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Weather News

Max. (Oct. 23)	October 24, 1944	Min.	42
Precipitation last 24 hours			.00
Stream year to date			.71
Normal		Last year	.77
Forecast: Mild.			
Wednesday Shooting Hours			5:50
Tide: Open	7:00	Close	5:11

NAZI DEFENSE LINES CRUMBLE UNDER ATTACK

Canucks Get Foothold At Edge of South Beveland

By WILLIAM FRYE
LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP)—British troops fought into the streets of the key Dutch road center of 'S Hertogenbosch' tonight. German defenses apparently were crumbling on a 12-mile front south of the ancient fortress town.

The British offensive was one phase of a squeeze drive in concert with the Canadian first army against some 40,000 Germans fighting to hold southwestern Holland and deny the allies use of Antwerp as a supply port.

Win Foothold
Canadian infantry and armor striking forward three miles won a foothold on the eastern edge of South Beveland, one of two Schelde estuary islands where German guns command the water approach to Antwerp.

Artillery and aircraft supported the push, opened after the Canadians cut the causeway, bottling off the Germans on South Beveland and Walcheren islands.

Drive Near Roosendaal
Other Canadian units drove within three to five miles of the strongholds of Roosendaal and Bergen op Zoom, rolling back the enemy coastal flank some 50 miles west of the British offensive.

An assault ring was shaping around 'S Hertogenbosch' with (Continued on Page Two)

Drainage of Gas Storage Plants Ordered in Ohio

CLEVELAND, Oct. 24 (AP)—Drainage of two liquefied gas storage tanks, which remained intact after explosions and fire at the East Ohio Gas company's plant devastated a 50-block area, was ordered today as a precautionary measure.

In addition to the area already evacuated, residents of 21 properties adjoining the plant were directed to depart while drainage operations are in progress.

Meanwhile, the number of known dead in last Friday's disaster amounted to 114 on the county morgue's records. Only 37 of these had been identified.

The missing list was gas company employees. Sixty-five victims remained in hospitals and of these two were reported in critical condition and three in poor condition.

Coroner S. R. Gerber said there was evidence that at least 28 more bodies remained in the ruins of the plant and surrounding homes.

Kurile Islands Hit in Daylight
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24 (AP)—A daylight raid on Paramushiro and Onnekot islands in the Kuriles by American bombing planes was reported today by the Tokyo radio in a broadcast recorded by the federal communications commission.

The radio said that six B-24s made the raids, but claimed Japanese fighters "intercepted and heavily damaged" two of the six and "that no damage was sustained by our side."

Open House Set For 1 to 4 P. M.
Friday's "open house" at the Klamath naval air station will be confined to the hours from 1 to 4 p. m., it was announced today by the chamber of commerce committee in charge of observance of Navy Day here.

The public is invited to visit the station within those hours. Visitors should drive to the main gate on Altamont drive, where they will be directed to parking places. The administration of the station, headed by Commander R. R. Darron, is giving full cooperation to make this feature of the day's observance a success.

German Dissolve Military Bands
STOCKHOLM, Oct. 24 (AP)—German military bands have been dissolved under a new mobilization plan and musicians will carry guns instead of horns and drums, a dispatch from Berlin said today.

Committee Plans "Shot From Sky" Exhibit
Plans for the layout of the army air force's "Shot From the Sky" exhibit coming to the carnival grounds on S. 6th November 1 were drawn up yesterday at the grounds by Lt. Edward M. Cogswell and committee heads from Klamath Falls. Grounds for the huge display of captured enemy equipment were donated by Frank Ferrari, 2374 Shasta way. In the picture are (left to right) Charles R. Stark, secretary, Klamath county chamber of commerce; Myrtle C. Adams, chairman, 6th War Loan drive in Klamath county; Lt. Cogswell, and Jack Almeter, manager, U. S. employment service.

SPAIN'S ARMY WINS VILLAGE ON FRONTIER

Maquisards Trapped In Valley of Aran

LERIDA, Spain, Oct. 24 (AP)—Spanish army forces recaptured a frontier village yesterday in the Aran valley and closed the main exit for Spanish republican maquisards who infiltrated into Spain from France.

Today, the forces of General Franco were moving down the valley in an effort to liquidate completely the dissidents.

The maquisards are operating in groups of a little more than 100. Army officers said they now had the choice of resisting until death or capture, or of disbanding for an attempt to escape through the heavily guarded passes which are banked with snow and which tower more than 10,000 feet. Those captured with arms face possible execution.

Clashes Extend
(Spanish republicans in Paris said the border clashes had extended deep into Catalonia and were rising in intensity. The maquisards were veterans of excursions against German occupants of France and were said to be operating from bases in the Toulous area of France. They were reported to have held several villages, at least long enough to liberate anti-Franco political prisoners.)

(In some cases, Franco policemen were taken back into French territory, the Paris report said. It was reported in Paris that the French forces of the interior gave the Spanish republicans bases for operations in reward for the part they (Continued on Page Two)

Fun-Frolic Show Set Wednesday
Townsppeople are urged to support the Junior chamber of commerce in their efforts to establish a teen-age club for Klamath Falls by attending the big Jaycee Fun-Frolic Revue at the Pelican theatre at 7:30 tomorrow, Wednesday night.

A talent, variety and fun stage show, featuring local entertainers and the Marine Barracks orchestra will be presented on the stage, followed by Kay Kyser's "Caroline Blues," on the screen. All proceeds will be used for the teen-age project.

Fifty servicemen will have an opportunity to attend the event on the tickets purchased for them by the Brattons of Klamath Packing company.

Other persons who want to see the show should buy their tickets while they are available at Currier's for Drugs, Castleberry's, the Pelican cafe or the Pelican theatre.

Indians Push On Past Tiddim
SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Oct. 24 (AP)—Troops of the fifth Indian division driving southeast in Burma's Chin hills from Tiddim on the heels of retreating Japanese have advanced 11 miles long along the Fort White road and now are within two miles of the enemy stronghold at Kennedy Peak, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten announced today.

Dennis Morgan To Arrive Here
Dennis Morgan, top flight screenstar and frequent visitor in Klamath Falls, is expected here early this evening for a few days' duck hunting.

Morgan will be accompanied by a Hollywood friend and they will be guests at the Winema hotel.



Wounded
PFC Jesse Dale Hankins, 18, recovering from wounds in a U. S. naval hospital in San Francisco, had a try at the Japs after his second enlistment in the marine corps.

MARINE 'YOUNGSTER' WOUNDED ON GUAM

PFC Jesse Dale Hankins, 18, who broke into the nation's news columns after serving with the United States marine corps in the South Pacific at the age of 15, is back in the United States, this time to recover from wounds received in action against the Japanese in the taking of Guam.

Young Hankins enlisted in the marines when barely 15. Later his mother appealed to the war department to have him sent home because of his extreme youth. Undaunted, Hankins waited until he was 17, and then with his mother's consent went back into the marine corps.

When the marines hit Guam, Hankins was right in there plugging. The third day a Jap got him. Hankins was returned to a U. S. naval hospital in the San Francisco bay area where he is being treated for wounds in both arms.

The youth's mother, Mrs. Esther Hankins, operator of the Hollywood beauty salon, has gone to San Francisco to visit her son, accompanied by another son and daughter, Gene and Lois. Lionel Hankins of this city is the marine's father and his grandmother is Mrs. Olive Hankins of the White Pine apartments.

Four Killed In Plane Crash
MARCH FIELD, Calif., Oct. 24 (AP)—Four March Field men were killed in the crash of a four-engine army bomber one and one-half miles north of Klamath, Calif., last night, Col. Elroy A. Walthall, base commander, announced today.

Two others were injured, but not seriously. One of them was 2nd Lt. Phillip H. Ball, 25, co-pilot, of Ashton, Idaho.

Swabbies Fight Elks, GI's Battle Bees
War is war, decide sailors and soldiers, whether it's war against humans, animals or insects. Over The Associated Press wire today came the following sidelights in an all-out offensive:

The navy stands ready to level its guns in defense of the embattled farmers of Hope, Idaho.

The targets—if the order comes to fire—will be deer and elk which growers contend browse nightly in their gardens and eat away orchards.

Aid from the Farragut, Idaho, naval training base to eliminate surplus animals was requested some time ago by Rep. White (D-Idaho). Today White's office was informed the navy would take care of the Farragut base that navy trainees are ready for action.

"We will stand by with the necessary equipment awaiting your reply," Kelley wrote.

And two privates who landed in the fifth wave of the Philippines invasion were seen tossing sticks into a tangled mass of coconut tree leaves.

Fvt. Lucio Berrez, Cuero, Tex., and PFC Robert Plant, Kelo, Wash., had run into a nest of bees. They said it was the nearest to an enemy attack they had encountered.

Yanks Take Three Islands, Airfield

By C. YATES McDANIEL
Associated Press War Correspondent

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Oct. 24 (AP)—American liberators of 11 towns in the central Philippines drove ahead on Leyte island today through almost impossible muck and bitterly resisting Japanese.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique listed the liberation of 11 towns on the island of Leyte and the complete occupation of the three small islands of Sulu, Dinagat and Homonhon guarding the entrances to Leyte gulf. Patrols had been put ashore on those islands one week ago today, preparatory to last Friday's big landings on Leyte.

The southern column, units of the seventh infantry division, captured San Pablo airfield in a seven-mile advance stemming westward from the beachhead at Dulag. The doughboys occupied the field after a gruelling march of 12 circuitous miles through dense undergrowth and in broiling heat, reported Al Dopking, AP war correspondent.

Sniper Opposition
Only rearward snipers opposed the infantry, following dispersal of light resistance by American Sherman tanks. The bulk of the Japanese force was in full retreat.

(Press dispatches from the front to the Melbourne Herald in Australia reported an American tank column had established a bridgehead on Samar island, the link between Leyte and Luzon islands.

(The Herald's correspondent, Blaine Fielder, reported the tank column was ferried across narrow San Juanico strait Monday from a highway point above Tacloban, provincial capital of Leyte and provisional seat of the constitutional Philippines government.

Fifth Island
(Fielder's dispatch from Tacloban, cleared by military censors, said Gen. Douglas MacArthur capitalized on the rapid advance on northern Leyte to send his troops to the fifth island to be invaded since his return to the Philippines.

(Invasion of Samar was not mentioned by other correspondents nor by MacArthur's own communique today.)

(A road leads up the west coast of Samar from the shores opposite Tacloban to the northern tip, 15 miles southeast of Luzon on which Manila is situated.)

U. S. sixth army troops moved northwestward from Tacloban, at the northern tip of the 20-

mile Leyte east coast front, and slid through swamps in the southern sector from Dulag. Muck and slime proved a greater obstacle in the south than the Japanese, and sometimes left the advancing Yanks without the support of their tanks.

The coastal road south from Tacloban to Palo was entirely in American hands.

Palo and Dulag anchored the westbound arms of a potential trap reaching out to engulf Nipponese 18th division elements—the torturers at Bataan—in a 140-mile square area bounded on the west by a valley road from Burauen to Santa Fe.

Marked progress was reported today in a communique on the Dulag south arm toward Burauen. After menacing Nipponese positions in the Catmon hills area were bypassed, Sherman tanks pushed seven miles from Burauen. The advance was over muddy road.

It was a different story at Palo. All Monday night, the Japanese counterattacked and it was not until this morning that it was broken bloody. Then the Americans resumed a slow push west of the liberated town of Palo which is six miles from the road junction of Santa Fe. The advance was contested along the main road.

Fifth Army Units Menace Po Valley Junction Town

By LYNN HEINZERLING
ROME, Oct. 24 (AP)—American troops of the fifth army battling down the northern slopes of the Apennines approached today within four miles of Castel San Pietro, large Po valley junction town on the Rimini highway 13 miles southeast of Bologna.

Supreme headquarters announced this American column had captured the village of Frassineto, southeast of Castel San Pietro, after a heavy battle. Rough terrain still lay ahead.

Minerfields Delay
Thick minerfields, demolitions and barbed wire entanglements held up another force advancing on dominating Monte Belvedere. A communique said the most bitter fighting centered around that feature.

On the southeast other fifth army troops drove for two and one-half miles along the highway to Imola, another junction point on the Rimini-Bologna road, and captured the village of Fontanelice. It lies seven miles southwest of Imola.

British forces battling along

Robombs Fall In Belgium
BRUSSELS, Oct. 24 (AP)—German flying bombs have landed in Belgium, a government communique said today. The announcement warned the public not to help the enemy by spreading information about the time and place the robots landed.

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EAST PRUSSIAN STRONG POSTS TAKEN BY REDS

Augustow, Huszt Also Captured by Soviets

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP)—Capture of several heavily fortified strongpoints in East Prussia and the Nazi base at Augustow in Poland, 17 miles southeast of Suwalk, was announced tonight by Moscow.

The broadcast Russian communique said Huszt (Chust) in the Carpatho-Ukraine had fallen to Gen. Ivan Petrov's fourth Ukrainian army and that street fighting was being pressed in the northern Transylvania city of Satu-Mare, 30 miles southwest of Huszt.

MOSCOW, Oct. 24 (AP)—Russian penetration of German territory to a depth of at least 19 miles in East Prussia was proclaimed today in the first Moscow announcement of a powerful red army offensive that already has captured 400 Nazi towns and villages.

Summarizing results of a thrust from western Lithuania that the Germans have been reporting for a week, a Russian communique said Guokkivan D. Chernikhovskiy's third White Russian army had broken through frontier defenses on an 87-mile front on the east.

Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian's (Continued on Page Two)

Two Generals Visit Barracks

While on a tour of west coast installations, two high-ranking generals from headquarters in Washington, D. C., Maj. Gen. DeWitt Peck, assistant to the commandant of the marine corps, and Brig. Gen. Leonard E. Rea, assistant quartermaster general, looked over the barracks and its facilities Monday.

Accompanying them on their rounds were Col. E. Dubel, Maj. Clyde C. Roberts and Capt. F. G. Lewis.

The visiting generals left Tuesday morning by plane from the naval air station to continue their trip.

Nazi Fighters Challenge RAF

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP)—Strong forces of German night fighters, saved for defense of prize targets, swarmed over Essen last night to challenge a fleet of 1000 RAF heavy bombers which attacked the great armament and railway center in the heart of the Ruhr. Eight bombers failed to return.

The bombers, which flew through the first heavy snowstorm of the season over the western front, also encountered the fiercest ground barrage they have met on their last seven trips to the Ruhr.

15 Injured in Train Collision

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 24 (AP)—About 15 persons were injured, most of them slightly, today in a collision between the outbound fast passenger train Louisiana and the Sunset Limited of the Southern Pacific lines at Shreveport road just west of New Orleans.

The accident occurred in a heavy fog.

Heat Problems Settled by PUC
The Klamath Heating company problem, aired at a hearing conducted here this past summer by the public utilities commission, was settled by the commission when findings were announced at a meeting of the city council Monday night.

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Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The Philippines we're still today ESTABLISHING ourselves on the flat lands of island—where, presumably, we will build great air bases from which our bombers will strike the Japs in all the surrounding islands.

While this is going on, our carrier-based planes are preventing the Japs from reinforcing the MacArthur has told us the plans to build on Leyte for ALL services—army, navy, air.

Melbourne (Australia) today carries a story today of an American tank column crossing the narrow strait to the large Samar island, north of Leyte. That, it would indicate that we are making good progress.

Must guard against impatience.

The process of retaking the Philippines will be much like chipping down a grove of long trees with your ax and nothing seems to happen. Then, suddenly, you CUT THROUGH a great tree comes crashing down.

The chipping process doesn't make headlines. The crashing of each great tree does. Chipping away HAS to precede the crashing down.

Holland, the battle for the ports still goes on. The Germans are fighting with suicidal intent to hold us up as long as they can. We're slowly closing in on the north—particular the Antwerp—on the lines to build up a great ring force. When we get there and maybe Amsterdam (Rotterdam) we'll use them to supply our attack when it comes.

The Dutch town of 'S Hertogenbosch' figures heavily in the news. It is a communications center guarding the Rhine north across the routes. The Germans are trying to hold it as an escape route for their forces whose job is to us out of Antwerp as long as possible. We're trying to CUT THESE FORCES

More chipping away at the trunk of the tree.

The fighting on the western front goes forward in face of foul weather. The general snow of the season last night, after days of rain and low-hanging clouds.

MOSCOW announces cautiously that the Russians have "at least" 19 miles in East Prussia on an 87-mile front.

The Germans, somewhat more so, admit that General Chernikhovskiy (the 36-year-old Jew whose armies are winging the great railroad into East Prussia. They are cleaning up all of East Prussia north of the Niemen expanse pocket at Memel is now in the Niemen and is shelling on the southern bank.

All this will be meaningless unless you follow it on maps.

HUNGARY and Czechoslovakia, where we know heavy goes on, are still in a mystery. The Rome radio says today the Germans are evacuating Budapest. If true, would mean a BIG advance.

A fair guess that when snow does begin to talk, it will have to say will be that. That is the usual policy.

NT line dispatches (unofficial) report that elements of a New 16-60 home guard were killed or captured in Prussia (indicating that Nazi power is getting VERY low.)

More or less forgotten Italy, which Bologna. Things will happen there when we get it, but probably not much.

reliable slants on the POSSIBILITIES OF PEACE in after Hitler is licked, Churchill and Stalin. If (Continued on Page Two)

North Toll Hits Navy Fire
ANGELES, Oct. 24 (AP)—Number of dead has mounted as a result of the fire which two medium naval landing and damaged other facilities on Terminal Island in Los Angeles Saturday.

Navy men and six civilians cause of the disastrous under investigation by a court of inquiry. San Francisco after the fire may have started by a spark from a water tank on a navy tanker splattered by sparks from welders on the landing