

GENERAL PLEASED AFTER TRIP OVER LEYTE BEACHHEAD

Tour of Inspection Brings MacArthur Within 200 Yards of Jap Snipers.

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Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters in the Philippines, Oct. 22—(U.P.)—Troops of the 24th corps holding the southern beachhead on Leyte island have "established themselves very satisfactorily," Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today after a 10-mile tour of inspection that brought him within 200 yards of Jap snipers, presumably gunning for him.

MacArthur was escorted throughout the beach tour by Maj. Gen. R. R. Hodge, commander of the 24th corps, who was with him in the launch which carried him south along the beach to Hodge's area.

Meets Krueger

During the tour he also met Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the sixth army; Maj. Gen. A. V. Arnold, commanding the seventh division, and Maj. Gen. James Bradley, commander of the 96th division.

Gen. MacArthur congratulated all of them on progress so far made—our troops at several points are four to five miles inland—but exhorted them to exert every possible effort to overcome difficulties of terrain and spotty but fierce Japanese resistance.

For the first time since he reached the Philippines MacArthur today made a dry landing from his launch instead of having to wade ashore through knee-deep water. The launch was made fast at a newly-constructed jetty and a "jeep-buffalo"—a small tracked vehicle much like the larger buffalo—was waiting for him there.

Jap Snipers

As the general was about to climb into the vehicle, Japanese sniper fire sounded so near that many curious GIs who had gathered around MacArthur hastily seized their rifles and took cover.

Within five minutes a bulldozer and a rifleman unearched and killed one sniper, who had been only 200 yards from the general and his party. It seemed probable he had heard the general was to visit the area.

At division headquarters Krueger and Arnold were waiting. MacArthur stepped briskly from a jeep into which he had transferred a short distance from the beach. He walked forward and threw both arms around Krueger.

Casualties Light

Arnold and Krueger then showed the supreme commander detailed maps of their positions. Arnold told MacArthur that casualties had been light in his sector, but that several hundred Japanese had been killed.

As the general's jeep started toward captured Dulag airfield, a short, dark, wiry little man wearing the eagles of a full colonel hurried across the road. MacArthur stepped from the jeep and warmly shook hands with Col. Ruperto Kangelon, leader of the Leyte guerrillas.

Dulag Devastated

We drove through the smashed and burned town of Dulag, past a shattered Catholic church, the front wall of which with its cross was still standing. Every pitiful house had burned to the ground, and shattered bits of some were still burning. Bulldozer pushed through the smoldering embers to level sites for army construction.

As we left the city Filipinos waved, cheered and gave mock military salutes, some of which the general returned.

"I haven't worked with these divisions before," MacArthur

Youngster Casts First Ballot



(Acme Telephoto)
The responsibility of casting his first vote apparently weighs heavily on P. M. J. C. A. E. Bailey, 18, Macon, Ga., who takes advantage of Georgia's 18-year-old soldier voting privileges to mark his first ballot at remote Southwest Pacific base.

said as we returned to the launch, "but they are fine outfits. They have certainly taken hold in a very satisfactory manner. There are a few difficulties of terrain and some Japanese resistance, but things are going very well. I'm glad to have those divisions with me."



Olive Barber's Observations

It was mighty hard to keep a straight face through it all but I managed. I hope.

A friend of mine is book-keeper for a certain business firm. I was to call for her at noon and we'd have lunch together. I arrived on time.

Now my friend is a small woman; a sparrow-like woman, high strung, rapid of speech. She's constantly alert lest her rights be infringed upon and when the are she becomes sputteringly belligerent. Which she did when the owner of the store told her she must postpone her lunch until an absent member of the office force returned.

The proprietor was an elderly, thickset, mild mannered man. There was apprehension in his face and voice when he told her she'd have to wait; an apprehension founded, no doubt, on previous encounters with her. The deference of employe to employer isn't what it used to be. So now my friend, her eyes snapping, little body vibrant with indignation, stuck her sharp featured face as close to the bespectacled one as she could and not rub noses with him, and let loose such a blast of shrill protest I thought the old gentleman might well be blown over.

He tried to retreat but she followed after and further sounded the pibroch. This was always her time off! He'd said so himself! Who did he think he was anyway to push her lunch hour all over the clock! She'd had only coffee and toast for breakfast; her friend had

had only coffee and toast for breakfast. Did he want women fainting right there before him from hunger?

At this the man's badgered expression gave way to one of whimsical amusement as he looked at my buxum self. As a prospective faintee from undernourishment I didn't alarm him. But the close range verbal barrage went on. It was her lunch hour! She was being put upon! This was a democracy! Look at the clock! Ten minutes late already! All this delivered with machine gun rapidity and in a voice cracklingly electric.

With an outflung of arms in acknowledged defeat the old gentleman told her for Pete's sake go to lunch. We did, leaving him wagging his head in weak bewilderment. I could almost hear his thoughts: Was he the boss or was she? A man's world? Phooey!

Merchant Marine Development Is Roosevelt Wish

Washington, Oct. 26—(U.P.)—Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the maritime commission, and Henry J. Kaiser, Pacific coast industrialist, announced today after a luncheon conference with President Roosevelt that he had requested "immediate inauguration" of a "bold and daring" program to improve the American merchant marine.

The President urged construction of new, modernized cargo vessels and low-travel-cost passenger ships in yards erected for war production, the men said.

Land and Kaiser quoted the President as telling them: "We must not let our merchant marine become static—design and build our advance models as soon as shipyard space and manpower are available."

WEATHER

Northern California: Clear today and tonight, partly cloudy Friday, cooler along the coast today and in coastal valleys Friday.

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COUNTY 4-H BOY TAKES PRIZE IN STATE CONTEST

Valleyview and Brownsboro Girls Win Awards With Projects in Contests.

Merton Bradshaw, Jackson county 4H club boy for the past nine years has been judged state winner in the National Meat Animal contest sponsored by Thos. E. Wilson Co., according to word just received from H. C. Seymour, state club leader. He will be awarded a gold watch by Mr. Wilson. Judging of the contest was done entirely on records submitted by Merton in competition with boys from all over the state. Merton's records are now being sent to Chicago where they will be judged for sectional and national honors.

If he wins in the sectional competition, which includes the eleven western states, Merton will receive a trip to the 23rd National 4H Club Congress, to be held in Chicago, December 3 to 6, 1944. The winner in national competition will receive a \$200 scholarship to any land grant college in the United States that he chooses to attend. Merton started his club work in 1935 with one baby beef calf

Lake Creek 4-H'er



Merton Bradshaw, Lake Creek 4-H member, state winner in the National Meat Animal contest sponsored by the Thos. E. Wilson Co., will be awarded a gold watch. The Jackson county boy is shown above with his Hereford which he exhibited in the recent 4-H club show and Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland.

and one half acre of corn. With this beginning his club work has grown to include 29 steers and eight hogs for show during his

club career. Since his father's death in 1940, Merton has been operating the ranch for his mother and doing his club work at odd times.

Hard work and tenacity have won for Merton one of the highest 4H club honors in the state of Oregon.

Allene Owens of Valleyview will receive a \$25 war bond for winning a place in the state blue award group of the National Food for Victory contest. This is Allene's second war bond in state competition in two years, she having been placed in the blue award group of the National Garden Contest last year.

Dorothy Stanley of Brownsboro will receive a gold medal as the county winner in the National Clothing Achievement contest.

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AMMUNITION CUT TO FIGHTING MEN

New York, Oct. 26—(U.P.)—Regional Director Lewis S. Greenleaf, Jr., of the War Production Board, said in a press conference today that ammunition was being rationed to fighting men because of shortages.

He quoted Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, chief of army service forces as his authority. Greenleaf opposed plans for early reconversion to civilian production and said "war production and not reconversion is our immediate job."

"Lack of adequate munitions,

ships, and equipment is delaying scheduled operations in Europe and in the Pacific," he said.



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