# FRST ARMY SHOVES NAZIS BA

1,600 U.S. Heavy Bombers And 800 Fighters Hit Reich

## Yanks Attack West German Rail Centers

LONDON—(AP)—Sixteen hundred American heavy bombers and 800 fighters—the greatest fleet of four-engined craft ever mounted in aerial warfare—raided Western Germany's rail centers today with 6,000 tons of explosives Tige Profites and Liberator fleet Butch and the state of the sta

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#### Red Army Front

### Report Russians Are In Budapest

#### Two-Minute

#### News Roundun

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afterward, British Landid Misquites jarred rail-and fuel plants in three the Ruhr (Caterfeld, and Brucckhausen),

Russian Front

### Seaport Of Ormoc In U.S. Hands

#### Thousands Of Jap Troops Trapped

By Associated Press

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S IEADQUARTERS. Philip-ines — Leyte Island's strate-ic scaport of Ormoc was in



OFFENSIVES ON TWO FRONTS IN EUROPE—Arrows indicate major action on Western and Eastern fronts (heavy lines) in Europe the past week. On the west Allies were driving for the Ruhr and Saar areas, with the latter holding the spot as the U.S. Third Army, pushed juits German border defenses. On the east the

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#### State Draft Men Sent Directive

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Selective Service today noticed state draft directors that it will take "immediate action" to put into effect the Bryrnes manpower directive. In telegrams to state officiers.

[4a] Gen. Lewis B. Hershey said week to help War Mobilizer Byrnes had draft regulations are being with his tasks.

## Beaten Back

## Nazi Attacks

nounced today.

The fiercest of these counter

Counter-Offensive Looms

Nazis Reported Gathering New Weapons For Desperate Drive

## Sweep Within Plain View Of City Of Duren

Far To The South, Haguenau Is Captured By American Troops

WITH U. S. SEVENTH ARMY IN ALSACE—(F)—Hagueman ortant communications and supply city eighteen miles north e usbourg, fell to American troops today,

important communications and supply city eighteen sales north of Straeburg, fell to American treeps teday,

BY EDWARD KENNEDY

PARIS—(AP)—First Army veterans drove within two and a half miles of the Roer River citadel of Duren today and advanced one and one-half miles along the Anchen-Cologne superhighway to Merken, seventeen miles inside Germany and the deepest point of conquest.

Even as Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodged's shock troops in fresh snowfall fought toward the Hooded Roer on a ten-mile front, the skies were filled with 1,600 U. S. heavy bombers and 800 escorting fighters striking vital points or German railroads leading to the front.

Dhorn, three miles west, and Echtz, two and one-half miles northwest of Duren. toppled. Nearby Geich, Obsegeich and Strass were taken yeaterday.

Late in the day, the First Army had fought a quarter nile east of Echtz within plain view of the above covered ruins of Duren. They also seized Schlich, two and one-half miles west of Duren, although fighting continued was at the village.

All along the First Army Front

Jap Naval Chief Dead

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