

ANSWER FOR MANILA AREA

Japs Report Damage To Warships

Say 400 Planes
Participated

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Waves of American planes hit Manila and nearby airfields yesterday and today, Manila time, doing "slight damage" to warships, installations and shipping, Tokyo radio said the enemy-controlled Manila broadcast station said today.

Four hundred planes blasted the Philippine capital city, Cavite and Clark field yesterday and 400 more were flown over Manila targets today, said the broadcast heard by the Federal Communications Commission.

SAY 73 DOWNED
The enemy claimed that 73 of the raiders were shot down or damaged by Japanese interceptors in the two-day period. There has been no confirmation of the raid or asserted losses.

In today's raid, the Manila radio reported, Japanese aircraft and ships, one of the United States naval base, the objectives.

The Japanese Dornier news agency said yesterday's raids resulted in "some damage to our warships" but "several families were damaged."

In addition to the Manila and Cavite areas, the Manila radio said, "about 80 carrier-based planes took part in a raid on Clark field."

The Japanese continued to add: "After about one hour's violent aerial battle, our air force shot down several enemy planes, including two fighters. However, our side suffered a valuable sacrifice of one plane, which did not return to the base."

FROM TASK FORCE
Tokyo claimed the American planes came from a task force of 100 bombers, which were reported by the Japanese.

The Japanese radio said that the western part of Mindanao Island, south of Leyte in the Philippines, and about 25 P-51 fighters from Clark field were reported to have been shot down by Japanese fighters on Nov. 12-13, and 25 P-51 fighters from Clark field were reported to have been shot down by Japanese fighters on Nov. 12-13.

Winston Churchill Is
Now Back In England
LONDON—P. M. Prime Minister Winston Churchill has returned from his tour of the United States and Canada.

Two Minute
News Roundup
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Front
United States troops have over-looked a fourth day's progress in the battle for Metz. Supreme Headquarters reported that the latest push for Port Lyster, east of Metz, had been successful.

Philippines
A two-day aerial offensive of massive proportions against Manila and nearby airfields, continuing in the form of the Tokyo and Manila radio, the enemy announced that it had destroyed warships, installations and shipping. Four hundred planes are said to have blasted the Philippine capital city, Cavite and Clark field yesterday.

Home Front
President Roosevelt declared that the Japanese were "not only in the Far East, but in the Pacific." The President made his official statement in a statement to the press.

Death - On Leyte: Japs Slaughtered By American Guns

By DEAN SCHEIDT
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines. (AP)—The Japanese reinforcements and equipment became bloody shambles in Linnon today when trapped by an American artillery barrage as doughboys moved on the Ormoc road from three sides.

Observers on Breakneck Ridge, Ormoc Valley, where the bodies of more than 600 dead Japanese soldiers were counted after one day of fighting, saw large concentrations of Japanese reinforcements, troops, trucks and guns being moved into Linnon.

ARTILLERY ROARS
American artillery roared through the night and today the town was a mass of flames, smoke and apparently uninhabited.

Maj. Gen. Fred Irving, 24th Division Commander, said that the Japanese had been killed in Linnon had been knocked out. He added, however, the prospects were bright for American forces if the Japanese have been eliminated.

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Reds Enter Hungarian Rail Center

Drive To Outflank
Budapest Made

By DANIEL DE LUCE
MOSCOW—(AP)—Russian forces have driven into the important rail city of Jazsbereny, 37 miles east of Budapest, and are engaging the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting, front dispatches said today.

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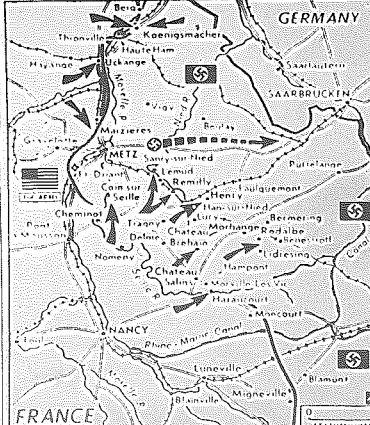
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AMERICAN PINERS CLOSING ON METZ—The solid arrows on this map indicate the American Third Army drives to close a ring around the fortress city of Metz in France, and the German counter-attacks in the northern sector. The broken arrow indicates the withdrawal of the German forces from Metz defenses. Field dispatches reported a withdrawal has begun, but there was no confirmation of the report at Allied Supreme Headquarters. The attack in the northern sector of Metz was reported to have been a new breach in the southern defenses of Metz and advanced to within 1 1/2 miles of the city. They cut behind Fort Drant, (AP Wirephoto).

Congress Session Drags At Start

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Consolidating election losers and congratulating winners, Congress reassembled today for a six weeks' flurry of activity, but decided to wait a few days before buckling down to work.

Neither Senate nor House had anything to do for a while, but on hand when Vice-President Wallace stepped forward.

The Republicans were doing the most laughing and chuckling and handshaking before the session opened today. But Vice President-elect Harry S. Truman, who has two more months to go as a Senator from Missouri, was kept busy pumping hands. So was Senate Majority Leader Vandenberg, who won re-election a week ago.

Discussing social security taxes, which go up 10 percent on Jan. 1 unless Congress steps in, Vandenberg said there was nothing the Senate could do until the House acts on the freeze or on some bill affecting revenue.

Revel of the Federal Reserve program, killed by Congress last year, was a topic of discussion. The program was a plan to provide for Federal expenditures in co-operation with the Federal Reserve Bank.

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Troops Seize Fourth Bastion South Of City

Powerful System Of Fort Lyster
Latest Prize Of U. S. Offensive

By WILLIAM FRYE
LONDON—(AP)—U. S. troops seized a fourth and powerful fortress south of Metz today, and piled through this newest breach in enemy defenses to within 3 1/2 miles of the besieged city.

Supreme Headquarters identified this latest prize as Fort Lyster, a half-mile northwest of the town of Orny, and described it as a powerful system of underground defense works.

So far as was known at Supreme Headquarters, Fort Lyster fell without resistance from its fortified batteries—just as Port Lyster, a second satellite bastion to the southwest, were taken yesterday. Also was the first of nine main fortress groups in the Metz system to fall, and Lyster the second. They were stormed by troops of the Fifth Division of U. S. Gen. Patton's Third Army.

The Americans pushed on into the "Hospital" forest for their closest approach to Metz, and were striking toward that city from the south along a nine-mile front. Nothing in front of the forest indicated any stiffening of resistance, and the apparent German pulling back of Metz defenses might be foreshadowing a withdrawal of its strong garrison.

On the fourth fortress fell, and all of Metz roads of reinforcement or retreat were brought within artillery range. Doubtless on the left flank of the 70-mile Third Army front showed forward in their Moselle bridgehead to within one and one-half miles of the German border near the Luxembourg city.

The speed with which the Fifth Division has penetrated the German defenses south of Metz raised the question of whether the enemy actually plans to yield without a fight this strongest fortified city in all Western Europe.

Supreme Headquarters said the answer to this riddle may come within the next 24 hours.

Possibly the facts which the enemy yielded were not needed for a close siege defense of the city, a dispatch pointed out. The capture of the bastions was not because the Germans actually gave into Metz itself as the whole zone is covered by the cross fire positions of guns in flanking positions. It was because the Germans had been captured and the city limits the map, by one or more additional fortifications.

An intimation that the Germans might not make a last-ditch fight for Metz came in a broadcast from the headquarters of Field Marshal Gen. Rudolf Gerd Von Rundstedt, who asserted that "Metz has fulfilled its task" in holding back the Americans while "front line fortifications" were deepened.

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Flier Captured: Admits Escaping In Airplane

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Robert G. Kaslow, 21, former Army Guardsman who tried a C-47 fighter plane and parachuted from a stolen Army plane into custody of the FBI here, pleaded guilty today to a federal charge of "applying to his own use and disposing of" the plane.

Quietly cheating gun Kaslow appeared before U. S. Commissioner R. H. Carter, Jr., and was placed in custody of a U. S. Marshal. Bond was fixed at \$25,000.

HAS 20 YEARS
Kaslow, formerly of Johnson City, N. Y., already is under a 20-year court martial sentence for a series of Army offenses. He escaped the court-martial sentence by fleeing from his plane near New Orleans. The ship crashed near the Biggins airfield while Kaslow parachuted into a swamp.

The former officer was arrested last night in a hotel cocktail lounge. An unidentified young woman companion, taken into custody with him, was released by FBI agents today. An unusual "V" ring worn by the 23-year-old brunette, furnished the principal clue for FBI agents who trailed them from one night spot to another.

Forli Area Gains Made

By LYNN HEINZELBERG
ROME—(AP)—British Eighth Army troops thrusting northwest from Forli on the eastern sector of the Italian battlefield have advanced two miles in some places, capturing the village of San Donato, yesterday cut back across Highway 9, the main coastal route, and captured German tanks and trucks.

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Many Die On Tirpitz

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Stockholm Times today reported that 1,200 Germans died on the battleship Tirpitz Sunday, when British bombs sent it to the bottom of an Arctic fjord in Norway.

Many of the 800 rescued from the 2,000 in the crew were injured seriously because "the first direct hit compressed the exits and prevented the crew from getting out," the dispatch distributed by OWL said.

BERLIN DISMAYED
The Stockholm newspaper said "the greatest dismay" prevailed in Berlin Sunday. The dispatch was reported to determine why the superdreadnaught did not have better fighter plane protection, promised but not provided, the newspaper added.

"Berlin now believes in a British landing in Norway and that the German Army in Finland will be isolated completely," the dispatch said.

The Tirpitz was "put out of action in shallow water just off the Norwegian coast," and a great part of her crew of possibly 1,600 was killed, the German communiqué asserted.

The broadcast required for the 11,000-ton superdreadnaught said: "The German battleship Tirpitz, engaged in protecting the north Norwegian coastline, was hit by the last two years' numerous attacks by strong special British bomber formations and shot down a large number of enemy machines. On Nov. 12, the Tirpitz was hit by a British bomber formation, and a great part of her crew was killed."

Sumner said Tirpitz in Norway's Tromsø fjord is expected here to release additional strong units of the British Home Fleet.

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