

# ORMOC SEIZED; SQUEEZE PLAY PUT ON JAPS

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Japanese facing a dead-end squeeze play. Douglas MacArthur reported in his communique today: "Trapped and compressed in a narrow pocket by these three columns, the enemy's narrow frontage, although thousands strong, are unable to extricate themselves. They are being destroyed in little opportunity for effective retaliation."

### Opposition Light

Associated Press Correspondent Dean Scheidler, with the 77th division, wrote that Maj. Gen. Andrew Bruce's veteran outfit and opposition surprisingly in securing a beachhead at Ormoc, immediately moved toward Ormoc along the coast road, meeting only light resistance at first. Strong dugouts and pillboxes had to be destroyed.

Capture of Ormoc represents a heavy blow to the Japanese. It was vital to the enemy as a port for his troops the Ormoc corridor running through mountainous country from Ormoc to Carigara bay on the west coast. This corridor on the left shoulder of the island, Ormoc's last effective grasp on the Philippines.

# B-29s Give Tokyo Restless Weekend

SEVENTY-FIRST BOMBARDMENT COMMAND, Salpan, Dec. 11 (AP)—B-29s, combining weather reconnaissance with nocturnal bombing tactics, gave Tokyo a restless weekend. It started early Saturday when an airplane commanded by Lt. Thomas Garvin, North Carolina, N. J., not only set fires in the Japanese capital, but also dropped two cases of empty incendiary bombs.

# Our Home Town

### Comradeship

By EARL WHITLOCK

There used to stand, in Mall, London—it is still standing, suppose, if a bomb hasn't hit a monument with a bronze relief showing an episode in the Boxer rising in China. The scene depicted at a moment when, all the British officers, disabled wounds, the monument was commanded by a United States officer.



That scene was chosen by the United States Marines, to go on the relief. There, in any other country, monuments erected by soldiers who have deliberately selected, in a host of glorious memories, that one moment which shows them fighting under the command of an officer of a country other than their own. Some time when you think you are bound to have difficulties with Britain in the matter of postwar adjustments, you might remember that monument and take heart.



Next Monday Mr. Whitlock of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home will comment on "The Old Oak."

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# Ralph Kitterman Dies of Injuries

Ralph Harrison Kitterman, 60, employed as sawyer at the Williams-Kitterman mill 27 miles northwest of Klamath Falls on the Green Springs, died late Saturday morning from injuries received at the mill.

Kitterman was standing near the saw when a log jumped off the skids, striking him in the back and pinning him to the cant. The accident occurred at 10 a. m. and Kitterman died at 10:30 while en route to Klamath Falls by car. Ward's ambulance met the machine carrying the injured man, but he was pronounced dead as they transferred him to the ambulance.

The mill, operated by Kitterman's son-in-law, A. A. Williams, and his brother, Robert Kitterman, was finishing up what was the last day of operation. Kitterman lived for many years at Kerby, Ore., and also at Mt. Shasta, Calif. He had lived here but six months. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, 5413 Shasta way, one son, T/Sgt. Donald G. Kitterman, US army air corps, overseas; and three daughters, Jeanne, Mrs. A. A. Williams, both of this city, and Mrs. Sherman Moore, Pomona, Calif.

The remains are at Ward's.

# First Army Drives Deeper Into Reich

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Duren, toppled. Nearby Gelch, Obergeich and Strass were taken yesterday.

Late in the day, the first army had fought a quarter mile east of Eichtz within plain view of the snow-covered ruins of Duren. They also seized Schleich, 2 1/2 miles west of Duren, although fighting continued west of the village.

### Give Ground

All along the first army front the Germans were giving ground and apparently fighting only screening actions while moving the bulk of their forces beyond the Roer. Three prepared German lines lie within 250 yards of the east bank of the flooded river.

Total advances since the drive started Sunday were three or more miles at places. Divebombers supported the foot troops with screaming attacks on hidden 11-millimeter guns hammering at troops advancing among the slag heaps.

### Battling Rage

Street fighting raged in at least five villages, the farthest of which was five miles from Duren. They were Pier, Merken, Gey, Merode and Schafberg. The Germans employed dug-in tanks and self-propelled guns at Gey.

On the Saarland front to the south, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army fought amid Siegfried line defenses at Dillingen and Saarlautern, encountering ever stiffening resistance which took on a fanatical character. Tanks and guns fired at the Americans from village points inside buildings and factories. Infantry was buried under rubble heaps left in the wake of allied air forces.

### Suicide Charges

Eleven enemy counterattacks have been launched in this area in the past two days. Three came at Dillingen before dawn today. In one of these 85 Germans made a charge shouting "Heil Hitler." Every Nazi was killed.

During Sunday, the 95th division reported clearing out 25 pillboxes, 30 fortified buildings and several dug-in tanks inside Saarlautern, which the Americans held for eight days ago. Patton's men also fought in the streets of Roden and Fraillautern beyond Saarlautern, and in Sarreguemines.

At Merken, the first army was within 22 miles of Cologne and astride the main highway which the Germans call an autobahn. The road crosses the Roer river three miles north of Duren, a key city of 30,000 and then debouches into lesser roads in the flat rolling approaches to Cologne.

# Sealed Bids Set For Opening Tuesday

Sealed bids will be opened Tuesday, January 16, at 10 a. m., at the Klamath offices of the bureau of reclamation for furnishing labor and material and performing all the work on pumping plants E and F in the Lower Klamath lake area. Specifications for the work may be secured at the offices of the bureau here. These plants are to be used in removing excess water from Lower Klamath lake through the Klamath straits' drain outlet.

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# HOUSE RAZED EARLY SUNDAY; CHILD SAVED

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all on fire." He said he grabbed the child who was in his bed, smashed the bedroom window with his fist, threw the child to the ground, and then climbed through the shattered glass. He carried the infant next door where his former wife and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Anderson, reside at 1759 Summers lane.

### Break Window

Anders, accompanied by Anderson and a marine, Cpl. James Smith of the Barracks who was the weekend guest at the Anderson home, ran back to the burning house and broke the window in Dorothy's bedroom.

The girl was lying on the floor and Anderson threw one leg over the sill and attempted to pull her toward him by the hair. He made a second attempt and lifted her to the window where Smith assisted him in getting Dorothy from the burning structure. They carried her to the Anderson home but were unable to use telephones in the neighborhood as fire had destroyed the line.

### Rushed to Hospital

Hailing a passing car, both Anders and his daughter were rushed to Klamath Valley hospital. They were admitted at 4:35 a. m.

Anderson suffered bad cuts and scratches from the broken glass and the marine received cuts on the fingers and his hair was singed.

Neighbors called the county fire department which reached the scene immediately but too late to extinguish the blaze.

### Attended Local Schools

Dorothy Anders was born in Vernonia, Ore., July 13, 1922. She came to Klamath Falls with her parents in December of 1929, and attended Fairview and Conger grade schools and Klamath Union high school. She was married at one time to Ben Ferguson, a former Southern Pacific employe now living in Seattle. Dorothy had also worked in Dunsmuir at the SP roundhouse. Since October 19, 1944, Dorothy has been employed as a cut girl with the SP here.

Cause of the fire was not determined at a late hour Monday. The family used both a wood cookstove and heater but relatives said they thought both fires were out when the Anders retired and that defective wiring might have caused the blaze. Miss Anders was moved to Ward's funeral home where notice of final rites will be made later. Miss Anders is survived by her father, her mother, Mrs. Otis Anderson, and a half-brother and half-sister, Bobby Anderson, 9, and Jean Anderson, 16.

# Monday Mailing Rush Reported

The usual Monday rush of Christmas mailing was in progress today at the Klamath post office. According to Burt E. Hawkins, postmaster, the cause for this rush is the fact that many people wrap and prepare Christmas packages for mailing over the weekend.

The public maintained a steady demand for service at the parcel windows and at station number one, located at Hendricks Drug store, 2212 S. 6th, as well as the U. S. O. office at 817 Main.

Many parcels are being mailed by service men and women at the U. S. O. headquarters and this relieves the congestion considerably at the parcel post windows in the main post office.

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# Nazi Counterblow Repulsed in Italy

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The fiercest of these counterattacks was directed at gaining a foothold on the ridge running southwest from San Prospero to Pideura, west of Faenza. Both San Prospero and Pideura had been captured by eighth army troops in bloody slugging matches.

# BRITISH CREATE PACIFIC COMMAND

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Sir Arthur J. Power, who had been second in command to Fraser.

Under the new set-up it was believed that Fraser's fleet would operate under command of Admiral Chester Nimitz in the central Pacific and under Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Southwest Pacific as strategy demands.

The East Indies station would supply floating power to support Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's advance back into lower Burma and Malaya.

The admiralty declined to describe the precise limits of Fraser's new command.

Rear Admiral C. S. Daniel, who won the DSO for his anti-submarine work early in the war, has been made vice admiral and placed in charge of administration of the new British Pacific fleet.

# U. S. Service Team Expelled From Bulgaria

ISTANBUL, Dec. 10 (AP)—(Delayed)—The Russians have expelled a four-man U. S. office of strategic services team from Bulgaria for the second time since Bulgaria's surrender.

Allowed to return after an earlier expulsion, the four were told they must leave on the same grounds as before—that they were not officially accredited by the Russians.

# Sailor Sentenced To Prison Term

Calvin Bruce McCowen, 18, seaman second class at the Klamath naval air station, was sentenced to three years in prison today by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenburg, after McCowen pleaded guilty to statutory rape.

McCowen was accused in connection with the case of a 15-year-old local girl. His home is at Elk City, Okla.

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# BOLD DIES IN HOSPITAL HERE; MARINE HELD

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Entered Car

Sisemore said the investigation indicated that Bold and Stevens met at the Duffalo lunch on South Sixth street, and that Stevens got into Bold's car. Stevens' story was that Bold had offered to drive him to the El Padre roadhouse at the Merrill junction, but that Bold instead drove toward town and stopped behind the Kerns building, Sisemore stated.

Trouble developed between the two men, and Bold was injured. Stevens, the district attorney said, drove Bold's car away. That was about 10 p. m.

When Loomis came to work at Kerns the next morning, he thought he heard a groan as he left his car and went inside the building to build a fire. When he returned to the car, he discovered Bold lying almost under the car. Tracks showed that Loomis, unwittingly, had driven the car within a few inches of the unconscious man.

Authorities said it had not been decided Monday whether Stevens would be prosecuted by the state, or the case would be taken through the military courts. Investigations have been launched by both military and civil authorities, and will include an attempt to learn something of the character of Bold as it related to the story, told by the marine, as to the cause of the trouble between the two men.

Bold is a native of Germany. He formerly lived in the Hildebrand section, but moved some time ago to a small farm near Henley. He was unmarried and his relatives are in Germany.

### Post Mortem

Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, said that he would conduct a post-mortem on the body of Bold. It has not been determined whether he died of injuries or of exposure resulting from being left injured for an entire night in severe weather.

PFC Stevens is a veteran of the Pacific fighting, here recuperating from a tropical ailment. In the Pacific, he received recognition for rescue of a wounded American officer in Japanese lines. It is understood his record shows certain infractions of disciplinary regulations in this country.

The investigation, it is understood, will be questioning of a

# Slattery Quits REA Position

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—Harry Slattery, whose resignation as rural electrification administrator was announced by the White House today, said he quit "to carry this fight to the public."

In a statement, the embattled veteran of two democratic administrations, said that Agriculture Secretary Wickard had "by-passed and displaced me as actual administrator" with the result that "the situation within REA has become indefensible and increasingly intolerable."

Slattery said the appointment of a deputy administrator with "coordinate" authority had the effect of displacing him.

# Klamath Home Owners Line Up For Fuel Quotas

Portland's famous cigarette queues have nothing on Klamath Falls where home-owners line up twice weekly to obtain their much-needed ration of compressed fuel.

Klamath dealers, obtaining the fuel from Weyerhaeuser Timber company, receive their allotments on Mondays and Fridays. Each morning cars are lined up outside the dealers' buildings to collect their ration of 30 logs. Majority of those seeking fuel are residents who have moved here recently and did not lay in a supply of winter wood.

Weyerhaeuser is also releasing five units, or 240 logs, daily at the plant for employes and other customers.

One Klamath dealer reported a line of 31 cars at his place of business last Friday. Monday the line was slightly shorter, but not much, he said.

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# FRANCE, RUSSIA SIGN ALLIANCE

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was not immediately released, an official announcement said both governments had affirmed their intention to fight on together until "complete victory" over Germany is achieved. They also expressed their determination to take jointly all measures necessary to safeguard Europe against future aggression.

De Gaulle issued a short statement saying: "I am sure the days we have spent here will leave a mark in the history of this war, and I believe, too, they will leave a mark in the peace for the good of all men. Long live soviet Russia."

# GREEKS ORDER UP RESERVE CLASSES

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been battling the Elms, also were reported being reinforced, apparently for a show-down fight. A government decree issued by the minister of war called up Greeks of the classes of 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938.

Acute food shortages and the imminent danger of epidemics threatened this strife-torn capital today as British heavy bombers for the first time in the week-long civil struggle attacked Elms concentrations around the city.

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### WHICH WAY?

There's a road which leads to life. Straight and narrow all the way: 'Tis the road that's only trod By ones whose Christ obey.

O, my friend, which way? Which way? Pause, O, pause, ere 'tis too late. Shun the road which leads to death; Start today for Heaven's gate.

There's a road which leads to death. Easy travelled, plain and wide; Trod by those who pleasures seek. But in pain shall e'er abide.

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