

ALLIED ARMIES HURDLE RHINE

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Weather News

March 24, 1945	
Max. (March 23)	38
Min.	15
Precipitation last 24 hours	Trace
Stream year to date	7.80
Normal	8.97
Last year	5.98
Forecast: Rain Sunday.	

Great Attack Supreme Bid For Victory

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, March 24 (AP)—Four allied armies won virtually all of a 25-mile stretch across the lower Rhine today in and north of the rich Ruhr valley, driving up to four miles beyond the river in mighty land and airborne offensives bidding for final victory this spring.

The U. S. ninth army crossed the river two miles south of the Ruhr city of Wesel and advanced three to four miles north-east of the river, capturing several small towns.

The British second army captured more than 1500 prisoners and fought into Wesel and Rees.

The allied first airborne army landed northeast of Xanten in the largest sky invasion in history, gliding and parachuting to earth from an enormous sky train more than 500 miles long. Up to 60,000 sky troops landed after 11 a. m.

Rhine Bridged
Also in the attack were segments of the Canadian first army.

The Rhine was being bridged. Field Marshal Montgomery's onslaught, following closely behind Rhine crossings of the U. S. first and third armies further south, gained power every moment. Casualties were light. German resistance was spotty.

"The enemy has been driven into a corner and he cannot escape," Montgomery said in an order of the day. "The complete and decisive defeat of the Germans is certain."

Supreme Bid
This was Gen. Eisenhower's supreme bid to crush Germany in conjunction with the powerful Russian blows on the east. He had upwards of 1,250,000 shock troops fighting on the western front.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army fought less than 300 miles from the red army on the Oder southeast of Berlin, pushing its bridgehead four miles east of the Rhine in the Mainz area on the Frankfurt plain.

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Construction of Teen-Age Club to Commence Monday
Workmen will start remodeling a section of the Klamath Falls armory next Monday as plans for the teen-age club proceeded, it was announced today by Clarence A. Humble, chairman of the teen-age advisory committee.

Leo N. Huls, with a bid of \$1507, was granted the contract for the job. Huls was looking over the quarters today in preparation for the crew which will start work next week. Remodeling should be completed within three weeks, Humble said.

Entrance to the teen-age club will be from the Spring street side of the armory. Plans as drawn up by Howard R. Perrin, architect, include a large entrance hall with one room on either side. One room will be used for the juke box and dancing. Two lavatories are off the hall. Plans also call for two small rooms upstairs with access from a stairway in the Spring street entrance hall.

At the present time, the teen-age rooms will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 4 p. m. until 5:45 p. m., and 7 p. m. until 9 p. m. On Fridays and Saturdays from 4 p. m. until 10:30 p. m., and on Sundays from 1 p. m. until 5:30 p. m.

U. S. Carrier Bismarck Sea Sunk, Nimitz

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

American carrier planes raided strategic Okinawa island, between Japan and Formosa, today for the second successive day, radio Tokyo reported a few hours after Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced task force 58 shot down 81 attacking aircraft as it retired from a two-day air assault on southwestern Japan.

Nimitz also disclosed Japanese torpedo planes sank the escort carrier Bismarck Sea off Iwo Jima February 21, the 11th U. S. carrier lost during the war.

Land-based bombers blockading the Asiatic coast and Dutch East Indies destroyed or damaged 28 Japanese vessels, ranging from sizable freighters to junk, while ground forces lightened traps on enemy headquarters in the Philippines and disorganized Nipponese in central Burma.

Japanese broadcasts said sorties against Okinawa, in the Ryukyu chain midway between southwestern Japan and Formosa, were launched yesterday from a new American naval task force.

New Sorties Launched
Some 230 seaborne aircraft opened the attack on the naval and air base island Friday afternoon and returned at 7 a. m. today. Tokyo said today's raiders came over in small flights and extended their sorties to Miyako island, 180 miles southwest of Okinawa.

Tokyo said the task force was built around two or three carriers, in contrast with 15 forming the nucleus of Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's task force 58 which crippled 30 Japanese ships in southwestern Japan Sunday and Monday.

Nimitz said a total of 731 enemy planes were knocked out—281 shot down, 275 destroyed on the ground and 175 damaged. This is an increase of 156 from the original report including 75 damaged on the ground Monday and 81 shot down Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Essential damage" was inflicted (Continued on Page Three)

BECAUSE it opens directly on to the north German plain, as flat as Kansas, with only three rivers crossing it, the low-lying bridgehead holds our attention. At this point the great German river is a quarter of a mile wide, with a current of five miles per hour. Its banks are low, gently sloping and gravelly.

At the zero hour a mighty bombardment crashed down on the German defenses on the other shore. As the barrage died down, British commandos landed and tackled the dazed enemy defenders hand to hand. In their rear came the troop-carrying madras.

At that moment, our airborne troops came down from the sky in parachutes and gliders out of the sky train 500 MILES LONG. Gliders carried jeeps and guns as big as 75s. As they landed, they tied into the Germans from the rear.

Following the sky troops came the mightiest air fleet in the world began a TEN THOUSAND WARPLANES in the aggregate tearing and smashing and destroying German communications and preventing reinforcements from coming up.

The whole operation is said (Continued on Page Three)

ALFRED L. LINZI
Wounded
Col. Alfred L. Linzi of the U. S. marine corps was wounded in action in the South Pacific, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Ione W. Linzi of Klamath Falls. No further details were available at this time.

The 22-year-old youth attended school in Bonanza and Prague River, enlisting in the marines four years ago at Klamath Falls. He received his training at San Diego, Calif., and during that time, has been overseas for 27 months. Linzi is a member of the 8rd division of the marines and has seen action in Guam, Bougainville and Guadalcanal.

Davis Has "Close Shave!"
Nineteen-year-old Private Alvin W. Davis of the U. S. army, now serving overseas in the European theater of war, probably won't be awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded in action, but he is no more than a notch away from the honor.

The young soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis Sr., of Shasta way, is with the third army, attacking positions on the Siegfried line in Germany, fighting some of the toughest battles of the war.

He has lain in a foxhole, up to his ears in muck and mud, with machine guns blazing at him from both sides, mortar and artillery shells kicking up the ground beneath him, and white-hot shrapnel falling on his back. He went through all of this ordeal without a scratch—and what happened?

Davis was ordered to a rest camp behind the lines, and the first concern was to get his hair cut, which he did. However, the barber, whom Davis referred to as a "knot-head," cut off part of the boy's ear in the process, resulting more in pain than serious consequence.

He may not get a medal, but he'll no doubt be mighty particular who cuts his hair from now on!

White Crosses Mark Price of Iwo Jima



Hundreds of white crosses dot the volcanic sand of Iwo Jima in this cemetery for the men of the fifth marine division who died in fighting to secure the island. This is only a part of the toll American fighting men paid for the strategically important stepping-stone to Tokyo.

REDS LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE IN HUNGARY

LONDON, March 24 (AP)—Marshal Stalin announced a new Russian offensive in Hungary tonight and said soviet forces had advanced 44 miles on a front of more than 63 miles and captured numerous communications points including Szekesfehervar.

Mor, 40 miles west of Budapest, Enying, Veszprem, 25 miles southwest of Szekesfehervar, and Zirc, 26 miles west of Szekesfehervar and 350 other planes were captured in the advance which placed the Russians 65 miles southwest of Budapest and 59 miles from the Austrian border.

In a second order of the day Stalin announced the capture of Neisse in Silesia, nine miles from the Czechoslovak border, and Loebshuetz, three miles from the border.

The Hungarians advanced placed the Russians west of Lake Balaton, and within 33 miles of Győr, important railway junction and stronghold in the Danube gap.

The Germans said today that Marshal Gregory Zhukov had attacked with "strongest forces" from his Oder bridgeheads as part of a decisive drive on Berlin.

With perhaps 1,200,000 men massed along the Oder and ready to join in a multiple east-west allied assault to crush the (Continued on Page Two)

3 Tulelake Japs
Get Jail Sentence
TULELAKE, Calif., March 24 (AP)—Sentences of 100 days each in jail have been given to three more Japanese at the Tulelake relocation center for participating in outlawed pro-Japanese societies, R. R. Best, project director, reported.

The three appeared at a hearing before Harry L. Black, assistant project director, Best said.

The same illegal activity resulted in 90-day sentences for three other men, including presidents of the two societies, earlier in the week, he stated.

Coming Here
BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 24 (AP)—Floyd E. Denham Sr., whose Independence, Mo., farm family gave up worldly goods to follow a 14-year-old "Messiah" into the brushland along the Rio Grande, told a sheriff's deputy today he was awaiting instructions from the Lord before making his next move.

Deputy Will Cabler had gone to the camp of the "Nameless Fourteen," to deliver a letter to Denham from his mother Mrs. Charles N. Denham. She had sent the letter to Sheriff Tom Morris, asking it be delivered to her son.

The deputy said that when Denham Sr. read the letter he turned to his wife, saying, "Yes, it's mother, she just don't understand."

Cabler said he had gone to the camp to deliver the letter and inform Floyd Denham Jr., that he had been reclassified. The senior Denham said he would go to La Feria, Tex., a Rio Grande valley town near the camp and file a message to the Independence draft board.

He said he "didn't have a mind" to go back to Independence.

The Denhams, who abandoned two homes, a farm, gave away livestock and farm equipment including a tractor, are camping along the old military highway northwest of Brownsville, waiting for "the people" to come and hear their message.

Several weeks ago the family left Independence in two automobiles and a trailer with "the voice of God" and a highway map as their guides. The trip was made at the urging of son Daniel who announced he had received messages from God. He could relay them, he said, only through his sister, Angela, a former aircraft worker. Daniel insisted the family must "go on a mission."

Investigation at their former neighborhood in Missouri bears out the amazing story which Denham told officers who took him and his three older sons to Brownsville for questioning.

William A. Ferguson, a neighbor, related yesterday that one day early in February, Floyd Denham "asked me to walk down to the barn with him. He pointed to the stock and machinery and told me, 'The Lord has given me a vision and has told me that all I have on the farm is yours.'"

"The next day Floyd's wife, Betty, came down and gave her watch, a fur chubby and all her good dresses to Mrs. Ferguson," Ferguson said.

Farmers in the community said Floyd Denham was an excellent farmer and an obliging neighbor.

Decision Forthcoming In Hotel Wage Case

RECORD CROWD AT CHAMBER AFFAIR

Five hundred twenty-five persons—the biggest crowd in the history of Klamath chamber of commerce membership meetings—attended the chamber crab feed at the Marine Barracks mess hall Friday night and participated in a program of both entertainment and serious business.

Speakers included Dave Simpson, past president and chairman of the board of the Portland chamber of commerce, who told the Klamath chamber members that Portland is interested in state-wide industrial development and that it would discuss the location of new industries at Klamath Falls and similar Oregon cities.

Malcolm Epley, chamber president, reported on chamber activities since the last membership meeting, emphasizing the land use committee's anti-diversion efforts and the work of the membership committee.

Epley said the anti-diversion project, in which the chamber collaborated with more than 30 other organizations, represented a new high in inter-organizational cooperation in this valley. Chamber by-laws were (Continued on Page Two)

Wage contracts with a labor union may affect the outcome of the WLB's case against a local hotel accused of paying wage increases without WLB approval.

Testimony in the war labor board hearing concerning alleged violations through Willard hotel wage increases without WLB approval, ended Friday afternoon.

William A. Babcock Jr., regional attorney for the regional WLB, Seattle, said today that a decision will be reached within a short time, and W. D. Miller, owner-operator of the Willard, would be advised in writing of this.

G. C. Tatman, former head of the culinary alliance, testified as a witness for Miller at the Friday afternoon hearing in connection with contractual relations between the hotel and the alliance. Tatman said that at the time he left as an official of the union, Form 10's had not been completed by the Willard.

A series of potato sorter wage violations were to be heard in hearings starting Saturday morning with the case of Roy Brown, formerly of Merrill and now of Prineville. Babcock announced that this case was settled by agreement between Brown and himself and findings entered by consent. Findings provide for an income tax disallowance of \$4000, Babcock said. The total figure in this (Continued on Page Two)

KLAMATH MATRON DIES AT ASHLAND

Mrs. Lida A. Truax, 61, since 1909 a resident of Klamath Falls, died at 2:15 p. m. Friday in Ashland where she had been for the past several months for her health. Mrs. Truax is survived by her husband, Dr. L. L. Truax and two brothers, Dr. J. Calvin Hunt and Dr. Warren C. Hunt, all of this city.

Final rites for Mrs. Truax will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from Ward's chapel, with burial in Linkville cemetery.

Mrs. Truax was born December 17, 1883, in Middletown, Ohio. She was active in civic and social affairs of this city during her long years of residence and was a member of the First Presbyterian church, Eulonia chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Chapter U. PEO. The Truax family home is at 4th and High streets.

A complete obituary will appear in this paper Monday.

High Allied Loss Aim of Germans

LONDON, March 24 (AP)—A German broadcast declared today the German high command "adopts the supreme principle of continuing the battle no matter under what conditions."

A Nazi military spokesman, after announcement of the Rhine crossing, asserted new German fronts were being formed in the east and west and that the battle would go on.

"All the means at our disposal are being employed," he said. "It is the aim of the German command to inflict upon the enemy, during his advance, losses as high as possible."

Elmer Johnson Hurt in Action

T/5 Elmer Johnson, 27, son of Mrs. Axel Johnson and the late Mr. Johnson, 348 Pacific Terrace, was wounded in action in Italy on March 12, according to word received here.

Information from the war department came first to Mrs. Elmer Johnson at her home in Seattle. Details as to wounds were not given, however it is understood that Johnson was hit by shrapnel while serving with the mountain infantry.

Johnson is a former employee of Ewauna Box company and at the time of his induction in July, 1942, was with the Tacoma-Seattle shipyards in Seattle.

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