

Save Your Paper  
Securely bundle your old paper  
and have it ready for another Jay-  
cee city-wide pickup next Sunday,  
beginning at noon.

# THE BEND BULLETIN

CENTRAL OREGON'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

Weather Forecast

Showers at low levels and snow  
flurries over mountains today, to-  
night and Wednesday.

Volume LIII

THE BEND BULLETIN, BEND, DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON, TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1945

NO. 89

## Escape Routes of Trapped Nazis Blocked

### Whole Areas of Tokyo Destroyed By Raids of Yank Planes, Say Japs

#### Nips Release Vivid Account Of Yank Blow

All Former Firemen  
Are Ordered Home to  
Aid in Fire Control

London, March 20 (UP)—An amazing frank Japanese broadcast reported by the BBC said today that "whole districts" of Tokyo were destroyed totally by American Superfortresses a few nights ago.

The raid of which the Japanese gave vivid account apparently was the 2,300-ton incendiary attack by more than 300 Superfortresses on March 10.

"During the night we thought the whole of Tokyo had been reduced to ashes," a broadcaster said. "That night will remain in the memory of all those who witnessed it."

The report compared the bombing of Tokyo with the heaviest obliteration raids on Germany, and said that more persons were bombed out than in the heaviest raids on the reich.

**Fliers Accused**  
(Other Tokyo broadcasts recorded by United Press in San Francisco, accusing the American flyers of "indiscriminate" bombing, said the March 10 raid on the capital destroyed or damaged schools, 19 shrines, several famous department stores, and a large number of hospitals.

All former firemen have been ordered demobilized from the Japanese army to aid in anti-air raid work, the Japanese diet was told, and all other persons with fire-fighting experience are being "rounded up for duty."

"The man who invented and carried out the large scale attacks on Hamburg is now directing attacks on Japan from the Marianas," the radio said. The reference apparently was to Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay, chief of the 21st bomber command. "He repeated here in Tokyo what he once learned in Germany."

**Districts Burned**  
"In a raid on Tokyo a few nights ago, owing to various unfavorable circumstances, fire caused by incendiaries swept away whole districts of the Japanese capital which burned to the ground," the broadcast said.

"As soon as the first incendiary bombs fell, the starlit night was lighted up," the report added. "The clouds were suffused with a red glow from the ground."

"The Superfortresses flew incredibly low above the gradually spreading fires. A B-29 exploded almost over the very heart of the city."

"Red fire clouds kept creeping higher, and the tower of the parliament buildings stuck out black against the background of a red sky."

**City Is Bright**  
"The city was as bright as at sunrise. Clouds of smoke, soot and even sparks driven by a storm swept over the city. During the night we thought the whole of Tokyo had been reduced to ashes. Yet in the morning when most of the fires had been brought under control and pale blue smoke was rising over the streets and smouldering ruins, one could realize the good efforts of the measures adopted earlier to guard against fire."

The report said wide fire lanes had been cut to contain the flames. Those bombed out were cared for in evacuation trains and communal canteens, it said.

**Desertion Charge  
Faces Objector**

Boston, March 20 (UP)—Paul Rosenthal of Lapine, Ore., charged with being AWOL from an Oregon conscientious objectors' camp, told Federal Judge Arthur D. Healey today that he did not desert but merely walked out in protest against "bad conditions at the camp."

Rosenthal, in court on a fugitive warrant, was released in \$1,000 bail for removal April 3.

#### Last Nazi Stronghold on East Bank of Oder Seized By Reds

Fortress City, Altdamm, Captured By Soviet  
Armies, to Set Stage for Assault on Berlin

London, March 20 (UP)—The red army captured the fortress city of Altdamm, suburb of the great Baltic port of Stettin, liquidating the last German foothold on the east bank of the lower Oder.

The fall of Altdamm firmly secured the right wing of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army and set the stage for an assault on Berlin.

In East Prussia the Third White Russian army, fighting under Marshal Alexander M. Vassilevsky's newly vested command, captured the Baltic coastal stronghold of Braunsberg, 38 miles southwest of Koenigsberg.

**Altdamm Falls**  
Zhukov's forces captured Altdamm, directly across the lower Oder from Stettin, after several days of heavy fighting. The Germans put up a stubborn fight for their last pocket east of the lower Oder which shielded Stettin itself.

Marshal Stalin announced the fall of Altdamm in his second order of the day broadcast from Moscow.

Braunsberg, on the coastal railway near the Baltic, was one of three large East Prussian cities still in German hands. The others are the capital city of Koenigsberg and Hellingbell, eight miles northeast of Braunsberg.

**Start of Campaign**  
"This is the beginning of a campaign to hunt down their ships wherever they are holed up, and to get them."

The spokesman said "we have some good pictures" of possible hiding places, taken by B-29 Superfortresses.

Discussing the latest strike on Japan by carrier planes, he said that no reports had yet been received here of the damage inflicted on the enemy or of damage to our forces, if any.

"But we think that we probably got some pretty good results," he said.

**Five Fliers Die  
In Fog Shroud**

Vineyard Haven, Mass., March 20 (UP)—Five navy fliers are missing and presumed dead and one was saved following separate crashes of two torpedo planes in fog, the navy announced today.

Sole known survivor of the accidents that occurred off Martha's Vineyard island last night was Lt. John W. Riley of 1701 Cascade ave., Chehalis, Wash. He paddled ashore on a liferaft after his plane crashed. Two others aboard Riley's plane were missing.

The first accident occurred about 15 miles at sea when three planes were returning to the naval air facility at Martha's Vineyard.

On running into fog, two of the planes climbed to clearer altitudes but the third plunged downward and apparently struck the sea.

No trace was found of the wreckage or the officer and two enlisted men who were aboard.

**WAGE STUDY ORDERED**  
Washington, March 20 (UP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that he had ordered a study of "guaranteed wage plans" and the possibility of their future development in American industry.

**Nazis, Facing Grave Crisis, Cancel Leaves,  
Order Registration of All Civilian Refugees**

London, March 20 (UP)—Germany today cancelled virtually all army leave and ordered the registration of civilian refugees in an attempt to restore order in the chaos-ridden reich.

Both German and neutral reports indicated that the converging advances of American, British, and Russian armies and the increasing weight of allied air raids were spreading confusion through Germany.

A Sofia dispatch said German prisoners had reported that Adolf Hitler, fearful of mass surrenders, had ordered the execution of families of German soldiers who gave up to the allies.

The official German DNB agency admitted that war workers and civil servants had abandoned their jobs to seek refuge in central Germany.

Many from the advancing allied armies.

German soldiers have "lost touch" with their units or commanding officers through "enemy action," DNB added in a remarkably frank broadcast explaining a drastic new set of regulations to control both soldiers and civilians.

In order to reintegrate all Germans into the defensive battle of the reich, DNB said, the government had decreed:

1. Military leave will be granted only in cases of illness or special gallantry.

2. Men from enemy-occupied territories no longer will be re-accepted.

#### Yank Invasion Units Nearing Island Capital

Only Light Resistance  
Met in Panay Landings;  
Iloilo May Fall Soon

Manila, March 20 (UP)—American invasion forces expanded their beachhead on Panay, sixth largest of the Philippine islands, to more than 28 square miles today and were rapidly closing in on the capital city of Iloilo.

Combat teams of Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th division, veterans of the California national guard, reached within seven miles of Iloilo only a few hours after the invasion Sunday and may already be at the city.

Iloilo, on Panay's southern coast fronting on Iloilo strait, has one of the best anchorages in the central Philippines. The main Japanese strength on the island is believed centered around the capital, which had a pre-war population of 90,000.

**26 Islands Occupied**  
The landing on Panay, a 4,611-square mile island in the Visaya group, and the seizure of tiny Miladanao island off southern Mindanao, also on Sunday, brought to 26 the number of islands invaded by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's American forces in the Philippines.

Brush's seasoned troops, supported by an air and naval bombardment, went ashore on Panay at Tigbauan, 14 miles west of Iloilo, without opposition and quickly split into two forces, one driving east and the other north.

One column pushed four miles inland along a single-track gravel road through Panay's rice paddies and seized the town of Cordova. The second force raced eastward along the southern coast, captured six villages and plunged into Otton, only seven miles from Iloilo.

**Runway Is Big**  
At Otton, the troops were less than five miles southwest of Manderriaw, with its 4,000-foot sanddirt airstrip. The runway is almost large enough to accommodate big B-29 Superfortresses.

Destroyers from Rear Admiral Arthur D. Struble's amphibious command and 13th airforce bombers and fighters laid down an explosive screen as the troops hit Panay's loose sand and gravel beaches.

MacArthur's communique said the landing was effected with "complete tactical as well as strategic surprise" and the troops went ashore "with practically no loss."

The Japanese were completely thrown off balance by the invasion and their defense forces still were disorganized as the Americans expanded their two-pronged offensive.

**F.D.R. BACKS BYRNES**  
Washington, March 20 (UP)—President Roosevelt today backed up Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' appeal for the nation to abide by the midnight curfew on entertainment.

**School Benefited  
By Seaquist Will**

Portland, Ore., March 20 (UP)—Willamette university at Salem today was expected to receive about \$200,000 from the estate of the late Alfred L. Seaquist, retired Portland merchant, according to an inventory and appraisal on file in circuit court here.

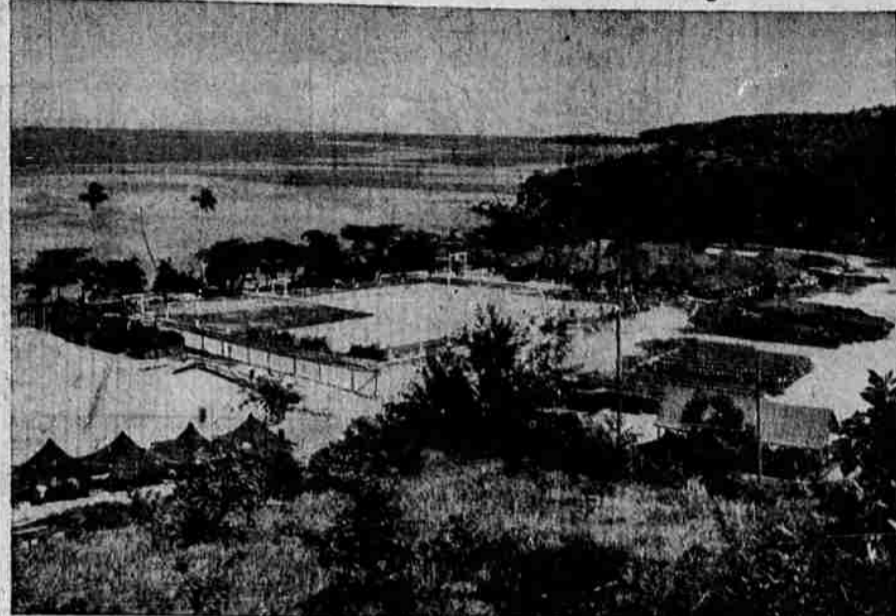
The record set the value of the estate at \$214,955.43, the bulk of which goes to the university after a few local bequests. The bequest to Willamette is to become an endowment fund, the interest from which is to be used for any purpose the trustees decide.

**Portland Plans  
New High School**

Portland, Ore., March 20 (UP)—The Portland school board Monday decided to purchase the \$46,000 Kamm tract in southwest Portland as the site for a proposed second west side high school.

**WOMAN IS INJURED**  
Mrs. W. C. McCarty, former Bend resident who now lives in California, suffered a dislocated hip and other injuries last night when the car in which she was riding left the Cow canyon grade and turned over. She was brought to the St. Charles hospital.

They Rest in Peace on Distant Tulagi



An American military cemetery occupies the center of any army outpost at Tulagi, Florida Islands. These men have paid the supreme sacrifice, and, points out A. L. O. Schueler, Deschutes county war bond chairman, it is up to Americans to carry on through the heavy purchase of war bonds.

#### North Santiam Open to Travel

The north Santiam highway was opened to traffic again at 9 a. m. today, but heavy snowfall all along the Cascades summit gave promise that the south Santiam highway would remain closed, according to officials of the state highway department in Bend.

Snow plows were operating full blast on both the north Santiam and Willamette highways, battling slushy drifts, and in many places the traffic lanes were narrow, it was reported.

Both on the Santiam and Willamette routes it was snowing hard this morning, with indications that it would continue throughout the day. Lighter snowfall was reported between the Willamette junction and Sun mountain on The Dalles-California highway.

Total depth of snow stood at 91 inches on the Santiam summit today, with three inches of new snow being reported. The total depth was 65 inches on the Willamette pass, with two inches of new snow being reported there.

**Conditions Normal**  
Since no reports were received from the Wapinitia highway maintenance stations, it was assumed by highway department officials here that road conditions were normal on that route.

Owing to uncertain conditions, the Hamman stages cancelled their runs from Bend over the Santiam routes today, but intended to resume service tomorrow.

It was expected here that the bus from Salem would arrive here on schedule this evening.

Temperatures on the summits were given this morning as 34 degrees on the Santiam and 29 degrees on the Willamette passes. The official forecast called for continued snow showers over the mountains today and tomorrow.

**Prineville Car  
Thief Sentenced**

Medford, Ore., March 20 (UP)—Jack J. Collicutt, arrested 10 days ago at Prineville for theft of a car in Medford, today was sentenced to two years in prison as a parole violator.

Collicutt was on parole on a larceny charge when arrested for car theft.

**Camp White Due  
For Further Use**

Medford, Ore., March 20 (UP)—Facilities of Camp White, Medford, Ore., are being held in readiness for redeployment of troops when the war emphasis shifts to the Pacific, Sen. Guy Cordon of Oregon today telegraphed from Washington.

Cordon said it was impossible to make a definite prediction as to the time element but said he could reasonably anticipate reactivation of the camp in the not too distant future.

**TODAY IN GERMANY**  
(By United Press)

All army leaves were cancelled and all men between 16 and 40 not in the army were ordered to report to their military district headquarters.

Residents of the Frankfurt-Mannheim-Ludwigshafen area were reported fleeing their homes after Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's warning that the area would be bombed mercilessly.

Berlin was bombed for the 28th consecutive night.

#### Mandalay Falls To Allied Army; Fort Captured

London, March 20 (UP)—Mandalay has been captured by troops of the 14th British army, it was announced officially today by southeast Asia command headquarters after the fall of Fort Dufferin.

British imperial troops knocked out the main Japanese center of resistance inside Mandalay with the capture of Fort Dufferin by Indian troops of the British 19th division.

Other British forces were rapidly cutting off the main Japanese escape routes on all sides of Mandalay. A large enemy force faced envelopment in the jungles north of Melkilla, 80 miles southwest of Mandalay. A communique said converging British columns were inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese in that area.

Mogok, site of the world's largest ruby mines 65 miles northeast of Mandalay, was captured yesterday by 36th division British troops.

**Mighty Carrier  
Ready to Float**

Newport News, Va., March 20 (UP)—The world's greatest warship was christened here today, but it won't be floated until a balky tide gets around to playing the full role assigned to it in the ceremony.

The ship is the 45,000-ton super-carrier Midway, from whose decks one day will fly a brand new kind of warplane designed to give the enemy a brand new kind of trouble.

Built in a drydock instead of on the conventional ways, the Midway was to have been floated at precisely 9:43 a. m. EWT by the simple expedient of admitting sea water into the dock. The way it turned out, however, the tide was four inches short.

Navy officials said they expected the tide to make up the missing four inches later today or early tomorrow. Meanwhile, the christening went on as scheduled.

**2 Navy Officers  
Killed in Crash**

West Chester, Pa., March 20 (UP)—Comdr. Paul McCloud Flagg 50, and Comdr. Dow Hiram Nicholson, 63, were killed late yesterday when their automobile was struck by a Pennsylvania railroad electric express train on the West Chester line.

The men, both stationed at the Philadelphia navy yard, were pronounced dead at the Delaware county hospital.

Railroad spokesmen said warning blinker lights and bells were in operation at the crossing when the accident occurred.

**Powerful U. S. Carrier Fleet  
Breaks Action Against Japs**

Guam, March 20 (UP)—A powerful American carrier fleet apparently broke off its assault against Japan temporarily today after launching 1,400 planes against Kure, the enemy's biggest naval base, and the great port of Kobe yesterday.

Radio Tokyo, usually first to report new raids on the Japanese homeland, said no attacks were made today. The carrier planes had bombed Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands, on the opening day of the current offensive Sunday.

Most unofficial sources expected the fleet, presumably Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's famed task force 58, would resume its attacks within the next 24 to 48 hours, however.

A Tokyo report which said the task force was steaming southward toward the Ryukyu islands

#### Paper Pickup Set For Next Sunday

Another city-wide pickup of salvage paper has been set for next Sunday, it was announced today by Don Higgins and George Thompson, co-chairmen of the Junior chamber of commerce paper salvage committee. The trucks will follow the same routes as in former pickups, and will start covering the city at noon, it was reported.

Boy Scouts of troop No. 24, headed by Scoutmaster Leo Herbring, will assist the Jaycees in gathering the bundles and loading the trucks, Higgins said. Scouts from other troops were also expected to join in the paper salvage work since a nationwide campaign is being held by scouts in efforts to win Eisenhower medals.

Each scout who gathers 1,000 pounds of salvage paper in March and April will be given one of the Eisenhower medals, as well as special troop citations. Troops which achieve the goal will be awarded shell cases direct from the battle fronts.

**Large Car Ordered**  
Believing that they can outdo former pickups, the Jaycees have ordered an extra large box car for the shipment of the paper to processing mills. Since the paper will be trucked directly to the car, residents were again urged to use special care in securely bundling the paper. Thompson and Higgins recalled the "splendid cooperation" given by residents in the last pickup, when proper tying of the bundles greatly facilitated the shipment of the paper.

The routes to be followed by the trucks will be announced before Sunday, and paper donors are urged to have their bundles at the designated corners before noon Sunday.

**Thousands Killed**  
Thousands more—their number still uncounted—were killed by the converging armies and American aerial attacks.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's (Continued on Page 7)

**2 Navy Officers  
Killed in Crash**

West Chester, Pa., March 20 (UP)—Comdr. Paul McCloud Flagg 50, and Comdr. Dow Hiram Nicholson, 63, were killed late yesterday when their automobile was struck by a Pennsylvania railroad electric express train on the West Chester line.

The men, both stationed at the Philadelphia navy yard, were pronounced dead at the Delaware county hospital.

Railroad spokesmen said warning blinker lights and bells were in operation at the crossing when the accident occurred.

**Prineville Car  
Thief Sentenced**

Medford, Ore., March 20 (UP)—Jack J. Collicutt, arrested 10 days ago at Prineville for theft of a car in Medford, today was sentenced to two years in prison as a parole violator.

Collicutt was on parole on a larceny charge when arrested for car theft.

**Camp White Due  
For Further Use**

Medford, Ore., March 20 (UP)—Facilities of Camp White, Medford, Ore., are being held in readiness for redeployment of troops when the war emphasis shifts to the Pacific, Sen. Guy Cordon of Oregon today telegraphed from Washington.

Cordon said it was impossible to make a definite prediction as to the time element but said he could reasonably anticipate reactivation of the camp in the not too distant future.

**TODAY IN GERMANY**  
(By United Press)

All army leaves were cancelled and all men between 16 and 40 not in the army were ordered to report to their military district headquarters.

Residents of the Frankfurt-Mannheim-Ludwigshafen area were reported fleeing their homes after Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's warning that the area would be bombed mercilessly.

Berlin was bombed for the 28th consecutive night.

#### Foe Resistance In Rhine Area Nears Collapse

Over 40,000 Germans  
Killed or Captured as  
Yanks Race to East

Paris, March 20 (UP)—German resistance collapsed along the north side of the Saar-Palatinate pocket today and U. S. Third army forces captured the Rhine-land city of Worms, reached Mainz to the north, and broke into the central transport hub of Kaiserslautern.

The rout of two German field armies caught in a pincer forged by the Third and Seventh armies became a debacle. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's mobile columns were speeding down through the pocket toward an imminent junction with the Seventh army.

Paris, March 20 (UP)—American ground and air forces blocked the main German escape roads from the Saar-Palatinate pocket today and closed in for the kill on the thousands of nazis fleeing for the Rhine.

Between 40,000 and 50,000 of the 80,000 Germans originally spotted in the triangle formed by the Saar, Moselle and Rhine rivers were believed to have been killed or captured during the week-long American offensive.

The enemy's main escape road through Kaiserslautern, at the center of the collapsing pocket, was within almost point-blank artillery range of U. S. Third army tank columns, and its fall was expected soon.

**Routes Sealed Off**  
Headquarters of the American First-tactical air force announced that Yank flyers had sealed off the secondary escape roads branching out to the east and southeast from Kaiserslautern to Ludwigshafen and Karlsruhe.

Resistance on both flanks of the German pocket appeared to have collapsed. Even the siegfried line defenses on the southern rim of the Saar where the nazis had been fighting a delaying action were crumbling.

Upwards of 30,000 captives already were inside the Third army's cages. The Seventh army, where the prisoner count lagged by several days, reported more than 4,000 taken. Between 15,000 and 20,000 of the Third army's prisoners were bagged yesterday, indicating the extent of the enemy collapse on that sector.

**Thousands Killed**  
Thousands more—their number still uncounted—were killed by the converging armies and American aerial attacks.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's (Continued on Page 7)

**2 Navy Officers  
Killed in Crash**

West Chester, Pa., March 20 (UP)—Comdr. Paul McCloud Flagg 50, and Comdr. Dow Hiram Nicholson, 63, were killed late yesterday when their automobile was struck by a Pennsylvania railroad electric express train on the West Chester line.

The men, both stationed at the Philadelphia navy yard, were pronounced dead at the Delaware county hospital.

Railroad spokesmen said warning blinker lights and bells were in operation at the crossing when the accident occurred.

**Prineville Car  
Thief Sentenced**

Medford, Ore., March 20 (UP)—Jack J. Collicutt, arrested 10 days ago at Prineville for theft of a car in Medford, today was sentenced to two years in prison as a parole violator.

Collicutt was on parole on a larceny charge when arrested for car theft.

**Camp White Due  
For Further Use**

Medford, Ore., March 20 (UP)—Facilities of Camp White, Medford, Ore., are being held in readiness for redeployment of troops when the war emphasis shifts to the Pacific, Sen. Guy Cordon of Oregon today telegraphed from Washington.

Cordon said it was impossible to make a definite prediction as to the time element but said he could reasonably anticipate reactivation of the camp in the not too distant future.

**TODAY IN GERMANY**  
(By United Press)

All army leaves were cancelled and all men between 16 and 40 not in the army were ordered to report to their military district headquarters.

Residents of the Frankfurt-Mannheim-Ludwigshafen area were reported fleeing their homes after Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's warning that the area would be bombed mercilessly.

Berlin was bombed for the 28th consecutive night.