

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

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These attacks initially employed fourteen divisions, and the number was soon increased to seventeen. Nevertheless, progress was slow and the fighting intense.

On the right flank of this attack the First Army got involved in the Hurten Forest, the scene of one of the most bitterly contested battles of the entire campaign.

Meanwhile, south of the Ardennes Forest, the Third Army launched an attack on November 8. Its offensive was aimed generally at the Saar region and made excellent initial progress.

North of Metz, bridgeheads were established across the Moselle, and shortly after the middle of November the leading troops crossed the German frontier. Metz was surrounded and cut off. The city surrendered November 22.

Still farther south there was much fighting in Devers' Sixth Army Group. During September it advanced northward through the Rhine Valley and came in abreast of the Third Army line, facing eastward in the difficult Vosges Mountain area. Devers attacked that formidable barrier on November 14, in an attempt to penetrate into the plains of Alsace.

The French First Army led the attack on Devers' front and breached the Belfort Gap within a week. Its leading troops quickly reached the Rhine.

This turned the flank of the German position in the Vosges and forced a general withdrawal in front of the U. S. Seventh Army under General Patch.

The fighting throughout the front, from Switzerland to the mouth of the Rhine, descended during the late fall months to the dirtiest kind of infantry slugging.

Advances were slow and laborious. Gains were ordinarily measured in terms of yards rather than miles. Operations became mainly a matter of artillery and ammunition and, on the part of the infantry, endurance, stamina, and courage.

In the late fall, as we approached the borders of Germany, we studied the desirability of committing our air force to the destruction of the Rhine bridges, on which the existence of the German forces west of the river depended.

It was certain that with our great air force we could so limit the usefulness of floating bridges that the enemy would soon have to withdraw. We entertained no hope of saving these bridges for our own later use. Our reasons for declining to commit the air force against the bridges were based upon considerations of priority and effectiveness.

To destroy merely a few was of little use. A total of twenty-six major bridges, it was reported to me at that time, spanned the river; some twenty of them would have to be rendered useless or the effort would be only partially effective.

Even with the best of flying conditions the task would require a prolonged and heavy bombing effort. The Air Staff calculated that destruction of the bulk of the bridges would require vastly more time and bomb tonnage than we could afford to divert from other vitally important purposes.

One of the greatest of these

stretched condition of our troops caused constant concern, particularly on Bradley's front.

In order to maintain the two attacks that we then considered important, we had to concentrate available forces in the vicinity of the Roer dams on the north and bordering the Saar on the south.

This weakened the static, or protective force in the Ardennes region.

The responsibility for maintaining only four divisions on the Ardennes front and for running the risk of a large German penetration in that area was mine.

At any moment from November 1 onward I could have passed to the defensive along the whole front and made our lines absolutely secure from attack while we awaited reinforcements.

The German Sixth Panzer army, which had appeared on our front, was the strongest and most efficient mobile reserve remaining to the enemy within his whole country.

At that time some intelligence reports indicated a growing anxiety about our weakness in the Ardennes, where we knew that the enemy was increasing his infantry formations. Previously he had, like ourselves, been using that portion of the front in which to rest tired divisions.

This type of report, however, is always coming from one portion or another of a front. The commander who took counsel only of all the gloomy intelligence estimates would never win a battle; he would forever be sitting, fearfully waiting for the predicted catastrophes.

In any event the fighting during the autumn followed the pattern I had personally prescribed.

We remained on the offensive and weakened ourselves where necessary to maintain those offensives.

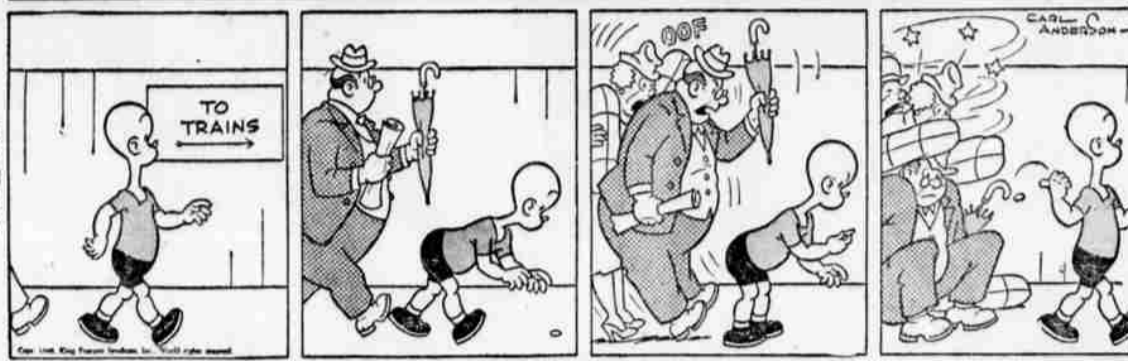
This plan gave the German opportunity to launch his attack against a weak portion of our lines. If giving him that chance is to be condemned by historians, their condemnation should be directed to me alone.

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RADIO PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY—P.M.			
KSLM	KGW	KOCO	KOIN
5:00 Superstar Chandu Captain Midnight Tom Mix	5:00 News George Meador On Sunny Side Elmer Peterson	5:00 Sleepy Joe ... Children's Hour Skating Rhythms	5:00 Knos Manning Ryer Ra'v's News
6:00 Gabriel Heaster Orchestra Clara Kid Clara Kid	6:00 Duff's Tavern Duff's Tavern Living-1948 Living-1948	6:00 Dumnie-More News Hot Steve League Xmas Window	6:00 Your Song and Mine Harvest of Stars Harvest of Stars
7:00 What's the Name of That Song Official Detective	7:00 Musical Solace Musical Solace Curtain Time Curtain Time	7:00 Pioneer Pals Pioneer Pals Top Hand Mid Court	7:00 Music Hall Music Hall Free for All Free for All
8:00 American Forum American Forum Family Theater	8:00 Super Club Great Gildersleeve	8:00 Basketball Basketball Basketball	8:00 Lowell Thomas Jack Smith Dr. Christian Dr. Christian
9:00 News Flerwood Lawton Orchestra	9:00 Blonnie District Attorney District Attorney	9:00 News Music Horizons Frank DeVal	9:00 Spotlight on Youth Book Night Editor
10:00 Fullon Lewis, Jr. Orchestra Orchestra	10:00 News Sports Final Hand Wagon Marton Dawner	10:00 Reminiscence Rhythm Track 1400 Track 1400	10:00 Fire Star Final Talks Orchestra Orchestra
11:00 Open House Open House Open House	11:00 News Orchestra Orchestra	11:00 Track 1400 Track 1400 Track 1400	11:00 Capitol Clockroom Air-Flu Air-Flu
12:00 Open House	12:00 Sign Off	12:00 Sign Off	12:00 Silent

THURSDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

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DIAL LISTINGS: KEX, 1190; KOAC, 550

KEX Wednesday P.M. — 5:00, Challenge of the Yukon; 5:30, Jack Armstrong; 6:00, Keeping Up With Sports; 6:15, Home Edition; 6:30, Melody; 7:00, Lone Ranger; 7:30, Amateur Hour; 8:30, Groucho Marx; 9:00, Bing Crosby; 9:30, Milton Berle Show; 10:00, Melody-Go-Round; 9:15, Easy Aces; 9:30, Kay Kover; 10:00, Ted Malone; 10:15, Concert Hour; 11:00, Palmer House; 11:45, Congress Hour; 12:00, Xtra Hour; 1:00, Sign Off.

KOAC Wed. 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