

RAF SINKS BATTLESHIP TIRPITZ

The Herald and News

Weather News			
Max. (Nov. 12) November 13, 1944	Min.	24	
Precipitation last 24 hours	Trace	Trace	
Stream year to date		1.75	1.61
Forecast: Clearing	Clearing	1.75	1.61
Tuesday Abating Hours		5:24	5:52
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Thursday Open	Close	5:24	5:52
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Patton Hits Into Fortress Ring of Metz

By WILLIAM FRYE

LONDON, Nov. 13 (AP)—The U. S. third army broke into the fortress ring of Metz today on the sixth day of its offensive toward the Saar and the Germans said the doughboys had penetrated the east-bank part of Thionville, a second stronghold on the Moselle line of defenses in northeastern France.

The Americans captured their first port in the ring guarding Metz, drove forward one to two miles in the battle to encircle the city from the southeast, and crossed the Moselle at a new point south of Thionville in a maneuver to cut off that stronghold also. Thionville is 16 miles north of Metz.

Fort Vorn, 5½ miles south of Metz, and four villages, including the towns of Vorn, Pommerieux, Liehon and Corno fell to the fifth infantry division with the Germans failing to make a serious fight. The towns are six to seven miles south of Metz, now encircled except for an 11-mile gap to the east.

Fighting through snow, mud, fields and fog without air support, the fifth division broadened its frontal attack on Metz to five miles, although its capture did not advance the Americans any closer to the fortress city.

YANKS POUND OUT ADVANCE TOWARD ORMOC

2300-Foot Peak Taken As G.I's Tighten Hold on Japs

By C. YATES MCDANIEL

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Nov. 13 — A 2300-foot peak overlooking the bloody Ormoc corridor battleground was in American hands today as the determined Yanks tightened their squeeze on probably 45,000 bitterly resisting Japanese in the climactic fight for Leyte island.

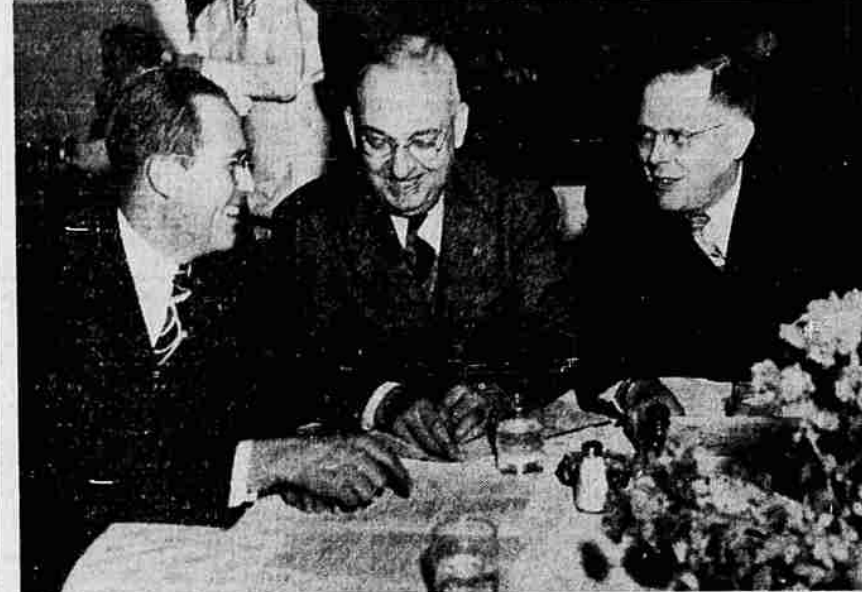
While Ormoc itself was dealt an effective, 62-ton bombing, infantry units of the 24th division driving south toward the last enemy reinforcement port gained three miles at one point to capture strategic Mt. Catabaran yesterday.

Good Progress

Along the main Carigara Bay-Ormoc road, the main column of the 24th, aided by strong tank and air support, made "good progress against heavy opposition," Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's reinforced troops continued their attempts to break the American pressure, but a headquarters spokesman said the Yanks still (Continued on Page Three)

Lions Greet International Chief



International President D. A. Skeen of the Lions, center above, was a Klamath Falls visitor today. He is shown with Paul Skeen, left, president of the local Lions club, and Robert M. Fischer, right, Eugene, district governor of Lions International. They were having lunch when the picture was made. President Skeen will be honor guest at a dinner at the Willard tonight.

LANCASTERS BLAST SHIP NEAR NORWAY

Last Big Dreadnought Of German Navy Downed

LONDON, Nov. 13 (AP)—It was officially announced tonight that the 41,000-ton German battleship Tirpitz had been sunk.

A British air ministry communique said the Tirpitz was sunk yesterday morning by RAF Lancasters that attacked her in Tromsø fjord along the north coast of Norway.

Eighth Attack

It was the eighth time RAF bombers had attacked the last large battleship of the German navy. The bombers scored direct hits with 12,000 pound bombs.

Text of the air ministry communique:

"The Tirpitz has been sunk. Yesterday morning 29 Lancasters of RAF bomber command, led by Wing Commander J. B. Tait, DSO, DFC, and Squadron Leader A. G. Williams, attacked the German battleship Tirpitz with 12,000 pound bombs.

"There were several direct hits and within a few minutes the ship capsized and sunk.

"One of our aircraft is missing."

REDS INTENSIFY BUDAPEST BATTLE

LONDON, Nov. 13 (AP)—The red army, already in the southern outskirts of Budapest, increased its pressure on the besieged Danube river capital today with the capture of Monor, 14 miles to the southeast, and the seizure of enemy positions within 30 miles to the east.

A broadcast Moscow communique announced the fall of Monor, which meant the Russians had swept the Germans from nearly all of the 50-mile Budapest-Szolnok trunk railway.

Farms Taken

In the push from the east, the soviet troops fanned out from captured Uzassy, a junction on the secondary Budapest-Szolnok railway, drove 11 miles through Tapogyorge and Taposzele and captured farms, 30 miles from Budapest, the communique disclosed.

Dispatches from Moscow said today that furious counterattacks by German and Hungarian troops failed to dislodge soviet spearheads from their positions in the southern suburbs of Budapest.

Storm Skopje

Meanwhile a communique from Marshal Tito's headquarters said his troops were storming Skopje, a city of 65,000 in southern Yugoslavia on the Belgrade-Athens railway, and an important German position protecting the southern corridor through which some of the 100,000 enemy troops threatened with entrapment.

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What We Hope to do

course, is to catch the Germans off balance somewhere on the western front and march our way through with a heavy blow. It is likely that our high command doesn't know where this blow will come, or will come wherever the opportunity offers itself.

With shooting news of exciting importance scarce, we'll over the weekend to the popular rumors that Hitler is

In this particular blooming of Hitler rumor plant arises of a proclamation said to have been written by Hitler to his (allegedly) explains that he too busy guiding the despatch of Nazi Germany to appeal before the microphone.

The broadcast appeals to Germans to fight on to the death, and threatens the "punishment" to any who terminate.

The official British "sources" which in the past have been extremely cagey about these multiply rumors of Hitler's death, today that this particular broadcast has a "phony ring."

TER all, what difference does it make if Hitler is dead if the gang crew that made up his name can KEEP the Germans baffled?

It is fact that a WHOLE NAZI staff so deeply indoctrinated with a false ideology that willing to fight to the death the last man (as the Jews have done so often on Pacific islands) as the Nazi Germans seem to us to be willing to do is the phenomenon that

"I'll lick them in time, of all we have to KILL THEM to do it!"

THIS business of indoctrination ought to interest educators, we could indoctrinate our people with SOUND IDEALS as well as the Japs and Germans have been indoctrinated with UNSOUND ideals, there is a limit to where we could go that we could accomplish.

Break into Ring

The news from the Philippines grim.

bloody fighting, our Yanks are pushing slowly in on some of the Japs at Ormoc, in Leyte. We seem to have stopped for the present, at least, attempts to reinforce their position there.

determined efforts over the weekend to get more men ashore, little yellow men lost 13 days, seven transports, 24 planes and an estimated 10,000 men.

The damage was inflicted by our planes from our naval

The Jap air force is fighting at our ships and as usual to have inflicted heavy losses on us. Eyewitnesses report at least two of our ships hit.

Today's dispatches relate that forces on Leyte still hold the line and have preponderance of numbers.

VE lost Luichow, our last known airbase in southeast Asia. It looks as if the Japs about ready to close their communications lines from Canton.

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Canvass Shows Tie for Council

The official canvass of Klamath's votes in the general election had gone far enough today to confirm the previously reported tie between Angus Nowton and Matt Finnigan for first ward councilman. Each has 546 votes. It was reported by County Clerk Mae K. Short, who is expected to turn the canvass of municipal election votes over to Police Judge Harold Franey late today or tomorrow.

Judge Franey said that as soon as he is officially informed, he will make arrangements for a lot-drawing to determine which man will serve as first ward councilman. This may take place Tuesday.

The council, in meeting Tuesday night, will receive the canvass of votes into the city records.

Mrs. Short said she expects the canvass of all votes to be finished and ready for announcement by Tuesday morning.

Big Lakes Worker Fractures Hip

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Wright Plants Out on Strike

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David Newcomb, president of the Wright Aircraft Supervisors association, an independent union, estimated earlier today that 800 supervisors had gone on strike but that "about 2700 supervisors all told may be affected" as "more are coming out."

The company made no estimate on the number out, but said "some" were out at the plants in Wood-Ridge, Fair Lawn, and Patterson.

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Two men were injured, one seriously, when a Victory cab en route to the Klamath naval air station at 4:30 a. m. Monday sideswiped a Great Northern freight train at the Altamont crossing three miles from Klamath Falls.

Taken to the naval air station dispensary were Cecil M. "Mac" McCarty, 30, 123 Pershing way, cab operator, and his passenger, AMM 2/c Robert McMurry, 26, resident of Wilmette III.

McCarty suffered concussion, laceration of the scalp and right forearm. Attending physicians said his condition was fair and that he would probably be moved from the dispensary to a local hospital sometime Monday afternoon.

McMurry, who has been at the station since March, 1944, has multiple contusions and abrasions. Both are expected to recover.

It is understood that McCarty saw the freight and applied his brakes, sliding some distance to sideswipe the cars. The cab was badly damaged.

Mercury Slides To New Low

The mercury slid to a seasonal low Monday morning with a recorded temperature of 24 degrees. It was exactly that cold April 25, 1944.

An unofficial reading at the Marine Barracks, 800 feet higher than Klamath Falls, gave the early morning low at 10 degrees above zero.

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Her sister battleship, the Bismarck, was sunk in May, 1941, in a battle with the British navy and planes in a chase in the North Atlantic.

Different Estimates

The vessel's tonnage had been variously estimated at more than 35,000 tons, but the latest edition of Jane's gives the figure as 41,000.

Hounded persistently, the Tirpitz had been bombed and torpedoed in at least eight separate actions since her launching on April 1, 1939 when Adolf Hitler declared she was unsinkable.

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