

# THE BEND BULLETIN

CENTRAL OREGON'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

**Weather Forecast**  
Rain west of Cascades, occasional rain or snow east of Cascades today; snow flurries over mountains tonight and Saturday. Slightly colder today.

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## Churchill Among Dragon's Teeth of Siegfried Line



Prime Minister Winston Churchill (foreground) walks among the dragon's teeth German sowed along the Siegfried line near Aachen. At left is Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, second is General Sir Alan Brooke, and at right is Lieut. Gen. William Simpson, U.S.A. British Official Photo via Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

## Japs Hint Mindanao Action

### Tokyo Reports 24-Hour Naval Bombardment

Manila, March 9 (UP)—Tokyo reported today that a 77-ship American invasion armada was maneuvering for a landing at Zamboanga on the southwest tip of Mindanao, second largest of the Philippine islands, after a 24-hour naval bombardment.

Tokyo radio, in an Italian language broadcast to Europe, said a landing attempt had been made but had "failed." The broadcast was recorded by FCC.

Minesweepers began clearing a channel off the coast Thursday morning, Tokyo radio said, and the task force is "showing signs of a landing attempt."

The broadcast said the American fleet comprised three battleships, four cruisers, 20 landing craft and 50 other warships and assorted craft. It began shelling Zamboanga early yesterday, Tokyo added.

**Mac Is Silent**  
Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters were silent on the enemy reports. Today's communication disclosed, however, that Liberators, Mitchell mediums and Lightnings wrecked buildings and started many fires in Zamboanga and a 129-ton raid Tuesday.

Zamboanga, on Basilan strait 635 miles south of Manila, is one of the principal ports of Mindanao, southernmost of the Philippines and defended by the last sizeable enemy force remaining in the archipelago.

Tokyo said the invasion fleet composed two task forces which reached the Zamboanga area from the east and west. The first force consisted of 30 unclassified warships, while the second comprised three battleships, four cruisers, 20 landing craft and 20 small other craft, Tokyo said.

**Port Shelled**  
While minesweepers were clearing a channel, the broadcast said that three cruisers, under cover of a "substantial" airforce, shelled the port.

Tokyo claimed that no landings were made up to last night, but did not extend its comment beyond that time.

Zamboanga is separated from the northeast tip of Borneo 180-mile long stepping-stone island chain, formed by Basilan island and the Sulu archipelago.

Across the Sulu sea, 225 miles to the west, is the Palawan port of Puerto Princesa and three airfields, which were seized by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's troops last week.

The Japanese before the Philippines campaign were believed to have concentrated strong forces on Mindanao as MacArthur approached from the south.

## Nazi Colonel Says Situation In Reich Almost Unbearable

People Not Yet Told Americans Have Crossed Historic Rhine; Country Gets 'Gas Jitters'

London, March 9 (UP)—Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, chief of staff of the German army, was quoted by the Nazi radio today as admitting in a message to German troops that the strain now has become "well nigh intolerable."

Foreign transmissions of the Nazi radio acknowledged an American crossing of the Rhine river, but there was no immediate indication that the German people had been told that their biggest defense barrier in the west was broken.

Nazi propagandists, in an apparent effort to offset word of the Russian drive on Berlin, said Adolf Hitler had visited the Oder front within the last few days. Hitler was said to have "convinced himself of the fighting spirit of the German soldiers."

The question of German spirit and determination or lack of it, was thrust to the fore also by Guderian.

**Losing Nerve**  
"We are not losing our nerve," he said in the message to German troops in which he conceded the almost "intolerable" strain of the allied pressure on Germany.

Writing in the Voelkischer Beobachter, Guderian said that by far the greatest part of Germany's armed forces was assigned to the eastern front last fall to block the Russian threat. As a result, he said, the Americans in the west are able to achieve today what they failed to do earlier.

Other enemy broadcasts said the allied offensive in the west was attaining "decisive" importance.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich said Germany is getting the "gas jitters," according to reports there from responsible sources in Munich.

**Man Loses Purse And \$400; Finder Now Eating Cake**  
It's cake day for the courthouse employees who are being treated by Miss Elizabeth H. Boeckl, home demonstration agent, to a three-layer delicacy—courtesy of Roy L. Thompson.

Thompson, whose address is Rt. 2, box 281, arrived at the courthouse Wednesday afternoon to make out his income tax return. Some time later, he remembered that as he stood in the long queue of tax payers, he had placed his billfold containing \$400 on the bannister. Rushing back, Thompson found Miss Boeckl waiting for him with the purse, the money and the refusal to accept a reward.

When she was presented with the three-layer cake as a token of appreciation, Miss Boeckl exclaimed: "That's the nicest thing that ever happened to me."

**Rhine Crossing Thrill for Wife**  
New York, March 9 (UP)—Mrs. Doris Borrows, 24, was having her morning cup of coffee today when she was told that her husband Lt. Emmett J. Burrows, commanded the first company of Yanks across the Rhine.

She started to cry.

"I'm so thrilled," she said, sobbing. "But I'm even happier to know that Emmet is well."

She said her husband had been overseas nine months. He was formerly a shipping clerk in New York.

# Rhine Span Seized Intact

## Soviets Resume Battle for Berlin

### Stalin Screens Movements on Eastern Front

Nazi Say Hitler Pays Visit to Oder Defenses As Reds Launch Blow

London, March 9 (UP)—Moscow dispatches reported today that the battle of Berlin has been resumed in full fury along a 175-mile stretch of the Oder and Neisse rivers.

Nazi accounts said the red army has broken into the heart of and apparently encircled Kuestrin, main anchor of the last-ditch Oder line before the capital.

Adolf Hitler has just returned from a visit to the Oder front some 30 miles from Berlin, Nazi broadcasts said as the decisive battle for the eastern approaches to the capital began.

**Blackout Imposed**  
Moscow reported that the Soviet high command continued to screen developments along the Oder-Neisse front with a security blackout, but added significantly: "Unofficial advice indicate that the whole Oder-Neisse line is aflame, with the second phase of the decisive winter offensive in full swing."

Kuestrin lies 38 miles east of Berlin, but the Germans conceded that the red army was only 29 miles away from the capital at the bend of the Oder northwest of Kuestrin and 33 miles away southwest of Kuestrin.

**Stettin Under Fire**  
Moscow also reported that the Soviets were storming and shelling the outskirts of both Danzig and Stettin, biggest German-held ports on the Baltic sea, after crumpling their outer defenses "like a house of cards." The red army was within sight of both ports.

Berlin broadcasts said Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army had swung across the Oder river behind Kuestrin, 38 miles east of Berlin, and was storming the burning fortress city from "all sides"—an indication that Kuestrin has been encircled.

The forces which attacked from the rear broke into the west-bank portion of Kuestrin, Berlin said, but the main assault came from the northwest on the opposite side of the big bend of the Oder.

**Valley Authority Move Is Opposed**  
Salem, Ore., March 9 (UP)—The house Thursday unanimously approved the senate measure (SB 98) which memorializes congress in opposition to the establishment of a Columbia valley authority.

Rep. E. Riddell Lage, Hood River, said that the bill was introduced at the request of the Oregon Reclamation congress.

The bills in congress proposing a C.V.A. would deprive Oregon and Washington citizens of water rights, Lage said.

The powers granted to the administration would be all inclusive, and include wide powers.

In addition, Lage said, it would add to the bureaucratic agencies now existing.

**Moro Solon's Son Killed in Action**  
Salem, Ore., March 9 (UP)—Pfc. Wyman J. French, son of Rep. and Mrs. Giles French of Moro, was killed in action in Holland on Feb. 27, his parents were informed today by the war department.

The youth was with an armored division of the 9th army, after going to England late last year. Before entering military service, he attended the University of Oregon for three years as a pre-legal student. He was unmarried and was born in Grass Valley, Ore.

He is survived by his parents and two sisters, Mrs. Jane French of Hood River and Pat French of Moro.

### 10 SQUARE MILES OF TOKYO AFIRE AFTER BIG RAID

(By United Press)  
A ten-square-mile area of Tokyo is afire after the 300-plane raid by Superfortresses, Norman Paige, Blue network correspondent reported from Guam today.

The raid, starting early Saturday morning, was described as an "all-out incendiary attack" on the Japanese capital.

"There is a conflagration in Tokyo now," Paige said.

"The very heart of the city of Tokyo is aflame at this moment as well over 300 Superfortresses wing their way back from the largest and most powerful raid ever carried out."

"The raid was for the express purpose of setting fire to this area roughly as large as all of South Manhattan island and Brooklyn combined."

"This amazing attack is the first all incendiary raid on Japan, and the first large night bombing of Tokyo."

"The area was left a great blazing cauldron, flames were shooting far into the sky."

**Industrial Fund Accounting Made**  
Contributors met in the Pilot Butte inn last night and took preliminary steps to perfect a permanent organization to administer the city's postwar industrial development fund. Decision was reached to hold a direct primary election among the donors to select a permanent board of five trustees to function with the city commission in handling the combined \$20,000 fund.

The city originally set aside \$10,000 in its budget for the purpose of attracting additional payrolls in Bend, with the understanding that the sum be matched by popular subscription. Last night it was revealed that instead of raising the \$10,000, Bend businessmen and firms had amassed a total of \$13,065.

**Reports Presented**  
Carl A. Johnson, chairman of the special committee of which Frank H. Logan and Sumner Deltrick were also members, furnished each contributor with a report on the canvass and the names of each donor. This committee had spent the past three months in raising the fund, and it was given a vote of thanks by the assembled contributors. Although the three asked that they be not considered for positions on the permanent board, Johnson was retained as temporary chairman. Don H. Peoples was named temporary secretary.

The group instructed Johnson to appoint five to act as a nominating committee, with this group having the responsibility of naming 10 candidates, of which five are to be elected as a permanent administering board. They (Continued on Page 3)

**U. S. Vessel Lost In Leyte Action**  
Washington, March 9 (UP)—The war shipping administration today announced the loss through enemy action of the liberty ship William S. Ladd. The ship was destroyed by a Japanese airplane in the Leyte gulf a few weeks ago.

The WSO said that no lives were lost, but that six merchant seamen were injured. The attacking Japanese plane was shot down.

**Rhine Crossing May Change Entire Course of War**  
By C. R. Cunningham (United Press War Correspondent)

East of the Rhine, Germany, March 8 (Delayed) (UP)—Victory is in the air on this side of the Rhine, where American troops hit the "paydirt" of Germany.

And now with the Yanks across Germany's great river barrier, it begins to look as though the entire course of the war in the west is being changed.

It can't be told yet how the Americans crossed the Rhine, but it took only 10 to 15 minutes to get at least one company of infantry over to the eastern side yesterday afternoon.

By tonight it is safe to say that we have plenty of infantry and guns across the river and they are being followed up rapidly by everything in the First army's bag.

The tactical move is to exploit the lucky grab and Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges is doing it to the hilt.

The bridgehead, at one of the most picturesque spots south of Cologne, is expanding rapidly to the east, north and south. It looks almost like the Anzio beachhead, except that here there is not even a threat of our getting kicked out.

The crossing was a case of spotting an opportunity and grabbing it. As one officer put it: "If you have something given you, the best thing is to take it."

Security reasons prevent disclosure of the crossing site, but judging from the way the Germans are throwing their heavy artillery shells at us, they surely must know by now where and how we got over at 3:50 p. m. yesterday.

This outfit had orders to seize any opportunity it could find to get over. When that opportunity came, Maj. Murray Deavers, Hagerville, Ark., ordered the men across.

Without hesitation, the entire company swept on into the "paydirt" of Germany in a drive aimed directly at the heart of Hitler's Reich.

These men, who caught the Germans napping and crossed the great Rhine, were some of those who took it on the chin in the Belgian bulge. Now the company has its head up and ready for more work.

War had not touched the countryside in this sector. Apparently the Germans never expected it, because there were no prepared defenses.

On the east side of the river, the terrain goes up steadily into rich green woods. The high hill, quickly reached by the first

### Iwo Marines Drive to Cliff On Isle Coast

Carrier Planes and Big Guns Off Shore Aid Men In Battle With Nippons

By Frank Tremaine (United Press War Correspondent)  
Guam, March 9 (UP)—U. S. marines virtually split in two the last desperately resisting Japanese on Iwo today with a drive to a 100-foot cliff overlooking the northeast coast.

"It won't be long before this thing is over," Vice Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner, commander of the Pacific amphibious forces, said after a tour of the tiny island on Japan's front doorstep.

Front reports indicated that a third marine division spearhead at the center of the line had gained the cliff commanding the steep northeastern beach after ramming through the last defenses in the area.

**Forces Severed**  
The push all but severed enemy forces on the north coast from those along the northeast shore.

A Tokyo broadcast said 29,670 marines had been killed or wounded through Wednesday. The broadcast was recorded by the FCC.

The fifth division advanced along the northern tip of Iwo in a frontal drive against the enemy's northern pocket.

The fourth division still was encountering difficulty in rugged terrain along the east coast, but the third's breakthrough to the north threatened the rear of the enemy's northeastern pocket.

Carrier planes and the big guns of warships offshore supported the marine offensive, now in its fourth day.

**Isles Defended**  
A Pacific fleet commander said the surviving Japanese, believed fewer than 4,000, were defending every prepared position desperately with heavy and light machine guns and intense small arms fire.

Turner told United Press war correspondent Mac R. Johnson on returning to his flagship from Iwo that the marine officers were "cheerful over the prospects" of early conquest of the eight-square-mile island.

The admiral said he was impressed favorably by Iwo's potentialities for use as an air base against Tokyo, only 750 miles to the north.

**Town Fighting Faces Marines**  
Washington, March 9 (UP)—The marines are "getting set for town fighting in the Pacific," the official marine magazine Leatherneck said today.

"The art of house-to-house fighting becomes a 'must' for marines as the war moves out of the jungles and coral atolls and into populated communities," the magazine said in an article titled "Street Fighting."

The article listed six principles of house to house fighting evolved from "fighting techniques of the European war" and the experiences of marines on Guam and Saipan.

"A lot of our boys are out there giving a lot more than money. This is our way of showing them they mean a lot to us, and that Elklom means something to them. We are all anxious to get this mess over with, but that isn't enough. If we can do something in the meantime we are only doing what Elks set out to do when the lodge was organized. We are turning this money over to the Red Cross because that's where we feel it will do the most good."

**39% Raised**  
Chairman Gilbert reported today that 39 per cent of the quota had been raised, a total of \$8,710.45 having been received to (Continued on Page 5)

### Bend Air Veteran

Big Ludendorf Bridge Falls to U. S. Troopers

Paris, March 9 (UP)—American First army tanks and troops swept across the Ludendorf bridge at Remagen and drove more than four miles into the German hinterland today. To the north, hundreds of U. S. Ninth army guns began flattening the arsenal cities of the Ruhr valley in a tremendous bombardment from the west bank of the Rhine.

The security blackout that had cloaked the progress of the First army since it broke across the Rhine 48 hours ago was lifted dramatically today to reveal that the Ludendorf bridge had been captured intact in probably the most amazing military coup of the war.

A mighty tide of Americans guns, tanks and troops was racing through the breach and fanning out at top speed through the rolling hills east of the Rhine against a stunned and apparently demoralized enemy.

Despite frantic German broadcasts asserting that the Americans had been checked on the northern and southern flanks of the bridgehead, headquarters said the attack was going well and that the salient was being expanded steadily.

**Entire Front Ablaze**  
The entire 110-mile Rhineland front from Coblenz north to the Dutch border burst into flame in the wake of the sensational First army breakthrough.

Headquarters revealed that another American army, the 15th, had arrived on the continent and been placed under Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th army group command with the U. S. First and Third armies. With the 15th, Bradley's command embraced more than 1,000,000 American soldiers giving him tactical control of more combat troops than any other leader in modern military history.

The arrival of the new army came at what was obviously the critical hour of the battle of western Europe.

More than 250 giant field guns of the U. S. Ninth army massed before Dusseldorf and Duisburg (Continued on Page 5)

**Kite Fliers Told Of Wire Dangers**  
Pointing to the danger of children being electrocuted, William A. Lackaff, manager of the Pacific Power & Light company in Bend, today issued a warning against the use of wire in flying kites. The action was prompted, Lackaff said, by the discovery last night in Carroll Acres of about 100 feet of fine, copper magnet wire stretched across a 2300 volt power line.

Attention of linemen was called to the situation by a woman, who at first believed that fireworks was being discharged close to her fence. Investigation revealed the fine wire, and linemen removed it by using safety tools.

Lackaff said that a child could easily have been electrocuted had it been holding the loose end of the wire.

**Lt. Miller Wins Navy Cross, Medal**  
Lt. (jg) William E. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller of Bend and a veteran of the early air blows against the Philippine islands, has been awarded the air medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight," according to information released by the 13th naval district.

Lt. Miller has also been awarded the distinguished flying cross. Both awards were a result of achievement as section leader in fighting squadron 32 during action against Japanese forces.

Lt. Miller, who recently visited here, was reported missing after his plane was forced down in a blow at Luzon, but later was rescued, prior to the landing of the Americans in the Philippines.

**Bend Elks Back Red Cross Drive**  
Bend's Elks will hold their annual stag party tomorrow. But they made sure that they would not have their fun until they had "taken care of the boys over there."

And today they stood as the largest single donor to the American Red Cross Fourth War Fund in Deschutes county, having turned over to headquarters a check for \$500. Grateful for the check, Bruce Gilbert, county chairman of the drive, asked Paul Sevy, secretary of the Elks lodge, what had inspired such a large contribution. Sevy explained:

"M/Sgt. James W. Mayer, in a letter to his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Mayer of the First National bank, wrote from the Philippines: 'So far the Red Cross is the only organization down here that seems to be doing anything for the men. They organize all-day fishing trips, furnishing every thing, all sorts of recreation activities, and all the recreation centers are operated by Red Cross, so we're for the Red Cross 100%. They're doing a swell job in the south Pacific.'"