

BERLIN FIGHT AT CRESCENDO, SAY GERMANS

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great dimensions, the broadcast said. Expands Surge The Germans declared Marshal Ivan Konev had expanded his surge across the Neisse river southeast of Berlin to a 45-mile front and was nearing Cottbus, on the Spree river 48 miles from Berlin. Moscow has not confirmed any of these three enemy-reported drives.

Capt. Ernst von Hammer declared nine Russian armies were striking toward Berlin, and "hundreds of tanks are rolling over the plowed-up battlefields. The battle has reached its climax."

Transocean said the Russians had pushed south from Wriezen and west from Seelow, where they could be less than 20 miles from greater Berlin, and astride main roads. One Russian frontal drive, it added, is hitting west along a main road from Kuestrin to Muencheberg, only 17 miles from Berlin. A deep penetration south of Frankfurt also was reported.

Sudetenland Push Slides Reich in Two

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cutious contact between north and south Germany through the mountains of Czechoslovakia. Censors would pass only the bare report that Czechoslovakia was entered.

Eastern Czechoslovakia has been deeply invaded by the Russians, who today were fighting within sight of the industrial city of Brunn. It was the seventh, or perhaps the eighth country invaded by Gen. Eisenhower's western armies. The others were France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Germany and Monaco. Some of Eisenhower's forces in the maritime Alps may have crossed the Italian frontier as well.

Final battles continued inside the cities of Halle, Duesseldorf, Dessau and the suburbs of Bremen. The third army entered Zwickau, (78,000). The British moved to within 22 miles of Hamburg. The seventh army, outflanking beleaguered Nuremberg, closed to within 85 miles of Munich and 140 of Hitler's home at Berchtesgaden. Chemnitz was under frontal assault.

Man Jailed on Driving Count

Barney Calvin McCoy, arrested by state police on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, was committed to the Klamath county jail for a period of 60 days in lieu of \$100 fine levied Tuesday by Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney.

Chief of Police Frank Rhodes also wants McCoy on a charge of car theft. In the meantime, local officers are checking on McCoy who gave his home town as Henrietta, Okla.

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German economy to a state of utter chaos. "After us the deluge" is their motto. When Louis XIV of France uttered those words somewhat less than two centuries ago, he was speaking with a half cynical bravado. The Nazis MEAN IT. That is why this is a different kind of war.

AMERICAN and British armies are still stalled at the Elbe, and the Russians are taking up the principal burden of German killing. This COULD be by agreement, permitting the Russians to take Berlin, although it probably isn't. We've gone far and fast since we crossed the Rhine, and it is likely that we have to pause while our supplies catch up.

OUR big bombers are still hitting the Jap airfields on Kyushu (where the Jap planes attacking our fleet around Okinawa are based) in waves—destroying the nests from which the Jap hornets come to sting us. The Japs still have some planes left. On Monday they attacked us in ten waves (including suicide pilots)—losing 100 planes in the attack.

WERE getting some statistics from the Pacific. In the past month the carrier planes and bi-aircraft gunners of our fleet and the British fleet that is operating with it in the Ryukyus destroyed 2280 Jap planes (not including the 200 or more shot down by our B-29s and their escorting fighters).

The Jap manufacturing capacity before we started bombing their industrial areas is supposed to have been about 1500 planes per month. In the past month, we have destroyed Jap planes TWICE as fast as the little yellow men were building them before our heavy bombing started.

(Note to Suzuki: You haven't seen ANYTHING YET. Wait till our vast bomber fleets arrive from Europe and go to work on you.)

INCLUDED in the Pacific statistics is the statement that we have already destroyed about HALF of Tokyo's industrial section.

KF Youth Held In Tacoma On Forgery Charge

Robert C. Faler, 18-year-old Klamath youth was in the Tacoma, Wash., city jail today with bond set at \$1000, following a hearing before United States Commissioner Stuart Elliott on charges of forging a U. S. money order for \$15 in Shelton, Wash. The money order, officers claimed, was taken from a post box.

Faler has no juvenile record here, juvenile authorities stated. In November, 1943 when 17 years of age, Faler ran away from his home in Klamath Falls in company with two other boys; the trio was picked up in Dunsmuir and returned home. County Juvenile Officer Harold Hendrickson said.

Will Rogers, Jr., Hurt in Action

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Lt. Will Rogers Jr., former California member of congress and son of the cowboy humorist, has been wounded in action. Rogers telegraphed his wife here that he had been hospitalized but that his wound was not serious. The message gave no details as to time or place. Rogers was with the first army in Germany after participating in the Normandy invasion. He won the Bronze Star in the Battle of the Bulge.

The Japs saturate ship timbers with whale blubber to protect them from insects. Then our navy spoils the plan by sinking the ships before the insects can do any harm, anyway. A plywood plane flew the Atlantic in 5 1/2 hours, averaging 61 miles a minute.

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YANKS DRIVE INTO BAGUIO; 7000 FREED

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off the west coast of Okinawa. Four miles to the north other infantrymen conquered two-thirds of the island, with its bomber field, and cornered remnants of the 1000 man enemy garrison at a 550 foot hill. Okinawa battle lines were substantially unchanged.

Highlight of land actions was the approaching climax of the three-months old battle by the U. S. 33rd division for Baguio. It was being fought under drenching rains today against such persistent enemy resistance that one officer commented "every Jap up there seems to be armed with a machinegun."

Pressure of the 33rd and other American units, Gen. Douglas MacArthur said, enabled him to lead in recent days to lead and carry 7000 civilians of 15 different nationalities, mostly Filipino, out of the enemy held city. They moved at night over mountain trails now dotted with graves of refugees whose falling health gave out on the escape route.

Among those brought out were four ministers of the Philippine puppet government—Quintin Paredes, Teofilo Sison, Jose Yulo and Antonio De Las Alas—they were held for trial. But Puppert President Jose Laurel and at least one of his cabinet had fled to Japan, possibly with Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, conqueror of Malaya who once boasted he would bring MacArthur to his knees.

HOME COUNCIL TO BE MAY 1 EVENT

Klamath county Homemakers festival, scheduled for May 1, promises to be a very worthwhile event.

Plans are underway for the program, with working demonstrations exhibited by the various home extension units in the county. Arrangements will be made for children to be taken care of so that no homemaker need stay home on account of small children. Sack lunches should be brought for the children.

Luncheon will be served by the women of the First Methodist church, to those attending the festival, for a nominal fee. The May Day program will be held in the First Methodist church social hall.

Courthouse Records

- Marriage Licenses
LOPEZ-GIFFEN, James Louis Lopez, 29, USMC, Native of Tampa, Fla., Res. Medford, Klamath Falls, Ore. **Lee Giffen**, 19, office worker, Native of Modesto, Calif. Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore.
PADGETT-RUGG, Emory Earl Padgett, 22, USMC, Native of Florida, Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. **Elizabeth Malinda Rugg**, 18, student, Native of South Dakota. Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore.
COTTON-DENNIS, William Lee Cotton, 24, carpenter, Native of Texas, Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. **Sophia Dennis**, 24, waitress, Native of Portland, Ore. Resident of Medford, Ore.
James Berry Cole, falling to procure operator's license. Fines, \$5.50.
James Berry Cole, no 1945 license sticker. Fines, \$5.50.
Orin Dale Reeder, operating a motor vehicle without muffler. Fines, \$5.50.
Barney Calvin McCoy, driving motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Fines, \$107.50, or 60 days in jail.
Wayne William Weisen, violation of basic rule. Fines, \$15.
Fredrick Marlon Milam, overloading truck and trailer. Fines, \$10.
John Luther Cook, operating motor vehicle with improper clearance lamps. Fines, \$5.50.
John Luther Cook, operating automobile without one red light. Fines, \$5.50.

FUNERAL

HAROLD JACK MANNING
Funeral services for the late Harold Jack Manning who passed away on March 12, 1945, will be held in the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine at Sixth, on Thursday, April 19, 1945, at 3 p. m. with the Rev. Victor Phillips of the First Methodist church of this city officiating. Commitment services and interment Link.

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British Free 39,000 Held in Nazi Concentration Camp

By WILLIAM FRYE
BRITISH SECOND ARMY HEADQUARTERS, GERMANY, April 18 (AP)—Prisoners in the Belsen concentration camp, a stinking, filthy horror, were freed Sunday by Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's men.

The camp contained 39,000 persons still alive and unaccounted dead. It contained typhus, typhoid, tuberculosis, nakedness, starvation, dumps of unburied corpses in vast heaps, mounds covering great burial heaps, one cavernous pit half-filled with blackened bodies.

There were children—500 of them—in the midst of this. Babies were born here daily. These were the findings of a senior medical officer of the British second army who has been at the camp three days and says "anything you have seen doesn't even begin the story."

The living are being moved to the relative luxury of a nearby army barracks. Soon none will be left here except those with communicable diseases too ill to move. Eventually, says the officer, the only conceivable disposition of this Nazi monument will be destruction by fire.

Nazi Horror Camp

There were 2000 women in three compounds in this camp

HULL PLEADS FOR TRADE ACT BILL

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this issue, the former secretary of state declared, is "one of the decisive tests of whether the United States is prepared to assume its share of the responsibility for creating the basic conditions upon which enduring peace depends."

Hearings Open In response to questioning from the house ways and means committee, Clayton declared that the failure would disillusion the world regarding this nation's pledges for economic prosperity through free trade. The committee began hearings today on the administration's request for the renewal and broadening of the reciprocal trade act.

Many nations will be unable to repay the United States for goods immediately after the war, Clayton said, and unless steps are taken now to permit eventual repayment through exports to this country, there will be a two-fold consequence:

- Loss Money**
1. We'll lose the money extended as credits to other nations "as happened after the first World War."
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tion which did not need provisions as a part of power."

Simple Man Ernie Pyle's full name was Ernest Taylor Pyle, but he was subjected to simplicity, both in his writings and in his dealings with the doughboys whose stories he told.

Pyle saw more war than anyone soldier, and he hated it twice in Europe. He narrowly escaped the death that overlooked him on Okinawa where he was writing his daily columns.

Villa Wounded A beachhead villa in which he had been sleeping in Italy was hit by an enemy bomb shortly after he had switched beds a year ago last March. He and four other newspapermen, including George Tucker of the Associated Press, escaped with light cuts.

Again, during the battle of the breakout in France, he was almost killed by allied bombers at the time Lt. Gen. Lesley M. Nair was killed.

About the dangers of being a war correspondent, Pyle once wrote a friend:

No Safe Way
"I try not to take any foolish chances, but there's just no way to play it completely safe and still do your job. The front does get into your blood, and you miss it and want to be back. Life up there is very simple, very uncomplicated, devoid of all the jealousy and meanness that float around a headquarters city, and time passes so fast it's unbelievable."

Pyle was born August 3, 1900, on a farm near Dana, Ind. His father, William C. Pyle, still lives there. His widow, the former Geraldine ("Jerry") Siebold of Stillwater, Minn., lives in Albuquerque, N. M., where they built a home a few years ago.

Prize Winner
In 1944 he was awarded a Pulitzer prize for distinguished correspondence during the preceding year. He also received the Purple Heart for wounds incurred in action on the Anzio beachhead.

He was the author of "Ernie Pyle in England," "Here is Your War," and "Brave Men."

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., April 18 (AP)—Albuquerque and the state of New Mexico were stunned today by the news that Ernie Pyle, famous correspondent and columnist, had been killed on Okinawa.

Word that the nationally-known Scripps-Howard columnist had been killed by a Japanese bullet.

"The nation is quickly saddened again by the death of Ernie Pyle.

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PILOT LANDS IN GOLD UPPER KLAMATH LAKE

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with only the tip of the tail above the surface. Plans were being prepared today to salvage the plane. The California Oregon Power company will assist the navy in salvage operations with the use of the company's boats and barges, it was learned.

3 KLAMATH MEN HURT IN ACTION

Three Klamath county men were reported wounded in action in the latest release from the office of war administration.

Two were wounded while in combat with the United States army in Europe. They are PFC Cecil C. Nicholson, son of Mrs. Mable J. Cummings, Box 128, Bly, and PFC Edward J. Spolek, son of Mrs. Katherine Spolek, Box 6, Malin.

Wounded in the Pacific theater was Sgt. John W. Chase, son of John W. Chase, 2029, Etna, Klamath Falls.

Next in kind in all three cases have been advised by the war department of any change in status.

nese machinegun bullet was carried to Mrs. Pyle "That Girl" of his columns by Dr. W. R. Lovelace, and Mrs. Elizabeth Shafer, widow of the late E. S. Shafer, Albuquerque Tribune editor and lifelong friend of Pyle. The physician reported that Mrs. Pyle was prostrated with grief and under his care.

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