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Yanks Invade Mindanao Island



Infantrymen landed on Mindanao island Saturday, overrunning four villages near Zamboanga and capturing an airstrip. Japanese reports earlier had said that the invasion was made at Zamboanga, indicated by arrow. Black areas on the map indicate land liberated by the Americans.

300 Superforts Hit Targets on Nagoya

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Tank-led American invasion forces swept aside meager Japanese resistance in the southwestern corner of the Philippine archipelago today as 300 Superfortresses poured incendiaries on the aircraft city of Nagoya in their second midnight raid on Japan in 48 hours.

Veteran 41st division infantrymen landed on Mindanao island Saturday, captured an airstrip in half an hour, and overran four villages near Zamboanga, ancient fortress town from which Tokyo radio reported the Yanks also invaded Basilan island, 10 miles to the south.

Approximately five square miles of Nagoya, Japan's third largest city, were turned into a blazing inferno by 2000 tons of incendiaries tumbling out of B-29 bomb bays in a three hour raid.

The Japanese high command admitted that fires were still raging in the highly inflammable business section 10 hours later although returning pilots said the raid was neither as big nor as successful as Saturday's attack on Tokyo. The Japanese capital was still burning Sunday.

The bombers hit Nagoya at 5000 feet, exceedingly low for B-29s. The city, third largest in Japan, produces nearly half of the nation's war planes.

Forty India-based Superforts hit Singapore naval base with "good results" today in their second raid in 48 hours on the Malay peninsula.

Two Wind-Up

Marines driving into the final phase of their campaign on Iwo Jima went after Japanese trapped on the northern end of the island with tanks, flame throwers and demolition charges.

The main remaining enemy force, holed up in a butte capable of concealing several thousand soldiers, fought bitterly with automatic weapons, rifles and a few rockets. Their commander, Lt. Gen. Tadamiichi Kuribayashi, messaged Tokyo the battle was "becoming more and more grim and sanguinary."

No Battle

In sharp contrast, Associated Press War Correspondent Fred Hampson, flying over the Zamboanga invasion scene reported he could see no sign of Japanese defenders or defenses.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said the Japanese garrison fled to the hills, leaving behind only a small rear guard that offered ineffective machine gun and rifle fire to Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's tank-led infantrymen. Artillery observation planes began using the captured airfield as the Yanks pressed on to the second.

KUESTRIN WON BY RUSSIANS; DANZIG RINGED

LONDON, March 12 (AP)—Kuestrin has been captured, Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

The fall of the Oder river fortress was announced in an order of the day addressed to Marshal Gregory Zhukov, commander of the first White Russian army which now is arrayed along the Oder from Crossen to the Stettiner hafe.

The key stronghold, which the Germans had said must be liquidated before the Russians would begin the actual assault on Berlin, fell after a week of bitter fighting which culminated in street-by-street destruction of the citadel of dive-bombers, artillery and assault teams with bazookas, mortars and flame-throwers.

Meanwhile Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky closed a tight ring around Danzig and smashed to the Gulf of Danzig at a point 12 miles north of Gdynia.

Cities Fall

Marshal Stalin announced the fall of three cities—Putzig (Puck), 12 miles north of Gdynia; Wejherowo, 12 miles northwest of Gdynia, and the Vistula river communications center of Tczek, 17 miles south of Danzig.

Gdynia and Danzig are twin ports on the Baltic at the head of the one-time Polish corridor.

Meanwhile the Russians were reported carrying out a large-scale regrouping of their armies preparatory to a massive push on the Berlin front aimed at linking up with allied armies somewhere in the Elbe valley in central Germany.

Supreme Court Refuses to Rule on Ward Seizure Case

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The supreme court refused today to rule on the validity of government seizure of 16 Montgomery Ward properties.

As its reason, the court said that the review petition in the case was filed "prior to the judgment of the circuit court of appeals."

This means that the high tribunal refused to rule before the circuit court hears arguments and reaches its decision.

The justice department and Ward asked the high tribunal for a speedy final determination whether President Roosevelt had authority under the war labor disputes act—or the Constitution—to order the army to take possession of war facilities in seven cities.

Ruled Illegal

The U. S. district court in Chicago ruled the seizure was illegal. The department filed an appeal in the seventh federal circuit court, but urged the supreme court to assume jurisdiction immediately so that argument before the circuit court would be obviated. Ward later joined in the request.

In Chicago, attorneys for the company expressed the opinion that a final ruling in the case—if it eventually is appealed to the supreme court—would not be possible until after October 1.

They pointed out that briefs in the case would not be due in the circuit court for three or four weeks and that a ruling in that court probably would not be made much earlier than June 1. The supreme court, however, is in recess from June 1 to October 1 and could not decide the case until after that date.

Request Denied

In another order, the court denied a request by the United States Gypsum company that it rule on limits of WLB powers by reviewing lower court decisions.

The company complained that lower court decisions had left it entirely without protection against "threatened unlawful action" by the board.



Capt. Denton J. Rees, former Klamath Falls dentist and a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Bataan, arrived in San Francisco last week with others liberated from Cabanatuan in General MacArthur's daring rescue. Dr. Rees (left) is being greeted by an old friend, Major Peter Galente, who, prior to entering the armed forces, was stationed as agency physician at Klamath Agency. Mrs. Rees and son, Jon, have flown from Milwaukee, Ore., to San Francisco to join Capt. Rees who will receive treatment at Letterman hospital.

Jones Says CCC Tipsters To Be Fired, Prosecuted

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones said today that any confidential credit corporation employee found to have given confidential tips to market speculators will be fired and prosecuted.

His statement was addressed to Chairman Spence (D-Ky.) of the house banking committee after republicans charged that grain speculators "made millions" through scandalous tip-offs on impending CCC action.

Jones did not discuss reports of an FBI investigation.

Extension Delayed

His letter was presented to the house, after republicans had indicated a move to hold up extension of the life of CCC, the farm price support agency, until a thorough investigation is made of the charges.

"I want to assure you and through you the members of congress," Jones wrote, "that we are going to the bottom of these charges, secure the facts and, if any evidence is found of criminality or improper conduct on the part of any official or employee, I shall promptly remove them and shall ask that proceedings be instituted to punish them if the facts justify such action."

Three Fired

Frank Hancock, CCC head, disclosed last week that three CCC employees already have been "separated" from their jobs.

Jones' letter continued: "The great quantities of food that must be made available and the speed with which it must be handled make it impossible to avoid some mistakes as well as losses.

"It is significant that not a single battle has had to be postponed because of a lack of food. At the same time no one has gone hungry in this country."

VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIRECTOR CREATED

SALEM, March 12 (AP)—Governor Earl Snel signed into law today the measure creating the office of director of veterans' affairs, to administer educational aid and farm and home loans for veterans.

The bill, which will become effective 90 days after the legislature adjourns, carries an \$80,000 appropriation for the next biennium.

Bill Requested

The governor said the bill "is an important step in Oregon's determination to provide every possible service and assistance to our returning veterans." Governor Snel asked for the bill in his opening message.

The governor said the new law will give "Oregon a foremost position among all states" in veterans' legislation.

The house passed 13 appropriation bills today and sent them (Continued on Page Three)

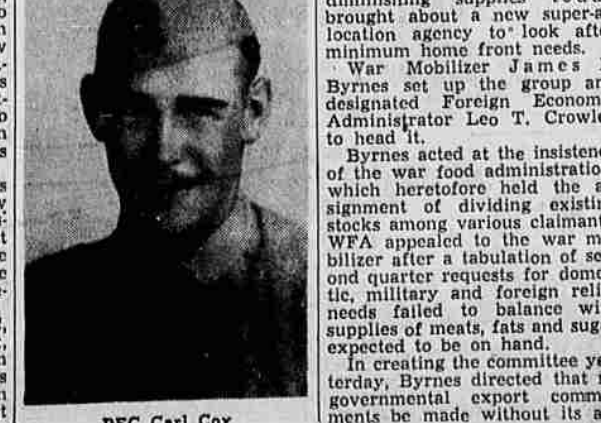
PFC Carl Cox Killed in Action

Word was received from the department by James Cox, 1c of the Seabees, and PFC Carl Cox, US Army, who was killed in action on February 1.

Young Cox entered the service in July, 1942, and received training at Camp White in Medford on 11 December of that year when he was transferred to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. He received further training at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, and was shipped to the Philippines in July of 1944. From there he was sent to New Guinea, where his father visited him for a week from his post in the Admiralties. Shortly afterward, Cox was sent to the Philippines, and had been there for two or three months when he was killed.

His father has been overseas nearly 24 months in New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands, from where he has just returned for 30-day leave. He is in Klamath Falls when the news of his son's death was received.

PFC Robert Cox, USMC, younger brother of Carl Cox, was wounded on Salpan on 3 of last year, and has since been at the naval hospital in Diego, Calif., for the past 10 months.



PFC Carl Cox

Fifth Army Push In Italy Slowed

ROME, March 12 (AP)—The fifth army push toward the German stronghold of Vergato southwest of Bologna slowed today as allied headquarters reported increased German resistance along the fifth's entire front.

Patrols probing enemy strength met their greatest opposition along the winter mountain line before Bologna.

Vergato, on the Pistoria-Bologna highway, has been outflanked, but its defenders continued to battle strongly.

Home Front To Be Assured Food Despite Huge Demand

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—Mounting demands abroad for American food in the face of diminishing supplies today brought about a new super-allocation agency to look after minimum home front needs.

War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes set up the group and designated Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley to head it.

Byrnes acted at the insistence of the war food administration, which heretofore held the assignment of dividing existing stocks among various claimants. WFA appealed to the war mobilizer after a tabulation of second quarter requests for domestic, military and foreign relief needs failed to balance with supplies of meats, fats and sugar expected to be on hand.

In creating the committee yesterday, Byrnes directed that governmental export commitments be made without its approval except for "essential military purposes such as direct lend-lease and supplies in the wake of battle." Private exports already are under control.

Byrnes told Crowley in a letter that the armed services are to retain responsibility for determining wake-of-battle relief needs but "all other requirements for relief habilitation and other export purposes must then be evaluated against our own minimum essential civilian economy."

U. S. Needs First

"Our foreign commitments must not be allowed," he continued, "to disrupt our own economy to such an extent that its capabilities to meet its own needs as well as the needs of others will be reduced."

With Crowley on the committee will be representative of the state, war and navy departments, the war shipping administration and WFA.

Reorganization Of District Set

Shasta View irrigation district has been reorganized as one of the first steps taken in the Klamath basin to utilize more of the water which army engineers have been eyeing for possible diversion to California's Central valley, it was learned today.

The district, comprising about 3000 acres of fine soil, lies north and west of Mallin.

J. E. Craven is new president of the district, and Rudolph Sostak and Ben Pickett are directors. They said that new pumps, new ditches, and a better irrigation arrangement are factors promising success for the project, which is located in an area where even watermelons have been grown successfully.

Some time ago, Shasta View district went out of operation due to a number of difficulties. The area of the district has been reduced under the reorganization plan. The state engineer has approved the new set-up.

Marine Dies Of Crash Injuries

Field Music Cpl. T. C. Clipperton, USMC, stationed at the Marine Barracks, died late Monday morning of injuries sustained Sunday at 12:10 a. m. when a car in which he was a passenger was involved in an accident at S. 6th and Homedale road.

Clipperton, native of Minnesota and veteran of overseas duty, was moved to the Barracks dispensary immediately after the crash which also injured Sgt. G. W. Barrow and Sgt. T. E. (Continued on Page Three)

PFC Dale Dunham Killed in Action

PFC Dale W. Dunham, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dunham, 435 Oak, was killed in action while serving with the United States Army in Italy on February 28, his parents learned Sunday in a message from the war department.

This is the second son killed in combat in this war, Major Donald Beeson Dunham, 33, U. S. army paratrooper, having lost his life near Ataville, Italy, September 21, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunham were advised that details as to the death of their youngest child would be forthcoming.

Dale was born in Klamath Falls on January 31, 1921, and attended grade school here, graduating from Klamath Union high school with the class of 1939. In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Dorothy.

Bombers Pound Nazi Targets

LONDON, March 12 (AP)—More than 1000 RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes dropped 5000 tons of bombs on Dortmund today while 2100 American war planes battered the Baltic seaport of Swinemuende and other targets.

The main force of Britain-based American heavy bombers—850 strong—dropped 1625 tons of high explosives on the German U-boat and naval base in direct support of Russian armies reported only 15 miles away. Swinemuende is 35 miles northwest of besieged Stettin.

The remainder of the huge American armada split up for attacks on rail yards behind the western front.

Operators To Answer Demands

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—Bituminous operators called off the scheduled conference with the United Mine Workers today to frame an answer to each of John L. Lewis' 18 demands.

Counter proposals were discussed over the weekend by the operators, and the negotiating committee will devote today to wording their replies to the demands made on them at the start of contract negotiations March 1.

THRUST HITS MILE DEEPER BEYOND RIVER

Four Divisions Now Deployed Along East Bank

PARIS, March 12 (AP)—First army troops, lashing out an hour before dawn today in their first coordinated attack since seizing their Rhine bridgehead, deepened and widened their foothold by more than a mile.

Backed by tanks and heavy artillery which had been concentrated in the bridgehead, the doughboys went into action at 5 a. m.

The thrust to the east carried beyond Ginstershahn, three miles east of Linz and astride a valuable north-south road. The doughboys reached to within three miles of the Autobahn, a communication artery running to the Ruhr.

Bridgehead Expanded

The bridgehead by today's gains was expanded to a depth of 4 1/2 miles and a width of 11 miles, and the Germans said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges had succeeded in building up his east-Rhine force to four divisions or more than 40,000 men.

Hargarten, 3 1/2 miles east of the Ludendorff bridge, was overrun in the advance and the Americans were fighting in Hoenningen, 4 1/2 miles south of Linz. AP Correspondent Don Whitehead reported.

Bridge Stands

The Germans, trying desperately to smash the 1200-foot Ludendorff bridge, have scored several shell hits on the structure but failed to knock it out. Heavy traffic in American arms continued to pour across the span.

The new gains in inner Germany, 274 miles from Berlin, were pushing the Germans farther and farther from direct observation of their fire on the bridge.

Hodges crossed the bridge by jeep yesterday and spent an hour east of the Rhine. A German shell landed within 50 feet of him.

Deployed

Berlin broadcasts said two tank and two infantry divisions (Continued on Page Three)

Marine Shot on Dunsmuir Porch

PFC Charles C. Smith of the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks is in the Barracks dispensary suffering from the effects of a bullet wound in his back, received at Dunsmuir Saturday night.

According to Dunsmuir reports, Smith was shot as he stood on the porch of a house occupied by Frank Dickson, Southern Pacific brakeman, on Shasta avenue at Dunsmuir.

It was reported that Smith and other marines had been invited to the house of Joe Alles, on Shasta avenue near the Dickson place. Smith went to the Dickson house by mistake and Dickson, evidently misunderstanding the purpose of the visitor on his front porch, got out of bed and fired through a window, according to information from Dunsmuir.

Smith was given first aid at a Dunsmuir hospital and was brought to the Barracks dispensary here Sunday. Surgeons removed the bullet and he is expected to recover.

No arrest has been made at Dunsmuir in the case. District Attorney Charles Johnson of Yreka was reported on his way to Klamath Falls to confer with Barracks officials in the case.

Police Chief Bill Ayotte of Dunsmuir said that Dickson claimed he had money in his house and was afraid of an attempt at robbery. Dickson told officers his wife would not let him go to the door, but that he called out to the man on the porch several times before shooting.

Guy Johnny Hits Warpath

Guy Johnny isn't sitting on the fence these days. Rodeo fans of Klamath county remember the wiry little Shoshone Indian, one of the best bronc busters in the business, bareback or saddle. But Johnny has paid entrance fees into the biggest show in the world and his numeral has been changed to "private first class."

From the second armored division, fighting in Belgium, comes a story of PFC Johnny, who wielded his automatic rifle like a tomahawk against the heads of frantic Germans as company F of the second division, employing nothing but small arms fire, waylaid a German column inching through Belgium. The men in Johnny's company accounted for 21 vehicles and 55 Germans.

Johnny's outfit poured on the lead, but the little Shoshone used more direct methods of slaying the enemy. There was some hint of rocks being thrown!

PFC Johnny is about 29, and for three years made his home here on the Dice Crain ranch in the Sprague River area. He left Klamath Falls before Pearl Harbor, enlisting in the army to sign up in the big arena events of World War 2, early in 1941.

Movie Production Held Up by Strike

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