

LEYTE FINISHED, AMERICANS LOOK FOR MORE ISLES

Japanese Loss of 113,221 Termed Their Worst Military Defeat in History

Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 26—(U.P.)—American forces set their sights for other Philippine islands today after completing the capture of Leyte, where Gen. Douglas MacArthur said the Japanese lost 113,221 men in their worst military defeat in history.

Two Christmas day amphibious landings in the enemy rear, one of them resulting in the capture of the port of Palompon, and a thrust across the north-west tip to the west coast ended the Leyte campaign except for minor mopping up.

Complete Defeat
MacArthur said the completeness of the destruction of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's forces on Leyte "has seldom been paralleled in the history of warfare."

"General Yamashita has sustained perhaps the greatest defeat in the military annals of the Japanese army," MacArthur asserted.

Where MacArthur will strike next in the Philippines naturally remained a closely-guarded military secret. However, the Japanese have been predicting that he will send invasion forces ashore on Luzon, site of the capital city of Manila.

Escorted American Liberators continued their almost daily raids on the network of airfields around Manila with two attacks Saturday and Sunday on Clark Field. Forty tons of bombs were dropped Sunday, when escorting fighters shot down 18 to 20 of 50 to 60 intercepting Japanese planes. One American plane was lost.

Land On Mindoro
American troops landed on Mindoro, only eight and a half miles across a narrow channel from Leyte, December 16 and already planes were operating from newly-built airfields only 145 miles south of Manila.

MacArthur's troops brought the Leyte campaign to a blazing close Christmas day with amphibious landings at Palompon, 15 miles northwest of Ormoc and the last port on the island still in Japanese hands, and at Puerto Beloi, due west across Ormoc bay from Ormoc.

The 77th division, liberators of Ormoc, caught the Japanese completely unawares with its landing at Palompon and forged inland to within 10 miles or less of another column striking along an east-west road from the Ormoc corridor. Little resistance was being encountered.

The seventh division landed at Puerto Bello, five and a half miles west of Ormoc, also against little resistance, while the 32nd and 1st cavalry divisions, smashing the last enemy resistance in the Ormoc corridor, drove rapidly toward the west.

Farther north, the 24th division marched clear across the northwest tip of the island and cleaned up the west coast in the San Isidor area, 24 miles north of Palompon.

MacArthur placed Japanese losses in the Leyte-Samar campaign since the American landing October 20, at 54,338 Japanese dead already recovered, an estimated 18,500 dead either buried by the enemy or still to be recovered, 493 prisoners, 30,000 troops sunk at sea in 10 convoys attempting to reinforce the garrison, and 9,890 naval ratings in the crews of 41 transports of 164,250 tons and 27 warships sunk.

U. S. Losses 11,217
American losses in the campaign, he said, totalled 11,217—2,623 dead, 8,422 wounded and 172 missing.

Virtually all the casualties occurred on Leyte, since only small-scale actions were fought on Samar, just northwest of Leyte.

In addition to hitting Clark Field, and Manila, American planes during the week-end also dropped 132 tons of explosives on six Negros airdromes and strafed them from low level, destroying or damaging 16 parked planes and severely cratering runways.

Other planes sank three small freighters at Davao, on the south coast of Mindanao in the Philippines, while naval units at night sank an enemy motor torpedo boat off the north coast of the same island.

DRIVERS, DRUNKS KEEP COPS BUSY

City police were busy over the holiday week-end with six cases of traffic violations and six arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Lawrence Jagger was fined \$2.50 in city court this morning for violating his learner's permit. Everett H. Michall and Thomas Jefferson were both fined \$50 for reckless driving and Charles Henry Cook forfeited \$50 bail on the same charge. William James Jones forfeited \$10 bail on a charge of violation of the basic speed rule and Charles Franklin Johnson was fined \$5 for failure to stop his vehicle at a stop street.

William C. Carmickle was fined \$10 December 24 on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. Curtis H. Higgins and Jack Curtis Abbott were both fined \$10 today for being drunk in a public place. O. Ring forfeited \$10 bail on the same charge. Ray Christensen and William Reegan were both fined \$10 today on charges of disorderly conduct.

OBITUARY

MATHEW WOLFF
Mathew Wolff passed away at his home in Ashland late Sunday.

Mr. Wolff was born in Igerna, Calif., November 25, 1902. On September 1, 1927 he was married to Miss Hilda Wagner at Oakland, Calif.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Mrs. Hilda Wolff; one daughter, Maryn Bertha; three brothers, George Wolff, Portland, Ore., John Wolff, San Jose, Calif., and Edward Wolff, Medford; five sisters, Mrs. R. J. Renoud, Dunsmuir, Calif.; Mrs. F. A. Mason, Yakima, Wash.; Mrs. C. E. Arnold, Biggs, Ore.; Mrs. Clinton Bryars, Merced, Calif., and Mrs. Robert Snyder, Sacramento, Calif. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Freda Wolff, Yakima.

Funeral services will be held at Perl Funeral Home Wednesday at 11 a. m. The Rev. Louis Kirby of the Methodist church will officiate and following services here the remains will be sent to Turlock, Calif., for interment.

JO ANNA LONG

Mrs. Jo Anna Long, 83, passed away Monday afternoon following a short illness at the home of her son, Charles C. Long, Gold Hill, where she had been making her home for the past eight months.

Three other sons also survive: George, Oakland, Calif.; Arthur, Santa Monica, and Cloyce J. Long, Monterey.

The remains, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long, were to be forwarded Tuesday evening by the Conger-Morris chapel to Fresno, Calif., for services and interment Friday.

WORTH McVEY

The remains of Worth McVey, 78, who passed away suddenly in Medford Saturday evening, were forwarded to Clovis, Calif., by the Conger-Morris chapel Tuesday evening for services and interment.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 3:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

WAC LIEUT. VILM SENDS GREETINGS FROM OL' LONDON

Elizabeth E. Vilm, WAC 2nd lieutenant of Medford now serving in the office of the Military Air Adviser at the American Embassy in London, writes interestingly of her experiences in the "heart of London." Her letter, sent to the Mail Tribune and addressed to "Dear Medford Friends," follows:

"Christmas greetings from Merrie Old England this year. Have been here almost six months, all the time here in the heart of London. No accent as yet, unless it has crept in without my knowing it. Very possible! Am liking it very much and getting a bang out of living in such a large city. There are many things to become accustomed to; including the lack of central heating, the perpetually open window, England's English which is so softly and rapidly spoken, and warm beer, the Scotch and Irish whiskey (for a Bourbon devotee), the cabs that can turn around on a dime with almost no lights, the pound sterling instead of a dollar bill (they go as fast as the latter and don't buy much more), the calm, quiet way the people here accomplish their tasks in spite of all odds, and, of course, the ever-present cup of tea.

"We have a good officers' mess which keeps us well-fed and contented. Afraid my ideas of good food are quite different from those of the English, but for a sweet (dessert) their trifles (ice-cream cake, almost) are superb. Gardening is most certainly an art here and their flowers are the most vivid I have ever seen, even in Crescent City. Tradition is ever present and conformity in all things is expected and obtained. Afraid us Yanks have shocked them dreadfully with our lack of formality at times. An officer I chanced to meet this noon was, when he found out where I hailed from, wishing he could order pears from Medford to be sent over here. We both decided to try it and show off a real delicacy. (Can I have a post-war job, Chamber of Commerce?)

"Anyway, from all of this, you should get the idea that I am finding it a most interesting experience to have temporary residence in London, England.

"Best wishes to you all for a very Happy Christmas and let's hope that 1945 finds us all home again with the war over."

HAROLD GORSKI HELD ON BAD CHECK CHARGE

Harold Gorski, wanted here, charged with passing a number of worthless checks, is held in Portland and will be returned here at an early date, the sheriff's office reports.

Charles R. Holmes, 33, charged with grand larceny, is held in the Josephine county jail at Grants Pass for local authorities. Holmes is alleged to have taken money belonging to his employer, an Ashland business man.

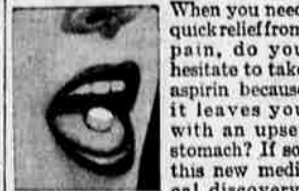
WEATHER

Northern California—Clear today except morning low cloudiness and fog in valleys, increasing cloudiness tonight and Wednesday, rain north portions Wednesday, warmer north portions tonight.

Lincoln ran against three other candidates in the presidential election of 1860.

NEW kind of ASPIRIN tablet doesn't upset stomach

When you need quick relief from pain, do you hesitate to take aspirin because it leaves you with an upset stomach? If so, this new medical discovery



SUPERIN, is "just what the doctor ordered" for you.

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\$24.95 Coats \$16.63

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Seldom will you find such exquisitely flattering dresses at such excitingly low prices. Graceful one and two-piece styles in lovely prints, stripes, check and solid colors. Better Dresses for wear right now into spring. Rayon Crepes, Rayon Faille, dressy types, tailored styles, suit effects, embroidery trims, lingerie trim and smart buttons. Regular and junior sizes. Out they go at

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\$19.95 Dresses \$13.30

\$24.95 Dresses \$16.63

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The After-Christmas Clearance would not be complete without this 20% off group of Women's and Misses' Sweaters. Here are Pull-Overs and Cardigans. All wool, long and short sleeve styles. Some are slightly soiled and not all sizes. But all reduced 20%. Get one tomorrow for wear this Winter!

SECOND FLOOR

In the Junior Shop Second Floor COATS

The Junior Shop on the Second Floor joins the After-Christmas Clearance with this group of Jackets and Coats for girls. Broken lots and sizes in wools and part wools. Your choice tomorrow at Mann's for just

HALF PRICE ROBES

Going at one-third off their regular price are these warm Quilted Cotton Robes for children. Good looking prints to choose from, but broken sizes. Come early for this special.

1/3 OFF

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Yes, indeed, a clearance on those hard-to-get Cotton Wash Frocks. Here are fast color prints, stripes and florals. Short sleeve styles and in sizes from 12 to 44. Regular values up to \$2.98. Out they go tomorrow morning for just

\$ 1.18

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