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BRITONS OPEN PUSH TOWARD REICH BORDER

Nazis Withdraw Force From West Side Of Maas

By WILLIAM FRYE
LONDON, Nov. 14 (AP)—American troops toppled a fourth fortress south of Metz and pushed to within 3 1/2 miles of that big French city today, while the British army in southeastern Holland struck toward the German border in a sharp attack supported by 400 guns.

The British hit eastward from Nederweert, 18 miles southwest of the frontier city of Venlo, at 4 p. m. The Germans abandoned Meijel, eight miles northeast of Nederweert, and a front dispatch reported indications the enemy was withdrawing strength from the west side of the Maas (Meuse) river in this southeast corner of Holland. The crossroads of Meijel was won from Americans by an armor-pointed German attack last month.

New Line Breach
In the battle for Metz 100 miles farther south, third army doughboys piled through a new breach in German lines below the city after taking the fourth fort.

Supreme headquarters identified this latest prize as Fort L'Yser, a half mile northwest of the town of Orny, and described it as a powerful system of underground works.

So far as was known at supreme headquarters, Fort L'Yser fell without resistance from its turreted batteries — just as Fort L'Aisne and two satellite bastions to the south were taken yesterday. L'Aisne was the first of nine main fortress groups in the Metz system to fall, and L'Yser the second. They were stormed by troops of the fifth division of Lt. Gen. Patton's third army.

The Americans pushed on into the hospital forest for their closest approach to Metz, and were striking toward that city from the south along a nine-mile front. Nothing in front dispatches indicated any stiffening of resistance, and the apparent German fall-back suggested Metz itself might be fortified to avoid encirclement of its strong garrison.

Fifth division units, punching through unexpectedly light resistance, had captured Fort Aisne and two of its satellites near Vervy yesterday, and seized the towns of Corry, Pommereux, Vervy, and Liehon.

The fortifications at Fort Orny fell to the 10th regiment of the fifth division, but battlefront reports did not disclose whether it was taken without a struggle.

With capture of Fort Aisne and the town of Corry earlier, the Americans had cut up behind formidable Fort Driant, on the Moselle's west bank.

The speed with which this division has penetrated the German defenses south of Metz raised the question of whether the enemy actually plans to yield without a fight this strongest fortified city in all western Europe. A dispatch from supreme headquarters said the answer to this riddle may come within the next 24 to 48 hours.

Norwegians Back, Aid Russians

LONDON, Nov. 14 (AP)—The first Norwegian detachments to return home since the ill-fated 1940 campaign have landed in Norway and are operating with the Russians against the Germans on the Arctic front.

The Norwegian exile government announced this tonight. The vanguard, small but specially picked and highly trained in Arctic fighting, sailed recently from a north British port.

Japs Trapped By GI Artillery Barrage

BLOC TO RETARD GERMANY PLANNED

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN
PARIS, Nov. 14 (AP)—Britain and France were reported in accord today on the desirability of forming a bloc of western European nations to help keep Germany in check during the coming years of peace.

Responsible quarters said Belgium and Holland may become original signatories to such a regional pact along with Britain and France and that eventually Norway, Sweden and Denmark may come in.

Consider Favorably
Summarizing the weekend discussions of Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Gen. Charles de Gaulle, a French news agency expressed the view that "the French and British governments would consider favorably the possibility of concluding such regional accords."

A dispatch from London said sources in the British capital expressed belief that a similar combine would be formed in the east by Russia, Czechoslovakia and Poland and that at their next conference Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and (Continued on Page Two)

Representative Of New Area to Be Selected

Just which councilman around the city table will represent the newly-acquired area north of town, will probably be one of the topics to be discussed at tonight's session of city fathers.

This area, which came in under one of the annexation measures, passed 44 to 31 by residents of the precinct involved, includes Mountain View, Irvington Heights, Nob Hill, Sunny-side, Elrod Heights and Lakeview addition. The town vote was 3509 for, and 1245 against.

British Home Fleet Sinks Nine Vessels in Convoy

LONDON, Nov. 14 (AP)—Ships of the British home fleet destroyed nine German vessels Sunday night off Lister fjord, south of Egersund, Norway, and drove a tenth ashore, an admiralty communique announced tonight.

The enemy convoy, 11 ships including M-class minesweepers, was taken by surprise as it attempted to move northward along the coast. Two cruisers and four destroyers composed the British force.

Story's End May Show Bare Facts

DALLAS, Nov. 14 (AP)—Nobody knows the end of this story, but—

Youngsters plodding to a country school found a man's coat and hat on the road. A few steps further lay a pair of pants; then a shirt; and lastly a pair of shorts.

By DEAN SCHEDLER
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Nov. 14 (AP)—(Via Army Radio)—Japanese reinforcements and equipment became a bloody shambles in Limon today when trapped by an American artillery barrage as doughboys moved on the Ormoc road town from three sides.

Observers on Breakneck ridge near Ormoc valley, where the bodies of more than 800 dead Japanese soldiers were counted after one day of fighting, saw large concentrations of Japanese reinforcements, troops, trucks and guns rolling into Limon. American artillery roared throughout the night and today the town was a mass of flaming wreckage and apparently uninhabited.

Maj. Gen. Fred Irving, 24th division commander, told Fred Hampson, Associated Press correspondent, he was reluctant to say the Japanese force in Limon had been knocked out. He added, however, the prospects were bright for American forces if the Japanese have been eliminated.

The Japanese have elements of five divisions fighting against the Americans in the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur has announced.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today the Japanese first division was in action on the Pina-mopan-Ormoc highway, and the 28th division has been identified by its dead. The 16th, 30th and 102nd divisions already had been reported in the fight.

REDS BATTLE WAY TO RAILROAD CITY

By DANIEL DE LUCE
MOSCOW, Nov. 14 (AP)—Russian forces have driven into the important rail city of Jazsbereeny, 37 miles east of Budapest, and are engaging the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting, front dispatches said today.

The Germans were reported hurling in numerous new tanks and scores of anti-tank weapons in an attempt to check the soviet drive to outflank the Hungarian capital. The nazis were offering the most determined armored resistance since the big tank clashes in which they were beaten back in the Debrecen area last month.

Admit Penetrations
(The Germans admitted soviet units had penetrated into Jazsbereeny, but asserted the attackers were hurled back.)

Red army columns striking (Continued on Page Two)

Irish Refuse To Bar Fugitives

LONDON, Nov. 14 (AP)—Eire has informed Britain it can give no assurance against granting asylum to political refugees from axis countries.

Paul Emrys-Evans, undersecretary for the dominions, told commons today that Prime Minister Eamon DeValera, replying to allied representations seeking to bar enemy war criminals from all neutral countries, took the stand his country would accept such fugitives should justice, charity or the honor of the nation so require.

France Orders Count's Arrest

PARIS, Nov. 14 (AP)—The French government has ordered the arrest of the Count of Paris, pretender to the non-existent throne of France, reported to have been wounded at Perpignan after crossing the Spanish frontier into southern France.

Thus the government adhered to an old law which prohibits pretenders to the throne from residing on French territory, and created another problem in the aspirations of the 36-year-old Henri de Guise.

City Councilman Still Unnamed

At a late hour Monday, no action had been taken to determine just who would serve the city of Klamath Falls as councilman from Ward 1.

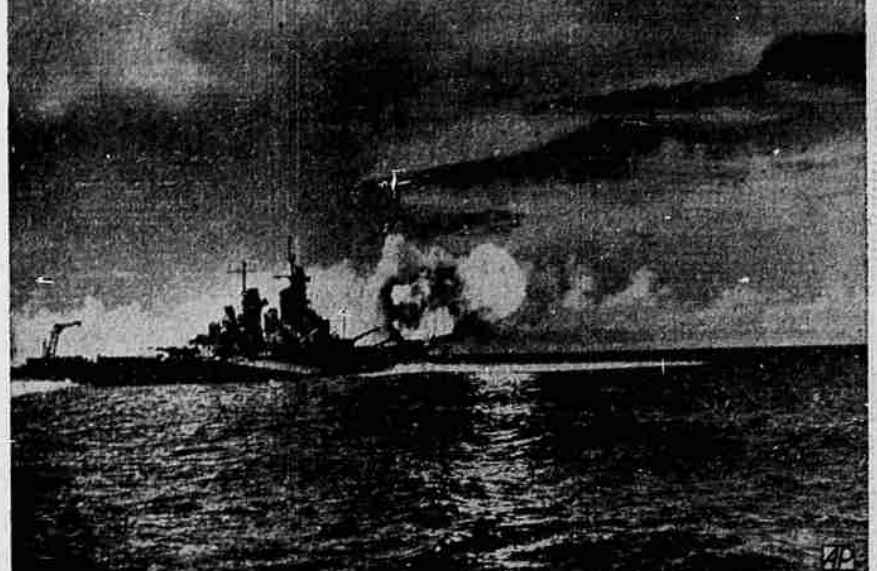
In a race which ended in a tie for the two candidates, Angus Newton and Matt Finnigan, it is necessary for the police judge to permit the two to draw by lot for the post. Police Judge Harold Franey said Monday afternoon that he was now waiting for an official report on all city issues, including measures and offices, from the county clerk. He hoped to conduct the drawing in time for tonight's council meeting.

Wright Strikers Vote to Continue

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 14 (AP)—Striking supervisors of the Wright Aeronautical corporation's five plants in this area voted this morning to disregard a war labor board's return-to-work order and remain out "until the army takes over."

Production at all plants was at a standstill as the supervisors without kept 32,000 to 35,000 employees idle. The Wright company manufactures Cyclone engines for B-29 Superfortresses.

Mighty Battleship Missouri Fires a Salvo



In this remarkable photograph of the USS Missouri firing a salvo from her two forward turrets, the 16-inch projectiles can be seen in flight at upper right while the force of the blast churns the sea and flames from the burning gases light a path beside the ship. The Missouri is one of the latest of the navy's Iowa class battleships. (AP Wirephoto from U. S. Navy).

Japs Recapture Ngeregong Islet for Reconnaissance

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 14 (AP)—The simmering campaign in the Palau islands broke into brief activity last week when 200 Japanese troops occupied Ngeregong islet, eight miles northwest of American-held Peleliu, in an apparent reconnaissance move.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, announcing the development yesterday, said a small U. S. marine patrol was removed without casualties from the islet aboard LCI's (landing craft, infantry).

YANK PLANES HIT MANILA, AIRFIELDS

By The Associated Press
Waves of American planes hit Manila and nearby airfields yesterday and today, Manila time, doing "slight damage" to warships, installations and shipping. Tokyo radio and the enemy-controlled Manila broadcast station said today.

Four hundred planes blasted the Philippine capital city, Cavite and Clark field yesterday and 400 sorties were flown over Manila targets today, said the broadcasts heard by the federal communications commission.

Adrian Chaney Killed on Palau

T/Sgt. Adrian Chaney, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chaney of 619 Mitchell and husband of the former Barbara Lee Jacobs of Klamath Falls, was killed in action October 18, in the Palau islands, according to word received here by his parents Monday evening.

"Bill" Chaney was born July 27, 1920, in Ashland. He attended Klamath Union high school and entered the service June of 1942, taking his training with the US army in Alabama, Tennessee, Phoenix and at Camp San Luis Obispo. Young Chaney and Miss Jacobs were married at San Luis Obispo this past spring and for a time lived at Grass Valley, Calif., while "Bill" was stationed at Camp Beale. He received overseas orders in early summer and Mrs. Chaney returned to Baker to make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jacobs.

Jap Sniper Kills Photographer

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Nov. 14 (AP)—(Via Army Radio)—A Japanese sniper's bullet killed Frank Prist, 30, veteran Acme News picture photographer, during heavy fighting in the Ormoc sector yesterday.

Prist was the fourth war correspondent to die in action since the Philippine campaign started and the 13th killed in the Pacific area since the war started. He was buried today after a graveside service held in the same cemetery where two other correspondents, Asahel Bush of the Associated Press and Stanley Gunn of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Houston Chronicle, were interred after their death in a Japanese bombing raid October 26 at Tacloban. John B. Terry of the Chicago Daily News, injured in the Tacloban raid, died aboard a hospital ship, October 31.

C. W. Whisenant Hurt in Accident

Charles W. Whisenant, 1965 Portland, suffered back injuries in an automobile accident which occurred Monday evening 15 miles east of Klamath Falls on the Merrill highway. He is in Klamath Valley hospital.

Capt. Millard P. Pedigo, U. S. army, driver of the car, suffered bruises. According to Pedigo's report, a blowout sent the car into the ditch as the machine rounded a curve. Total damage was reported to the vehicle.

CHEINKIANG FALLS TO JAP FIGHTERS

CHUNGKING, Nov. 14 (AP)—The Chinese high command admitted tonight that Liuchow, site of the last advanced American air base in eastern China, had been abandoned Saturday, and also announced that Cheinkiang on the highway from Liuchow to Yungning (Nanning), fell to the Japanese the same day.

The U. S. 14th air force, which announced yesterday that the Liuchow air base had been destroyed and abandoned, said in a communique today that the sector was bombed yesterday and the day before. Liuchow still was smoking when the fighters attacked Pehe, south of the city, in support of Chinese ground forces, the American communique said.

Congress Opens Six Week Session With Full Slate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (AP)—Consoling election losers and congratulating winners, congress reassembled today for a six weeks' flurry of activity, but decided to wait a few days before buckling down to work.

Neither senate nor house had anything to do for a while. But Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) supplied material for some future chores by offering a bill to freeze social security payroll taxes for another year at one per cent each on employers and employees.

And just before he took the chair in the house, Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) gave a news conference this pre-Christmas program for the old congress:

Extend Powers

1. Extension of the president's extraordinary war powers, which otherwise would expire December 31. Rayburn said: "We can do that in slightly less time for I expect little if any opposition."

2. Revival of the federal crop insurance program, killed by congress last year.

Roads Program

3. Enactment of legislation providing for federal expenditures in cooperation with the states, in building roads throughout the nation. It is necessary to hasten this legislation, Rayburn said, due to the fact the 42 of the 48 state legislatures convene early next year.

Only about 100 members were on hand when the gavel fell at noon in the house.

In the senate, 47 senators were on hand when Vice President Wallace rapped for order.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE Japs take back the little island of Ngeregong, in the Philippines, 500 miles east of the Philippines.

It isn't much of an island, and its retaking wasn't much of a feat. The Japs have retreated with machine guns and armed with mortars, crossed over in three motorboats, and a considerable number of our malarious smaller number of our marines who were on Ngeregong left in landing boats.

We seem to have had only a reconnaissance (spying on the enemy) party on the island and the Japs apparently wanted it for the same purpose.

As modern war goes, it didn't rate even as a skirmish, but it probably DOES symbolize this fact: The Japs have retreated about as far in the south Pacific as they dare. Hereafter they'll stand and fight, COUNTER-ATTACKING as and when they can.

In the flush beginning, they bit off more than they could chew. They're going to try to retain and maintain what is left.

THERE are two interesting little stories in the Pacific news today.

On Leyte, our observers spotted a growing Jap concentration. (Building up a counter-attack, apparently.) Our artillery opened up and smashed the massing enemy. After the firing ended, 600 Jap bodies were counted.

The Tokyo radio says 400 of our carrier planes attacked the Manila area, damaging some Jap WARSHIPS. It's a fair guess that the little yellow men were building up another landing force here, and we SMACKED it.

The point is that we're ON OUR TOES.

JAP forces on Leyte are estimated today at from 45,000 to 60,000 and STILL GROWING. They're lying in air reinforcements steadily.

One correspondent says today that our progress in the battle of Leyte is heartening, but dirty fighting is still ahead. He adds that the going is tougher than the worst in New Guinea—that the enemy "has to be pried out of foxholes Jap by Jap."

ADMIRAL MITSCHER warned us several days back not to expect further SWEEPING advances in the Pacific for a while. He pointed out that we're fighting at VAST distances from home, that we've been fighting in adverse weather, and that we're using up immense quantities of supplies. We'll have to GO SLOWER while we BRING UP MORE supplies.

Our present problem is to HOLD WHAT WE'VE TAKEN while we get ready for further advances.

SOMETHING appears to be brewing at Metz.

Since early of yesterday, they have been four of its 22 forts. They seem to have fallen TOO EASILY. The German general Von Rundstedt, says in a broadcast: "Metz has fulfilled its task in holding back the Americans while our front line fortifications were being deepened."

Maybe the Germans are getting ready to evacuate this strongest fortress in western Europe. Headquarters dispatches this morning say the answer to this riddle may be expected within the next 24 to 48 hours.

HOLLAND is quiet, with low ceilings, snow flurries and generally bad weather holding our activity to a minimum. There is heavy snow in the Vosges mountains to the south of Metz. There is low cloud at Metz, and our reconnaissance planes can't see whether the Germans are bringing in reinforcements or pulling out.

THE Russians, stopped in Budapest's southern suburbs, are moving in from the east, and are only 37 miles away. The Germans are fighting back hard with tanks and anti-tank guns. Progress is slow.

STOCKHOLM says today that rumors of Hitler's death are intensified in Berlin by a report that all visits to him have been cancelled.

The present "is he or is he not" situation with regard to Hitler meets all the specifications for a first-class pulp thriller which probably explains a lot of the rumors.

LONDON dispatches today inform us that the sinking of the German battleship Tirpitz is expected to release strong units of the British home fleet for service against the Japs.

We're getting quite eager to see some BRITISH ACTION against the Jap in this period when we're slowed while bringing in our strength.

THE extreme scarcity of news from Europe is still a little significant. Such a period usually precedes something big.

THERE is an interesting sidelight on European ways in the story today that the Count of Paris, "pretender" to the (Continued on Page Two)