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U. S. SILENT ON FORMOSA FIGHT REPORT

Yanks Shoot Down 100 Nip Planes Off Luzon

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 16 (P)—A furious air-raid off Formosa, which began Friday, went into its third day today, Tokyo reported after officially announcing the imperial fleet had joined the battle.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday morning that strong Japanese aerial attacks precipitated the engagement in mid-afternoon Friday and said "this fight is continuing." The Japanese counter-attack, their third of the Formosa campaign, followed new American raids on that island and Luzon.

Hit 100 Nips

Carrier planes of the third fleet sweeping across Luzon in two raids a day apart shot down or destroyed on the ground more than 100 Japanese aircraft as the great aerial assault upon the Philippines and islands to the north went into its seventh day.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander, announced in a noon communique (Honolulu time) today that fighter aircraft raided Aparri, on the north coast of Luzon, Friday, and on Sunday attacked airfields in the Manila bay area, 200 miles southward. The Japanese air force, stung into desperate action, attacked with the greatest vigor it has shown in many months, but at terrible cost.

Shot Down

In one battle alone the American carrier planes shot down all but 10 or 20 of one inter- (Continued on Page Three)

AMERICAN TROOPS SEIZE LIVERGNANO

ROME, Oct. 16 (P)—American troops have captured the hill town of Livergnano, 10 miles south of Bologna, which the Germans had defended fanatically for days, allied headquarters announced today. U. S. infantry, tanks and tank destroyers moved into Livergnano which guards the approach to the high escarpment on which the Germans defend Bologna. Livergnano is on highway 65.

German troops still are resisting fiercely all along the front and are launching counter-attacks whenever their forward positions are prodded too sharply. On the other end of the Italian front Canadian units captured the small village of Bul- (Continued on Page Three)

Deadline on Sale of Tickets Set

Tickets to the Medford-Klamath football game at Medford will be taken off sale here at 10 a. m. Thursday morning, and Klamath fans who plan to go to Medford were urged to get their pasteborders immediately. The tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce. Medford asked that the unsold tickets be returned Thursday so they may be disposed of in Medford, according to Principal Stanley Woodruff of Klamath union high school.

Artificial Harbors Solve Invasion Supply Problems

LONDON, Oct. 16—Two artificial harbors, built in secret and floated across the English channel, explain the riddle of how the allies were able to supply their ground troops which swept through northern France while the Germans held every port but Cherbourg. In disclosing the use of these unique harbors, supreme headquarters said last night that they "made possible the liberation of western Europe." Floating steel barges, 150 concrete caissons or floating boxes and seven miles of prefabricated pier equipment divided into segments 480 feet long were used to make the harbors along with a flotilla of old ships sent to the channel bottom to provide part of the breakwater system. The worst channel storm in 40 years wrecked one of the harbors before it was completed, but not before it had contributed heavily to the stream of men and equipment pouring into France. The other was finished as planned—a port as big as Dover, capable of unloading at least 12,000 tons of stores and 2500 vehicles daily. Built in Year Construction of the harbors was started in June, 1943, when American and British operations officers decided that French ports falling into allied hands during the invasion could not possibly have the capacity for the quantity of stores necessary. When sunk, the flotilla of vessels, including several British and Dutch warships, provided five small breakwaters of which two were in the areas where the artificial harbors later were established. Each concrete floating box had valves making it possible to sink or float them as desired. These boxes plus the floating line of steel barges anchored farther out in the water were designed to reduce an eight-foot wave to one or two feet.

Nazi Lifeline to Aachen Sliced By U. S.

YANK FORCES MEET NORTH OF NAZI POST

German Supplies Sent Into City by Parachutes

By ALEX H. SINGLETON
LONDON, Oct. 16 (P)—The last thin lifeline of the Nazi garrison of Aachen was cut in the battle of the Siegfried line today by American forces which battled to a junction from positions north and northeast of the city.

The junction was made at Wurselen, three miles north of the city, by the U. S. first army, which crushed five frantic counterattacks in three days and knocked out 50 to 60 of the enemy's tanks. Wurselen was mopped up in the process.

Parachute Supplies

With the city completely locked by encircling forces, the Germans were reduced to supplying the garrison by parachute.

Elsewhere allied forces sent patrols across the Neder Rhine in Holland, clamped a two-edged hold on the sea approaches to Antwerp in Belgium and captured a dozen towns, villages and forts in a broad advance in the Vosges which took French troops to within 32 miles of the Rhine.

Yanks Withdraw

But along the Moselle the bitter battle inside Fort Driant ended unsuccessfully after 10 days of close-quarter combat. American forces withdrew there before dawn Friday, it (Continued on Page Three)

Court Refuses Tyler Kent Case

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (P)—The supreme court refused today to consider the case of Tyler Kent, code clerk in the American embassy in London who was convicted in a British court of violating the British official war secrets act and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. Kent's mother, Mrs. Ann H. P. Kent of this city, asked the high tribunal to aid in bringing about his return to the United States.

Battle for Fatherland



American first army troops encircled Aachen today, cutting off the German town from all supplies except those sent in by parachute. At Fort Driant, American third army units were forced to withdraw. Positions of other allied armies are indicated by flags and arrows.

Yank Fighters Kill Japs at 'Dime-a-Dozen'



Eight enlisted men and an officer of the Americal division, fighting Japs in the southwest Pacific, formed a "Dime-a-Dozen" club and their leader hands over 10 cents for each dozen Japs killed. First Lt. Raymond Ross of Medford, Ore., hands out certificates to his men, attesting the number of Japs each has killed. Left to right: Pfc. Manuel Alvarez, Los Angeles; Pfc. Morris Manuel, Winchester, Ky.; Cpl. Karl E. Doll, North Hollywood, Calif.; Sgt. Richard Kowitz, St. Paul, Minn.; Staff Sgt. Harry Schulte, Gary, S. D.; Staff Sgt. Ralph Brodin, Spooner, Minn.; Staff Sgt. Alex McLean, Grafton, N. D.; and Pfc. Raymond A. Cottrell, Sebeka, Minn. (AP Wire-photo from U. S. army.)

German Sea Escape Route Cut by Capture of Port

By W. W. HERCHER
LONDON, Oct. 16 (P)—The German sea escape route from northern Finland has been cut with the capture of the Arctic port of Petsamo and advancing red army tanks were reported today to have won an important road junction close to the Norwegian border.

Divisions Routed

Pravda of Moscow described the newly won highway center as the "key to Norway," without naming it further and said it had been captured after Russian forces beat off a counterattack by a German armored column retreating toward Norway.

Also, Pravda said the land and sea assault on Petsamo, capture of which was announced officially by Moscow last night,

routed two choice enemy Alpine divisions in a three hour battle. Moscow did not report on progress of the red army in Hungary where Hungarian nazis were reported to have imposed a rule of terror following an armistice petition by Regent Nicholas Horthy.

Not Mentioned

The battle for Belgrade was not mentioned in the official soviet communique, but Berlin (Continued on Page Three)

Tax Statements Mailed Here

Klamath county tax office yesterday mailed 21,000 tax statements to approximately 8000 taxpayers. In addition, a number of tax statements are held at the office for large companies and representatives of various groups of taxpayers, to be called for.

Total of the 1944-45 tax roll is \$1,850,136.75, or about 10 per cent over the roll of the previous year. The tax office urged that taxpayers mail in their checks with the copy of the statement received by them, instead of going to the tax office to make payment, in order to relieve congestion at the tax office counter. The receipted tax statements will then be mailed to the taxpayers.

Unpaid taxes for prior years have been shown on the upper right hand side of all statements, and taxpayers should pay these delinquent taxes when paying for the current year. In such cases, however, it will be necessary to have the tax office compute the interest that has accrued to time of payment.

Three per cent discount is allowed on all current year taxes paid in full on or before November 15. Taxpayers were asked to make this deduction when mailing in remittances for the full year's taxes.

Highway Worker Escapes Death

Charles Dougherty, state highway employe, narrowly escaped death late Monday morning when he drove his road blade into the path of a Southern Pacific Alturas-bound train, one-half mile south of Mack's train on the Spring Lake road. Fred Haskins was riding the trailer blade when he jumped to warn Dougherty of the approaching train. The engineer had applied brakes by this time and as Dougherty sent the blade on the tracks, the engine sheered off the front wheels and axles. Dougherty escaped with minor face cuts.

GROWERS TO END SPUD SHIPMENTS

TULELAKE—At least a half dozen shippers in the Tulelake area announced Monday that they would discontinue shipping potatoes and that they would hold their spuds. Reports came through today that temperatures in the high spots south last night hit 20 and 22 degrees and that there is some report of frost damage to potatoes shipped over the weekend in non-refrigerator cars.

Some buyers said they would attempt to ship out a few carloads if the present weather holds. One buyer said that his firm "was sending out a few boxcars resentfully" and that everything was being done as far as he could find out but there was no relief in sight.

W. H. Anderson, farm labor placement manager at Tulelake, said that there would be a check made this week on potato storage available and growers would know at the end (Continued on Page Three)

Today On The Western Front

By The Associated Press
U. S. 3rd Army—Driven from slight toe-holds in Fort Driant, in the Metz-Moselle sector, but blew up the fort after withdrawing. The fort had taken everything American planes and guns could give it.

British 2nd Army—Sent two patrols across the Neder Rhine in the Arnhem area, where an airborne division failed two weeks ago to hold a Netherlands bridgehead menacing Germany's north flank.

Canadian 1st Army—Clamped a two-edged grip on the sea entrance to Antwerp, and joined three bridgeheads across the Leopold canal, achieving a firm base for an assault on the final German positions in the pocket around Breskens.

U. S. 1st Army—Fought off the third furious German counter-attack in 24 hours at Aachen and edged forward by blocks inside the city.

U. S. 7th Army—Drove its deepest spearhead within two miles of LaBresse, 24 miles north of BelFORT and 32 miles from the Rhine, on the extreme southern end of the front.

Chaos Follows Hungarian Bid For Armistice

By WADE WERNER
LONDON, Oct. 16 (P)—Hungary has toppled into political chaos after Regent Nicholas Horthy's dramatic bid for peace. Horthy's quick eclipse—at least on the Budapest radio—by Count Ferenc Szalasy's last-ditch crowd of arrow cross nazis only emphasized that Hungarians were fighting among themselves instead of against the invading red army. Reports via Stockholm today said that in some places they were fighting the Germans too.

This all added up to a melting of the barrier between the red army and a great drive past Budapest to Vienna and a possible final decision in the east.

The Germans took quick measures to stave off the debacle but admitted through the official German news agency that Horthy's petition for an armistice had "greatly damaged the waging of the war."

Take Over Buildings

Berlin dispatches to Stockholm newspapers said Nazi troops swiftly took over all strategic buildings in Budapest and that a new government shortly would "try to get Hungarian troops to continue battle on the German side." One report said Horthy had escaped arrest and was hiding out in a strongly fortified castle.

A transoceanic broadcast from Germany said a "detailed declaration" on the Hungarian developments would be forthcoming later. Meanwhile Berlin's morning papers refrained from mentioning Hungary.

That Hitler and his advisors should pause for some fast thinking before explaining the Hungarian collapse to the weary German people was only natural. It was far more than the defection of Hitler's last satellite—it must seem to any German like the crashing of the gate guarding the reich's most vulnerable area.

Seize Control

Pro-German elements, presumably aided by German SS divisions rushed to Budapest from Vienna, apparently seized control of the country immediately after Horthy's petition for an armistice was broadcast early last evening in an order of the day signed by Regent Horthy.

Within a few hours another broadcast from Budapest announced that the Hungarian Nazi party headed by Szalasy had "taken matters in hand to eliminate traitors at all costs" and promise that "the most ruthless measures," including the death penalty, would be imposed on those disobeying orders.

The Ankara radio said the gestapo was making mass arrests and a report broadcast by the radio at Lille, France, said Horthy had been seized by the gestapo and taken to Germany.

The effect of the peace move on the Hungarian army, an estimated 30 to 40 divisions, was not known immediately. Horthy's petition, as recorded in London, did not order Hungarian soldiers to lay down their arms. A later broadcast of a statement attributed to the chief of the general staff, Col. Gen. Vitez Voerces, urged the troops to continue fighting "until the outcome of armistice negotiations is known," but the Lille radio quoted Swiss reports that large groups of Hungarian soldiers were already quitting.

'Desert Fox' Erwin Rommel Dead, Says Berlin Radio

LONDON, Oct. 16 (P)—Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the "desert fox," is dead, the Berlin radio said yesterday. He was the famed commander of the Afrika corps.

The Berlin broadcast yesterday did not say how Rommel was wounded or when he had died, but said Adolf Hitler had ordered a state funeral. The announcement described him as one of Germany's "most successful army leaders."

Death Rumored

Rumors of Rommel's death had been current since late July when allied field dispatches quoted German prisoners as saying he had succumbed to injuries suffered when his car was strafed by allied planes in Normandy. The Germans subsequently denied his death but acknowledged he had suffered a brain concussion and other injuries in an automobile accident during a strafing attack on July 17.

Rommel, who became known as the "desert fox" during the African campaign, when his troops drove the British to the gates of Alexandria before they were stopped in October, 1942, by Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's eighth army, was commander of German forces in Normandy at the time of the allied invasion.

Von Rundstedt Quarrel

He was reported to have quarreled with Field Marshal Gen. Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt—then over-all German commander in western Europe—concerning tactics used in combating the invasion. On July 6, the Berlin radio announced that Von Rundstedt had been replaced by Field Marshal Gen. Guenther von Kluge in a move that apparently was a victory for Rommel.

A veteran of the First World war, in which he fought with distinction, Rommel joined the Hitler movement in its early stages and later was considered a great favorite of the fuhrer.

He won promotion to field marshal at the age of 50 during the summer of 1942 for his up-to-the-minute campaign in North Africa, becoming the youngest German officer ever to hold that rank.

Klamath \$15,000 Short in Drive

Klamath county is still \$15,000 short in the combined community war chest fund drive and persons who have not as yet given their contribution are urged to do so as quickly as possible so that the drive can be wound up.

Charles R. Stark, secretary of the executive committee for the drive, Monday urged that those who are collecting donations, turn in what has been taken in, in order that progress in the drive can be determined from day to day.

far, we have only the Jap story for it.

As an EXULTING story. According to it, the Jap fleet has fully COME OUT, has defeated in its pursuit of "the fleeing" (US) task force. Note "the American task force," "the American force" is referred to. A task force is only a part of the fleet.

Tokyo dispatch broadcast the Berlin radio quotes a Japanese naval spokesman as saying: "At the end of the stilling battle, Admiral Halsey's fleet will have vanished from the sea. This is a victory which makes the victories of Hawaii and Malaya appear like a sideshow."

Another Tokyo dispatch compares the fight to the "decisive" battle of Achen 30 years ago and "scenes of wild joy in the streets."

Official Jap communiques as of that 16 of our warships, including 16 carriers have been destroyed and another 19 damaged.

word whatever, either in confirmation or denial of the strong enemy claims, has come from our Pacific headquarters. As these words are uttered, at noon, the clicking of the teletypes are indicating that all news available has been transmitted. All we can do is to wait for word from Admiral Nimitz.

TEMPTING to reassure ourselves during this nervous period, we recall that Jap radio has always talked of war. It had us beaten halfway until we began to fight from our side. There must be good reasons for the silence of our fleet—reasons having to do with the strategy of the battle. It is beyond belief that our commanders would conceal from us a DISASTER as the Jap pictures.

Europe, Hungary has finally slipped. Regent Horthy (head of the government) sued for an armistice. Immediately the nazis in Hungary pounced upon him like a bear. Reports of what is happening are confused. The Hungarians are said to be fighting themselves—and also the Germans.

The Germans admit that they have for peace "has been damaged" (German) "of the war."

HUNGARY'S crumbling was apparently much like Bulgaria—it was deferred until the nazis came in IRRESISTIBLE force.

the battle on the Hungarian front during the past week appears to have been a terrific one. The Russians knocked out German tanks on Saturday. German gives the nine-day total of tanks destroyed there as 100. The time finally came, one day, when the Hungarians fled. The jig was up, that Germany no longer protect them, they were in for bad trouble. The way was decided that the nazis were more to be feared than the Germans.

they quit. There isn't anything particularly creditable about their quitting—but it does help our side.

Werner, AP correspondent-cableing from London today, says that all the Hungarian units adds up to a melting of the barrier between the red and a great drive past Budapest to Vienna and a possible final decision in the east.

Finland, the Russians have been Petsamo by combined land and assault. They advanced from Petsamo to identified highway junction (Continued on Page Three)

Dunsmuir Girls Rally Shot

The tragic story of a loaded gun accidentally fired by their 12-year-old brother, brought to two little Dunsmuir girls last Tuesday. It was the children of a South-Central brakeman.

According to the story which reached here, the Macks and four children had gone to a picnic in Shasta county and about 45 miles from there to join Mrs. Mack's husband, Thomas Russell, in a hunt. Mack and Russell were in the front of the car and they left one of the children on the floor of the car (Continued on Page Three)