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Normal Cooler	70
Tuesday Shooting Hours	6:19
Forecast	6:54
Close	5:32

GI'S ATTEMPT TRAP FOR NIP MEN ON LEYTE

7th Infantry Troops Advance From Dulag

By C. YATES McDANIEL
 GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Oct. 23 (AP)—American soldiers, pushing westward on Leyte island's southern front, today overran strong Japanese defense positions and were trying to trap enemy troops retreating up the wide Leyte valley.

AP War Correspondent Al Dopking, on the southern front, reported that Yank seventh infantry division troops, led by tanks, were moving up the open valley inland from Dulag where one of the first American beachheads was established.

Edmundson Commands
 The troops engaged in the action were under command of Lt. Col. Herbert Edmundson of Georgia.

The country leading northward from Dulag is flat and ideal for tank warfare. The forces of liberation are moving, is 25 miles wide on the south-west. It tapers to 10 miles wide on the northeast. The valley is flanked by mountain ranges with peaks rising up to 1300 feet.

Centers on Road
 (The action west of Dulag appeared to center on the highway leading from the east coast to the roadside town of San Pablo, seven miles inland. Beyond that town was Bureauan, west end of the provincial road. There it turns northward toward Dagami, highway junction.)

(Supposedly, the Japanese on the southern front were retreating northward up the open valley or falling back into mountain positions on the southwest of the valley.)

Temporary Capital
 Meanwhile Tacloban, the provincial capital, occupied by the Yanks after they took the airfield in that sector, became the temporary capital of the first free government of the Philippines in more than two years.

As his troops pressed forward, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced preparations already underway for construction of a great base for future operations around the captured air-dromes of Tacloban and Dulag.

The supply problem for Japan's vicious 16th division after their "preliminary defeat" and should they be forced into the hills might become acute, Gen. MacArthur said in his communique today.

Local Prisoner Of War Released From Philippines

Americans were jubilant to receive word that 83 prisoners of war had been rescued from the Philippines in the invasion of Leyte by General Douglas MacArthur's forces, and Tulelake residents found a familiar name among the list which included five Oregon men.

Lt. Charles Steinhouser, who operated the Shell service station at Tulelake before the war, was listed as one of the 83 men, now said to be in Australia.

Steinhouser was one of the first reserve officers from the Tulelake area to be called up. He reported in the summer of 1941 and his wife and child left Tulelake at that time. Steinhouser's home was in Seaside. He was a member of the Tulelake 20-30 club, the volunteer fire department and took part in other civic affairs. The family lived in the Lawrence Horton home. Steinhouser is a former Oregon State college man where he received ROTC training. He was in field artillery during his service and was sent directly to Nichols field at Manila before Pearl Harbor.

The prisoners were on a torpedoed enemy transport and were hidden by Filipino guerrillas for more than two years. Other Oregon men included 2nd Lt. Harry J. Skinner, North Bend; Cpl. B. J. Lorton, Medford; Pvt. Willard E. Halla, La Grande, and M/Sgt. George Robinson, Eugene.

Japanese Admit Defensive Action

By The Associated Press
 "Japan is now on the defensive," a Japanese naval commentator, Masanori Ito, said today in a dispatch transmitted by Domei news agency.

Ito's statement came in the course of remarks in which it was claimed that Japan "welcomed" the American invasion of the Philippines because it offered "another opportunity to deal crushing blows on the mainstay of the enemy's Pacific forces."

Britons Land on Nicobar Islands

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (AP)—The Japanese news agency Domei has announced that British troops have landed on the Nicobar islands in the Indian ocean, a British broadcast said today. CBS recorded the broadcast.

Allied Armies Pound German Defense Band

By WILLIAM FRYE
 LONDON, Oct. 23 (AP)—Six allied armies pounded the tight-drawn Nazi defense band from Holland to Switzerland's border today with an unceasing pressure aimed at opening the eventual cracks that will permit a smash to Berlin.

The rain of blows was not yet a grand coordinated offensive, but it was intended to hammer the enemy line ever thinner and to mask the timing and place of the main attack.

The assault was on against the shrinking south Schelde pocket west of Antwerp, the Breda box north of Antwerp, the hard-held doorway from Aachen, the upper entrance of the Saar valley, and the sharp-cloven Vosges passes.

The British second army, striking in three columns on a 12-mile front from the western side of its Holland salient, drove to within three to five miles of the prize communications hub of 'S-Hertogenbosch.

Canucks Advance
 The Canadian army swept on from Eschen on the Dutch Belgian border, 16 miles north of Antwerp, after an 11-mile advance in two days, and hammered methodically toward Roosendaal, four miles ahead.

The strikes here, which were assuming the proportions of a general offensive to clear the sea lanes to allied-held Antwerp as a supply port, had pressed the Germans from two sides into the Breda box—a 40-by-20-mile rectangle below the Mass (Meuse).

The Canadians were about to outflank the German coastal anchor at Bergen Op Zoom, four miles ahead.

West of Antwerp the Canadians captured Breskens and Fort Frederik-Hendrik, a mile farther west, an old fortress modernized by the Germans. On the south side of the pocket, the Canadians took Schoondijke, pinching the Germans into a canal-sliced area of only five by eight miles.

Nazi Hold Slips
 The German hold on the Schelde fast was slipping with the capture of the controlling enemy guns at Breskens and Fort Frederik-Hendrik. Only one battery—there were three two days ago—remained in action in the Vlissingen (Flushing) area on the north side of the estuary after allied heavy-bomber attacks.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U. S. first army pushed a mile east toward Duren after its capture of its first major German city, Aachen, and was clearing the enemy from the area around the village of Wurselen, three miles northeast of Aachen.

It was here—other Americans last were reported six miles southeast of Duren, which is 20 miles from Cologne on the Rhine—that the Germans apparently feared the main blow was building up.

Allied Nations Recognize De Gaulle Administration

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP)—The United States and Great Britain recognized the De Gaulle administration as the "provisional government of the French republic."

Moscow radio reported that Soviet Russia had taken the same step, and similar announcements came from Ottawa and Canberra.

Brazil also announced recognition, as did Venezuela.

The American action was announced by Acting Secretary of State Stettinius who also disclosed that most of France, including Paris, had been designated by allied military authorities as an "interior zone" in which the French authorities have complete responsibility.

This interior zone covers everything except the combat areas and points essential to combat supply.

Stettinius' statement recalled that the French leaders, including General Charles de Gaulle, have declared on several occasions their intentions to hold elections as soon as possible.

"Pending the expression of the will of the French people through the action of their duly elected representatives," Stettinius said, "the provisional government of the French republic in its efforts to prosecute the war until final victory and to lay the foundations for the rehabilitation of France, can count on the continued, full, and friendly cooperation of the government of the United States."

Canada and Australia announced similar recognition in statements at Ottawa and Canberra.

Churchill Spends Time in Italy

LONDON, Oct. 23 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill spent a night in Italy en route home from his Moscow conferences with Marshal Stalin, it was announced today.

Churchill, accompanied by Sir Alan Brooke, chief of the British general staff, conferred with Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, allied commander in the Mediterranean.

Churchill also spent 24 hours in Cairo, conferring with British army and navy commanders. Britain's participation in the Pacific war was believed a likely topic of the discussions.

The prime minister returned to London yesterday. He is expected to report to commons this week.

Spaniards Take Frontier Towns

LONDON, Oct. 23 (AP)—The German controlled Oslo radio said tonight that Spanish republican bands had taken four frontier towns in the Pyrenees after a four-day battle.

Richard Bennett Taken by Death

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23 (AP)—Death has taken Richard Bennett, a stage actor and screen character actor famed for a sharp and witty tongue that enabled him to reprimand inattentive audiences and make them like it.

His daughters Constance and Joan Bennett, film actresses, were at his hospital bedside when he succumbed yesterday at 72 after a long series of heart attacks. Barbara, a third daughter, was reported on her way here from New York.

GEORGE KINCAID TAKES OWN LIFE

George Kincaid, 47, operator and owner of radio station KFJI, died at Hillside hospital at 6:25 p. m. Saturday of a gunshot wound which Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, announced was self-inflicted.

The well-known radio man was found unconscious at his home on Lakeshore drive at 5 p. m. by Jack Keating, member of KFJI staff. He had been shot through the head and a Luger gun lay nearby, according to sheriff's officers and state police, who investigated.

Keating called an ambulance. The officers said that Kincaid left a note which left no question as to the circumstances of the shooting. Despondency over personal matters was believed by officers to have led to the act.

Kincaid came to Klamath Falls from Astoria in 1932, moving the radio station here from the coast city. At Astoria, he operated the station and previously owned a news-stand and truck line. He was widely known.

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Fire Hits Retail Lumber Yard Here



Picture shows spectators taking a close-up view of the fire which destroyed a part of the Klamath Valley Lumber company property Saturday night.

Fire Sweeps Stock Sheds At Lumber Company Plant

A spectacular fire Saturday night swept stock sheds at the rear of the Klamath Valley Lumber company plant, 1940 South Sixth street, causing damage estimated at between \$5000 and \$10,000.

Sighted at 10:13 p. m., the blaze destroyed a quantity of lumber, paint, wall boards and roofing materials, before it was stopped by the Klamath Falls fire department. It also reduced to ashes a separate building which served as local headquarters for the Foster & Kleiser Sign company.

Containers of turpentine and linseed oil exploded in the heat, and burning roofing material added to the bright glow that illuminated the southern sky for watchers from center of town. It was a fire that "looked worse than it was" and rumors flew that some large industrial plant was burning down.

The blaze was located in the center of an industrial and business district, and only effective fire-fighting confined it to the Klamath Valley property. The front end of the lumber company building was saved, as well as much of the lumber and other stock. Two trucks were moved from the building safely.

Cleveland Toll May Hit 200

CLEVELAND, Oct. 23 (AP)—Coroner Samuel R. Gerber estimated today that "possibly 200 persons met death as liquid gas explosions and flames laid waste an east side area, one-half mile square.

The number of known dead in last Friday's disaster reached 104 today, with 102 persons listed as missing, 49 of them East Ohio Gas company employees.

"On present evidence, the death list will total possibly 200," said Dr. Gerber, who is directing recovery operations at the scene. This estimate previously was mentioned by Chairman Stanley Orr of the Cleveland Red Cross chapter.

"The ruins are still too hot and dangerous to work properly," Dr. Gerber declared.

Beverly Thomas Reported Safe

Pvt. Beverly W. Thomas, reported missing in action with his infantry unit in France since September 25, is "safe and well," according to word received by his wife, Starla, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Thomas, 2105 Wantland.

Thomas' wife, who came here from Spokane upon receipt of the message that her husband was missing, first had her hopes raised when she received a letter dated September 28, three days after the date Thomas was reported missing. Since that time, she has had three letters, written October 6, 9, and 12. In one, Thomas said his commanding officer told him to write home immediately, as information had been given that he was missing in action.

In addition to the Purple Heart, received earlier for wounds while in action against the Germans, Thomas has been awarded the combat infantryman badge "for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy." He has advised his family that he would be able to tell them "sometime" how the report circulated that he was missing.

Open House at Local Air Station to Highlight Klamath's Celebration of Navy Day on Friday

Klamath Falls — an inland "navy town" will celebrate Navy Day Friday with various activities, highlighted by open house at the Klamath naval air station.

Announcement that the public is invited to visit the station Friday, at hours to be decided later, was made by a chamber of commerce Navy Day committee following a conference with the commanding officer, Commander R. R. Darron.

First Public
 A huge visitation is expected at the station, which has never before been thrown open to public inspection. (Commissioning exercises last February were conducted on an invitational basis.) Commander Darron and the officers and men at the station will be given opportunity to see the inside details of one of the most active naval air stations on the coast.

It was pointed out that navy operations would necessarily restrict the visitors to certain parts of the station, and that definite hours for visitation would be necessary. Full announcement will be made within a day or two.

Mayor John Houston today issued a proclamation calling attention to Navy Day, and plans were on foot for a special navy tribute at Friday night's football game at Modoc field, when the Pelicans play Eureka. Local organizations were asked to observe Navy Day this week.

"Take a sailor to lunch on Navy Day" is to be the slogan of a statewide observance, and Klamath people were asked to join in this showing of hospitality for navy men and women on Friday.

Klamath's navy connections are exceptional for an inland city. Not only is it the home of a full-stated naval air station, but the marine corps, which has the large Marine Barracks here, is a part of the navy department and the navy medical corps operates the medical phase of the barracks program. The navy's bureau of yards and docks has had full charge of the construction of the air station and the Marine Barracks.

The chamber committee is composed of C. F. O'Loughlin, chairman, Elton Disher and Everett Dennis. The committee is planning special publicity features in connection with the day, and is cooperating closely with the city administration and local navy officials.

The same chamber committee has been assigned to help work out a local observance of the marine corps anniversary on November 10.

REDS CONFIRM INVASION OF EAST PRUSSIA

Berlin Radio Hints Of Attacks in Norway

LONDON, Oct. 23 (AP)—Russian armies have invaded East Prussia to a depth of 19 miles on an 88-mile front, Marshal Joseph Stalin announced tonight.

This was the first Soviet confirmation of an offensive which the Germans have been reporting for several days. In an earlier order of the day Stalin said Russian forces had captured the town of Salmijarvi in northern Finland. Berlin broadcasts implied the red army may also have invaded northern Norway in a drive to slice off Arctic shore bases for German planes and submarines.

Break Through Frontiers Troops of Third White Russian Front

Troops of the third White Russian front "supported by the massed blows of artillery and aircraft, have broken through the permanent, deeply echeloned German defenses covering the frontiers of East Prussia," Stalin said.

The Lithuanian and East Prussian towns captured included Schirwindt, Naumestis, Virbalis, Kibartai, Eydikau and Ebenrode.

A Berlin broadcast, implying an invasion of Norway, said the Russians were attacking along the road leading from Salmijarvi to Kirkenes. Norway, Salmijarvi is on the Finnish-Norwegian border and an attack along the road apparently would put the red army over the boundary.

Iwo Pounded by Yank Bombers

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 23 (AP)—American heavy bombers dropped 40 tons of explosives on Iwo Jima, one of the Volcano group, 750 miles south of Tokyo, last Friday, shooting down or damaging five of eight Japanese interceptors. One Liberator was lost.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported the raid today, along with aerial slashes at enemy positions on Yap island, in the western Carolines, and in the central Pacific Marshall islands. One plane was lost in the Marshall Islands.

Three enemy planes definitely were shot out of the skies over Iwo, one was probably destroyed and a fifth damaged.

Aegean Island Cleared of Nazis

ROME, Oct. 23 (AP)—The large Aegean island of Evvoia (Euboea), adjacent to the Greek mainland north of Athens, has been cleared of Germans, allied headquarters announced today.

The island's a mountainous stretch of 115 miles and 33 miles at its greatest breadth. It is separated from the mainland by a narrow channel, the northern part of which is known as the channel of Atalanti.

Dispatches from Athens said the island's chief city, Khalkis, surrendered to a combined force of British and Greek patriots and that a small number of troops left behind in a German evacuation were taken prisoner.

Today On The Western Front

By The Associated Press
 U. S. 1st Army—After taking prisoner the remaining 1600 Germans in captured Aachen, pushed one mile east toward Duren, highway center on the road to Cologne.

U. S. 7th Army—Increased its pressure against the Nazis in the Vosges passes into the reich and made small gains.

Canadian 1st Army—Captured Eschen, 16 miles north of Antwerp, after an 11-mile advance and also took the important ferry port of Bveskens in the Schelde pocket to clear the approaches to Antwerp.

British 2nd Army—Drove to within three miles of Hertogenbosch, key base for the Nazis holding the southwest coast.

U. S. 3rd Army—Pressed new offensive 18 miles east of the edges of three villages for small steady gains.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 THE shooting war NEWS is in another of those lulls that in these days are apt to be followed by another violent storm. From now on until PEACE, will be these intervals, there will be no lack of hard fighting somewhere.

EXCEPT for what the Germans tell us, we don't know what is happening on the eastern European front, as Moscow is silent.

The Germans admit the Russians are 18 miles inside East Prussia on a wide front. Moving 100 miles up the Danube, the Russians have taken Sambor, just south of the Hungary-Yugoslavia border. (This route, if they can continue to follow it, will lead across Hungary and Austria into GERMANY, with mountain barriers ahead.)

We can safely forget everything south of ALL ARMS in the Balkans at only mopping-up remains there.

ON the western front, we and the British are temporarily held by weather and supply problems. From Holland to Switzerland, there is rain-soaked fire and clouds at tree-top height—distinctly NOT offensive weather.

The Canadians are slowly encircling the Germans out of the Antwerp area.

WE'RE doing well on Leyte. Tacloban, the island's principal town, falls to us, along with two adjacent airfields. We're starting to prepare there a great base for ALL ARMS (army-navy-air) for future operations.

The "vicious Jap 16th Division" (march of death on Bataan, etc.) is already in supply trouble, and MacArthur says to them. Our bombers are beginning to hit every Jap unit that moves by land or sea in the surrounding islands.

OUR night reconnaissance planes drop incendiary bombs, starting more fires, at Balikpapan in Borneo.

Watch Borneo, whose oil is so high that it can go directly from the wells into the tanks of ships, without refining. If we can keep the Japs from USING THIS OIL THEMSELVES, it will be great.

WE CAN TAKE IT FOR OURSELVES, it will ease our Pacific problem immensely.

JAP naval commentator says via Tokyo radio today that WELCOMES our invasion of the Philippines because it offers another opportunity to crashing blows at the main-branch of the enemy's (our) Pacific fleet.

"Get the big bum up close and kick him for a loop"—which brings the hope of every ham-fisted fighter that ever challenged the champ.

THE Tokyo broadcast carrying this nonsense is BEAMED AMERICA, indicating that we want to hear it!

The weird sub-human Jap will. Maybe they are seeking their Oriental dark and gloomy way to get us to UNDERMATE them. Nothing else makes sense.

Well, we DON'T underestimate them, and aren't GOING TO—more. At dying bloodily in separate last corners, they're in the world. But you win wars by dying in desirable last corners.

Arctic Europe, the poor bedded Finns, who by this time must be having trouble figuring out whom to shoot at, are being the Russians drive the Germans NORTHWARD out of Finland. The Russ-Finn combination has taken the Finnish mines, which have been extremely useful to the Germans.

lbs Herring, Pilot Lost

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP)—The navy announced today the loss of two submarines on the Pacific coast. The U. S. S. Herring and U. S. S. Golek, which carried 65 men each.

Commanders of both submarines were listed in navy records as missing in the war of attrition against the Japanese, each holding the Silver Star for sinkings.