretch between Holland and Saar.

Pacific — B-29's set fires in Tokyo business districts and bomb targets in French Indo-China for first time; Americans on Luzon meet stiff resistance 40 miles north of Manila.

Italy — Active patrolling continues on Fifth and Eighth army fronts.

The familiar black bears in national parks occasionally give birth to quadruplets.

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Youth Being Held On Murder Count

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 27 (UP)—Seventeen-year-old Burr Walker, Jr., son of a New York telephone company engineer, was held without bail today on charges that he killed his wife, an expectant mother, "by tying her arms and legs with a cord and by squeezing her with his hands."

Mrs. Walker, 18, was dead when admitted to a hospital Thursday. A coroner's jury decided death resulted from "hemorrhage and shock."

Walker steadfastly maintained his innocence and said he and his wife, Jean, whom he married in New York in November, were playing "a sort of game."

Game Explained
The game, he told police, called for one to tie the hands and feet of the other to the four posts of their bed "while the other teased." "It was while his wife was tied in this position, police quoted him, "that all of a sudden she became black in the face."

Walker said he immediately cut the cords, made of fishing line, and rushed to the home of a neighbor, Mrs. William Gordon, and asked her to call an ambulance.

President's Ball

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League Also Helps
Members of the Women's Junior Civic league continued to sell tickets in the banks and downtown stores, and tickets will be available at the Elks hall preceding the dance, it was said.

Reports from Redmond indicated that a large number of the personnel of the army air field would attend the function.

Meantime the fund was materially swelled when Camp Fire girls turned in their collections to their supervisor, Mrs. Joe Elder. Up to noon today the girls had collected a total of \$314.37 from the schools, the mills and the ordinance shop.

Pupils of the Kenwood school led in donations with a total of \$76.60, with \$34.59 being collected at the high school, \$28.10 at the Reid school and \$38.40 at the Allen school. The ordinance shop gave \$75.50. The Shevlin-Hixon Company \$51.83, and employees of Brooks-Seanlon Lumber Company Inc. \$9.35.

Guardians Named
Guardians who supervised the Camp Fire girls in their school collections were Lilly Shipley, Allen school; Harriett Harris, high school; Charlotte Mullins, Reid school; Mrs. Gale Blackley, Kenwood school; Mrs. Pat Henry, guardian, and Thelma Blalock and Ruth Phifer, Camp Fire girls, "made the rounds" today collecting the donations from the mills, schools and ordinance shop.

Children of the Reid school staged a playlet for the polo fund, with the following being the cast:
Mother Goose, Joanne Van Sickle; Uncle Sam, Volney Sigmond; Miss Muffet, Yvonne Wagner; Old Woman in Shoe, Virginia Cady; Jack-be-Nimble, James St. John; Old King Cole, Rodney Adams; Bo Peep, Karlee Johnson; Queens of Hearts, Betsy Green; Mary and Lamb, Phyllis Green; soldier, Tommy Rose; sailor, Ronnie Van de Zande; Boy Blue, Bobby Brown; Tom the Piper's Son, Tommy Bonsel; Simple Simon, Bill Billings; Mistress Mary, Betty Feuerstein; Mother Hubbard, Valerie Nelson; Jack Horner, Bill Piggott; Jack and Jill, Wesley Wolley; and Shirley Anderson; two blue bird girls, Donna Wynn and Mary Miller, and infantile paralysis girl, Rosemary Sholes.

TRAINING COUNTS

Fort Worth, Tex. (UP)—It wasn't because he was breaking the law that police chased a seeing-eye dog for an hour and a half here. The dog, who escaped from a baggage car at the railroad station, stopped for every red light while officers ran through the length of Fort Worth to capture him.

PATRIOTIC CORN

Elizabethtown, Ill. (UP)—Austin Hurford of Elizabethtown grew some patriotic corn this year. He picked three ears, each of which had red, white and blue kernels.

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Latest fad in lapel pins is worn by Mrs. Fay Doss, above, of Washington, D. C., whose sailor husband recently left for South Pacific service. Pin, intended to warn away would-be wolves, shows figure of sailor pointing to a heart inscribed "Taken."

Jaycee Banquet

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It has developed its parks, its homes, trees and bird life, and has one of the best inns to be found anywhere.

"In the post-war period to come," the speaker continued, "every age and every group must participate in the development of the community."

Preserve And Improve
"In the peace era there will be a demand that cities be made more liveable. Your first problem is to preserve and improve, if possible, the character of your city. Bend will be what you make of it, and this depends upon the intelligence and attitude of the people who live here." This is properly a function of your Junior chamber members, he added.

Tugman added that the city's most important duty is to "preserve its natural beauties and what you already have here."

The speaker foresaw "hopeful signs in the field of science," and pointed out how through scientific methods the wood industry could be preserved in this area. For instance, he said, in Germany scientists have extracted proteins from wood "for both man and beast."

Tugman, who is managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, then told of the "Century fund" in that city, which, he predicted, eventually would reach \$100,000. This money, donated by the public and even school children, will be used in the post-war epoch for development and beautification of Eugene. He prophesied that Eugene residents would maintain their city on a higher plane "because they own a part of it."

Preceding the speaking entertainment was provided by Harvey Field, who accompanied by Mrs. Field, sang two solos; and by Cynthia Shevlin, Helen Bailey and Helen Hudson in songs with Beverly Wennerstrom at the piano.

Bend Gleemen Concert Monday

The Bend Gleemen, organized on May 30, 1944 by C. Dale Robbins and originally composed of eight men, will show how far they have come musically at 8:15 p. m. Monday in the Tower theater here when they present the second of a series of concerts. Judging by the success with which they were received in Redmond on Thursday night, as well as by the enthusiasm they provoked in a short concert given before Bend high school students this week, a large and appreciative audience is assured.

In addition to songs especially adapted to choral singing, five solos will be presented by Charles Corbett, tenor; Floyd Burden and C. Dale Robbins, baritone.

Songs Listed
-Songs to be presented are: "The Builder," "Beautiful Saviour," an old Crusader's hymn; "Bondage," "The Long Day Closes," "Elegy," "Viking Song," "Come to the Fair," "On the Road to Mandalay," "Boots," "Marching Along Together," "Ol' Man River," "Dark Eyes," a Russian folk song; "Beautiful Dreamer," "Vive l'Amour," "A Gastronomic Tragedy," "Down Mobile," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Steal Away" and "Ride the Chariot."

Members of the Gleemen are: Charles Corbett, Ralph Bailey, Wayne Hamilton, Ray Yarns, Stanley Scott, Carl Lindb, Al Erikson, Floyd Burden, Al Nelson, John Cuffin, Paul Smith, Bill Barton, Craig Coyner, Vern Larson, Ted Sexton, Bert Moore.

Miss Beverly Wennerstrom is accompanist for the group and C. Dale Robbins is the conductor.

Tickets for Monday night's performance may be secured from Erikson's Stationery store, Deschutes Federal Savings and Loan association, Woolworth's and the First National bank.

Bend Ministers To Meet Monday

The Bend Ministerial association will meet next Monday, January 29, at 10 a. m. in the study of the First Baptist church, it was announced today by the executive committee. The date of the meeting has been advanced one week inasmuch as some of the members will be attending a state pastors' conference in Portland the following week. Rev. G. R. V. Bolster will be in charge of devotions, following which Mrs. Catherine Wood, head instructor in Bible in the Eugene public schools, will explain her work. Rev. R. H. Prantice will discuss the subject of pastoral calling.

Continuing its emphasis on attendance at Sunday school and church which has been stressing during the month of January, the publicity committee made known today the aim for the fourth and last Sunday of the month. "Everybody present" is the goal for Sunday, January 28. "Your pastor and superintendent and teachers will be much encouraged to see all of you in Sunday school and church this week, and every week," the committee stated.

Sunday at the Tower



The season's murder impact, starring Charles Laughton and Ella Raines, in Universal's latest picture, "The Suspect."

'Where Are Japanese Planes?' Queries Nippon Before Death

By Francis McCarthy
(United Press War Correspondent)

With 25th Div. Attacking San Manuel, Luzon, Jan. 26 (UP)—From the time the Americans landed on Luzon, Superior Pvt. "X" of the Japanese army knew only fear—fear of the guerrillas, American planes, tanks, and artillery, and of death.

Here are excerpts from the diary said to have been taken from a dead Japanese soldier, covering the last two weeks of his life:

"Jan. 9—Marching most of the time and couldn't write.

"Jan. 10—Each day we are attacked by enemy planes and to avoid them we are marching at night. . . bridges have been blasted by guerrillas. We can't march as we want to.

"Jan. 11-12—As usual marched at night.

"Jan. 13—About 20 enemy bombers appeared in the sky and we were showered fiercely with bombs and machine gun fire. . . in the afternoon I was assigned to a suicide section leader. . . when I think about having to attack and destroy tanks my pulse races and my heart throbs.

"Jan. 14—Took our positions this morning. Starting today we are having only two meals a day to be sure of winning. We can hear the drone of planes. The raid lasted about 30 minutes. . . in the China incident there were no enemy planes.

"Jan. 15—As expected, enemy planes are in evidence. For this reason I was in my hole all day. Unwillingly I accepted the fact none of our planes was in evidence. What were they doing?

"Jan. 17—Enemy planes came over with a vengeance. . . artillery shells began falling in the village we are in. I am praying for the best.

"Jan. 18—The enemy is closing in.

"Jan. 19—The battle is extremely severe. The roar of guns echoes to heaven. It's enough to give a fellow a nervous breakdown.

"Jan. 20—Clear day. As always a golden opportunity for the enemy's planes and artillery. As always I spent the day in my foxhole. My hair and beard are growing long. (There was a bullet hole through this page of the diary).

"Jan. 21—As always the enemy

artillery continued. One of our planes appeared. Only enemy planes are to be seen in the sky.

"Jan. 22—Gradually the enemy circle around us is tightening. It looks as if they will attack the mountains and take us from the rear."

"That was the last entry in the diary. The pessimistic prediction was well founded. The Americans did take them from the rear."

HIS PLANE FLIES FAR
Indianapolis, Ind. (UP)—Probably the smallest airplane to go halfway around the world was a paper plane made by seven-year-old Danny Merrell, who insisted on mailing it to his father in India. Maj. Basil Merrell sent it back with the words, "This airplane has been halfway 'round the world and back again."

9 DAUGHTERS IN ROW
Hampden, Mass. (UP)—Mrs. Albert Labelle gave birth to her ninth daughter the other day. She has no sons.

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