

YANK PATROLS BISECT OKINAWA

Herald and News

In The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland

Weather News	
April 3, 1945	
Max. (April 2)	43 Min. 28
Precipitation last 24 hours	Trace
Stream year to date	7.91
Normal	9.32 Last year 5.99
Forecast: Cloudy, warmer. Frost tonight.	

U. S. Forces Probe After Lurking Japs

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

American infantry patrols have bisected strategic Okinawa island 10 days ahead of schedule and are probing north and south seeking contact with the main defending force which may have been cut in two by the maneuver.

Stronger Japanese forces were encountered in the gullies and hills of the island's center as a Yank spearhead reached the east coast on the shores of Nakagusuku bay, once a favorite maneuvering spot of the imperial fleet.

Meager resistance so far was compared to the Nipponese tactics on Luzon island in the Philippines where the 158th regimental combat team seized the city of Legaspi and its airfield in the third landing of the Luzon campaign.

Almost unopposed American and Australian bombers patrolling the China coast and Dutch East Indies wrecked 34 more Japanese freighters and coastal vessels.

Tokyo radio reported "a new Tokyo is rising from the ashes" left by Superfortress incendiary raids. Broadcast details indicated the new Tokyo was underground. Twenty-nine trains a day were reported still evacuating B-29 refugees, fleeing before American bombers begin striking Japan from Okinawa, 325 miles south of the home islands.

Next Days Will Tell

The next several days of the Okinawa invasion were expected to disclose whether the garrison of more than 60,000 Japanese had been cut into isolated groups by the two-day Yank push across the island. Twenty-fourth corps patrols of the new tenth army reached the east coast between the towns of Tohara and Awashi, at the northern end of Nakagusuku bay, a large and good naval anchorage long since deserted by the imperial fleet. At this point the island is eight miles wide.

South of the American wedge is Naha, principal city of the island and administrative seat of the southern Ryukyu chain. To the north is rugged, timbered terrain. The Japanese garrison which left the beaches undefended might have withdrawn to either end of the island, or have been split.

Cape Zampa Cut Off

On the west coast the third marine amphibious corps pushed northward, cutting off Cape Zampa which juts out above the original beachhead. Largest forces met so far are in the hilly country between these two points where some women in Japanese uniform have been encountered.

Tokyo radio reported "savagely drawn sword" attacks on captured Tontan and Katena air-dromes, from which U. S. artillery spotter planes were operating.

Behind the lines disinfection squads were at work as the squawny, underfed natives came out of caves to surrender.

The new Philippines operation at Legaspi virtually completes encirclement of Japanese on Luzon. The Nipponese retreated to the hills as the Yanks pushed six miles inland toward a junction with guerrillas.

Oregonians Will Get Only Blended Whiskey

PORTLAND, April 3 (AP)—Oregonians will have to be content with blended whiskey—not straight bourbon or rye—for their April bonus, Chairman Hugh Kirkpatrick of the state liquor control commission said today.

He attributed the lack of straight whiskey to distillers' production of war alcohol instead of liquor. Kirkpatrick promised, however, that two bottles of whiskey a month would be available in Oregon at least for the next 90 days.

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Farrell's Move to Oust Officials Balked by Snell

SALEM, April 3 (AP)—Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., moved today that the board of control notify State Tax Commissioner Earl Fisher and Charles V. Galloway that they would not be reappointed, but his motion failed to win the immediate support of Governor Earl Snell and State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, the other two members of the board.

The terms of Galloway and Fisher expire June 4.

The board said it would take definite action next Tuesday after Governor Snell has talked to the two men to see if they want to be reappointed.

Farrell has been an implacable foe of the tax commission since he was speaker of the house in 1941. At that time, he charged that the commission gave the legislature false information regarding anticipated income tax collections.

Third Army Tanks Race Across Reich; 140 Miles to Berlin

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, April 3 (AP)—The third army's fourth armored division, plunging 19 miles eastward, raced into the outskirts of the old German city of Gotha today, reaching a point three-fourths the way across the reich to Czechoslovakia and 140 miles from Berlin.

In the north, British and Canadian troops advanced to within 25 miles of the Zuider Zee and within 60 miles of the North sea in the drive to close a trap on the German garrisons of northern Holland and its V-bomb and rocket sites.

West of Berlin the U. S. ninth army fought within nine miles of the Weser river and the first army, beating Germans to the punch, turned back attempts of a striking force from 110,000 trapped nazis to break out of the Ruhr pocket and tightened its vise.

To the northwest of the Gotha spearhead, the third army was fighting a house to house battle in falling Kassel, locomotive manufacturing center.

Gotha is 26 miles west of Weimar, birthplace of the German republic installed after the last World War. The town is 75 miles from the border of Czechoslovakia and 75 miles from Leipzig.

Two other columns, 17 and 27 miles south of Gotha, jabbed even closer to Czechoslovakia—85 miles.

Fulda, 45 miles to the rear of these columns, was cleared.

3rd Moves Ahead

The hard-hitting American third army in central Germany advanced almost 30 miles overnight to within 160 miles of a national cemetery program on the eastern front—a move that would bisect the reich.

The third army whipped across the terrain of the Thuringian forest to within 80 miles of the Czechoslovak frontier at points more than 180 miles inside the reich.

The Germans said Lt. George S. Patton's army was storming Suhl, 65 miles from Czechoslovakia, and had surrounded Meiningen, 10 miles to the southwest on the Werra river. These positions would place the Americans three-fourths of the way across the waist of Germany.

Seventh army tanks were said by the enemy to have cut the railroad from invested Wuerzburg to Ansbach, 23 miles southwest of Nuernberg (431,000).

"We have not yet succeeded" (Continued on Page Three)

That's One Way Of Doing It!

PORTLAND, April 3 (AP)—Most people want to stay out of patrol wagons, but a lot of Portland people paid with blood for a ride.

Housewives, businessmen and servicemen, attracted by a siren, climbed aboard the wagon and were taken to the Red Cross blood center as donors.

Pair of Admirals At Klamath

Klamath naval air station, active center of training for the fleet air arm of the Pacific, was visited a few days ago by two rear admirals, shown above on the big apron at the local field. They are, left, Rear Admiral A. E. Montgomery, USN, commander of fleet air, west coast; Rear Admiral J. J. Balentine, USN, commander fleet air, Seattle.

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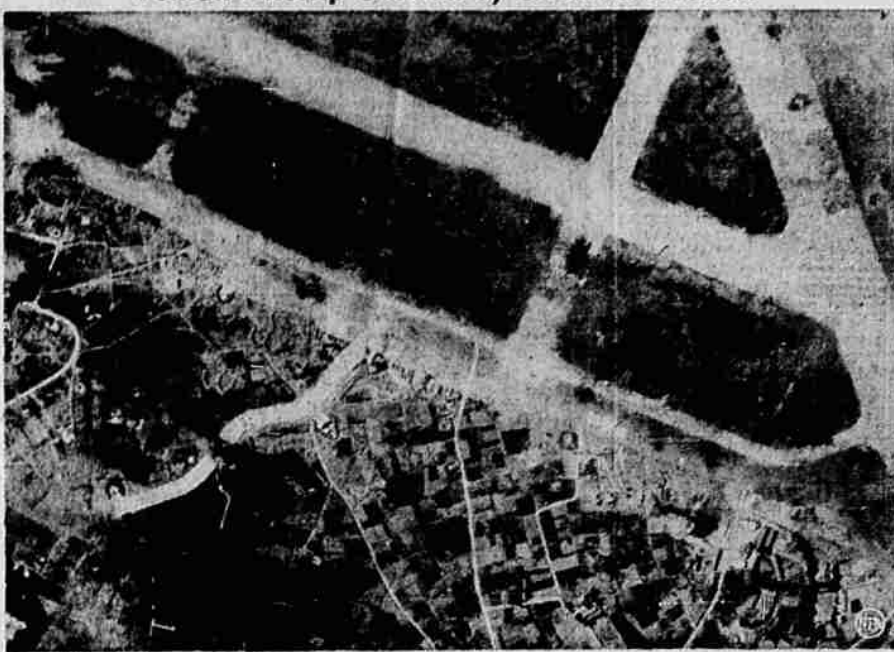
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Yontan Airstrip Overrun by Okinawa Invaders



One of the military prizes on Okinawa island is Yontan airstrip (above), captured by invading Yanks within first hours of fighting. The field is one mile from the coast, 13 miles north of Naha city, principal city and port of the island. Note bomb craters and wrecked Jap planes. —U. S. navy photo.

Engineers Fight to Plug Gaps in Last Line of Mississippi's Flood Defense

NATIONAL CEMETERY IS PROPOSED HERE

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—The war department will ask congress for a \$122,900,000 appropriation to return American dead of World War II for burial in a national cemetery program, the study recommends \$109,000,000 for cemetery construction; \$1,645,480 to complete existing national cemeteries; \$2,737,000 for funeral transportation and equipment and \$9,000,000 for personnel to operate the cemeteries.

Return Dead to U. S.

"A general policy has been adopted," it said, "to return all World War dead to the United States from any theater when 70 per cent or more of nearest of kin... so request."

When requests aggregate fewer than 70 per cent, each will be honored individually with the remaining dead to be buried in national cemeteries in the theater involved.

A total of 5,335,500 graves is provided for by the war department in the 79 proposed cemeteries. Eligible for burial in national cemeteries are all honorably discharged veterans of any United States war, their wives or widows and members of women.

Bayou Teche Dammed

Bayou Teche is being dammed near the gulf end of the floodway to prevent waters backing into south central Louisiana towns in event the floodway is opened. A ten-foot levee is being built around Morgan City.

More than 200,000 cubic feet of water a second is already being diverted around New Orleans via the bonnet carrier spillway which has a total capacity of 250,000 second-feet.

DeWitt Fyburn, state director of public works, predicted the flood would be the worst since 1927.

Gov. James H. Davis called on the board of liquidation to appropriate \$100,000 for emergency flood work.

Floodwater Building Up

New backlogs of flood water were reported building up on streams heading the Mississippi from Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

At Shreveport, La., the Red river, fed by heavy rains in three states was rising two feet a day.

Lt. Col. R. W. Sauer, Vicksburg district engineer, said levees on both banks were in danger of being topped from Fulton to the Arkansas-Louisiana line.

Iwo Jima Casualty

Cpl. Rene S. Foubert, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Foubert, 1210 Crescent, was listed as among the Klamath men killed in action on Iwo Jima, March 5. His wife, the former Mary Rose Deneault, is here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Deneault, 1415 Oregon.

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ALLIED AIR MIGHT DEALS NAZIS BLOW

LONDON, April 3 (AP)—The U. S. eighth air force renewed its blows against German shipping today with a heavy attack on the Kiel naval base by approximately 750 Flying Fortress with an escort of 650 fighters.

In another assault on the nazis, U. S. 15th air force lightnings and fighter bombers from Italy attacked the Tannachstein rail bridge 10 miles east of Klagenfurt in Austria.

Attack Breaks Luck

The attack on Kiel broke a two-day lull in the daylight air offensive from Britain, enforced by stormy weather.

Kiel is one of Germany's major northwestern ports and 240-ton submarines are built in its yards. Three other naval bases—Bremen, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven—were attacked last Friday by 1400 heavy bombers.

A U. S. army air force spokesman said recent reconnaissance flights showed that a large number of naval vessels were berthed in the Kiel harbor. Kiel has been blasted 18 times previously by American heavy bombers.

Span Damaged

The span east of Klagenfurt, about 80 miles from the Russian front, was damaged, the American fliers reported. The bridge is over the Drava river.

Despite unfavorable weather RAF Mosquitos last night attacked Berlin and Magdeburg.

The overnight raids ended Germany's two-day and two-night respite from bombing attacks. Oil installations feeding the tottering German war machine were the principal target of the Mosquitos at Magdeburg, 70 miles southwest of Berlin.

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Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN the Pacific today, we've cut clear across Okinawa at a point about a third of the way up from the southern tip, reaching the head of Nakagusuku bay, where the Japanese imperial fleet used to assemble in the days when there was a Japanese imperial fleet.

The long, narrow island is about eight miles wide at this point.

THE drive across was made with "strange ease," the dispatches report.

Where the 60,000-odd Japs supposed to be garrisoning the island are is still a mystery. We may have cut them into two bodies, one to the south and one to the north. Or they may be all in one body, either to the south or to the north.

The next few days are expected to tell the story.

THE invasion so far is going much like Luzon—too easy. It will probably end the same way—with desperate, bloody, suicidal fighting by the little yellow men that will get them nowhere save to whatever happy hunting ground the sub-human Jap aspires to go.

DON'T let yourself be fooled by talk of an easy job on Okinawa. It will be tough enough by the time it is finished. The point is that this kind of fighting doesn't display much brains or initiative on the part of the Jap leaders.

WE make another landing at the southern tip of big Luzon, which is being cut up into slices and finished off—much as Germany will be.

ON Okinawa, we're beginning to encounter a few WOMEN in Jap uniforms. The scrawny natives are beginning to come out of their holes and caves to surrender to us.

HERE'S a significant little item in the Pacific news: Navy Liberator bombers have gone in to the YANGTZE RIVER to smash Jap river craft. (The Yangtze, entering the East China sea at Shanghai, is the great highway into interior China.)

THE Jap radio says today that Tokyo is being rebuilt—UNDER GROUND. It is probably true. The Japs learned that trick from the Germans.

EISENHOWER tells us today that the Ruhr has been effectively encircled. The fate of the German forces trapped there (supposed to be the best the nazis have in the west) is sealed, he says, and they are ripe for annihilation.

We're proceeding apace, the dispatches indicate, with the job of annihilating them.

THE British, swinging around to the left after their crossing of the Rhine, are reported within 20 miles of the Zuider Zee and 60 miles of the North sea. They are about to spike the V-bombs that have been harrying England. They're also about to trap another big bag of Germans.

PATTON'S 3rd army is going so fast it has been blacked out of the news again. A late dispatch from the front this morning places it in the outskirts of Gotha—THREE-FOURTHS of the way across the reich to Czechoslovakia and 140 miles from Berlin.

Patton is probably headed for a junction with the Russians somewhere in Saxony.

HATCH'S 7th army is mopping up Wurzburg today and is mauling Nurnberg, reported this morning to be only 44 miles away. The French have outflanked Karlsruhe, and the map suggests that they may be headed for the upper Danube by way of Stuttgart.

THE Russians are flowing steadily around Vienna. To the east, down the Danube, they are fighting in the outskirts of (Continued on Page Three)

General Rose Murdered by Nazi

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY, April 3 (AP)—Major Gen. Maurice Rose, brilliant commander of the third armored division which spearheaded the first army's great drive from the Rhine river deep into Germany, was shot to death near Paderborn March 30 by a German tankman as the general started to surrender his arms after being captured.

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