

ALLIES ENTER RUHR-SAAR BASINS

NAZI RESISTANCE UNDER ATTACK OF 6 ARMIES WILTS

Patton's Forces Enter Metz, Battle Gestapo In Streets—Tanks Spearhead Drive

Paris, Nov. 18—(U.P.)—History-making allied armies invaded both the Ruhr and Saar basins today, with leap-frogging American tanks spearheading a joint Yank-British assault into the Siegfried line from Holland while the U. S. Third Army crossed the Reich frontier northeast of the Metz after smashing into that fortress city.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tanks and infantry entered Metz from both north and south after capturing the outlying forts of St. Julien, Kellerman and Lorraine and began mopping up the Gestapo-commanded garrison in bloody street fighting. It was the first successful storming of the deep fortifications in 1,500 years.

Enemy resistance deteriorated into disorganized retreat in Patton's sector and was buckling along the entire 400-mile front under relentless pressure by six allied armies: the British Second on the north flank; the U. S. First and Ninth in the Aachen sector, the Third in the Moselle Valley and the American Seventh and French First in the Vosges.

Near Duesburg
Unidentified American tank units joined the British second army in a four to five mile push across the Maas river and the German frontier in southeast Holland, plunging deep within the Siegfried forts and driving within 25 miles of Duisburg, center of the Ruhr's industries.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's American Ninth army captured the ruined citadel of Wuerseles, three miles northeast of Aachen and scene of fierce, see-saw fighting during the Aachen campaign.

The tanks also seized the German towns of Mariadorf and Puffendorf and fought off a major counter-attack by the crack German ninth division. Deadly American artillery fire scattered the enemy tanks, which left 20 per cent of their number knocked out on the battlefield.

Aim Knockout
With dramatic suddenness, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's armies aimed a knockout punch at the main sources of German armed might even as enemy resistance buckled along a 400-mile front and in Patton's sector deteriorated into disorganized retreat.

For the first two days of the allied grand assault, pressure had been concentrated against the Rhineland north and east of Aachen where U. S. First and Ninth army troops still were forging ahead Saturday in tough fighting that often was hand-to-hand.

Then, in a maneuver reminiscent of the breakthrough in Normandy where Patton's tanks swung through the first army's lines, flying columns of U. S. tanks turned up in the British sector near Roermond in southeast Holland.

Which of the American armies the tanks were attached to was not disclosed. The British second army had smashed up to the Dutch Maas river on a 10-mile front to either side of Roermond.

COL. FRED GREENE LISTED WOUNDED

Lt. Col. Fred W. Greene, combat quartermaster, was seriously wounded in action in the Philippines on October 25, according to word received here by kin. Lt. Col. Greene is well known in this city where he attended high school and was a CCC officer for this district before entering the army more than two years ago. He was stationed in Australia for many months, also in New Guinea.



The American First and Ninth Armies, spearheading 1,500,000 Allied troops in a supreme offensive to crush Germany, smash on through burning villages on a 20-mile front inside the Reich toward Dusseldorf, Cologne and the Rhine. The British Second Army rolled up new gains in Holland.

CHINESE CONSUL DENIES GENERALS SELLS JAPS GUNS

Seattle, Nov. 18—(U.P.)—Kiang Yi-Seng, Chinese consul in Seattle, tonight challenged alleged statements by the newly-appointed British consul in Seattle, George E. Stockley, that Chinese war lords and generals are selling lend-lease munitions to the Japanese.

"According to reports reaching my office, the British consul charged that friends of Chinese have not been told the truth, and that certain Chinese generals are selling arms to the Japanese, in addition to allowing Japanese agents to honeycomb the country," Kiang stated.

"The truth about Chinese does not lie in stories, nasty or otherwise. I wish Stockley would tell me what general or generals are selling what munitions to what Japanese, when, where and how. This is a serious charge, and no one, least of all a responsible and accredited official, should make light of it for publication."

DEER HUNT TOLL IN MICHIGAN, 10

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 18—(U.P.)—Deer hunting accidents during the opening three days of the 1944 season rose to 10 dead and 14 injured tonight as 250,000 hunters stalking the upper reaches of Michigan were reinforced by a fresh contingent of nimrods for the first week-end of the 15-day season.

The freak accident of the season occurred in Leelanau county where Lyle Humphrey, 62, Albion, slammed a car door on his hunting coat pocket containing a shell. The impact discharged the shell, wounding him in the leg.

BRIDGE EXPERT HELD FOR DRAFT EVASION

San Francisco, Nov. 18—(U.P.)—Joseph McDowell Mathews, 32, and Mrs. Alberta McNeiley, 30, were arrested tonight by police and the FBI, in an Oakland hotel by Nat J. L. Peiper, special agent in charge of the San Francisco bureau, announced tonight.

Mathews was arrested as a draft evader, and he and Mrs. McNeiley also are wanted in St. Louis on a second degree burglary charge.

Peiper said that Mathews is one of the ranking bridge experts of the nation, and arrested that he had deserted his wife and three children to run off with Mrs. McNeiley.

YANK DIVISIONS TRAP 3,000 JAPS IN LIMON POCKET

Furious Battle Rages After Road Block Passed, Gen. MacArthur Says

Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Sunday, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—U. S. 24th and 32nd division troops are locked in a battle to the death with some 3,000 Japanese troops caught in the "Limon pocket" in northern Leyte, where enemy light tank and supply units apparently have succeeded in passing the American road block across highway 2 to go to the aid of their comrades, front dispatches said today.

Furious fighting raged along the enemy escape and reinforcement route about a mile south of Limon, while American fighter planes destroyed two small enemy transport ships off the west coast port of Ormoc, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced in his daily war bulletin. Intensifying the assault on the Moroc sector, B-25 Mitchell bombers struck at the port and at Linao, about a mile to the north along the coast Thursday and Friday.

United Press War Correspondent Francis McCarthy reported from the 24th division sector that the Japs, apparently preparing for a desperate although almost futile stand, sent light tanks crashing into the road block. At least half the enemy tanks were knocked out, but a few succeeded in by-passing the Americans to reach Limon.

The Americans likewise hammered back repeated Jap attempts to send through supply detachments, but it appeared that a number may have filtered through along the adjoining jungle trails.

U. S. "Long Tom" artillery Friday night smashed what appeared to be an all-out Japanese attempt to crack the road block. They brought their fire to bear on a motorized column of 150 to 200 vehicles, including a number of tanks, about seven miles south of Limon, knocking out most of the enemy force.

The bombers didn't keep Curtright and he had to keep swimming 'broughtout the afternoon and night to keep from going under the swells and to prevent small fish from nibbling on his arms and legs whenever he remained motionless.

GERMAN TOWNS IN HUERTGEN FOREST AFLAME IN RAIDS

With U. S. Troops in Huertgen Forest, Germany, Nov. 18—(U.P.)—This tiny corner of Germany is aflame.

The entire countryside is dotted with spirals of black smoke from German ammunition and fuel dumps. A half dozen small towns southeast of Stolberg are burning.

Dive-bombers roar overhead hour after hour, hurling new destruction on the enemy. Artillery shells whistle and crash in a never-ending stream.

It is a perfect day for war—clear blue skies—and our warplanes and Piper Cubs spotting for the artillery are taking advantage of the clear fogs.

The little town of Winden, 3 1/2 miles south of the communications center of Furen, already has been destroyed. Our dive-bombers roared down in a large-scale surprise attack and wiped the town from the map in quick order.

Here in the dark alleys of Huertgen Forest our infantry, fighting at bayonet point, is making slight progress. It is a bitter inch-by-inch battle reminiscent of the Argonne or Belleau Wood in the last war.

ARGENTINA ON LIMB

Washington, Nov. 18—(U.P.)—A new round of conferences between United States officials and representatives of friendly Latin American nations began tonight, but it appeared unlikely they would lead to any early rapprochement with virtually friendless Argentina.

NAVY FLYER SHOT DOWN, AFLOAT 25 HOURS, SAW FIGHT

Ens. Curtright Has Thrilling Experience In Philippines Sea Battle

Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 18—(U.P.)—For 25 hours Ens. Jess L. Curtright floated and swam in the waters off the Philippines, dodging shells from an enemy destroyer a few hundred yards away and machine gun bullets from an enemy plane while he watched three Japanese capital ships sink or explode under American fire.

The 22-year-old flier from Tacoma, Wash., had strafed an enemy cruiser during the second battle of the Philippines sea before his plane crashed into the water where it was blown by a shell from a destroyer.

A Hepeat fighter pilot on an escort carrier, Curtright was on early morning alert the morning of October 25, flying with three other Hepeats over Leyte before they were ordered to join six bomb-carrying Hellcats.

Trouble arrived along with Curtright as he hit a cloud. A 5-inch shell burst directly under his plane, blowing off his windshield, bit a chunk out of the bottom of the cockpit and knocked a blade off the propeller. His instruments were shot and the engine froze. Seconds later, Curtright and his plane hit the water.

Just before the plane crashed, a Japanese destroyer, only a few hundred yards away, blew off its tail. Curtright jumped clear before another shell exploded the Hepeat.

About noon, a large portion of the enemy fleet came over the horizon—a heavy cruiser, two battleships—the Musashi and Nagato—and four to six cruisers with escorting destroyers.

Nine American torpedo bombers opened an attack on them over Curtright's head, and the Japanese answered with everything from their 16-inch guns down.

13 MEN DIE WHEN LIBERATOR FALLS

March Field, Calif., Nov. 18—(U.P.)—Thirteen men were killed today, 11 when their B-24 Liberator bomber crashed five miles south of here, and two in unsuccessful bail-out attempts from another B-24, Col. Leroy A. Walthall, commanding officer, reported.

The entire crew of the bomber which crashed died when their plane, on a combat training mission, exploded and burned after it hit the ground.

Three men bailed out of the other bomber over Stockton, Calif., when it appeared to be in trouble, but only one of the three survived the jump. The plane, also on a combat training mission, landed safely.

Investigations are being conducted, Col. Walthall said, and names of the dead are being held up pending notification of nearest of kin.

CARTELS FAVORED

Rye, N. Y., Nov. 18—(U.P.)—The international business conference today concluded its sessions by adopting a report favoring retention of the good points of cartels, and a report on commercial policy providing for setting up an international economic organization.

CATHOLIC PEACE BY WORLD COURT

Bishops Outline Program—Views Opposite To Russian Viewpoint

Washington, Nov. 18—(U.P.)—The Catholic bishops of the United States called tonight for an international peace organization of "all the nations, large and small, strong and weak" in which no member would be permitted "to sit in judgment on its own case."

The bishops, at the close of their annual meeting here, also called for a world court within the organization in which would be vested full judicial authority.

Asserting that "competent international authority must enact into positive law the principles of the moral law," the bishops said it would be useless to establish a world court and then "deny it the right to demand the execution of its decisions" or make execution of its decisions "subject to the discretion of the international organization."

The court's decision would be referred for execution to the international organization, and any countries which refused to submit their disputes would be punished as "outlaw nations."

The bishops' insistence that no nation be permitted to sit in judgment on its own case was antithetical to the Soviet Russian viewpoint which prevented full agreement at the recent Dumbarton Oaks conference here.

The Russians insisted that all decisions of the security council of the projected world security organization should be unanimous. Great Britain and the United States contended that no member involved in an international dispute should be permitted to vote on council action to preserve the peace. This disagreement on voting procedure in the council has yet to be resolved.

The bishops said it was "reasonable" to limit membership on the council to the big powers, as proposed at Dumbarton Oaks, warned that "this council must not be an instrument for imperialistic domination by a few powerful nations."

PRESIDENT SAYS 'GOOD NEIGHBOR' POLICY WORKING

Washington, Nov. 18—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt tonight told the first group of Latin-American newspapermen to tour this country that he thought the good neighbor policy was working well and that he hoped to motor down the west coast to Latin America on the Pan American highway when the war is over.

Grouped about his desk for a 20-minute interview, the seven women asked him when he expected to visit their countries, and Mr. Roosevelt replied that he had not been to the countries on the west coast and that he wanted to go all the way down this coast.

He added that after the war is over and he is not too busy he hoped the Pan American highway will be finished and that he can motor down.

They asked him if he thought the good neighbor policy is working well. He said: "Oh, beautifully!"

Mrs. Roosevelt who was with them, put Fala through his stunts to the delight of the visitors.

SHIP WORKERS NEEDED

San Francisco, Nov. 18—(U.P.)—Rear Adm. Carleton H. Wright, commandant of the 12th Naval District, told a senate committee investigating postwar centralization today that the navy's need for civilian employees in west coast installations would increase for the duration of the Pacific war.

Rebukes F. D. R.



Dr. James Whitcomb Brouwer Sr. (above), who signed letter with Glendale, Calif. Ministerial Association and sent to President Roosevelt requesting that he apologize publicly for his "shocking profanity" while casting his vote in Hyde Park, N. Y., election day.

NAZIS ORGANIZE 'WEREWOLF' CELLS TO PROLONG WAR

Washington, Nov. 18—(U.P.)—Nazi leaders are organizing vast numbers of underground "cells" whose members—sort of "werewolves"—would organize terrorism behind the front lines in Germany and eventually seek to sabotage allied armies of occupation, authoritative sources said, and will deal with such elements ruthlessly. High officials have admitted that they expect anything to happen inside Germany once organized resistance has stopped.

But they do not expect many hundreds of thousands of fanatical nazis to give up when the German armies lay down their arms.

"In mountainous districts—as in Bavaria—one may perhaps expect to see the last stand of nazis fanatics, and the more of them that are eliminated in the process the better for the future peace of the world," a British authority said.

Veritas, the British ministry of information's war commentator, said today in his weekly commentary that nazis leaders under Heinrich Himmler have been training German youth "for a possible emergency when national socialism would no longer be in power."

160 PINTS BLOOD ARRIVE AT GUAM

Pearl Harbor, Nov. 16—(U.P.)—Pacific Fleet headquarters announced that 160 pints of whole blood arrived at Guam today aboard a four-engined naval transport plane.

The blood, which was taken from San Francisco donors Thursday, will be delivered to Leyte for transfusions within 48 hours of departure from the mainland, the navy said.

The blood delivery to Guam was the next to last leg of the first flight of a recently announced-trans-Pacific service to fly whole blood for battle front wounded.

IDAHO WINS

Boise, Ida., Nov. 18—(U.P.)—The University of Idaho southern branch duplicated an earlier victory over the Alaskan Clippers on the U. S. army airfield at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, by defeating them, 7 to 6, at Public School field here today before a frozen crowd of 1,000.

TORNADO WHIRLS TO 32 TO 14 WIN OVER RED DEVILS

Medford To Play Gresham Thanksgiving Day—Site Undecided

Medford's Black Tornado will meet Gresham high school football team in a semi-final game for the state championship on Thanksgiving afternoon, it was announced yesterday. The site has not been selected.

Medford's Black Tornado romped over a fast Coquille eleven at Medford stadium Saturday night, 32 to 14, to clinch the district 2 championship and assure themselves of a semi-final spot in the state playoff.

Medford scored the first touchdown before the game was quite four minutes old when Gerald Bestwick scooted through tackle to reach pay dirt. Bob Watson split the uprisings for the extra point.

The Tornado then kicked off, Watson booting to Coquille's 12 yard line where it was taken and returned to the 35. The ball was fumbled there with Watson recovering. On the ninth play Bestwick again found a nice hole in the Red Devil line and raced 10 yards for the second touchdown. Watson's kick went wide. Jim Clark tore off 40 yards on a fake kick as the quarter ended with Medford ahead 13 to 0.

On the second play of the second quarter Bestwick went over right tackle standing up to score Medford's third touchdown. Watson's kick from placement was no good.

Near the end of the second stanza Clark found a weak spot in the Coquille line and scored from two yards out. This time Watson's kick went right through the posts and Medford was leading, 26 to 0, at half time.

Watson kicked off to start the third quarter, Hurst taking the ball on the 2-yard line and returning it to the 39. Jim Cave intercepted a pass from Albion on the Medford 25 and then Clark picked up 21 yards and Doty added nine. Bob Watson faded way back and shot a pass to Bestwick who went over for another Medford score. The pass and run was good for 44 yards. Watson's kick was blocked by DeNoma.

With about a minute left to play in the third quarter and with Medford's entire second team in the game Hurst scored for the Red Devils from two yards out. The extra point was added through the line.

About midway in the fourth quarter Coquille used a combination lateral and forward pass which was good for 30 yards to set up their second touchdown. Then Albion added 20 yards and on the next play Hurst scored through the center of Medford's line. A pass to DeNoma was good for the extra point.

SENATE NO GUIDE FOR LABOR BOARD

Washington, Nov. 18—(U.P.)—The War Labor Board would be "guided" but would not consider itself bound by passage of a proposed senate resolution favoring an increase of the minimum wage from 40 to 65 cents an hour, Board Chairman William H. Davis said today.

Davis told Chairman Claude Pepper, D. Fla., of a senate wartime health and education subcommittee that while "there is every reason in the world why government agencies should go above the old level," the WLB would not feel "any compulsion to permit employers to make increases up to 65 cents without our approval."