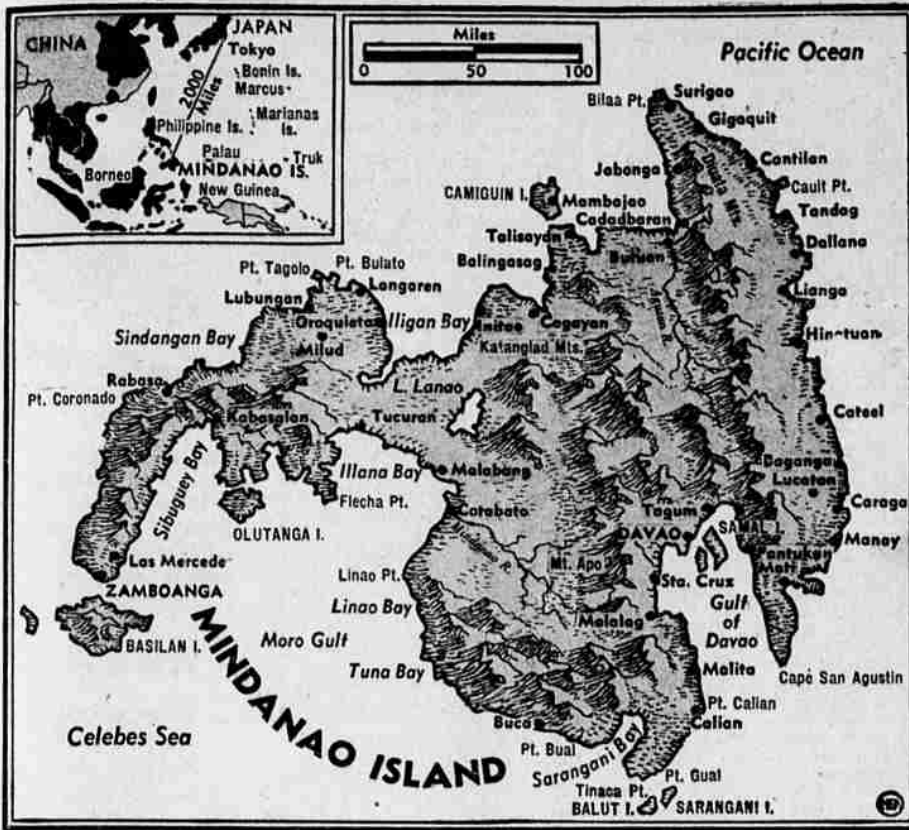


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Yank Forces Invade Mindanao



Officials announced today that the 41st division, veterans of New Guinea warfare, had invaded Mindanao, second largest island of the Philippines, and are nearing the heart of Zamboanga. Two airstrips west of Zamboanga were quickly seized.

Yanks Drive Into Reich
41 Division Lands on Mindanao Isle

Veterans Near Province Heart In Dash Inland

Only Light Opposition Encountered in Battle; Isle Troopers Seasoned

Manila, March 12 (UP)—U. S. invasion forces near the heart of Zamboanga on the southwestern tip of Mindanao today after quickly seizing four villages and two airfields on the island, second largest of the Philippines.

Battle-seasoned units of Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's 41st division of the Eighth army landed on Mindanao's coral-studded beaches Saturday morning against light opposition.

A cluster of four villages and two airstrips, west of Zamboanga's administrative center, were rapidly overrun and Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that American reconnaissance planes already were operating from the island.

New Landing Reported
(A Tokyo broadcast, recorded by FCC, said American forces also had landed Thursday on Basilan island, across the 10-mile Basilan strait from Zamboanga. Tokyo claimed that the troops which stormed Mindanao were accompanied by tanks.

The landing on Mindanao, 21st Philippine island invaded by American amphibious forces, sealed the entire western side of the 800-mile long Philippine archipelago. It also brought MacArthur's forces within 180 miles of oil-rich Borneo.

A heavy air and naval bombardment from heavy and light cruisers preceded the landing from Basilan strait, which had been swept for mines since Wednesday.

Skies Are Cleared
Planes from both the Fifth and 13th air forces covered the landing so completely that no Japanese planes were sighted. The 13th air force had softened up the invasion points with more than 1,000 tons of bombs during the past weeks.

Doe's forces went ashore in amphibious vehicles at 9 a. m. Saturday, hitting the beaches at San Mateo, three miles west of Zamboanga's administrative center.

The Japanese were caught off guard by the landing. While rear guards put some scattered machine-gun fire, the bulk of the enemy garrison fled across the two mile-wide plain into the hill region.

The Americans quickly captured Wolfe airdrome, three quarters of a mile inland, and fanned eastward along the coast, capturing Calarian, San Roque and San Jose, the latter only two miles from the heart of Zamboanga.

Airstrips Used
Reconnaissance planes began operating almost immediately from Wolfe's airstrip, which before the war had been a U. S. army airfield.

The planes apparently were spotting Japanese positions ahead of the American forces who were nearing the administrative headquarters of Zamboanga, a huge city covering almost the entire southwest tip of Mindanao.

Other elements of Doe's 41st division, veterans of the long New Guinea campaign, invaded and seized control two weeks ago of Palawan, across the Sulu sea from Mindanao.

"We now control the entire length of the western shores of the Philippine islands from the northwestern tip of Luzon to the (Continued on Page 2)

More Snow Falls On High Divides

Light rainfall visited Bend last night but snow was reported all along the crest of the Cascades, according to reports to the offices of the state highway department here.

The light snow fall did not interfere with traffic on the Santiam, Wapinitia and Willamette highways, according to the reports.

A total depth of 54 inches of snow was reported on the Santiam summit; 42 on the Willamette and 42 inches on the Wapinitia highway route. Rain fell generally between Bend and Klamath Falls, it was reported.

BULLETINS

London, March 12 (UP)—Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army has captured Kuestrin, strongest fortress of the Oder river defense line 38 miles east of Berlin, the soviets announced tonight.

(By United Press) Tokyo newspapers today echoed official Japanese views that war situation was "very serious" and that an invasion of Japan's home islands could be expected in the "very near future."

Paris, March 12 (UP)—The American First army launched its first concentrated attack from the Remagen bridgehead today and scored initial gains of more than a mile, boosting the number of captured German towns across the Rhine to 23.

London, March 12 (UP)—Marshal Stalin announced tonight that the red army had reached the coast of Danzig bay and captured Dirschau, Neustadt and Puzig.

Field Work of Red Cross Told

Services which the Red Cross gives the American armed forces in the foreign field were outlined this noon to the Bend Kiwanis club by Hugo Vindal, Red Cross overseas field director. With Vindal at the weekly club luncheon meeting at the Pine tavern were:

Miss Ruth Wilson, regional home service representative, Miss Grace Jackson, general field representative and Mrs. Margaret Hemingway, local secretary of Red Cross organization.

Work Described
Vindal told of marvels of plastic surgery, of the seeming miracles wrought by blood plasma, of the work that is done in helping maimed men from battle zones to break down the barriers of loneliness which their misfortunes have raised around them.

And before battle, he noted, the Red Cross, in its overseas club work, is just as busy. "It brings a bit of America to foreign soil and that means much to our men," the speaker said.

Personnel will be increased shortly from 7,000 to 10,000, Vindal said.

Bruno Rath, head of the local Red Cross chapter, was in charge of the program.

Vindal is also scheduled to address a public gathering in the circuit court room in the courthouse at 8 o'clock tonight.

Phoenix Oil Plant Scene of Big Fire

Phoenix, Ariz., March 12 (UP)—Fire was raging today through the Richfield Oil corporation's gasoline storage plant here.

A company official said the fire broke out when static electricity caused a gasoline tank to explode. Phoenix firemen were battling to keep the flames from reaching nearby tanks, two of which were expected to explode momentarily.

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what we have to do—namely, to offer resistance and to hit our enemies until in the end they grow tired and break up. There will be no repetition of 1918. "Even if fate seems now to conspire against us, there can be no doubt that our fanaticism, steadfastness and determination will overcome all these setbacks as it has so often done in the past."

The Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter reported that travelers from Berlin said Hitler had set up headquarters near Berlin and was working with a big staff of engineers and industrial experts on what were believed the final preparations for the battle of the capital.

Moscow Hints Of New Action On Oder Front

U. S. Fliers Give Aid To Soviet Armies in Blows Against Enemy

London, March 12 (UP)—A strong force of American bombers attacked the Baltic coast today in direct support of the red army, and unofficial Moscow reports said a decisive breakthrough before Berlin was expected soon.

About 650 U. S. heavy bombers dumped a great weight of explosives on military and naval targets on the Baltic coast. Nazi broadcasts said the raiders were over the Stettin-Swinemuede area at the mouth of the Oder, where Soviet forces were trying to crumple the north wing of Berlin's defenses.

Great Battle Looms
If the Americans hit the Stettin-Swendemuende sector, their bombs fell in plain view of the Russian troops storming the Oder fortifications. The first official announcement did not name the Baltic objectives.

Soviet dispatches said Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's army was storming the Oder estuary north and south of Stettin, and a great battle for river crossings was in full swing.

The German high command said three Russian armies were hammering the Nazi bridgehead across the Oder from Stettin. Counterblows knocked out 28 Soviet tanks, it added.

A Nazi communique said Zhukov's First White Russian army continued relentless attacks in the Oder valley before Berlin, where a Soviet bridgehead earlier reached within 26 miles of the capital.

Action Expected
United Press Correspondent Henry Shapiro reported from Moscow that the Soviet news blackout on the Berlin front continued, "pending a decisive breakthrough which is expected in the near future."

He defined the blacked-out front as extending from the area of Kuestrin, 38 miles east of Berlin, to Goerlitz, on the Neisse river 100 miles south of Kuestrin, 105 miles southeast of Berlin, and 54 east of Dresden. This suggested that the whole defense system east and southeast of Berlin was about to fall apart.

Planes Give Aid
The German broadcasts suggested that the American planes were attacking Stettin and Swinemuede, 35 miles to the north at the Baltic entrance to Stettin bay.

The raids came as Soviet front dispatches were reporting that the red army had driven within sight of Stettin after breaking through the city's last belt of outer fortifications on the east.

"Stettin's position appeared hopeless," a front dispatch published in the Moscow newspaper Pravda said.

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front southeast of Berlin. "Up to now," he said, "we were prepared to conduct the war according to rules of extreme fairness. We never wished to conduct it otherwise."

"But what we have experienced in our eastern provinces has taught us otherwise. If today the wehrmacht and German people raise cries for revenge, then this is the cry of a tortured nation which demands an outlet."

"It's no mere chance that our soldiers, when on this or that sector of the eastern front go over to the offensive, they no longer know any mercy."

Goebbels said German divisions in "the next weeks and months" will launch a great offensive. He quoted Hitler as saying: "I firmly believe that when we throw in our new offensive armies, we shall beat our enemies."

Close students of German propaganda long have believed that Germany will attempt one last grandiose reprisal before the final curtain falls on nazism.

Missing



Ross Nelson Henderson, S/1, is missing in action in the South Pacific, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Henderson, Bend, have been notified. Ross, graduate from Bend high school with the class of 1942, was a gunner aboard an aircraft carrier.

Red Cross Drive Behind Schedule

Quota—Received to date—Balance
\$22,300 \$13,463.68 \$8,836.32

While campaign workers in Bend had sought to conclude the American Red Cross Fourth War Fund drive by tomorrow, the goal was far distant, it was revealed at headquarters in the chamber of commerce offices today. Only \$13,463.68 of the total quota of \$22,300 has been raised, and with some of the largest donations already having been received.

Harold Gentry, chairman of the Junior Chamber of commerce sponsored drive in the city, reported that a check made yesterday showed that only 40 per cent of the business houses and employers have reported in. He asked that these concerns report promptly and make it plain whether the contributions represent those of the firm only, or whether employees are included.

To Close Headquarters
Gentry said that it was apparent also, that many of the employers have not solicited their workers, and he urged that this be done at once. He said that it was hoped that they could close headquarters by Wednesday.

The campaign actually got under way in Redmond today, with workers making a detouring city-wide canvass. Only small donations have been reported from there to date, according to Bruce Gilbert, county drive head.

CONTRIBUTIONS LISTED
Additional contributions follow:
\$750.00 The Shevlin-Hixon Company.
Brooks Scanlon Lumber Company Inc.
Elks club. \$80.00
Shell Oil company. \$50.00
Consumers Gas company, Owl Pharmacy, Bank of Bend, the Miller Lumber company, Lumbermen's Insurance agency. (Continued on Page 3)

Berlin Reports New Crossings Of Rhine River

Doolittle's Air Force Blankets Railroad Hubs With Carpet of Bombs

Paris, March 12 (UP)—Tank led and air supported American troops drove steadily deeper into Germany's inner fortress from the Remagen bridgehead today, and Berlin said the First army had made two more crossings of the Rhine nearby.

Joint blows of the U. S. First and Third armies wiped out a German pocket northwest of Coblenz. Meager reports did not make clear whether the destroyed pocket was the big one formed by the American junction on the Rhine, in which some 23,000 Germans were trapped.

Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle's eighth air force laid a carpet of bombs on six key rail hubs east of the Rhine through which the Germans could move against the First army bridgehead opposite Remagen.

Fighters Rake Lines
Fighter-bombers of the U. S. Ninth air force raked the German lines before the swelling bridgehead, and maintained a constant patrol over the Ludendorf bridge.

Nazi broadcasts acknowledged that the Americans were pouring reinforcements into the Rhine foothold. "They said shock troops pushed across the Rhine north of the Remagen bridge in assault boats for two new crossings. The nazis estimated that upwards of 50,000 men were massed in the bridgehead ready for a big push against the southern flank of the Ruhr.

Supreme headquarters said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops firmly held the initiative in the Remagen bridgehead. The Germans still were shelling it, despite the acquisition of high ground on which some enemy observation posts were situated.

Reports Vague
Because of the nature of the operations and the precarious plight of the enemy, SHAEF reports were purposely vague. For security reasons a time lag was imposed in many sectors.

A bald announcement at SHAEF said the German pocket around Laacher See, 13 miles northwest of Coblenz, had been cleared. The units fighting there were not identified, and there was no indication of the size of the prisoner bag. Laacher See is a resort lake near Aidenbach.

Headquarters sources reported patrol activity and counterattacks on the long dormant Seventh army front in the French-German border area west of the Rhine. Limited operations on other fronts tallied to some extent with alarmed Nazi radio forecasts of further Allied efforts to cross the Rhine.

Hirohito Tabbed As War Criminal

London, March 12 (UP)—Well-informed sources said today that Emperor Hirohito was expected to be named an axis war criminal because of Japanese atrocities, including the execution of American fliers after Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle's 1942 raid on Tokyo.

These informants predicted that a war criminal charge against the Japanese emperor would be formally approved by the United Nations war crimes commission in the near future.

Tom Laliberte Is Listed Wounded

Tom Laliberte, a graduate from Bend high school, has been wounded in action in Germany, his parents Mr. and Mrs. O. Laliberte, former residents of Bend and now in Bellflower, Calif., have been notified.

Tom was serving with the 104th Timberwolf division of the U. S. First army.

FIRE DAMAGES WALL
Fire of undetermined origin shortly before noon today caused slight damage to the wall behind the electric dish sterilizer at the Pine Tavern, firemen reported.

Big Fires Flare in Nagoya

Japs' Largest Aircraft City Hit By Raiders

Flames Reported Out of Control 16 Hours After American Skyemen Visit

Guam, March 12 (UP)—Fires visible nearly 100 miles at sea raged uncontrolled today through Nagoya, Japan's greatest aircraft manufacturing center, after 300 Superfortresses sowed 2,000 tons of incendiary bombs through the center of the city.

Swinging 165 miles west from still-burning Tokyo, the giant armada unloaded death and destruction on five square miles of war plants, business blocks, government buildings and flimsy dwellings in the tinder-box center of Nagoya for two hours under cover of darkness early today.

Returning pilots said the rain of bombs, more concentrated even than the 2,300 tons which burned out 15 square miles of Tokyo Saturday, kindled "hellish fires" that threatened to spread far beyond the original target area.

Fires Uncontrolled
A Japanese communique indicated that a number of fires still were out of control at 4:30 p. m. (Tokyo time), more than 16 hours after the start of the raid.

It said a fire had been started in the "precincts" of the Atsuta shrine, one of 10 large shinto or religious shrines in Japan, but added that the "main and detached shrines were safe."

Maj. Gen. Curtis Le May, commander of the 21st bomber command in the Marianas, reserved judgment until all reports were in, but said "so far the attack appears very successful."

From Washington came word that B-29s of the 20th bomber command in India also were in action today. A medium force—probably 50 strong—bombed industrial targets in the Singapore area for the sixth time. The 20th command attacked Kuala Lumpur, 200 miles north of Singapore, Saturday.

Domei Gives Version
A Tokyo Domei agency dispatch said 40 B-29s participated in the attack on Singapore and caused only "extremely slight" damage. Two Superfortresses were shot down and a third damaged, Tokyo said.

Superfortresses which struck at Nagoya, Japan's third largest city with 1,400,000 inhabitants, caught the defenders off guard by bombing from 5,000 instead of the customary 20,000 feet. Le May said the Japanese lacked automatic weapons for use against low-altitude raiders.

No fighter opposition was reported. Anti-aircraft fire was weak at first, but increased as the raid wore on. Losses were not announced immediately. Tokyo claimed 22 of the big planes had been shot down and 60 damaged.

Situation on Iwo Very Grim, Jap Commander Wires Home

Garrison 'Pledged to Crush Enemy,' Asserts Foe; Yanks Say Conquest of Island Is Near

BY FRANK TREMAINE (United Press War Correspondent)

Guam, March 12 (UP)—Complete conquest of Iwo appeared at hand today. Weary marines were driving the last Japanese defenders into the sea in a final battle along the north coast.

(A Japanese broadcast reported by the FCC said Japanese troops on Iwo had lost most of their heavy arms and were fighting with small arms, hand grenades, swords, and bayonets. It said the Iwo battle was "growing in ferocity daily."

Pacific fleet headquarters was expected to announce the collapse of organized resistance momentarily as the bloodiest campaign of the Pacific war entered its fourth week on Japan's front doorstep.

A communique this morning said the fifth division had whittled down the enemy's last sizeable pocket to half a square mile along the north coast by 6 p. m. yesterday in heavy fighting. The marines were making slow but steady progress with support of heavy artillery and the big guns of warships offshore.

Yanks Reach Coast
The third and fourth divisions crashed through the last Japanese lines in eastern Iwo over the weekend and captured most of the rock-ledge east coast, the communique said. One small enemy pocket was by-passed for later annihilation.

The advance along the north coast was a slow and tedious business. The last few thousand Japanese survivors of a garrison originally totaling 20,000 crack troops were fighting to the death from pillboxes, blockhouses and caves.

(The Tokyo Domei agency said the Japanese commander on Iwo had telegraphed the Japanese house of representatives that the situation on the island was "becoming more and more grim and sanguinary," but added the garrison was "pledged to crush the enemy."

Senate Approves District No. 25

Salem, Ore., March 12 (UP)—By a vote of 18 to 12, the senate Saturday approved senate bill 331 to give a new member of the senate if approved by the voters, to the counties of Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson and Lake.

Sen. Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls said his bill would remedy an unfair situation in his district, which comprises about one-fourth of the state. The bill would split up the 17th district with Klamath county retaining that number and the other four counties being designated as No. 25.

Until a new senator was elected, the present senator would represent both districts. The new member would be elected at the first biennial election following effective date of the act.

Firemen Answer 3 Local Alarms

Three fires over the weekend brought action by city firemen, who reported that only slight damage resulted from the blazes. Late Saturday firemen were called to the McNutt ranch, near the city golf course, where fire damaged the roof. Later that evening they were summoned to the intersection of Wall street and Colorado avenue to extinguish a trash fire. On Sunday they extinguished a roof fire at the home of A. J. Schwartz, 627 Georgia avenue.