

Yanks Encircle Shuri Trapping Main Force of Japs on Okinawa

Overwhelming Blows Prepared Against Japan

Truman Presents Medal To Soldier at Joint Session of Congress

Washington, May 21 (AP)—A ramrod-stiff G.I. sergeant from the shrapnel-splattered battlefields of Europe stood before his president and the congress today to receive the congressional medal of honor.

The sergeant, slender black-haired Jake W. Lindsey of Lucedale, Miss., was the 100th infantryman to receive the coveted award, highest in his country's gift.

Senators and representatives cheered and applauded—a few with excited yells—as the technical sergeant bowed his head to receive the blue-ribboned war trophy from President Truman. Presented by President

"This is a proud and moving occasion for every American," the president said in remarks broadcast over all major networks.

"It follows the complete victory of the allied forces over a powerful enemy in Europe. It finds us striking devastating blows in the Pacific. We are preparing to strike them later in overwhelming force."

Mr. Truman joined in the applause as the young Mississippian, accompanied by Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall, accepted the award and stepped from the house dias.

Badly Rattled
Once during the applause Gen. Marshall was overheard saying in an aside to Sgt. Lindsey: "Give 'em a bow, give 'em a bow."

The soldier who bravely faced overwhelming odds in battle found the occasion almost too much for him. He swallowed several times and his features never relaxed from their stern immobility, except when he shook hands with the president.

After the ceremony Sgt. Lindsey was the guest of honor at a private capitol luncheon attended by President Truman and congressional leaders. Rep. Colmer (D., Miss.), the young sergeant's congressman, was host at the luncheon.

Speaks to Congress
Mr. Truman told the congress: "Before the battle against Japan is won, we shall have other men to honor—men whose deeds, like those we celebrate today, will have brought closer our inevitable victory."

Lindsey is the 100th infantryman to receive the nation's highest award for valor in battle and the president, in making the presentation personally before a joint session of congress (Concluded on Page 7, Column 6)

Army to Lose Men Aged 40
Washington, May 21 (AP)—Army enlisted men aged 40 or older were made eligible today for discharge on their own application.

The ruling applies to all such men whose service record is "honorable."

This represents a lowering of the discharge age from 42 years, which became effective last April 17.

The reduction of the GE brackets affected about 30,000 enlisted men in the 40 and 41-year age groups.

When the military situation permits, a further reduction will be made in the age limit, the war department disclosed.

These discharges are separate from those made on the point system which applies to all ages. The new policy is also applicable to enlisted Wacs 40 and older who have served for one year or more. Eight thousand enlisted Wacs are eligible to apply under this policy.

Commanders will be permitted to retain for 90 days any eligible man who applies for discharge under this policy for whom a replacement is not immediately available.

The Weather
(Released by the United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with scattered light rains tonight and occasionally Tuesday. Continued cool day-time temperatures. Minimum tonight about 48. Conditions Tuesday morning will be favorable for dusting. Max. yesterday, 65. Min. today, 49. Mean temperature yesterday, 54, which was 3 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today, .01. Total precipitation for the month, 3.99, which is 1.52 inches above normal. Willamette river height, 6 ft.

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Tito's Troops Withdrawing From Austria

Trieste, May 21 (AP)—Yugoslav forces which penetrated into Carinthia and Styria began moving out of Austria in force today in trucks provided by the British eighth army and are expected to be outside the border by tonight.

At the same time a Yugoslav-controlled newspaper here adopted a conciliatory tone toward the message of Marshal Sir Harold Alexander to his troops on Trieste, although a confused situation of dual occupation still prevailed here.

Marshal Tito's Yugoslavs began moving out of Austria after an officer of the third Yugoslav army conferred with Gen. Keightly of the eighth army's fifth corps and told him he had been ordered to withdraw below the Austrian border.

The Yugoslavs had infiltrated into Austria after advance parties of the eighth army entered, and at Kalagenfurt seized the local newspaper plant before a guard could be placed over it.

An allied military government had been placed in operation throughout the zone of Austria occupied by the British despite the Yugoslav action.

The Yugoslav-controlled newspaper Il Nostro Avvenire published the text of Marshal Alexander's message to his troops, giving Trieste citizens and Marshal Tito's troops here what probably was their first news of the gravity of the situation.

Russians Train Czech Army
London, May 21 (AP)—The Czechoslovak news bureau announced tonight a new Czechoslovak army to be trained and equipped by the Russians will be built around the Czechoslovak army group which was formed in Russia during the German occupation of the homeland.

A spokesman explained that re-establishment of a modern army would follow the pattern adopted after the first World war when the Czechs turned to France for aid and equipment. At that time a large French military mission with headquarters in Prague helped organize an army of 40 infantry and four motorized divisions.

Now, said the spokesman, new circumstances and the mutual assistance pact with soviet Russia make it desirable to request military assistance and advice from Russia.

Czechoslovak units trained in Britain will be absorbed and retrained in the new army.

Russia has agreed to receive a number of young Czech officers and enlisted men at all soviet military schools for training. After receiving the same training as red army men they will return to the homeland.

Nazi Governor Jailed
London, May 21 (AP)—Copenhagen dispatches said today that Werner Best, former Nazi governor of Denmark, has been turned over to Danish authorities after his arrest by allied troops.

British Labor Breaks Away From Churchill Government
London, May 21 (AP)—The labor party decided today to break away from the coalition government and force a British election, despite an urgent plea from Prime Minister Churchill to put off politics until Japan is defeated.

Meeting at Blackpool, the labor party rejected Churchill's proposal to continue the coalition government and offered to go to the polls any time. The step meant the death in a short time—possibly next month—of the government Churchill formed five years ago to guide Britain to victory in Europe.

In a last-minute maneuver Churchill suggested that an unprecedented national referendum be held on whether the 10-year-old parliament should continue in office.

Deputy Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee and Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, in a press conference at Blackpool,

Single Aircraft Sinks Convoy of 5 Jap Vessels

Manila, May 21 (AP)—In one of the war's outstanding aerial feats, a single Philippines-based navy patrol plane destroyed an entire Japanese convoy of five ships, totaling 17,000 tons off Formosa Saturday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

The largest ship, more than 5,500 tons, was a troop carrier, judging from its numerous life-rafts.

A total of 369,818 Japanese have been killed and captured in the seven months' Philippine campaign, 14,408 of them in the last fortnight, MacArthur announced.

Japs Weakening
Japanese forces driven north of Davao into a succession of defense lines on Mindanao island appeared to be weakening.

A U.S. 24th division column which spearheaded the coast, throwing a flank threat at stoutly defended Sasa airfield, did not meet resistance until the end of a full day's advance. At nightfall, it overcame strong Nipponese positions 3,000 yards northwest of Ipil village.

Other elements of the 24th knocked out strong Japanese resistance around Tugbok on the main Japanese escape route into the mountains.

Sayre Road Opened
One company beat off four counterattacks by a single Japanese platoon one night.

The Sayre highway on north central Mindanao was opened to the Yanks as far as Dalirig village as the 40th and American divisions drove south. Advancing northward toward a juncture, the 31st bucked sniper fire to reach within 11 miles of Malaybalay, provincial capital of Hukidnow.

On Luzon, where fog and rain added to the toughness of the fight, Yanks cleaned out resistant pockets in the Baleta Pass of the northern sector and in the Ipo pocket east of Manila.

Chinese Capture Second Port
Chungking, May 21 (AP)—Chinese troops have recaptured Hochih, 80 miles northwest of the former 14th U. S. air force base at Lichow in Kwangsi province, a communique announced today.

Hochih had been the westernmost Kwangsi base of Japanese troops since they were driven back from Kweichow province last December after a thrust of the American air base at Kweihsiang, 180 miles south of Chungking.

On the Fukien front, victorious Chinese troops drove towards the sea today along both sides of the Min river from the recently recaptured inland port of Fochow, 25 miles from the east coast.

One force pushed 15 miles along the right bank of the Min to capture the river port of Dionghloh. Another column occupied the Pagado anchorage of Mamoi, 18 miles southeast of Fochow.

Another force, pushing north, had reached the vicinity of Lienlong, 22 miles north of Fochow.

First Imperial Wizard of KKK Dies
Atlanta, May 21 (AP)—William Joseph Simmons, first Imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan organization which was revived throughout the south 30 years ago, is dead.

Death in a hospital here last Friday of the man who directed the Klan in the years when it wrote a stormy chapter in the pages of American history was disclosed by friends today. His wife survives.

Simmons had been in failing health for the past four years. Since eclipse of the Klan, he had been in retirement, devoting the past few years to writing and occasional lectures.

Hitler's Photographer Taken
Rosenheim, Germany, May 21 (AP)—Heinrich Hoffman, Hitler's personal photographer, was captured by the seventh army a week ago. He registered a double complaint from his prison cell today: (1) He had had no magazine for a week, and (2) all his negatives were destroyed in the bombings of Berlin.



French Turn on Their Would-Be Conquerors (AP)—German troops run from kicks and blows of Frenchmen as the enemy was rounded up at Jouy-en-Josas, near Paris, about the time the French capital was liberated last August. Censorship just released this picture made by AP Photographer Dan Grossi, with wartime still picture pool.

County War Bond Sales Reach Total of \$645,740

Total war bond sales in the seventh loan drive barely skinned by the \$600,000 mark Monday with a total reported of \$645,740 out of which individuals sales were \$515,026 and these included "E" bond sales of \$337,195. Employees of the Western Paper Converting company were latest

Eisenhower Used Double

Paris, May 21 (AP)—A Chicago lieutenant colonel was used as a double for Gen. Eisenhower last December after the Germans voiced threats against the supreme commander's life, it was disclosed today.

Supreme headquarters said, however, that the plot was a hoax—a story the Germans spread to heighten their armies' morale.

The double, Lt. Col. Baldwin B. Smith of Chicago, was placed in Eisenhower's four-star automobile on journeys between St. Germain and Versailles.

Smith volunteered for the role of decoy when the army clamped an iron-tight curfew on the Paris area and set up the most elaborate machinery of the war to prevent possible destruction of supreme allied headquarters and assassination of the commanding general.

The similarity in appearances of Eisenhower and Smith is so striking that they frequently are mistaken for each other.

"When Smith sat in the general's car, you couldn't tell the difference," commented Lt. Albert Buonnano of Cranston, R.I., "their smiles are identical and from the rear they look exactly alike."

Lt. Col. Otto Skorzeny, aide to Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler and reported to be leader of the picked assassins directed to kill Eisenhower, was captured by the U.S. seventh army last Thursday. Censors then permitted release of the plot story, one of the top military secrets of the European theater.

French Senegalese Fire On Lebanese Creating Crisis
Beyrouth, May 21 (AP)—Disclosures that French Senegalese troops fired on Lebanese demonstrators and killed several of them yesterday brought a new middle-eastern political crisis to a head today.

(A Cairo dispatch said clashes in Syria and Lebanon had put the whole middle-east on edge over French policy in the Levant states. A Lebanese legion official said 17 persons were wounded when Senegalese troops dispersed crowds in Damascus.)

The shooting climaxed a series of incidents provoked by troops in Syria and Lebanon and brought these rapid developments:

1. Syria and Lebanon resolved jointly to refuse to negotiate with the French on the question of landing additional troops in the two countries. The decision was designed to place the blame on France for any further clashes.

2. The Arab league, powerful union of middle-eastern countries, called on diplomatic representatives of the big powers, including France itself, to express regret over the situation.

3. U. S. Minister George Wadsworth conferred with Lebanese leaders.

4. The Iraq government contacted the Egyptian government in an effort to coordinate their policies in the event of new developments.

The fatal shooting occurred near a French co-operative store in Beyrouth. The Senegalese troops were guarding the stores and opened fire when the demonstrators approached.

Big 3 Meeting Held Essential To Settle Issues

Items of Frontiers, Criminals Assuming Crisis Proportions

Europe's vexing problems of frontiers and war criminals spurred new demands today for an early meeting of the Big Three. The British press warned that some of the issues already were beginning to assume proportions of "international crises" as tension heightened in the dispute over the Adriatic port of Trieste.

Moscow commentators increased their demands for swift trial of captured Nazi big shots by the Americans and British and asked why other Hitlerite leaders had not been captured.

Opposed to Doenitz
Apparently no nearer settlement was the Polish government question and there were signs of Russian disagreement with Anglo-American methods of treating the Doenitz administration.

Hunger began to make itself felt in Trieste. Associated Press Correspondent Lynn Heinzerling said Yugoslav military authorities were reported to have made overtures to allied authorities for shipment of food to Italy but the Italians were confronted with the problem of feeding thousands of displaced persons of their own.

The allied military government, which apparently would be in position to alleviate the food shortages, remained outside Trieste and there was little prospect it would act as long as Marshal Tito's troops continued to control the port. The Yugoslavs gave no sign of evacuating the city.

War Criminals
While the discussion of how to proceed against war criminals continued, occupation troops rounded up another German leader, Field Marshal Ferdinand Schoerner, commander of the hold-out troops who resisted the Russians in Czechoslovakia for several days after the Nazi capitulation. Schoerner was turned over the U. S. 42nd division by a German army command post to which he had fled in disguise.

The manhunt for Gestapo Chief Himmler continued. A British military government officer announced a plan for ultimate decentralization of the German government under allied-supervised local mayors. Sought for the job were "worthy burgoemeisters."

Refugees to Return
German refugees in London will return to the Reich to help carry out the program. But a Russian commentator said public opinion demanded "an immediate stop" to allied collaboration with "the Ersatz government of (Grand Admiral Karl) Doenitz."

The American military government put a freeze on German bank accounts, limiting Nazi leaders to \$30 a month for living expenses and announcing that all those funds were so restricted also were subject to arrest. Other Germans will be limited to \$100 a month for expenses.

King Leopold III
London, May 21 (AP)—Radio Brussels quoted a statement from the Belgian premier's office yesterday that King Leopold III, who was liberated in southern Germany, suffered an acute heart attack last week and was unable to be moved.

Admiral Sallada Heads Air Bureau
Washington, May 21 (AP)—President Truman nominated Rear Admiral Harold B. Sallada to be chief of the navy's bureau of aeronautics with the same rank.

Admiral Sallada will replace Rear Admiral DeWitt Clinton Ramsey who has been chief of the bureau of aeronautics since August 6, 1943. Ramsey's new assignment was not announced immediately.

The president also nominated Monnett B. Davis of Colorado to be minister to Denmark. Davis is now a personal representative of the president in Denmark with the rank of minister.

Easing Promised in Civilian Lumber
Seattle, May 21 (AP)—Supplies of lumber for civilian construction will be eased during the last months of 1945, the army-navy lumber information committee said today.

The committee emphasized that the supplies will be tightly controlled for army and navy needs in the war against Japan for the next four months.

Marines Use Flaming Oil in Enemy Caves

Japs Driven Into One Square Mile Area—Close Fighting Rages

Guam, May 21 (AP)—Marines and army infantrymen on Okinawa battled to complete the encirclement of Shuri today in a drive that threatened to trap the main strength of the Japanese garrison in a one-square-mile area.

The Tenth army sent strong patrols into Yonabaru on the east coast today while marines used flaming oil to drive Japanese defenders from formidable fortifications guarding Shuri, front dispatches reported.

Fleet on the Prowl
The Domei (Japanese) news agency said an American fleet again was "on the prowl" off southern Japan. It appeared to be approaching Kyushu for new attacks on the Japanese homeland.

Close-range fighting of unsurpassed intensity in the Pacific war raged among the ridges and caves outside Shuri and Yonabaru.

Army patrols, dispatched by Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge of the 24th corps, penetrated Yonabaru and found but few Japanese. The enemy apparently has been moving out of the town during daylight hours when American artillery spotters are overhead.

Oil Poured Into Caves
The First marine division—one of the three enveloping Shuri—blazed a fiery path toward the ancient stronghold which the Japanese were defending with do-or-die desperation.

Front dispatches said leathernecks poured fuel into coral caves and hill-side fortifications, igniting it with exploding grenades. Sheets of flame shot skyward, casting a pinkish glow on Shuri, directly ahead, and killing or routing the defenders.

Anti-tank gunners used their big weapons like rifles, firing their point-blank at silts in coral pillboxes.

Heavy Bombardment
Savage ground fighting progressed under cover of the heaviest land, sea and air bombardment of the Pacific war. It appeared the heaviest ground assault was being directed at Shuri. Except for patrols, the 96th division has not yet entered Yonabaru in strength. Final attacks against Naha, rubble-heaped west coast port and capital of Okinawa, apparently were being held up pending completion of the Shuri campaign.

Young General Sniper Victim
Manila, May 21 (AP)—Brig. Gen. James L. Dalton, 35, one of the youngest generals in the army, was killed by a Japanese sniper near Baleta pass on northern Luzon island, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Dalton, whom MacArthur referred to as "distinguished and intrepid," was killed May 16. MacArthur announced the young officer's death with "great sorrow."

Dalton, whose widow and two daughters live in Kennebunk Port, Me., was assistant 25th division commander. His body was buried yesterday in the Santa Barbara army cemetery near Binalonan, 100 miles north of Manila.

Dalton commanded the 161st regiment, formerly part of the Washington state national guard, through the Guadalcanal and New Georgia campaigns in the Solomons, and on Luzon in the battle of San Manuel where the main Japanese tank strength was smashed.

He was killed while inspecting a front line ravine which formerly sheltered the enemy command on that front.

Dalton was the second general to be killed on the front lines of Luzon, principal island of the Philippines. Maj. Gen. Edwin D. Patrick, commander of the Sixth division, was killed March 15.

New Street Bus Deliveries
Detroit, May 21 (AP)—Six of 34 buses ordered by Oregon Motor Stages probably will be delivered the last quarter of 1945, and six the first quarter of 1946, the General Motors truck and Coach division, Pontiac, said today. The rest of the delivery is indefinite, General Motors stated.