

Terrified Nazis Barricade Berlin Streets for Final Stand

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Army Chaplains Rescued in Daring Luzon Raid



(Acme Telephoto)

Among the 510 Allied war prisoners rescued from Jap-held prison camps on Luzon by American Rangers and Filipino guerrillas were these three army chaplains, veterans of Bataan and Corregidor. Left to right: Lt. Col. Alfred Oliver, Washington, D. C.; Col. John K. Borneman, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Captain John J. Dugan, Boston, Mass.

MEDFORD KINFOLK REJOICE AT NEWS OF LUZON RESCUE

Additional names of men rescued from Cabanatuan prison-of-war camp on Luzon Island were received by United Press wire today and are posted in the window of the Tribune office. About 100 names will be added later, United Press states.

Two Medford families rejoiced today over the news that Pfc. Lorne B. Cox and Cpl. William E. Davis were among the American soldiers released from the Japanese prisoner-of-war camp at Cabanatuan in the Philippine Islands during a commando raid Wednesday night. Neither Davis or Cox were on the first lists announced but were included in later listings.

Also on the list of released prisoners was S/Sgt. John F. Batchelor of Ashland and Pvt. Willis C. Vincent, formerly of Medford and later of Klamath Falls.

Father Elated
E. R. Davis, Box 428, Route 2, Joe-Jack Road, father of Cpl. Davis, found his son's name on the United Press list of released prisoners at the Tribune office this morning and exclaimed with joy and relief over the good news. Cpl. Davis, he said, was on Corregidor when the fortress fell to the enemy and only routine messages had been received from the soldier, the last coming about a year ago. Cpl. Davis, in the army about 10 years, had been in the Philippines about a year serving with the 60th Coast artillery.

Before entering the army Davis worked in Medford for his great uncle, J. T. Davis, 1112 East Main street and Pearl Davis, 135 S. Grape street, in their transfer company. An aunt, Mrs. Nina Craig, lives on Front street and an uncle, Art Davis, at 403 South Central avenue.

Brothers In Service
Three brothers of the corporal, Pvt. Kenneth Davis, Dwight Davis, CM2c, and Pvt. Elton Davis, are all on duty in the Pacific.

Pvt. Cox, whose father is John B. Cox of 515 Jackson boulevard, was also on Corregidor when taken prisoner. He entered the army in May of 1940, was trained as an anarchy cook and had been in the Philippine Islands several months when war was declared. His father and step-mother received two or three routine prisoner-of-war messages from him, the last arriving in November of 1944.

Pvt. Cox attended Medford senior high school and St. Mary's Academy here and prior to his induction was working as a baker in Chiloquin, Ore.

Brutality, Starvation Under Japs Told by Captured Men

By Frank Hewlett
United Press War Correspondent
General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—Capt. Ralph Hibbs of East Oskaloosa, Iowa, said today at least 20 American and Filipino prisoners had been executed and hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others had died of neglect in prison camps on Luzon.

Hibbs, among the 510 allied prisoners rescued from the Cabanatuan prison camp by Rangers in a daring commando raid, said 27,000 Filipinos and 100 Americans died of various causes in the O'Donnell prison camp alone and more than 100 Americans died at Cabanatuan.

Beaten with Sticks
Prisoners often were beaten with sticks which they called "vitamin sticks," Hibbs said. When men fell ill, the Japanese often refused to release medical supplies for them, he said. Once 100 men died of diphtheria before they were given anti-toxin. Another 100 died of dysentery, he said.

Funny to Japs
"The Japanese laughed at the sight," he added. Hibbs served with the 31st Infantry at Bataan. Another rescued prisoner said the Japanese "used to treat us pretty cruel."

"We had to snap to or they used rifle butts on us," he said. "We had to kowtow to the sons of guns all the time. We got a handful of rice and comotes for meals."

"Occasionally the Japs would slaughter a carabao but they gave us only the head and bones. They gave us 30 cans of evaporated milk a week for the invalids."

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CAMP EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL DUMPING
Charles E. Bennett, a Camp White employee, charged with dumping garbage on a public highway, is scheduled to enter a plea in justice court Tuesday. Bennett through his wife, appeared Wednesday and asked for a continuance.

The complaint stated that he dumped refuse on the Midway Highway. Addressed envelopes found in the pile of tin cans, led to the arrest, authorities said.

LACK OF NEWSPRINT CUTS SIZE OF TIMES
Los Angeles, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—The Los Angeles Times has announced another decrease in size with today's issue because of a cut in newsprint allotted by the War Department Board.

The Times said the reduction was necessary because its allotment now had to stretch over an all-time high in circulation due to increased population in the Los Angeles area.

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YANKS CONVERGE ON MANILA JAPS FROM TWO SIDES

By United Press
American forces converged on Manila today from two directions, advancing to within 20 miles of the Philippines capital and by-passing the Jap defense system in southern Luzon.

A surprise new landing 13 miles below Manila bay at Nasugbu bay, 41 miles southwest of Manila, gave the Americans a new road to the capital.

Manila Fall Near
Japanese reports claimed that the American forces had not yet met the main body of Japanese defenders, but the rapidity with which Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces were closing in indicated that Manila's recapture might not be long delayed.

Radio Tokyo reported that a single B-29 bomber Osaka today while other Superfortresses appeared over Honshu island and Korea, apparently on reconnaissance missions.

The B-29 operations followed up a major assault by India-based Superfortresses upon the Japanese naval base at Singapore, where the 855-foot floating drydock, largest in the world, was reported sunk.

Chungking reported growing uneasiness on the part of Japanese puppet governments in China due to fear that the allies may land on the China coast. It was said that the U. S. fleet is powerful enough to ram spearheads into the China coast, despite any effort by the Japanese to halt such attacks.

SAN JOAQUIN FLOOD IS WORST SINCE 1937
Fresno, Cal., Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—With breaks in the south wall of the swollen Kings river expected momentarily, due to three days of heavy rainfall, farmers, volunteer crews and U. S. bureau of reclamation officials today were frantically pooling their equipment to combat the worst flood menace confronting the San Joaquin valley since 1917.

TO BERLIN
By United Press
The nearest distances to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:
Eastern front—30 to 39 miles (from northwest of Kustrin, by German report).
Western front—296 miles (from point southeast of Nijmegen).

SENATE TO GET MANPOWER BILL TOMORROW, VIEW

No Further Hearings Planned on Work or Fight Legislation, Solon Says.

Washington, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, D. Utah, of the senate military affairs committee today predicted that the house-approved "work or fight" bill probably would be ready to send to the senate tomorrow.

After a closed committee session during which several amendments were adopted, Thomas told reporters there would be no further hearings—requested by both labor and industry—because both the senate and house military affairs committees have considered national service legislation for two years.

Washington, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—Under the May work-or-fight bill passed by the house:

Men 18 to 45 if employed in essential industry or agriculture could leave their jobs only with local draft board approval.

Men 18 to 45 in non-essential jobs could be directed to take war jobs, such jobs to be as near their homes as possible.

Veterans would have a preferred status and selective service could postpone directing them into war work.

Physically fit men of service age who left essential jobs without draft board approval or refused to take war jobs when directed to do so would be liable to induction, as they are now.

Others (4-F's and men 38 to 45) who violated the bill's provisions would be liable to five years in jail or \$10,000 fine.

Any man directed into war work would have to be given "a reasonable choice" of employers. He would have a right to appeal.

Local draft boards would be responsible for determining whether a job-holder should stay in his job or take a more essential one.

17 DIE IN MINE CAGE ACCIDENT

Timmins, Ont., Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—At least 17 miners were killed today when a cage in which they were riding down the shaft of the Paymaster mine broke loose and plunged 1,500 feet when a cable snapped at the 1,000-foot level of the Northern Ontario gold mine.

The exact number of lives lost was unknown as no check was made of the number of men who boarded the big cage when it stopped at the 1,000 foot level. The men were coming off shift when the accident occurred.

Rescue workers had to descend to the bottom of the half-mile deep shaft by ladders to reach the tangled wreckage.

The coroner's office announced 17 bodies so far have been recovered.

Vacationists Chill In Florida Region

By United Press
Temperatures over most of the nation were rising today, taking eastern states from the grip of a severe cold wave, but winter vacationists in Florida faced temperature readings as much as 20 degrees below normal.

From the Rocky mountain region to the Atlantic coast, temperature readings continued to moderate although the weather remained below freezing in the northern portion of the area.

Senators Argue Livestock Term Applied to Hens

Salem, Ore., Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—The senate today argued for nearly an hour on whether a chicken should be included in the definition of "livestock."

Arguing on a house bill to protect chicken owners from depredation of dogs, some senators felt that the measure would be too severe on dogs. The bill was re-referred to committee.

Sen. Thomas Mahoney raised the question Sen. Patterson answered by saying he thought "that a dog would discriminate between feathered chickens and the other variety."

U. S. SUBS SINK 10 JAP MERCHANT SHIPS IN ORIENT

Washington, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—American submarines have sent ten more enemy merchant vessels to the bottom in far eastern waters, the navy revealed today.

The bag announced today included two medium cargo transports, three tankers, three cargo vessels and two transports—all vital to Japan's efforts to maintain tenuous sea lanes to its stolen empires in the south.

This latest haul brings to 989 the number of enemy vessels sunk by U. S. subs in this war. Of the 989 sunk, 104 were combatant ships and 885 non-combatant.

Since Jan. 1, the navy has announced the sinking of 65 enemy vessels by American submarines. The unrelenting war of attrition against Japan's battle and merchant fleet is not without cost, however. Only yesterday the navy had to scratch the 36th U. S. submarine from its list, the Growler.

BULGARIANS KILL TREASON LEADERS

By United Press
The Ankara radio reported today that Prince Cyril of Bulgaria, former Premier Bogdan Filov, and Lt. Gen. Nikola Mikov, former regent, were executed in Sofia last night after being condemned for treason by a people's court.

The Sofia radio reported earlier that the court passed death sentences on three former regents, 22 cabinet members, nine king's counselors, and 66 former members of parliament.

The regents were Cyril, brother of the late King Boris and uncle of the boy king, Simeon II; Filov and Mikov.

BLIND WRESTLERS

Needham, Mass., Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—Though all its members are sightless, the wrestling team from the Perkins Institution for the Blind defeated the Needham high school team in a match, 16-8.

Red Army Rescues Thousands From Nazi "Murder Factory" in Southwest Poland

By Henry Shapiro
United Press Staff Correspondent
Moscow, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—The semi-official newspaper Pravda reported today the Red army had saved several thousand tortured, emaciated inmates of the Germans' greatest "murder factory" at Oswiecim in southwest Poland.

All of them were "ghost-like apparitions, blown to the ground by the slightest breeze, almost ageless and sexless," Pravda's Correspondent Boris Polevoy reported from Oswiecim.

"They can tell the whole story of this gigantic death plant, equipped with the most modern Nazi technology of torture and extermination."

1,500,000 Killed
Fragmentary reports indicated that at least 1,500,000 persons were slaughtered at Oswiecim, Polevoy said. During 1941, 1942 and early 1943, he said, five trains arrived daily at Oswiecim with Russians, Poles, Jews,

YANKEES, FRENCH CRASH INTO MAIN ALSACE BASTION

Fall of Colmar Seen Certain; Eisenhower and Bradley Meeting Significant.

Paris, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—Allied armies broke into the big Alsatian stronghold of Colmar and the outer crust of the Siegfried line today coincident with the disclosure that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and his commanders had been conferring on current operations.

American and French forces overrunning the German pocket on the Rhine in lower Alsace crashed into Colmar, its biggest city, after gains foreshadowing the doom of this enemy bridgehead left behind in the early winter push through most of the eastern strip of France.

The Franco-American push wiped out the northern section of the Colmar pocket along the Rhine, and the allies were fighting within mortar range of the big Neubreisach bridges behind the Germans holding out in the mountains northwest of Colmar.

To the north, three American armies were wedging into the rim of the Siegfried defense belt on a broad front in the border region of Germany, Belgium, and Luxembourg.

The First and Third armies, fighting below the Ninth army sector, were closing on the Siegfried line's main works along a 35-mile front.

Supreme headquarters announced that Eisenhower and his staff had conferred with Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th army group commander, but permitted little speculation about the gathering.

Its importance was indicated by the fact that it was announced at all, for the usual meetings between commanders go unheralded. The announcement specified that the principal members of the supreme commander's staff were present, another indication that big things were cooking.

Bill Would Give Road Commission Air Field Power

Salem, Ore., Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—A bill was introduced in the senate today to authorize the highway commission to acquire and develop aviation fields.

The bill provides that the commission may act in this alone, or in cooperation with the federal government and its agencies, or with the Oregon board of aeronautics.

A senate memorial asking congress to restore 2,000,000 acres of Oregon land to mineral entry was presented.

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Kin of Rescued May Send Wire Up to 25 Words

Washington, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—The immediate families of the 510 Americans freed from a prison of war camp on Luzon may send a 25-word telegram to their liberated relatives, it was learned today at the war department.

The message, which must be addressed in care of the army adjutant general's office, Washington, D. C., for forwarding to Luzon, should specify the relationship of the liberated man to the sender and include his rank and serial number.

Only messages from immediate families will be accepted.

REA NOMINATION MAY ALSO BRING CONGRESS FIGHT

Washington, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—"Strong opposition" to the nomination of Aubrey Williams to be rural electrification administrator has made it necessary to hold public hearings on the nominee's qualifications, Chairman Elmer Thomas, D., Okla., of the senate agriculture committee said today.

President Roosevelt's nomination of Williams to the REA post appeared likely to set off another controversy comparable in heat to that which exploded over his nomination of Henry A. Wallace to be Secretary of Commerce.

Meanwhile, the National Grange asserted in a letter to Thomas that Williams is "unfitted for this position because of his lack of experience in this particular field."

KOREANS STARVE UNDER JAP RULE

Thirty million Koreans are starving under a strict Japanese wartime rationing system which already has cost the lives of millions, three Korean students who deserted from the Japanese army declared today.

Thousands of Koreans have committed suicide after murdering Japanese oppressors, and more thousands have revolted in small-scale unsuccessful rice riots, the trio of deserters from the Japanese 65th division in North China said after a two months' trek to Chungking.

The three whom I interviewed arrived at Chungking in a group of 47 Koreans seeking the protection of their provisional government in the Chinese capital. An estimated 10,000 Korean conscripts have successfully deserted from the Japanese army.

Brussels, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—Virgil Pinkley, vice-president and general European manager of the United Press, today announced the appointment of Walter L. Cronkite, Jr., as UP manager for the low countries.

U. S. CASUALTIES TOTAL 737,342

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The new total included 650,420 army casualties and 86,922 navy casualties since Dec. 7, 1941.

Of the total army casualties, 121,676 were listed as dead, 379,638 wounded, 91,573 missing, and 57,533 prisoners of war. Of the wounded, 186,026 have returned to duty, Patterson said.

The navy total included 32,889 dead, 39,807 wounded, 9,709 missing and 4,478 prisoners of war.

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Vic Milnes unconcerned over the fact that he had unknowingly swapped overcoats with Bob Rucker but crying over the disappearance of a pack of cigarettes.

REDS FAN OUT AS FORCES GET SET FOR WEST DRIVE

New, Tremendous Battles Expected in Oder-Warthe Bend Northeast of Berlin.

London, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—The red army announced tonight that it had driven within 51 miles of Berlin and ten miles of the Oder, on which the Germans reported strong soviet forces were massing after their first attempt to cross the last natural barrier before the capital.

London, Feb. 2 — (U.P.)—The Germans reported today that powerful Russian forces massing along the Oder east of Berlin were trying to smash across that last big barrier before the capital, in the streets of which the terrified civilians were throwing up barricades.

The German high command said strong red army units had reached the Oder on either side of Frankfurt, 38 miles due east of Berlin, and a northwest of Kustrin, where the Oder elbow points down within 30 miles of the city.

Close on Frankfurt
A Nazi military commentator reported that the first effort by Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's first White Russian army to force the Oder was made at Kustrin, 42 miles east-northeast of Berlin.

Moscow dispatches said Zhukov's armor and mobile infantry were flooding across a broad reach of the German border east of Berlin and now were closing in on Frankfurt and Kustrin to exploit the gains of armored spearheads blazing the soviet trail to Germany's "Rhine of the east."

Both flanks of the red army which had raced from the Vistula to the Oder in three weeks were fanning out in strength as the forces at the center of Zhukov's offensive front massed on the Oder.

Big Battle Looms
The German Transocean News agency reported that "now and tremendous battles" were imminent in the Oder-Warthe bend northeast of Berlin and in Silesia, where both sides were throwing in fresh forces and decisive tests of strength were prospective.

Stockholm relayed a dispatch from Berlin saying: "Berlin now is a front line city in the fullest meaning of the term. Berliners have been made to realize that they must expect fighting in the streets."

"Barricades are being built feverishly in a number of streets, including the center of the city in the presence of the bewildered onlookers. The explosions from blowing up bomb-wrecked houses are adding to the fearful atmosphere, and might soon merge with the thunder of guns in the east."

"Berliners are deeply impressed by the sight of marching volksturm (home guard) units with their rifles and tommy guns. A general tension is noticeable. People tear newspapers from the hands of the vendors."

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Marlet Farrell groaning over a description of a delicious dinner, she being on a diet.

Tony Manno having a wonderful time at the Berlin concert and scarcely able to restrain himself from joining in the vocalizing.