

77TH PLUNGES TOWARD ORMOC

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
SOMETHING thrilling happens on Leyte.

On PEARL HARBOR DAY an American warship-and-plane-protected convoy that had threaded its way around the island's southern end through the mine-strewn Surigayo strait and the choppy waters to the west of the LANDS U. S. TROOPS came ORMOC BEHIND the Japs and, SPLITTING their line.

By a lucky coincidence, OUR navy meets a 13-ship JAP navy that was bringing enemy reinforcements to Ormoc and SPES IT OUT, along with the 100 Jap soldiers and their equipment it was carrying.

It was a daring operation, carried out in the "full speed ahead and damn the torpedoes" tradition of Farragut. These fighting men of ours HAVE THAT IT TAKES.

At the same time, our WAR-SHIPS and army and navy land-based heavy bombers (including B-29s) hit the Jap air bases in the Volcano Islands on Iwo Jima (the Volcano group) from which Jap bombers have been attacking the B-29 bases in the Marianas. The wording of Nimitz' communique indicates that the attack was a BIG one—maybe our greatest land-based raid YET in the Pacific.

WO JIMA is not only near enough to make more or less instant nuisance attacks on our Marianas base—it is halfway to Tokyo ON THE ROUTE of our B-29s. Jap planes rising from the fields can attack our big planes going to and from Japan. Naturally, we want to put a stop to that.

THE Tokyo radio today admits the earthquake.

THE tone of the admission is that it was a BOON OF NATURE. Tidal waves washing Nippon's ancient cities free of filth and sewage, their clean and sanitary earth shocks breaking windows and letting in the pure outside air to keep the Japs healthy.

WHEN it comes to putting a good face on affairs, you have to hand it to the little yellow men. Do you suppose they are so happy enough to swallow that kind of guff?

ON Leyte, we're hunting down and killing the 200 suicide parachutists the Japs landed to try and sabotage our airfields here. We've finished off most of them.

ON the western front, the Germans today are LAYING MORE SCREENS on the east bank of the Roer river—possibly conceal the beginning of their withdrawal to the line of the Rhine.

ON the Cologne plain, we're FORCING VON RUNDSTEDT TO FIGHT. Having superior power, we can choose the place and the time. We've chosen Aachen-Cologne as the place and NOW is the time. Blowing the WEAKER force, von Rundstedt has to accept our choice. If he weakens himself fight somewhere else, we'll smash him at Cologne.

ATTON'S 3rd is biting deeper day by day into the Saar, which provides 10 per cent of Germany's iron and steel. Watch him. You never can tell what he'll do next—and neither can the Germans.

THE Russians are sneaking Budapest in a constantly tightening grip. The Germans are rushing in reinforcements from Vienna. The fighting there is growing in fury.

THE Germans are reported today to be showing signs of weakness about WINTER operations in East Prussia and land-raiding the Russian lines for prisoners so as to get information as to disposition of troops, etc.

THE British seem to be getting the upper hand in Greece. Around 1000 Elms have been rendered, according to today's patches. Athens' hospitals reported swamped with casualties of the fighting.

In the house of commons, Churchill demands AND GETS a vote of confidence on his conduct of the Greek affair—the vote is 239 to 30.

Characteristically, he wades with fists swinging. He says (Continued on Page Two)

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Third Bores Deeper Into Siegfried Line; Rips Saarbrucken

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Dec. 8 (AP)—The third army bored a mile and a half into the Siegfried line at points eight miles inside the Saarland under intense German fire today and steadily reduced Saarbrucken and its steel mills with long toms and heavy howitzers firing three miles or so from that capital.

The 90th division advancing steadily past Dillingen knocked out a number of thick pillboxes in the wooded area three miles north of Saarbrucken.

(The Paris radio broadcast that the third army had captured Forbach, rail city of 11,500, three and a half miles southwest of Saarbrucken.)

The 11th regiment of the fifth division which began an attack two months ago upon the underground labyrinth of Fort Driant, five miles southwest of Metz, finally captured that stronghold along with 570 prisoners.

On the third army's right, the seventh army of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch rolled the Germans toward the Saar and Palatinate on a 35-mile front and advanced within 4 1/2 miles of the frontier.

Ripped Apart
Saarbrucken, capital of the Saarland and center of its industry, was being ripped to pieces by artillery within sight of the burning city of 135,000, for the ninth consecutive day. The Germans themselves were wrecking Saarbrucken with their own artillery, trying to hamper the American buildup of assault forces in the arsenal valley.

The ninth army to the north reported new signs of enemy movement in little villages east of the Roer, east and southeast of Julich. Thunderbolts bombed two bridges on the Rur river and canal which the Germans are likely to defend outside Cologne and other Rhineland cities should the allies force the flooded Roer.

Captures Mouterhouse
The seventh army captured Mouterhouse, four miles south of the Maginot stronghold of Bitche which was attacked by 75 planes. Patch moved his center into Gamsbheim, a mile from the Rhine and eight north-east of Strasbourg.

It was wet and cold along the whole front, restricting flying.

Infantry of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army seized high ground between Inden and (Continued on Page Two)

B-29s Bomb Iwo Jima; Quake Damage Admitted

TIDAL WAVE FLOODS JAP BUILDINGS

Landslide Started by Shake, Domei Reports

By The Associated Press
Radio Tokyo admitted today that the earthquake yesterday caused a tidal wave which covered houses with water, started a landslide and damaged buildings.

After almost a day of denials of major damage, the Japanese news agency Domei admitted that Tokyo was shaken and that a tidal wave inundated houses.

The Domei dispatch, intercepted by the federal communications commission, said: "Center in Anshu
The seismic center of the earthquake which hit the Tokyo district yesterday afternoon was in the sea of Anshu.

The districts affected by the (Continued on Page Two)

HEAVY CHRISTMAS BUYING REPORTED

Christmas buying from gift shops to grocery stores was reported going great guns in the shopping section and merchants anticipated tomorrow, Saturday, would be one of the busiest days on record.

With only 13 more shopping days left until Christmas, stores were reportedly selling merchandise as fast as it was marked and put on the shelves, and one merchant said Friday that only constant small shipments of gift articles kept the counters stocked.



Being wheeled from the train platform by attendants at the army's general hospital at Van Nuys, Calif., are the first two casualties to arrive from the Philippine invasion. Sgt. George A. McFall (left), Willamette, Ore., and PFC Charles B. Tucker (right), Orrick, Mo., both suffered shrapnel wounds from Japanese mortars on Leyte. (AP wirephoto)

British Rush to Intercept 700 Advancing Elms Troops

By STEPHEN BARBER
ATHENS, Dec. 8 (AP)—British patrols in tanks and armored cars pushed out from Athens today to meet 700 insurgent Elms militiamen advancing from the northeast on the Greek capital.

King Given Vote Of Confidence

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Canadian parliament gave Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King a decisive vote of confidence today in a move endorsing his decision to conscript troops for replacements in Europe and apparently burying the nation-splitting conscription issue for the duration of the war.

Red Army's Advance

Black arrows locate red army advances with large shaded arrow indicating possible continuation of these drives toward Austria. Pushing along Lake Balaton, the Russians took Balaton Boglar and to the south captured Marcell and Szigetvar. Heavy line is approximate battle front. (AP wirephoto map)

Wounded Arrive From Leyte

SUPERFORTS DROP RECORD BOMB LOADS

Shizuoka Blasted by Reconnaissance Plane

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—A sizeable task force of B-29s dropped a "record load of bombs" on Iwo Jima, in the Japanese Bonin-Volcano islands yesterday.

SHIZUOKA BOMBED
TWENTY-FIRST U.S. BOMBER COMMAND, Saipan, Dec. 8 (AP)—One American Superfortress bomber on a weather reconnaissance mission dropped incendiary bombs on Shizuoka, important Japanese rail center 100 miles southwest of Tokyo, early today.

The crew returning to their Saipan base reported their incendiaries started four fires visible (Continued on Page Three)

WING OF RED ARMY SPEARS NEAR CITY

By DANIEL de LUCE
MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (AP)—The heavily armored right wing of the Russian third Ukrainian army was reported dug in strongly around five concrete stadia deeper in the park.

Parachute troops pursued the house to house cleanup in the residential section across the main road to Pireaus from the park to the foot of the Acropolis. Parachuters held the heights of the Acropolis.

Elas Strategy
The Elas strategy appeared to be to bring up forces from the southeast suburbs around back of the royal palace to reinforce insurgents engaging a Greek mountain brigade barracks to the northwest. Reserves also were reported coming in from the northwest to join the engagement.

British Beaufighter planes stood by with propellers whirling for use if needed. An Elms wounded man said in a hospital that Spitfire and Beaufighter fire caused a number of Elms casualties yesterday.

YANKS SLASH JAP DEFENSES; TRAP 25,000

13-Ship Convoy Sunk With 4000 Troops Off Leyte

By C. YATES McDANIEL
GENERAL M. A. ARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 8 (AP)—Veteran 7th division Yanks from Guam, daringly put ashore by the navy to the rear of more than 25,000 trapped Japanese, rolled rapidly north today toward the enemy's west Leyte reinforcement port of Ormoc, less than three miles away.

The surprise landing Thursday in Ormoc harbor, under the guns of seventh fleet destroyers and swarms of fighter planes, cut in half the heavily defended Yamashita defense line.

Coming on the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor the Ormoc attack was a bloody and grim reminder to the Japanese that American arms have grown powerful—and lethal since that day which plunged the United States into war.

This bold penetration of the Philippines inland seas to west Leyte, made while Yanks on east Leyte were hunting down and killing the bulk of 200 (Continued on Page Two)

PUD INVESTIGATION FAVORED BY BOARD

Directors of the Klamath Irrigation district were on record today as favoring an investigation by the state hydro-electric commission of the advisability of creating a people's utility district in Klamath county.

The board pointed out that Bonneville representatives have claimed cheaper power could be brought here through a Bonneville transmission line and a PUD. A probe by the state hydro commission, brought about by petitions, should settle that question, the district board said.

Action of the irrigation board differed from that taken recently by the county court and the city council, both of which resolved in favor of bringing Bonneville power into Klamath county.

The irrigation district board also went on record as opposed to "any proposal to limit Bonneville power to the place of production," taking note of an effort in congress to limit government power sales to the generating points, rather than on transmission lines. The irrigation board's action in this matter is in accord with that of the directors of the Klamath county chamber of commerce.

3 SHOPPING DAYS Left
HELP HIM GET HIS GIFTS EARLY
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS