

1ST ARMY BREAKS OUT OF FOREST

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The war of attrition on the western front grinds on. Gains are measured in yards. A mile (1700 yards) is a BIG gain. The point is that we gain instead of losing.

There are continued hints in the news that our losses are heavy—but NO exact official statement of what they are. Our top leadership is still afraid of the American people afraid we can't take it. They are wrong. We CAN take it. We'd rather have the grim truth than uncertain fears.

But we common people can't get much about it. Keeping the worst from us is all the official policy—and official policies are harder to blast than the German pillboxes.

In spite of foul weather, our air arm is still busy. More than 2000 U. S. planes bombers and protecting fighters hit German oil refineries and railroad yards in Germany yesterday. Similar attacks were made on Dec. 11.

These are the biggest bombing operations in history—more than DOUBLE the Germans' top effort when their air force was being great guns back in 1940.

Oil is probably modern war's No. 1 munition. Transport railroads, highways, etc.) has ALWAYS been essential in war. It is even more so now. The Germans have undoubtedly taken a lot of their war industry UNDER GROUND. But they CAN'T take transport underground. Building subways could be too slow. Railroads and highways have to stay out in the open where they can be hit.

Watch our attacks on German transport. The Germans are muttering dire threats about a 1945 offensive, new weapons (flying bombs of longer and longer range, underwater-breathing submarines, etc.).

The logic of the European situation says clearly that the Germans are WHIPPED if we and the British and the Russians stick together to the bitter end—undoubtedly, we will. Our agreements (if any) will come later. The Germans are finished off.

In the light of this plain logic, we are justified in guessing that the Germans are making gory threats in the hope of frightening us into giving them a less drastic peace—maybe a peace that will save NAZI necks.

On the east, the battle for Budapest grinds on much like the battle on the western front. The Russians are inching daily nearer. There are no reports of Russian activities elsewhere.

The Berlin radio says today that non-essential civilians are being evacuated from Tokyo, with special emphasis on the old and infirm, children and expectant mothers.

There is nothing particularly startling in the announcement—which is doubtless true. London and Berlin have been similarly evacuated from time to time. So have other cities. It is the natural thing to do.

ALL SAVAGE NATIONS get their women and children out.

EVACUATION of Tokyo DOES give the lie to the silly Jap propaganda about little or no damage being done by our bombs.

On eastern Leyte the Jap 26th division has been "eradicated." The entire Ormoc garrison has been "destroyed." The Jap idea of war is apparently STILL to die to the last man.

In Australia, Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, commander of the new British Pacific fleet, is quoted in an interview that England (Continued on Page Two)

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Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00		
Stream year to date	2.66		
Normal	2.50	Last year	2.30
Forecast: Cold and Clear			
Wednesday Shooting Hours	5:10		
Open	7:35	Close	5:34
Tel. 1: Open	7:35	Close	5:34

Trap Squeezes Shut On Japs; Thousands Die

By The Associated Press
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 12—Japan's bloody but vain defense of Ormoc took on the proportions of an annihilation today as headquarters reported thousands of crack Imperial troops wiped out in a deadly trap just south of the Leyte island port city.

Doughboys of the 77th and seventh infantry divisions effected a junction just south of Ormoc on Monday and eradicated the 26th Nipponese division, hopelessly caught in a nutcracker-like vice fashioned after strategic Yank landings on the coast below Ormoc on Thursday.

Destroy Ormoc Garrison
Other units of the 77th meanwhile destroyed the entire garrison bitterly defending Ormoc, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced in his communique today. He described fighting as "of the most desperate character" all the way.

Annihilation of the Japanese in the Ormoc sector eliminated the southern segment of the Yamashita line. While MacArthur did not specify the number of enemy troops wiped out in the trap, he said in his Monday communique that "many thousands" were in the narrowing pocket. There was little indication many could have escaped.

Clear Mountainous Shoulder
With Ormoc taken, the hard-driving Americans turned more power to the task of clearing the enemy from the mountainous northwest shoulder of Leyte island.

Terrain still was virtually impassable, but MacArthur reported his 32nd division was "slowly surging forward" against enemy positions in the rugged corridor, which runs from Ormoc to Carigara bay on the north.

(NBC Correspondent George Thomas Folster said the 77th and seventh divisions found the Japanese well entrenched when they entered Ormoc. He broadcast: "The enemy had automatic weapons at street intersections, snipers on rooftops and nests of sharpshooters hidden under houses. Taking Ormoc was not the easy matter that taking Tacloban on the east coast was. If they could have done so, the Japs would have held the town at all costs.")

Drop Bombs
The Nippon radio said the raiders, on the fourth incursion, "fled toward the southeastern sea after dropping incendiary bombs on two or three places."

Begin At Once
Berlin said evacuation of the city of 7,000,000 bombed repeatedly by American Superfortresses "would begin at once."

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This Fellow Got His!
One Klamath citizen stepped into line to get his week's ration of compressed fuel which he loaded into the back of a coupe. An unprecedented fuel shortage in Klamath Falls has made it necessary to ration the compressed fuel which is available only on Monday and Friday of each week. The city council listened sympathetically to fuel problems last night as presented by OPA officials and dealers.

LIBERAL FOREIGN POLICY OUTLINED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Edward R. Stettinius Jr., and his team of six prospective assistants told congress today that a reorganized state department is aiming at "a liberal and forward looking foreign policy."

Testifying before the senate foreign relations committee in the jam-packed senate caucus room, the new secretary of state, his under-secretary designate and five assistants told how they intend to carry out their jobs if the senate confirms their nominations.

Outlines Objectives
Their more than two hours of testimony was keynoted by Stettinius, who outlined five major departmental objectives.

Little Questioning
Despite the senate's action in sending back to the committee the nominations of Joseph C. Grew, under secretary, and Archibald MacLellan, Nelson Rockefeller and W. L. Clayton, assistants, there was little pointed questioning of them by committee members.

When the committee recessed until tomorrow all of these, with James C. Dunn and Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes had read state. (Continued on Page Two)

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Imported Fuel Wood to Aid In Unprecedented Shortage

For the first time in the history of Klamath Falls, fuel wood will be imported to relieve the existing shortage in this area.

The city council was informed by R. C. Dale, member of the OPA fuel panel, that 1500 cords of wood would be forthcoming from Redmond and 1000 cords from Eugene. First shipments are expected immediately.

Supply Low
In the midst of discussion on fuel shortage, D. O. Wood of the Klamath Heating plant advised the council that unless some 3500 units of fuel was obtained by his outfit, the supply would be exhausted by January 15.

Heating problems, which ranged from the cookstove to office buildings and apartment houses, were aired before OPA officials, members of the fuel panel, dealers, interested citizens and the military, at the regular council meeting last night.

Council Puzzled
The council appeared puzzled as to its status in the situation as it could neither recommend nor take action as far as private fuel dealers were concerned. Finally Mayor John Houston told the audience that the city administration was eager to assist in the problem and willing to listen to their troubles. It was apparent that OPA officials hoped the city would take some action and relieve that body of its worries.

Dale reported on a meeting held Monday afternoon when the scarcity of fuel and an alleged lack of deliveries was brought to the panel's attention. He reported that it was his understanding that 2500 cords of wood remained in this area to carry the community through the balance of the winter.

Transfer Arranged
Dale then advised that the government had made arrangements for the transfer of the Redmond and Eugene wood to Klamath Falls but that the question was: could the fuel companies make delivery here upon arrival of the shipments?

Howard Strode, OPA board supervisor, told city fathers that the government "will get you the wood but can't tell how it will be delivered." He said the government had paid a subsidy of some \$9000 to bring the wood here.

Strode Skeptical
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TERMS OFFERED TO EAM UNITS; STRIFE RAGES

Alexander Arrives in Athens to End Battle

LONDON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander arrived in Athens today and will take "the necessary steps" to end the fratricidal strife there as soon as EAM forces have evacuated the Athens-Piraeus area and laid down their arms.

These terms were submitted to an EAM (national liberation front) representative, by Maj. Gen. R. M. Scobie, commanding British troops in Greece.

Scobie to Command
1—ELAS troops must remain under Scobie's orders.
2—All ELAS supporters in the Athens-Piraeus area must hand in their arms and evacuate the area.

3—Once this is done, Alexander will "initiate the necessary steps to put an end to the present turmoil in Greece and restore to all Greeks, whatever their opinions, peaceful enjoyment of their democratic liberties, the first step of which must be the disbandment of all private armies."

To Report
The EAM emissary, Miliades Porphyronyannis, former communist member in Premier George Papandreu's government, then left to report to his leaders.

Alexander, allied commander in the Mediterranean, reached Athens with Cabinet Minister Harold MacMillan.

Maj. Gen. Scobie announced "There has been no slackening of rebel resistance and, although some progress has been made in the Piraeus and several sectors of the city, the general situation has improved little."

"British reinforcements have landed and some progress has been made during the past 12 hours against heavy resistance. Elsewhere in Greece the position is generally uneasy."

Senate Passes Rivers Bill
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—The senate passed a \$500,000,000 rivers and harbors bill today after rejecting, 56 to 25, a proposal to include the St. Lawrence seaway and power project among its authorizations.

A last-minute telegram from President Roosevelt urging speedy approval of the St. Lawrence development failed to win votes from many usually found supporting the administration.

Sen. Harry S. Truman of Missouri, casting his first senate vote since his election as vice president, lined up with the president's view.

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YANKS WITHIN HALF MILE OF NAZI ANCHOR

Germans Dealt Heavy Blows by Three Armies

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
Associated Press War Editor
U. S. first army tanks and infantry burst from the Hurtgen forest today, seized 1000 yards on the Roer river's west bank and drove to within a half mile of Duren, anchor of the Nazi Roer line, as three American armies on the west front dealt heavy blows against the Germans.

The first army virtually cleared Mariaweller at the edge of Duren which is 20 miles southwest of Cologne, and in the area took Hoven, Pier, Merker, Merode, Gey, and Derichweiler.

Crack Maginot
U. S. seventh army troops on the American right flank broke clear through the Maginot line, advancing more than six miles in eight hours, and reached Seltz, 15 miles southwest of the Rhine city of Karlsruhe. Seltz is four miles from the German Palatinate border.

The U. S. third army struck hard against the Saar basin and battled from house to house in Saarlautern and other towns in that sector.

First army units advanced to within one-half mile of Duren, anchor of the German Roer line. A supreme headquarters spokesman speculated that the bulk of German forces already had been withdrawn to the Roer's east side, leaving delaying forces behind.

Reach Palatinat
The U. S. seventh army menaced the German Palatinat. Berlin said the seventh had launched a new major offensive. (Continued on Page Two)

DRIVER KILLED; KENO MAN HELD

DORRIS—Frank Sames, lumber worker living at Keno, is held by Siskiyou authorities at Yreka in connection with the death of Albert Howard Vanderhoff, Los Angeles truck driver, in an automobile accident north of Dorris last Saturday at midnight.

Vanderhoff, according to highway patrolmen and local officers, was killed as he was standing in front of his truck, which had broken down and was parked by the roadside.

Goes Over Bank
He was struck by a green pickup truck, which went over a steep embankment after striking the man, and hurtled approximately 100 feet in the air before coming to rest in a snowbank.

Vincent Giano, Portland, owner of the truck, was present, and sent word for help. R. L. Smith and Raymond Otey, local officers, went to the scene, and after considerable searching in the dark, located the body of Vanderhoff, 60 feet from the highway. Looking further, they found the truck unoccupied, well down the side of the steep hill.

After tracing ownership of the truck, a California officer arrested Sames at Keno, and he was returned to California for prosecution. The officers claim (Continued on Page Two)

Salary Increase For President Urged by Vinson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—An increase in the president's salary from \$75,000 to \$100,000 yearly was urged today by Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.).

He also proposed in a bill that \$20,000 yearly be paid to the vice president, house speaker and cabinet members and \$15,000 yearly to congressmen. Vinson told the house taxes and living costs had increased so much the raises were necessary. He said the president actually gets only about \$27,000 a year now.

The house voted last week to provide \$500 more yearly to each member for clerical hire, but shunted aside another plan, but boosted congressional salaries.



Thousands Die In Trap
Nipponese troops of the 26th division were wiped out today by the Yank 77th and 7th divisions, which effected a junction south of Ormoc, captured Sunday. The entire garrison defending Ormoc was wiped out also.