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Partly cloudy with scattered showers today but snow in mountains. Partly cloudy with snow flurries tonight and Sunday. Slightly colder today.

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## Nazis Gripped In Baltic Trap By Red Troops

Russian Army Surges Toward Sea, Sealing 200,000 Foe in Area

London, March 3 (AP)—Berlin said today that the Red army was fighting across the last four miles to the Baltic in a drive that already has cut the last escape routes for 200,000 German troops in northeast Pomerania and Danzig.

Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's second White Russian army in Pomerania cut the Danzig-Stettin railway and super-highway at Zanow, four miles south of the Baltic, and struck on toward the sea, nazi broadcasts said.

Soviet vanguards also reached the outskirts of Koelsin, key junction astride the railway and highway four miles west of Zanow, the nazis said. They estimated that Rokossovsky has thrown three tank and three guard corps into the breakthrough area.

**Pomerania Cut**  
The thrust cut German Pomerania in two and virtually trapped an estimated 200,000 German troops still holding out to the east.

Official Soviet reports lagged far behind those from German sources. The Russian high command last night announced the capture of Dubbertsch, 18 miles south of Koelsin, in the Red army's closest official approach to the Baltic in Pomerania.

Thirty other towns and villages were captured along a 22-mile front in Pomerania, the Soviet high command said. Forging a high command said. Forging a high command said. Forging a high command said.

**Reds Near Stettin**  
Berlin broadcasts also said that the Soviets were fighting in the streets of Pyritz, 24 miles southeast of Stettin.

The Soviet midnight communiqué said the Russians had cleared the southern part of long-encircled Gurdzianz on the Vistula in Poland, killed 3,000 more Germans in the East Prussian pocket southwest of Koenigsberg and seized several more streets in encircled Breslau, capital of Silesia.

A German commentator said the Russians were bringing up reserves of munitions and weapons in preparation for a "big decisive battle" on the Oder 30-odd miles east of Berlin "as soon as possible."

He estimated that the Russians had massed five infantry and two tank armies along the Oder river front.

## Bombers Strike At Nazi Cities

London, March 3 (AP)—A 200-mile long skytrain of American warplanes smashed today at German targets within 40 miles of the red army front and on a great arc swinging south and west of Berlin.

About 1,100 heavy bombers and 700 fighters hit Germany for the 19th straight day. They feinted toward Berlin, then fanned out over a broad reach of central and eastern Germany in a broadside assault on transport and industrial centers.

The Silesian rail hub of Ruhland, 29 miles north of Dresden and directly in the path of Marshal Ivan S. Konev's red army, was one of the targets.

## Japs Suffer Water Lack On Iwo Isle

With Marine Assault Troops, Iwo Jima, March 3 (AP)—Weary marines today battled against desperate, slowly retreating Japanese defenders as a warm sun beat down on the dry, hilly north end of Iwo island, where the main force of the Japs is known to be suffering from lack of water.

The fighting across the island where three marine divisions are battling, was no less fierce today as infantrymen crawled against prepared blockhouses, pillbox defenses, and countless machine gun nests.

Many of the latter were unseen until the Japanese opened fire. The Japanese have seemingly covered every inch of the north end of the island with some type of crossfire.

## American Smoke for Jap Prisoner



A Japanese prisoner, one of the ten taken during heavy fighting on Iwo Jima, is offered one of those hard-to-get American cigarettes by his Marine captor. He has lost face in more ways than one but his face doesn't appear in this photograph because of deletion by censors. Note two-toed footgear he wears.

## Bend Volunteers Are Ready For Start of Red Cross Drive

Headquarters to Open Monday in Chamber of Commerce Office; Mayor Asks Aid in Campaign

As Mayor A. T. Niebergall today called on every Bend resident to assist, committee workers prepared to launch an intensive American Red Cross fourth war fund drive not only in the city, but throughout Deschutes county. Striving to conclude the campaign in 12 days, the workers were determined to raise the \$22,300 county quota.

Official headquarters for the drive in Bend will be established Monday in the chamber of commerce offices, where members of the Junior chamber of commerce auxiliary will staff booths. Donations may be given there, or mailed to the chamber office, Bruno Rath, War Fund drive chairman, said.

"It is when a soldier lies wounded on the field of battle that he wonders what the folks are doing back on the home front," Mayor Niebergall said. "And there can be no doubt in his mind when he sees a field worker for the Red Cross bending over him, giving aid that might spare him from death. We all must aid this most necessary and worthy cause by giving our dollars, and I call upon all Bend folks to speed this drive to success."

**Money Coming In**  
Even though the drive does not actually get under way until Monday, contributions already are beginning to come in, according to Bruce Gilbert, county drive chairman. One of the most noteworthy

**WHAT RED CROSS DOES**  
Bend women, working with the Deschutes county American Red Cross chapter, made 541 knitted garments for soldiers in 1944. They were socks, sweaters, helmets, scarfs and mittens. More work lies ahead. Three hundred pounds of yarn are being shipped here along with a plea for 396 more sweaters.

donations, and which brought cheer to attaches of the local Red (Continued on Page 3)

**Native Of Norway**  
Moses ran for the senate in a three-way race with Nye, the incumbent republican, and Lynn U. Stambaugh, former national commander of the American legion running as an independent candidate. In his campaign Moses pledged support of the administration's foreign policy.

Moses was a native of Norway. He was born at Strand June 12, 1885, and came to this country in 1905. He received his early education in Norway and was graduated from Junior college at Oslo. He worked as a farmhand, clerk and freight claim investigator when he first came to the United States but later entered the University of North Dakota to study law.

He practiced law at Hazen, N. D., from 1915 until 1938 when he first was elected governor. He was re-elected in 1940 and 1942.

It was the first reported naval bombardment of the Okinawa group, which lies midway in the Ryukyus chain stretching from the southern tip of Japan to Formosa.

Okinawa island itself, an important naval base, has been raided on several occasions by carrier and land-based planes, however.

Today's broadcast also said American warships has "massed" off Daito Island, 250 miles southeast of Okinawa.

**BONFIRE PUT OUT**  
Neighborhood boys who abandoned a bonfire at the intersection of Fourteenth and Elgin streets, last night learned a lesson in fire prevention when city firemen were called to extinguish the blaze. The boys were admonished to always put out their fires, after the firemen told them of the possibility of winds spreading the fire to nearby homes.

**DUNIWAY NAMED**  
Washington, March 3 (AP)—The office of price administration said today that Ben C. Duniway, San Francisco OPA regional attorney has been made assistant to price administrator Chester Bowles.

## General Harmon Lost in Pacific

Pearl Harbor, March 3 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commander of air forces of the Pacific ocean areas, and nine other army officers and enlisted men have been missing in the Pacific since their plane was reported overdue recently from a routine flight, it was announced today.

Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commander of the army forces in the Pacific area, made the announcement.

**Missing Listed**  
Others beside General Harmon missing are:  
Brig. Gen. James R. Anderson, Washington, D. C., chief of staff to General Harmon.  
Col. William Ball, Washington, D. C., executive officer.  
Maj. Francis E. Savage, Tioga, Tex., pilot.  
Maj. Archibald D. Anderson, Brookings, N. D., navigator.  
1st Lt. Jack M. West, Chicago, co-pilot.

M/Sgt. Douglas O. Anderson, La Center, Wash., engineer.  
T/Sgt. Steve Geist, Brooklyn, N. Y., radio operator.  
Pfc. Arthur O'ner, Kansas City, Mo., assistant engineer.  
A technical sergeant named McInery (full name not available).  
Next of kin have been notified by the war department.

**Area Searched**  
Army and navy planes and ships are conducting the most extensive search operations ever known in the Pacific in an attempt to find the missing airman.

All available air and surface craft were dispatched in the area in which the plane was believed to have gone down.

The last report of the transport, which was General Harmon's personal plane, indicated an ample fuel supply for the remainder of the flight.

Weather conditions in the area over which the plane was flying were reported good. It was believed the ocean was calm.

**SPECIAL HEARING DUE**  
Salem, Ore., March 3 (AP)—The controversial bill revamping the state board of public health (SB 89) will be given a special hearing Monday afternoon by the senate committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry.

**HOSPITAL BILL PASSES**  
Salem, Ore., March 3 (AP)—A bill to build a state psychiatric hospital in Multnomah county (SB 3) today passed the Oregon senate. There were 11 noes.

**By Frank Tremaine**  
(United Press War Correspondent)  
Nimitz' advance headquarters, Guam, March 3 (AP)—Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's rampaging carrier task force bombed and strafed the Kyukus islands in a 275-mile arc within 200 miles of the southern tip of the Japanese homeland Thursday, destroying or damaging 55 ships and small craft and 91 aircraft, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

It was the third strike by the fast American carrier task force in Japan's Mare Nostrum in less than three weeks.

On Feb. 17 and 18 Mitscher sent his great task force against Tokyo in the first full-scale carrier strike of the war against the Japanese capital. On the 25th

## Nazis Blow Up Rhine Spans In Effort to Block Crossings Of River by 9th Army Forces

### Japs Resisting Yanks' March East of Manila

Nips Try to Protect Their Mountain Lines As Mackmen Lash Out

By H. D. Quigg  
(United Press War Correspondent)  
Manila, March 3 (AP)—Supported by bombers and fighters, American troops battled yard by yard through the Japanese line east of Manila today in some of the fiercest fighting yet on Luzon.

The Japanese were resisting savagely along the entire 11-mile front from Antipolo to Wawa in a desperate attempt to cover what was described officially as "this final mountain retreat."

Units of the First artillery faced mortar and rocket fire as they inched through the enemy's tough Kobayashi line.

The Japanese were fighting from strongly defended caves and pillboxes, entrenched in the mountains on the Marikina watershed, the last big barrier before Luzon's east coast some 30 miles away.

**Island Captured**  
American forces met little opposition, however, in wresting another island in the Philippines from the enemy.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command said American troops of the 24th division invaded and quickly seized Lubang island, at the western end of the Verde passage, Thursday against only negligible resistance.

Lubang, main island of the group of the same name, was the 18th island in the Philippines invaded by U. S. amphibious forces. Its capture firmly secured control of the main shipping channel through the Philippines between the United States and Manila.

Other American forces continued to fan out through newly invaded Palawan against practically no opposition from the Japanese who were fleeing into the hills.

**Village Taken**  
One force swept across the bay at Puerto Princesa and seized the abandoned village of Iwahig, former Philippines penal colony. The operation gave the Americans practical control of Palawan and was presumed that air and naval operations may be started from there against the Japanese rich possessions in the Dutch East Indies to the south.

The aerial campaign from the Philippines was intensified with the American bombers ranging as far north as the Ryukyu islands above Formosa.

Five small freighters were sunk and five others set afire at Okinawa, big Japanese base in the Ryukyus which stretch from Formosa to the southern tip of the enemy's homeland.

**MAKES 60TH MISSION**  
15th AAF in Italy, March 3—Capt. Thomas F. Rawlinson, 22, of 3437 South East Grant Court, Portland, Oregon, pilot of a 15th AAF B-17 Flying Fortress, recently flew his 50th long-range combat mission in the Mediterranean theater. Before entering the army, he was graduated from St. Mathew's high school and was employed as an electrician by the S.P.&S. railroad in Portland.

they hit Tokyo again in a strike under adverse weather conditions. On the following day they attacked the outpost island of Hachija.

Thursday's strike was made against six islands. The carrier strike came as the veteran third marine division battled foot-by-foot to within a half mile of the northeast coast of Iwo Jima in a bid to split the decimated Japanese garrison.

### 'Ike' Safe at Quarters After Brush with Death

Paris, March 3 (UP)—Supreme Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was back at his headquarters safe and sound today after two narrow escapes from enemy gunfire during a tour of advance lines on the western front.

The five-star general made the seven-hour inspection trip yesterday by jeep over smashed German roads. At one point he was within five miles of the great city of Duesseldorf.

Eisenhower had hoped to see action closer to that Ninth army target, but his schedule did not permit. The enemy, however, provided several bits of un-called for action during the tour.

His first close call with German fire came shortly after he crossed the turbulent Roer river. Just a few minutes before he reached a division command post, a jet-propelled plane swept over the general's four-jeep convoy and strafed the post.

**Plane Routed**  
The enemy plane was quickly routed by squadrons of Thunderbolts which later raked a group of enemy tanks along the nearby Ertf canal.

Eisenhower's second narrow escape was at the end of his inspection trip. Enemy shells landed on an airfield only a few seconds after the general and his British military assistant, Col. James F. Gault, took off for their headquarters.

The general seemed pleased with the results of the week-old offensive as he visited the 29th and 83rd infantry and second armored divisions, and the 19th corps.

**While looking at the wide scenes of destruction from atop the 300-year-old fortified citadel of Juelich, Eisenhower turned to Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, commander of the Ninth army, and said:**

"Juelich will be something for the Germans to think about in the future."

**Flying Bombs Strike England**  
London, March 3 (UP)—The Germans renewed the flying bomb attack on southern England today in what appeared to be the first move of a stepped-up campaign to make London pay the final bitter price for allied victory.

Flying bombs crashed into southern England in the first daylight activity since last autumn. Nazi propagandists have been threatening one last wild fling of vengeance with a revolutionary weapon far beyond the V-1 and the V-2 in destructive power. It may come true.

Allied leaders are not taking the threats as mere bragging. They feel it is likely the Germans are experimenting with a new device which might be ready before this war is over.

The nazis threatened to unleash the V-1 and London got flying bombs. They threatened to follow with the V-2 and stratosphere rockets hit southern England, killing hundreds. There is reason to believe they once again have a basis for their threats.

**GAME BILL DEFEATED**  
Salem, Ore., March 3 (AP)—By a 15 to 13 vote, the Oregon senate today defeated SB 254 to permit the state game commission to set up experimental game management areas for upland birds.

37 aircraft definitely destroyed on the ground and about 50 others destroyed or damaged. However, some of the latter may have been inoperational previously.

Shipping sunk included one destroyer, one motor torpedo boat, six small cargo vessels, two medium cargo craft, an ocean going tug and two luggers.

Probably sunk were one medium cargo vessel, six small coastal cargo craft and six luggers. Listed as damaged were four destroyers or patrol craft, one medium transport four medium cargo vessels, nine small coastal cargo craft, one small freighter and 10 luggers.

Battleships, cruisers and destroyers accompanying Mitscher's carriers bombarded the island of

### 4 Big Bridges Over Barrier Are Destroyed

Scorched Earth Policy Is Adopted By Foe in Try To Halt Simpson's Units

Paris, March 3 (AP)—The German army blew up three great bridges across the Rhine at Duesseldorf today in a desperate scorched-earth bid to block a river crossing by American Ninth army forces massing on the west bank.

Still another Rhine bridge at Uerdingen, near Krefeld, also was reported blown up, a dispatch from the Ninth army front said.

American patrols were on the Rhine in rubber boats, bent on preventing the demolitions of the 410-yard spans at Duesseldorf when massive explosions toppled them into the river, front dispatches revealed.

**Simpson On Move**  
The Duesseldorf bridges were blown up between midnight and 4:30 a.m. today while Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth army was surging up to the Rhine on a broad stretch in the wake of the routed and fleeing German 15th army.

The Germans spotted the patrols edging cautiously across the Rhine and threw the switches which wrecked the three massive spans — one rail bridge and two highway bridges. The patrols turned back and reached the west safely.

Two of the bridges spanned the Rhine directly from Neuss, west of Duesseldorf. The third was to the north, stretching from Duesseldorf to Niederkassel.

**Ninth Reaches Rhine**  
United Press correspondent Clinton B. Conger, in a dispatch from the Ninth army front, said Simpson's 83rd division now had closed solidly against the Rhine along most of its frontage opposite Duesseldorf.

The patrol activity on the Rhine ahead of the Ninth army may have given rise to unofficial reports here and in London that scouts had crossed the river, where the (Continued on Page 5)

**Ohio Company First on Rhine**  
On the Rhineland front, Germany, March 3 (UP)—The honor of being the first Ninth army unit to reach the Rhine went today to an 83rd Ohio division company led by a captain from Brooklyn.

The historic feat was accomplished by a group of riflemen from company "C" of the 331st regiment only 15 hours after they jumped off for the attack. Among them were Sgt. Ralph J. Saucedo, 1832 South Flower St., Los Angeles, Calif., and Pvt. Uvon Roundy, Escalante, Utah.

At 5 a. m. sharp the company, commanded by Capt. Francis Oliver, Brooklyn, hit the Rhine, brushing through German tank turrets which had been removed and dug into the ground.

**Pretty Excited**  
"Those boys were pretty excited about reaching the big Rhine," said 1st Lt. Robert E. Mussulman, East St. Louis, Ill.

Mussulman has been fighting with the Ohios since the Normandy landing.

"They had been all hep to getting there for a long time so they are pretty happy now — but scared, too," he added. "But that's a good thing for it wouldn't do to be too cocky about it. It wouldn't last long that way."

**Quota for Polio Exceeded by \$500**  
Deschutes county's Foundation for Infantile Paralysis fund quota of \$3,800 has been exceeded by more than \$500, it was announced today by Mrs. J. F. Arnold, chairman of the fund campaign. She reported that already more than \$4,300 has been received and contributions continue to arrive.

Latest donations were from Arthur H. Tiff of Redmond, \$5.25, and Anthony Roach, Sisters, \$3.

### On the Rhine?



Serving with American forces in Germany, and now possibly with units that have reached or are nearing the Rhine river, is Sgt. W. E. Roost, of Bend. Sgt. Roost, whose wife, Helen, resides in Bend, entered Germany the long way, via Italy and southern France.

### County Lagging In Paper Drives

Deschutes county is falling behind in the production of salvage waste paper, according to a report issued today by the Oregon State Salvage committee in Portland. Where this county formerly held fourth and fifth place, it is now down to eighth place, the report shows.

In February this county produced only 18 tons of paper, as against 37 in January, the report shows. Per capita production was 39.3 pounds per person and 391 tons of paper have been donated since the salvage campaign began in November, 1943.

Waste paper salvage also dropped last month in Crook and Jefferson counties, Jefferson producing only one ton as against 16 in January, and Crook gathered 15 tons last month as against 49 tons in January.

**Draft of Nurses Appears Certain**  
Washington, March 3 (UP)—The house today appeared to be certain of passing some form of bill to draft women nurses for the armed forces.

Both democratic and republican leaders agreed that the needs of the sick and wounded servicemen made nurse conscription legislation a must.

"We must care for our fighting men," republican leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Mass., said late yesterday after a republican conference on the administration requested nurse draft bill which comes before the house Monday.

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