

# ALLIED AIR MIGHT HITS NAZIS

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### Weather News

December 23, 1944	
Max. (Dec. 23)	47
Min.	30
Precipitation last 24 hours	Trace
Normal	5.06
Forecast	4.14
Forecast: Possible snow	
Oregon: Open Sunday Shooting Hours	
Tulelake: Open	7:30
Close	5:30

### GOOD WEATHER PERMITS BOMB SMASH AT LINE

#### Germans Now Within 29 Miles of Sedan

By JAMES LONG

PARIS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Allied air might lashed fiercely today in a break in the weather at Nazi armored columns, dealing repeated bomb smashes against the German offensive tide that by Thursday noon had reached within 29 miles of historic Sedan.

Preliminary reports indicated effective blows had been delivered by hundreds of heavy and fighter bombers at Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's surging drive.

#### Into Fight

Bad weather for a week has tied down the allied air arm, but today its might was thrown into the crucial balance.

Supreme headquarters and field reports disclosed the Germans were only 29 miles from Sedan by Thursday noon after a 40-mile drive through Luxembourg into Belgium, and had entered the bypassed Belgian road hub of Bastogne.

#### Holds Its Own

To the northeast, a dug-in U. S. tank force at last report still held its own in a terrific three-day battle just west of St. Vith, four miles inside Belgium.

This furiously fought stand was keeping the deep, dangerous central German wedge split from the northern thrust that had struck beyond Stavelot. The Germans hurled the full force of their armor into attempts to merge the two penetrations.

#### Most Successful

It was one of the fiercest—and supreme headquarters said one of the most successful—battles of the week-long fight to check the Nazi onslaught. The American armored force was fighting on high ground between St. Vith and Velsalm, nine miles to the west.

Von Rundstedt's strong central wedge had battered 18 miles beyond Bastogne to St. Hubert, 29 miles northeast of Sedan and scene of the 1940 German breakthrough into France, 48 hours ago. Subsequent events had not yet been disclosed.

#### Bright Sunshine

Bright sunshine lit the snow-clad battlefields—"the weather we've been praying for," as one pilot said. Up to noon alone today, just one tactical air force reported 12 tanks and armored vehicles knocked out and more than 30 trucks destroyed, and the air assaults continued through the afternoon.

Three German planes were downed in three dogfights near Trier, Coblenz and Euskirchen. Five Thunderbolts were lost over the two former towns.

This afternoon 400 big U. S. bombers hammered German positions with 1500 tons of explosives. Fighter-bombers strafed German columns moving into Belgium.

### British Take Burmese Town

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, KANDY, Ceylon, Dec. 23 (AP)—British troops driving down the Irrawaddy river in northern Burma have captured Tigyang, 42 river miles south of Katha, and approximately 125 miles from Mandalay, the Southeast Asia command announced today.

This new gain by the 36th British division yesterday came as field dispatches gave mounting evidence that the Japanese are withdrawing from northwestern Burma into a defense area around Mandalay. They are leaving only rear guard pockets for delaying actions, dispatches said.

### Nazi E-Boats Attack Convoy

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Strong forces of German E-boats attacked an allied convoy en route to Antwerp last night, but were battered and beaten off without inflicting any damage, the admiralty announced today.

At least two E-boats were sunk, two probably sunk, and five others were damaged during the battle, lasting almost until daybreak, with British ships and light coastal forces. The E-boats attacked just off the mouth of the Schelde river, in their first appearance in weeks, the admiralty added.

#### NO PAPER MONDAY

The Herald and News family will enjoy a holiday Monday, and no edition of the paper will be published on that day. Next edition will appear Tuesday afternoon.

## Nazis Withhold Main Strength On Western Front Breakthrough

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Germany is withholding her ultimate total strength from the breakthrough battle of the western front until the Nazi high command can determine the prospects for a truly major victory.

Military men, reporting this today, suggested the probable German idea of such a victory would be the trapping and destruction of two or three allied armies cut off from the rest of the forces in France.

The Nazi offensive, despite its initial swift progress, has not reached the point where the high command can make the determination.

One military expert, implying that the Germans actually were falling behind on their timetable, said that in view of the early success of the breakthrough the enemy should have progressed farther than the 30-odd miles he is known to have advanced since last Saturday.

There is, however, no inclination to turn away from the fact that the situation in Europe continues grave. Dispatches from the front indicate that the Nazis, probing north and northwestward with part of their armored columns, found stiffening opposition there and now are pushing armored feelers to the south.

The enemy, by no means, has committed his utmost strength to the breakthrough venture, military students here say. Sources of reinforcement, both men and armor, exist. These sources include more or less dormant sections of less active areas, including the central Russian front.

The Russians, however, have assured her two western allies that a winter offensive is coming, and German reports indicate that it has already begun.

This assurance, it was learned, was not the result of any new and direct plea because of the menace of the German breakthrough. It was given by Moscow some time before the Nazis smashed out on their offensive.

The thrusts into the city's outskirts were said by German reports to be a part of a massive triple offensive whose outer prongs are aimed at complete encirclement of the capital.

By EDDY GILMORE  
MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (AP)—An official soviet announcement of the destruction of 101 German tanks in a 24-hour period ending Thursday night gave realistic support today to German reports that the red army's great winter offensive is getting underway.

The fact that the long eastern front now lies under hard, firm snow, with deep freezes, offers the Russians just the kind of weather needed for their slashing attacks. Throughout the war they have always commenced their biggest winter operations in just such weather and temperatures.

The soviets are better equipped than the Germans and the (Continued on Page Ten)

## SKY BATTLES DESTROY 38 JAP AIRCRAFT

### Fights Rage Over Nip Homeland, Posts In Islands

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor

Japan's aerial candle was burning at both ends today in sky battles over homeland aircraft factories and Philippine battlefronts.

Thirty-eight Japanese planes were destroyed yesterday, mostly in the growing American air offensive over the Philippines where Yank infantrymen pushed through the mountains of northwest Leyte island to drive the disorganized enemy into the sea.

Port Shelled  
Forward elements of the 77th division pouring out of Ormoc valley advanced three miles along the road to Palompon, placing them only 10 air miles from the Japanese escape port which American artillery is shelling. These American units and other divisions mopping up pocketed Japanese in Ormoc corridor, killed 1546 Japanese, slightly less than the recent daily averages.

Tokyo radio claimed air victories over Japan and the Philippines even as it reported new (Continued on Page Ten)

## Yreka Officials Arrive to Work On Evans Case

Sheriff Ben Richardson, District Attorney Charles Johnson, Deputy District Attorney Mark Brownman and Court Reporter Ralph McMurray of Yreka, arrived in Klamath Falls to work with Sheriff Lloyd Low on the investigation of the alleged beating of Fermon Clinton Evans, USMC.

The district attorney has filed a complaint against Lewis Summerville at the justice court at Dorris, charging him with assault with a deadly weapon, in connection with his attack on Evans on the night of Tuesday, December 19.

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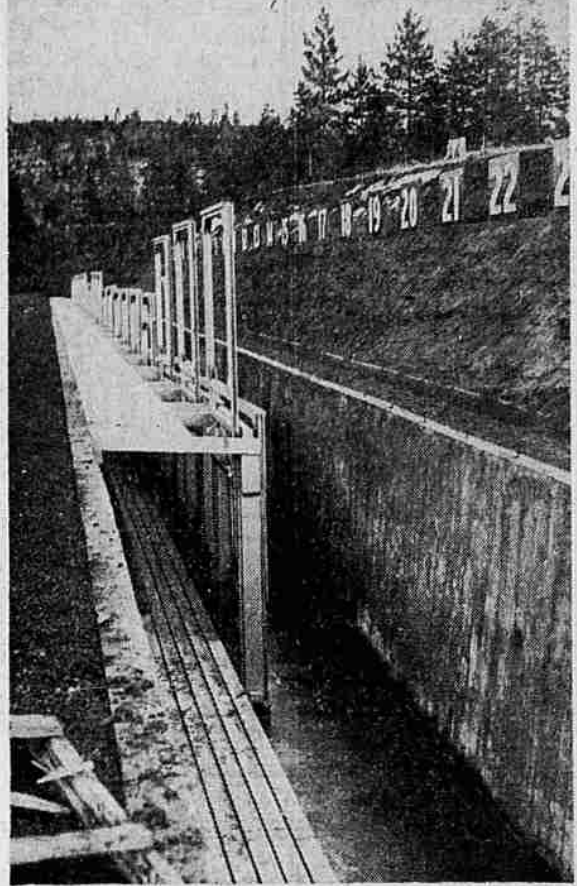
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The broadcast said the commission's report was confirmed by numerous statements of soviet citizens, as well as by French prisoners who were liberated by the advancing red army in Lwow.

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## Christmas Gift to Barracks



Here's a picture of the "butt" at the new Marine Barracks \$90,000 rifle range, a Christmas gift for marine veterans whose fingers may be itching for the feel of a rifle again. The picture shows the target structure, the pit in which target operators work, and the dirt bank which receives bullets. The frames, three of which are raised at the near end, will hold the targets. The bench in the pit is for the use of target operators, who raise the frames on pulleys. The range is now virtually complete and ready for use. It is located on the hill east of the Barracks buildings, and has firing aprons 500 yards, 300 yards and 200 yards from the above-pictured butt.

## 700,000 Allies Tortured, Slain in Lwow by Nazis

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Moscow radio said today an extraordinary soviet commission had established that nearly 700,000 persons, including an undetermined number of American and British from German prison camps, were tortured and slain in the Nazi extermination camp at Lwow.

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## Unionists Start Demonstration In Ward Store

DETROIT, Dec. 23 (AP)—CIO unionists picketing a Montgomery Ward and company store in suburban Royal Oak staged a demonstration inside the store today. Manager Edward Barden said some clothing from the store's stock was ripped and other merchandise thrown on the floor.

State police dispersed the group after it had been inside the department store nearly an hour.

Barden said about 50 pickets paraded in the aisles singing a Christmas carol, then tossed merchandise on the floor, went to the basement to obtain baseball bats, and continued their demonstration. Meanwhile, he said, some of the unionists tried on suits obviously too small for them, and flexing their shoulder muscles, ripped the coats.

## Klamath's Installations Plan Merry Christmas for Service Men in Area

The first Yuletide at the Marine Barracks—and the first statewide Christmas since the war began for most of the men out there—will be in vivid contrast to last year or the one before when December 25 was practically "just another day" on Guadalcanal, Bougainville or Tarawa.

Though the marine corps tries to get every man, no matter where he is, a turkey dinner with trimmings for Christmas, even starting the provisions on their voyage overseas as far ahead as August, situations inevitably arise where canned turkey, hamburgers, or even canned rations have to suffice for the real thing.

Nothing Spared  
But out at the Barracks this year nothing is being spared in the effort to give the Leathernecks a Christmas that will blot from their minds the memories of those Christmas lives lived through in the Pacific.

Twenty-three hundred pounds of turkey are being prepared for the noon-day feast at the mess hall, plus everything else you would look for on a Yule menu, including, incidentally, 5400 pounds of Klamath county's own potatoes and 400 pounds of fruit cake, baked in the post bake shop and soaked in 24 bottles of brandy.

About 3200 people are expected to eat dinner at the mess hall, and cooks and bakers are (Continued on Page Ten)

## Jones Sentenced To Three Years

J. C. Jones, 22, city marshal of Merrill and a veteran of this war, was sentenced to three years at the Oregon state penitentiary at Salem, on Saturday morning.

Jones pleaded guilty before Judge David R. Vandenberg on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl.

Christmas lights shining from the lookout tower on the peninsula hill overlooking their post, help bring Yuletide atmosphere to the men at Camp Tulelake.

Another outdoor decoration at the camp is a set piece at the gate. The day rooms are handsomely decked out in Yuletide trimmings, and parties and gift exchanges are weekend features.

Christmas dinner with turkey will take place at the enlisted men's and officers' messes on Monday.

Santa Claus  
A party for children of officers and enlisted men was scheduled for 2 p. m. Saturday, and more than 150 of the young fry were expected to greet Santa Claus, no other than Bill Hurn of this city, who distributed gifts from a great fir tree standing in the recreation hall.

Christmas dinner was slated for Monday from 11:30 to 1:30 p. m., officers served in BOQ and enlisted men in the mess hall. Invited for the occasion are families of the men who will share turkey and all the accompanying good things with the navy. Printed menus will decorate the tables.

There was to be no flying for men of the squadron Monday, (Continued on Page Ten)

Dewey to Speak On Lincoln Day  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—A Lincoln birthday speech here may give Thomas E. Dewey his first public opportunity since the election to keynote republican views on home and foreign affairs.

The defeated presidential candidate is understood to have accepted an invitation to speak before the annual Lincoln Day banquet in February.

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### Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THIS is the traditional season of peace on earth, toward men goodwill.

Throughout the earth, on Christmas Day this year, there will be little of either.

IT IS tragic—all the more tragic because for nearly 20 centuries we have possessed the formula for ENDING war and building among men the last-bidding good will that is the firm foundation for enduring peace.

Here it is:  
"Do ye unto others as ye would that others shall do unto you."

IT IS unbelievably simple. If generally followed, it would be unbelievably effective.

BECAUSE it has been little followed among individual men and NOT AT ALL AMONG NATIONS, we have war.

FOR a little while, it seemed to us that the Atlantic Charter might be the beginning of the practice among nations of this simple Golden Rule, but there can be little doubt that at his press conference yesterday morning the President was breaking it to us gently that the Atlantic Charter not only never existed as a FORMAL DOCUMENT but that it must NOW be regarded as no more binding than the resolutions to be good always and bad NEVER that MEN make when in a tight hole.

MAYBE the Atlantic Charter never was formally written down.

Maybe it never was signed as a formal document.

Maybe it was just another of the good resolutions men and nations make when they are in a bad jam and FORGET when their fortunes improve.

BUT—So far as foreign policy is concerned, the SPIRIT of the Atlantic Charter, which embodies the spirit of the Golden Rule, LIVES IN THE HEARTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

That is the spirit in which we WANT to carry on our relationships with other nations.

IF our new state department really wants to formulate a foreign policy that will receive the lasting approval of the masses of the American PEOPLE, it needs only to build the structure around the framework of the Atlantic Charter.

The American PEOPLE will back such a policy. They BELIEVE in it.

THE best news from Belgium today is that the WEATHER IS IMPROVING.

There is brilliant sunshine on the Luxembourg front, and our planes are going into action against the nazis, who so far have been obligingly hidden in the fog and the clouds.

There seems little doubt that the foul weather that enabled the Germans to mass UNOBSERVED on our front and hit us with all the tremendous advantage of surprise.)

AT last accounts (dated about noon Thursday, apparently) the German wedge on the south had penetrated our lines about 40 miles, and its tip was only 29 miles northeast of Sedan, on the French-Belgian border.

One gathers from the vague dispatches that the enemy is trying desperately to JOIN HIS WEDGES. An American tank force, dug in near St. Vith and away back near the German-Belgian border where the enemy counter-attack started) has been holding out grimly for three days against the best the enemy can send.

This little American tank force, one gathers, has been largely responsible for STOPPING (so far) the enemy's wedge-closing enterprise.

IN the hurly-burly of the Christmas season on the home front, with its gay round of last-minute shopping, cocktail parties, etc., let us pause for at least a moment of silent, heartfelt prayer for those American boys who are selling their lives dearly for the good of ALL OF US.

MILITARY men in Washington think the Germans haven't committed ALL their reserves to the battle, but are holding back ENOUGH FOR THE KILL in the event that they are able to surround two or three of our armies, cut them off from help and then move in to destroy them.

WE learn from Washington today that the Russian assurance of a winter offensive was given VOLUNTARILY several weeks ago—and NOT in response to any new and direct plea because of menace of the German offensive.

The point is that we're fighting our own battle and not crying to the Russians for help.

THE promised Russian offensive (the Russians KEEP their promises) can't come in (Continued on Page Ten)

