

# American Bombers Cut Germany's Vital Mittelland Canal

**Weather**  
 Forecast: Partly cloudy with showers tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer Tuesday.  
 Highest yesterday 45  
 Lowest this morning 39  
 Precip. past 24 hours .55

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**PIN-POINT ATTACK LETS WATER OUT OF DITCH TO RUHR**

**Iron Cavalry Pushes Forward in the Philippines**



Tanks and infantry of famed U. S. First Cavalry Division, now mechanized, begin driving the Japs from their coastal positions on Leyte Island in the Philippines. Note village in background, almost demolished by pre-invasion air and sea bombardment. Signal Corps photo.

**BRITISH ADVANCE TO MAAS BANKS IN TILBURG SECTION**

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Paris, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Allied armies brought the battle of northwest Holland near a victorious end today when British troops reached the Maas northwest of Tilburg and Canadian forces stormed the last Nazi pockets athwart the sea lane to Antwerp.

Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's units drew up on the south bank of the lower Maas above Capelle, 12 1/2 miles northwest of Tilburg, and Raamsdonk, three and one-half miles to the west, after the collapse of the 55-mile German line below the river.

**German Flee**  
 Front dispatches said all but 10,000 to 20,000 of the Germans in the Maas salient had fled across the river, leaving only rear guards to fight a delaying action.

Boyd Lewis, United Press war correspondent with the Canadian 1st army, reported the Germans were pulling back so fast that their Polish, Canadian, American, and Dutch pursuers had lost contact with the nazis in the soggy lowlands.

Even the crack German 6th paratroop regiment was retreating as fast as the other German units.

It was believed that a considerable number of the Germans driven from Beveland had joined the force on Walcheren island which remains the chief barrier to free allied use of Antwerp.

**Nazis Use Robot Tanks and Mines In Effort to Slow Canadian Push**

By Boyd Lewis  
 United Press War Correspondent

With Advanced Canadian Units in Eastern Beveland, Oct. 30—(U.P.)—The Germans attempted to use robot tanks along with acres of tricky minefields today in a desperate effort to slow up Canadian troops advancing west after liberating Goes, chief city of the South Beveland peninsula.

The robots were a complete fizzle but the mines, planted thickly along cobblestone and brick roads, were making the going hazardous as the Canadians drove to reach a causeway leading to Walcheren, last German stronghold before the great port of Antwerp.

**Expensables Left**  
 Most of the low quality German garrison troops had scrambled to safety, leaving a handful of "expensables" behind to man the defenses.

The attempted use of robots was described by Lt. David Smith of London, Ont., and Pvt. Gordon Randow of Montreal, who were with pioneer troops which led a spearhead into Goes.

Near the eastern outskirts they had stopped to clean out pockets of Nazis from an orchard. They observed electrical wiring leading from the orchard to two odd-shaped hazy structures between the orchard and the highway.

They tore away the hay and discovered two robot crawlers loaded with 300 to 500 pounds of explosives each.

Two more robots were found in the road ahead but the Germans evidently fled before they had time to charge them with explosives.

**Many Mines**  
 A youthful lieutenant-colonel from Montreal told me mines of every type were sown thickly on every highway and byroad.

Many of the mines were in wooden containers, like elongated shoe boxes. They were stacked along the roadsides where the Canadians painstakingly had dug them out with bayonets. The mines hardly cost more than a few marks but they were capable of blasting the tread and immobilizing a giant tank or smashing a jeep.

The jerries had removed bricks and cobblestones to fit in one of these mines every few yards in some sections and then had replaced the paving over them.

**"A" TIRE OUTLOOK STILL VERY POOR**

Washington, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—The outlook for new automobile tires for motorists with "A" gas ration books remained dim today despite a 250,000 increase in tire rationing quotas for November.

The office of price administration set the November quota at 1,850,000 tires, a quarter million more than for October, but cautioned that "A" motorists would have to wait until local boards meet a backlog of 850,000 unfilled applications for "B" and "C" drivers.

In addition, said rationing chief Max McCullough, dealers' stocks must be raised from the present level of 3,000,000 tires to at least 4,000,000 before "A" applications can be taken care of.

**RUSSIANS TAKE OVER 200 TOWNS**

London, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—A Moscow communique reported tonight that the red army had captured more than 200 places in a drive toward Budapest.

London, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Nazi broadcasts said today that the red army opened a new offensive all along the Narew river front below East Prussia and broke through the German lines at two points.

Berlin also reported that soviet pressure had "increased considerably" in the Liepaja (Libau) sector above East Prussia as the Russians battled to clean up the wings of German resistance before the Junkers province.

**TRUMAN, WALLACE ON SAME PLATFORM**

New York, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Senator Harry S. Truman and Vice-President Henry A. Wallace will speak from the same platform tonight for the first time since Truman displaced Wallace in the No. 2 position in the democratic party.

Both moved into New York to appear at a rally in Madison Square garden after campaign tours calling for the re-election of President Roosevelt. They have met for a chat but have not appeared together in public since Wallace's backing collapsed on the second vice-presidential ballot at Chicago last July and the delegates stampeded to Truman.

**TYPHOON FAILS TO HALT YANKEE DRIVE ON LEYTE**

Invaders Within Ten Miles of West Coast; Jap Resistance Appears Broken.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Leyte, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—American troops pushed through the Leyte valley to within 10 miles of the west coast today against dwindling Japanese resistance which appeared to have broken down everywhere except before Ormoc, head of a westward ferry line to Cebu island.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur was understood to be hard at work on plans for forthcoming operations in the Philippines, designed to exploit fully the initial success on Leyte.

**Supplies Pour In**  
 As the Yanks struck westward in a 70-mile-an-hour typhoon, thousands of tons of ammunition, rations and clothing poured ashore on Leyte. American fighters hovered almost constantly overhead, and there was no Japanese interference. Indicative of the mounting air strength, several types of planes in addition to the Lockheed Lightnings in action for the last few days now were shuttling through the Philippine skies.

Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the 6th army, inspected American positions over a wide area today, and was understood to have been well satisfied.

(Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, resident commissioner of the Philippines, said in a broadcast to the Philippines people from Leyte today that American and Filipino troops had "reconquered all of Leyte and Samar," but did not elaborate. The broadcast was recorded by FCC monitors.)

(A German Transoceanic dispatch said a fourth American division had landed south of Tacloban on Leyte.)

**New Gains Reported**  
 New gains were reported on all main sectors of Leyte as the remnants of the enemy garrison gradually fell back toward the west coast base of Ormoc for an expected bid to escape across the 28-mile-wide Camotes sea to Cebu.

The Japanese already have lost 24,000 killed, wounded and captured in the first 10 days of the American invasion of the central Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced in his daily communique. American casualties totaled 3,221—706 killed, 270 missing and 2,245 wounded.

The Japanese were reported to have ferried some reinforcements under cover of darkness from Cebu to Ormoc, but they apparently were intended for no more than a delaying action. American Torpedo boats and planes patrolled the Camotes sea, ready to smash any large scale movement by sea.

On the central sector, the 7th and 98th divisions repulsed several minor Japanese night counter-attacks and were "steadily destroying" isolated enemy units in caves and foxholes on 1,000-foot-high Catmon hill.

**RUSSIANS TAKE 1,500,000 TOLL**

London, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—The Moscow radio said today that Germany lost 1,500,000 men in killed and captured on the eastern front in the 13 months ending September 3.

The broadcast to the Red army preliminary to the 27th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution said the allied armies soon will complete the liberation of the peoples enslaved by Germany, adding:

"Yet the killing off of the fascist beast will not happen by itself. The beast at bay will defend himself desperately. Therefore in future decisive battles, still more skill, perseverance, and will to achieve victory will be needed."

**SALEM IRKED BY OUT OF BOUNDS**

Salem, Ore., Oct. 31—(U.P.)—The recent action of Lt. Col. Neil McIntyre, commanding officer of the marine air base at Corvallis, in placing Salem out of bounds for personnel of that base, was termed today an unwarranted slander of this city by Mayor I. M. Doughton after being informed of the order.

"If McIntyre's order was based on any shortcomings of the city police department, I would like to know the facts," said Chief Police Frank Mintz, after learning of the ban.

City officials had not been formally notified of the order, which went into effect last week, Doughton said.

**Radio Highlights**

Today: Gov. Dewey, from Buffalo, over NBC, 6 to 8:30 p. m., PWT; Jesse Jones, from Washington, over CBS, 7 to 7:30 p. m., PWT.

Wednesday: Gov. Dewey, from Boston, over NBC, 6:30 to 7 p. m., PWT.

**G.O.P. Registration 10,132, Democrats 7,632 In County; Total Shows Slight Decline**

Registration of Jackson county for the presidential election next Tuesday shows a total of 18,795 voters, according to the compilations of the county clerk's office. Total registration for the 1940 election was 19,060.

By party registrations, the republicans lead with 10,132, the democrats have 7,632 and miscellaneous 1,031. Compared with the 1940 registration, the republicans lost 14, the democrats 1,045, and the miscellaneous voters gained 794. The 1940 party registration was: Republicans, 10,146; democrats, 8,677; miscellaneous, 237.

Increase in the miscellaneous vote is attributed largely to the service people. On their applications for ballots there was no party designation. There was also a shift of voters, in a small degree, from democratic to miscellaneous.

All of the 10 Ashland and 21 Medford precincts show republican majorities. The Flourence Rock (Prospect) precinct and two Talent precincts, for years republican, are democratic by narrow margins. Sams Valley and Sterling, democratic strongholds, switched to republican. Rogue River has a republican edge of one vote. Gold Hill is still democratic, as it has been for years. Other precincts showing democratic margins are Brownsboro, Butte Falls, Reese Creek, Colestin and Footh Creek.

The total registered vote in Medford is 6,549, by party classification, republican, 3,697; democrats, 2,459; miscellaneous, 593.

Ashland has a total of 2,876, with 1,645 republicans, 1,068 democrats, 163 miscellaneous.

Registration by precinct for Medford is:

	Rep.	Dem.	Misc.	Total
North Main	225	145	31	401
South Main	176	124	20	320
North Central	111	70	15	196
South Central	109	85	21	215
South Riverside	84	66	6	156
North Riverside	139	135	14	287
North	125	122	21	268
Oakdale	241	155	27	423
Gewtown	193	136	19	348
King	201	109	14	324
Northeast	209	102	19	330
Cottage	143	95	15	253
Southeast	197	162	17	376
Queen Anne	193	117	17	327
East	215	86	13	315
Southwest	175	142	20	337
West	215	148	23	386
Medford	227	91	28	346
Northwest	145	107	20	272
Haven	152	135	18	305
Totals	3,697	2,459	593	6,549

Registration for Ashland and all other precincts, except Medford is:

	Rep.	Dem.	Misc.	Total
Ashland	157	78	13	248
Boulevard	157	87	12	256
East Central	171	131	19	321
West Central	187	114	17	318
Oak	152	86	9	247
North	162	152	18	332
East	256	185	31	472
South	200	104	20	324
West	125	90	15	231
Haven	77	39	8	124
Totals	1,845	1,068	163	2,876

	Rep.	Dem.	Misc.	Total
Applegate	108	79	12	199
Bellevue	39	37	4	80
Brownsboro	170	134	13	317
Butte Falls	36	38	7	81
Central Point North	78	94	14	186
Central Point South	249	183	20	452
Central Point North	264	180	22	466
Reese Creek	60	73	7	140
Derby	24	18	1	43
Colestin	14	24	1	39
Rogue River	175	146	14	335
Flourence Rock	168	207	10	385
Footh Creek	53	58	5	115
Gold Hill	193	231	30	454
Griffin Creek	95	63	20	178
Hillcrest	113	74	11	198
Howard	208	189	22	419
Jacksonville North	145	96	9	250
Jacksonville South	78	23	1	102
Lake Creek	95	93	9	197
Mound	269	212	24	505
Orchard Home	251	184	22	457
Perrydale	125	117	12	254
Phoenix East	248	196	18	462
Phoenix West	27	43	5	75
Pinehurst	249	248	41	538
Rogue River	198	209	31	438
Roxy Ann	69	65	7	141
Sams Valley	19	15	1	35
Sterling	155	158	19	332
Talent East	164	153	11	328
Talent West	149	146	21	316
Union	70	54	10	134
Trail	38	25	3	66
Watkins	86	54	6	146
Waters Springs	83	61	7	151
Wimer	83	61	7	151
Totals	10,132	7,632	1,031	18,795

**ENVOY TO CHINA ALSO NON GRATA**

Washington, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt said today that personal differences between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell had necessitated Stilwell's recall to Washington and that U. S. Ambassador Clarence Gauss is going to resign his post in China.

Mr. Roosevelt told a news conference, however, that there was no connection whatever between the recall of Stilwell and the Gauss resignation.

The president said he was informed two days ago by the state department that Gauss would resign.

Samuel Adams was an American Revolutionary patriot and statesman.

**Duck Shot Out Of Sky Wears Dewey Campaign Button**

Waterville, Wash., Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Town Merchant Ed Dahlke still isn't quite sure.

Pro: Dahlke cut loose with his shotgun at 1:09 flying duck. The bird went down and Dahlke scrambled after it. When he got there he found a Dewey button pinned on the bird's breast feathers.

Con: Far away, but not too far, was his hunting companion, GOP supporter, Harry Clark.

**TOO MUCH SPINACH**  
 Washington, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—The War Food Administration reported today that civilian and military spinach requirements in 1945 will be 20 per cent below the amount packed from this year's crop. It warned canners and growers against producing more than the market can absorb.

**SUBMARINES ADD 18 MORE VESSELS SUNK IN PACIFIC**

Destroyer, Six Transports, Nine Cargo Ships Among Toll Exacted From Japs.

Washington, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—U. S. submarines, operating with increasing impunity against Japanese supply lines, have sunk more enemy vessels in Pacific and Far Eastern waters, the Navy announced today.

The latest haul included a destroyer, six transports, nine cargo vessels, a tanker, and a small auxiliary.

The undersea successes raised to at least 80 the total of Japanese ships whose destruction or damaging has been announced within a week. This included the 62 enemy warships destroyed and damaged in the Philippines area in last week's sea-air battle and its aftermath.

**Total Now 822**  
 Although U. S. submarines had been reported active in last week's engagements in the Philippines, it was doubted that any of the sinkings announced here today occurred in those actions.

So far in this war, U. S. submarines have sunk 822 Japanese ships, probably sunk at least 37 and damaged at least 115 for a total of 974.

The success of the U. S. fleet in crippling the Japanese navy last week was expected to result in an even greater stepping up of U. S. submarine warfare along Japanese communications and supply lines because of the enemy's further reduced force of destroyers and cruisers.

**\$34,000 TOTAL IN CHEST DRIVE**

Contributions to the Medford Community Chest and National War Fund in the current drive now total \$34,000 it was announced yesterday by A. M. Cannon, president of the chest.

"The goal of approximately \$40,000 which is the quota, will be reached if all workers in the drive will complete their assignments," Mr. Cannon stated, adding that the progress of the drive so far has been very satisfactory to officials and workers of the chest.

**Combat Hero Of Marine Ends**

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Combat flying days apparently are ended for Major Joe Foss, marine ace of Guadalcanal and the first American flier in this war to equal Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's record of 28 enemy planes destroyed.

Foss revealed today that he expects to enter an army hospital soon for treatment of malaria, which has forced him home from the Pacific twice. He said that after treatment he expects to be assigned to the marine combat training base at El Toro, Calif.

**Mom Chung's Boys of Squadron 2 Return With Impressive Record**

San Francisco, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Led by Lt. Cmdr. William Dean of San Antonio, Tex., the men of Squadron Two have come home from the Pacific to make a personal report to their foster mother.

They will tell mom—Dr. Margaret Chung, Chinese surgeon—how they shot down 506 Japanese planes and sank 500,000 tons of Japanese shipping.

Also they will receive the first key to the city that Mayor Roger Lapham has given out since he took office.

Fifty members of Squadron Two arrived in San Francisco. They had promised Mom Chung that they would liquidate 200 Japanese planes by Christmas, and they bagged more than twice that number two months before the deadline. They set an American record by shooting down 67 planes in one day over Saipan.

In their last action, less than a month ago, they dumped 15

**Tremendous Amount of War Traffic Normally Moves Over Long Waterway.**

London, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—A picked force of American heavy bombers, in one of the greatest precision bombing attacks of the war, breached the great Mittelland canal in western Germany, cutting the major east-west waterway in the reich, a communique disclosed today.

The big bombers struck the canal last Thursday, smashing it at a point where it crosses the Weser river at Minden, 32 miles west-southwest of Hannover.

Their bombs smashed an 85-foot hole in the canal walls, sending water pouring over the surrounding countryside. A three-mile stretch of land was flooded almost immediately, barges and tugboats were swept away, and 16 small craft were stranded in the drained canal, the communique said.

**JAPANESE PRONGS CLOSE TO KWEILIN**

Chungking, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Three Japanese columns have thrust to within seven miles east of the fortress city of Kweilin, a communique announced today, and other enemy troops were reported preparing to storm Luchow, important Hunan-Kwangsi rail point 70 miles to the southwest.

The eastern drive was the closest Japanese approach to the Kwangsi province capital, once the site of an American air base.

Another Japanese armored force was reported 11 miles north of Kweilin, which may become the Stalingrad of China.

Two of the Japanese columns moving westward attempted to cross the Kwei river northeast and southeast of Kweilin but were thrown back. The heaviest fighting, however, was reported in the center of the three-pronged assault which had reached the outer defenses of Kweilin.

Chinese troops, attempting to cut the rear lines of the Japanese forces attacking Kweilin, made several successful attacks near Tungan, a railway town on the Hunan-Kwangsi border, and captured enemy strongpoints four miles northwest and 14 miles northeast of the town.

**ROOSEVELT ADDS TALK ON THURSDAY EVENING**

Washington, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt, adding another political speech to his campaign schedule, will speak by radio from the white house Thursday night, it was announced today.

White House Secretary Stephen T. Early said that no decision had been made on the exact time or networks to be used.

**Minnesotans For Dewey's Election**

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 31—(U.P.)—A committee of republicans who supported Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen for the republican presidential nomination today urged the election of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and said that Sen. Joseph H. Ball, R., Minn., did not speak for them.

Sen. Ball, who nominated Stassen at the republican national convention, has announced that he will support President Roosevelt because he disagreed with Dewey's foreign policies.

**ENT DECORATED**

Washington, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Major-Gen. Euzal G. Ent has been presented the legion of merit for his services during most of the year as commanding general of the second air force, the war department said today.

**SIDE GLANCES**

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ellsworth Schuler drawing a neat little map for a friend poor at following directions.

Gay Cachelin and Geraldine Henbest carefully apportioning lemon drops offered on a "trick or treat" call and the handing back the odd one.

DeLoss Gilbert holding up news of his return from the Pacific war front long enough to surprise friends with a personal appearance.