

BRITISH FIGHT INTO DUTCH ROAD TO BOMBERS SLOGS AHEAD OVER EINDHOVEN LEVTE

Powerful Russian Drive Sweeps Into East Prussia

YANKS SLOG AHEAD OVER EINDHOVEN LEVTE

American Tank Unit Reported On Samar Isle

Australian Says Bridgehead Established On Leyte-Luzon Link

By C. YATES MACDONALD
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GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines—(AP)—American liberators of 11 towns in the central Philippines drove ahead on Leyte today through almost impassable mud and bitterly resisting Japanese.

(Press dispatches from the front to the Melbourne Herald in Australia reported an American tank column had established a bridgehead on Samar Island, the link between Leyte and Luzon Islands.)

The Herald's correspondent, Blaine Fielder, reported the tank column was ferried across narrow San Juanico Strait Monday from a highway point above Tacloban, provincial capital of Leyte, and provincial seat of the Constitutional Philippine Government.

RAPID ADVANCE
Fielder's dispatch from Tacloban, cleared by military censors, said Gen. Douglas MacArthur capitalized on the rapid advance on Northern Leyte to send his troops to the fifth island to be invaded since his return to the Philippines. Invasion of Samar was not mentioned by other correspondents.

America's Power Over Philippines

By DEAN SCHEIDLER
TACLOBAN, Leyte Island, Philippines—(AP)—I have been at the command posts of the 24th Infantry and First Cavalry Divisions, and here in this capital city conditions are unlike those of the black days of Bataan and Corregidor.

In those times there never was any question as to whose planes were overhead or where the heavy fire originated. It was always the enemy's.

ALL UNCLE SAM'S
Here, along the roads and overland, everything is Uncle Sam's.

Editor's notice: Dean Scheidler, Associated Press correspondent, reported the Battle of Bataan and was the last American newspaper man to leave Corregidor shortly before that island fell to the Japanese in May 1942. Now he is with Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines, and he tells how it feels to be on the winning side.

The planes carry the white star of the United States Air Force, not the red ball of Japan's Rising Sun.

During our last days in the Philippines in 1945, I could count on one hand the number of trucks left, and American air strikes were limited to three or four fighter planes. Food for us as well as for Filipino civilians with us was barely enough to maintain our strength.

It's a different story now. The roads are jammed with equipment of all types as ships along the beach discharge material in an increasing flow.

Navy carrier planes overhead back the ground fighting in dive-bombing and strafing unimpeded by Japanese interception in the air or by enemy ack ack.

Japanese bombers used to pound Corregidor as many as fifteen times a day and I watched our overcasted anti-aircraft gunners fire shells which hadn't the range to reach the enemy.

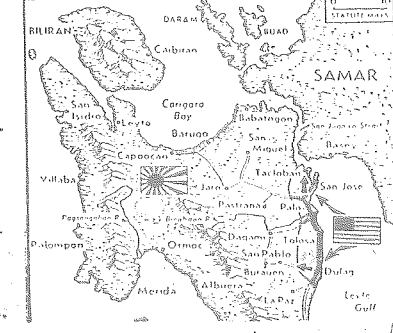
On Bataan, Filipino civilians covered under the Japanese fire.

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11 Towns Liberated By Yanks In Philippines

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines—(AP)—Ten of the first eleven towns officially declared liberated in the Philippines lie within seven miles of Tacloban, provincial capital of Leyte Island and temporary capital of a second territory.

Reading down the coastal highway they are Tacloban, San Fernando, Sacabunan, Buzayan, Pan Jose, Marabuhay, Paway, Gultinan, Calanapan and Palo. Calanapan, the tenth town, is in the low-lying hills inland from the highway, about midway between Tacloban and Palo.



Nazi Line Crushed On Long Front

400 Nazi Towns Are Captured

By DANIEL DE LUCE
MOSCOW—(AP)—Russian penetration of German territory to a depth of at least fifteen miles in East Prussia was proclaimed today in the first Moscow announcement of a powerful Red Army offensive that already has captured 400 Nazi towns and villages.

Summarizing results of a thrust from Western Lithuania that the Germans have been reporting for a week, a Russian communiqué said Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky's Third White Russian Army had broken through frontier defenses on a 21-mile front on the east.

Gen. Ivan C. Bagration's First Baltic Army cleared the way to spring into the homeland of the Germans from the north—and may already have done so.

The Soviet bulletin announced Bagration's troops had occupied all of Memel territory except the port of Klaipeda, where the German garrison was cut off, and had moved along the Nemunas River, East Prussia's northern border, from the Baltic to Jurbarkas.

Twenty salves from each of Moscow's 224 victory guns saluted the achievements of the Cherniakhovsky and Bagration armies—disclosed on a day that brought an announcement of nearly 1,000 towns seized by Red Armies from the Norwegian border in the Arctic to Yugoslavia in the south.

ON GERMAN SOIL
Cherniakhovsky's offensive, which the Russians called the "Operation on German soil for the first time, drove directly westward on each side of the main highway and rail routes from Kaunas, Lithuania, to Interburg and Konigsberg, East Prussian capital.

By official account, Cherniakhovsky's forces have made their deepest penetration of German territory at Goldap, south of the Kaunas-Konigsberg line. At captured Wartenburg, twelve miles north of Interburg, they captured a tank.

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Yanks Move On Po Town

By LYNN HEINZELER
ROME—(AP)—American troops of the Fifth Army battling down the northern slopes of the Apennines approached today within four miles of Castel San Pietro, large hill valley junction town on the Rimini Highway, thirteen miles south of Bologna.

Supreme headquarters announced this American column had captured the village of Prato, south of Castel San Pietro, after a heavy battle. Rough terrain still lay ahead.

Thick minefields, demolitions and barbed wire entanglements held up the force advancing on dominating Monte Belmonte. A communiqué said the most bitter fighting was still ahead.

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Dewey Would Retain AAA

(Earlier story on Page 3-A)
MINNEAPOLIS—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey told a news conference today the Republican Party is "committed to the maintenance of the good elements of the AAA," the New Deal anti-trust farm aid organization.

Here for a major foreign policy speech tonight, the Republican nominee diverged briefly to discuss the farm program in response to a question.

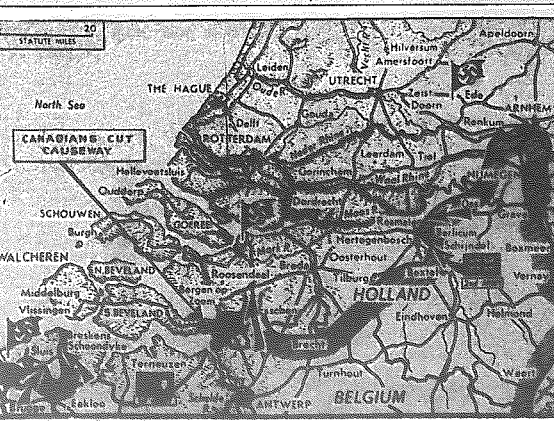
Walter Reider, a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, asked the GOP attitude would be toward continuation of AAA program, which has been suspended by the Supreme Court in the case of Ohio, the Vice-Presidential nominee, had indicated the Republicans might abandon the program.

"The Republican Party platform committed the Party to the maintenance of the good elements of the AAA," Dewey replied, indicating that Reider's question was somewhat misinterpreted.

Tokyo Reports Kuriles Raid

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—A daylight raid on Paramushiro and Oshima Islands in the Kuriles by American bombing planes was reported today by the Tokyo radio in a broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

The radio said that six B-24s made the raid, but claimed Japanese fighters "intercepted and heavily damaged" two of the six and that no damage was sustained by our side.



BATTLE OF HOLLAND BLAZES—British and Canadian troops were driving today in an effort to clear the Germans from the vicinity of the port of Antwerp.

British forces had stormed into the streets of 'S Hertogenbosch from captured Rosmalen. To the west Canadians neared Roosendaal in their drive to flank the German anchor of Bergen op Zoom. North of Antwerp the Canadians munched off the causeway leading to the island in the Schelde Estuary, bottling up the Germans on South Beveland and Walcheren Islands. Well to the west other Canadian forces fought to clear the south bank of the Schelde Estuary and held a firm grip on the ferry port of Breskens and were along or across a road all the way to Schoondijke, three miles to the south.

World Security Conference Planned Battle RAF

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Undersecretary of State Stettinius disclosed today that the United States Government hopes for a United Nations conference next January on world security, possibly following a Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting late this year to complete the Dumbarton Oaks plan.

The January conference, Stettinius speculated may be preceded by a Pan-American meeting for the purpose of discussing hemisphere questions raised by proposed conversion of the United Nations into a peace-preserving league.

Discussing these points at a press conference, the undersecretary acknowledged for the first time that the unexpected postponing of the four-power plan, scheduled for the next week, was due to the fact that the United States had thrown the tentative schedule for the next week to the wind.

Stettinius was reminded that Secretary Hull said early in the summer that he hoped for a general United Nations conference before the end of this year and was asked what that hope had been abandoned.

In reply, Stettinius said that the Dumbarton Oaks meeting ran about a month longer than anticipated and then concluded with a plan which incorporated the suggestions of the four powers.

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Some weeks ago, Stettinius said, the world had been told that the time schedule might not be changed. Now, however, it should be borne in mind that President Roosevelt will be very busy for the next two weeks or so, Stettinius continued, and then he will be very tired.

It is a question, Stettinius said, whether or not the President will be able to attend a meeting with the other great men, as he termed them, right away.

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New Hellcat Thrown Into Pacific War

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy has thrown a new Hellcat into the Pacific which is bringing down Japanese planes on the island of Iwo Jima.

In the new edition, the engine cooling has been further streamlined, stepping up the speed which already was better than 400 miles an hour; pointing has been changed to increase speed and provide maneuverability; a new type of armor plate has been added; the pilot has been widened, giving him better protection.

The new ship mounts six 40-caliber machine guns, also can carry rockets and bombs. Pilot says it handles beautifully in a dive, takes off nicely from flat-top and can outmaneuver the Zero ever made at any altitude.

Infant Deaths At 113,492

WASHINGTON—(AP)—There were 113,492 infant deaths in 1943 compared with 113,498 in 1942, the Census Bureau says.

Since there were more births in 1943, the infant death rate remained virtually the same, 68.4 deaths per 1,000 live births.

Nazi Defenses Crumbling In Holland Area

British Enter 'S Hertogenbosch; Canadians Cut Schelde Causeway

By WILLIAM FRYE
LONDON—(AP)—British troops fought into the streets of the key Dutch road center of 'S Hertogenbosch tonight. German defenses apparently were crumbling on a 12-mile front south of the ancient fortress town.

A dispatch from Supreme Allied Headquarters in Paris said that the British offensive was one phase of a squeeze drive in concert with the Canadian First Army against some 40,000 Germans fighting to hold southwestern Holland and deny the Allies use of Antwerp as a supply port.

An assault ring was shaping around 'S Hertogenbosch, with the northernmost British column reaching the city, Scottish troops swinging up from the south cut the road leading to Eindhoven.

Nearly 50 miles to the west, Canadians cut off the causeway to the Schelde Estuary islands, where enemy cannon block the sea route to Antwerp, and fought to within from three to five miles of the strongholds of Roosendaal and Bergen op Zoom.

A dispatch from Supreme Allied Headquarters in Paris said that Canadian units fighting to clear the south bank of the Schelde Estuary held the ferry port of Breskens firmly today and were along or across a road all the way to Schoondijke, three miles south of Breskens. The Germans have been squeezed into a pocket in this area.

An earlier dispatch had reported that the Canadians who took the town of 'S Hertogenbosch from the town and that a confused situation prevailed there.

Demolition patrols which moved a half-mile beyond Breskens to Port-Frederik Hendrik withdrew, presumably leaving that bastion powerful coastal batteries out of action. Neither side now occupies the fort, the Paris dispatch said.

Along the main 45-mile front facing east toward German positions, the northernmost British units cleared the area of Port-Frederik Hendrik, just west of battle-wrecked Breda, where the Canadians had ferreted the Germans out of a maze of underground fortifications and passages.

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British Gain In Greece
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Canadians Seal Gap

HEADQUARTERS FIRST CANADIAN ARMY—(AP)—Canadian Infantry cut clean across the neck of a causeway which leads to South Beveland Island last night, completely sealing the gap for the first time as operations on this sector north of Antwerp gained more ground.

Artillery provided heavy support as the Canadians drove across the peninsula neck west of Wommelrecht. They cleared the area to the banks of the East Schelde.

In the diminishing Schelde pocket, bitter fighting continued in the area of Fort-Frederik Hendrik, just west of battle-wrecked Breda, where the Canadians had ferreted the Germans out of a maze of underground fortifications and passages.

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Dutch Minute News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Far East
The Southern American column in the Central Philippines has captured the San Pablo airfield after a seven mile westward advance from the Dulag beachhead sector. The main body of the Jap force on Southern Leyte is said to be continuing its retreat.

One Australian newsmen in the Philippines says American tanks have been moved from Leyte across a narrow strait to Samar, the big island which lies between Leyte and Luzon. No such move has been confirmed officially, but military censors allowed the dispatch to come through.

A Tokyo broadcast says that American planes based in the Philippines have swept down for new attacks on two points in the Kuriles, north of the Jap mainland. The 14th U. S. Air Force has stepped up its operations in China, according to a dispatch from the ground fighting situation in Kwangsi province still is improving.

Western Front
British Second Army troops have broken into the northern outskirts of the Dutch road center of 'S Hertogenbosch. Other Allied units moving up from the south have cut the highway which leads out of the town toward Eindhoven, and a third Allied column also is nearing 'S Hertogenbosch.

Well to the west, Canadian forces have cut off the land strip connecting the Schelde Estuary islands with the mainland.

Air Warfare
One thousand British heavy bombers pounded the German city of Essen last night, raining in through swarms of Nazi night fighters. RAP Mequitos also were out during the night, for a new assault on Berlin.

Spain
Generalissimo Franco's Spanish troops are said to have repulsed a German attack on the main coastal route back to France for Spanish Republicans who are said to have utilized Spanish. But Spanish Republican quarters in Paris insist that armed clashes are spreading over much of Spain.

Italy
An American Fifth Army force has reached the North Coast of Sicily, near the town of Castell San Pietro on the Strait to Bologna Highway. Another American column has taken a village just seven miles from Rome.

Greece
Rome headquarters announced that British patrols have advanced north of the newly occupied town of Lania, where the American column has taken a village just seven miles from Rome.

Eastern Front
The latest available word from Moscow tells of a Soviet breakthrough moving up from the Norwegian border. It is believed that this advance may be a prelude to a new offensive against the German forces in the East.

Chinese Forces Scourge Japs

CHUNGKING—(AP)—Chinese attacking Chinese forces have inflicted heavy casualties on Japanese troops in bitter fighting eight miles southwest of Kweichow in Kwangsi Province, from which the enemy has been thrusting back toward the Chinese border since the Chinese counter-attacks.

Continued heavy fighting also was reported at Pingnan, east and slightly north of Kweichow, where the Japanese were said to have resumed offensive operations after being halted for a time by Chinese counter-attacks.

Luchow is about 75 miles northwest of Kweichow.

In Northern Kwangsi no further change was reported in the situation 21 miles north of Kweichow, where the high command yesterday said Chinese forces had made appreciable gains.

Germans Lob Shells Into American Area

WITH THE U. S. THIRD ARMY IN FRANCE—(AP)—The German high command yesterday lobbed from sixteen heavy artillery pieces shells into the American Third Army area early today, causing some damage and casualties.

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WEATHER

Fair and warmer, increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight; cloudy with little change in temperature tomorrow.

Temperature at 2:30 Today 67
High at Low Last 24 Hours 67
Sunset Tomorrow 6:30
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:30