

BOURG IS OF DANGER

Army Wiping Out Fortifications of Griefed Line

VER DAM SEIZED

American tanks Moroccan mountain the Colmar pocket in trapping elements of a German division in Mountains south of

tank of Maj. Gen. Millman's 21st Corps an from south of Colmar Moroccans advanced north of Mulhouse in a line of eight miles. The killed to less than 200 by midnight, was and the threat from the south was

American First Army miles deep into German a mile of the Siegfried line of Ormound and was reported in matches to have broken the last of a double

troops deemed First Army backed away a concrete zone of the Third Line, the Third south drove a mile, and the main belt defenses with moderate resistance of six miles in Ger-

Third and a hill from Mulhouse fortress. As 10,000 Germans were doomed by the Colmar pocket. Maj. Gen. Arthur's 12th Infantry Division linked up Fourth Moroccan Mountain of the French First morning at Houffach, between Colmar and Cerny-Bellac are the third

the 21st Corps, a similar French First Army. The cutoff was a collapse in the east, the Germans turned into a box against about 10 miles wide and 15 miles along the

the Siegfried Neufhrach Division captured the dam and closed up the southern side of the

troops near Junction the Network broadcast said "American troops have through the Siegfried Line important points east of us and are astride two big

Russ and Nazis Battling For Oder River Stronghold



Pfc. Jerome T. Brandt

PFC. BRANDT IS KILLED DEC. 9

One of Five Brothers in Army Was With Infantry in Luxembourg

Pfc. Jerome Thomas Brandt, 21, reported missing in action in Luxembourg since Dec. 9, was killed in action that day, according to information in a War Department telegram received last night by his wife, Mrs. Grace Brandt, 633A Adler road.

Pfc. Brandt, one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. August Brandt, 512 W. Fifth street, serving in the U. S. Army, reported to the induction center at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Oct. 8, 1942. He took his basic and infantry training at Camp Wolters, Texas, after which he spent a seven-day delay en route in Marshfield before reporting to

AKIOKA TAKES PART IN LUZON INVASION

Marshfield Man, Native of Hawaii, Finally Gets Chance at Japs

Herbert Akioka, Hawaiian-born Marshfield resident who entered the Army at 44 to take a crack at the Japs, and was honorably discharged at 48, before he could realize his ambition, has attained his goal!

Akioka had to join the Navy at 44 to do it, but his years of preparation in the Army and the Navy were forgotten recently when he was privileged to take part in the American invasion of Jap-held Luzon, in the Philippines.

Mrs. Akioka, who had followed her husband's progress from Pearl Harbor to the Solomon, New Guinea, and the Admiralty Islands, had not heard from him for some

Twin Soviet Spearheads Threaten to Outflank German Capital

London — (AP) — German and Russian guns duelled across the Oder today and Marshal Zhukov moved First White Russian Army tanks and infantry to the river line along a front of 140 miles, threatening to outflank Berlin through north Germany as well as in the south.

The German high command said violent Russian attacks were in progress against the Oder River fortress of Kustrin 40 miles east of Berlin.

Latest official Moscow announcements told of the capture

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Russ Accounts For

Zhukov's tanks thrusting toward Stettin in a threat to topple that port and circle Berlin on the north were traveling in radio silence, Moscow said, but were believed to be cutting behind enemy groups and causing great damage.

German accounts, far ahead of official Moscow announcements in that area, told of Red Army penetrations to the area of Schwedt, on the Oder, 21 miles south of Stettin, and the region of Pyritz, 22 miles southeast of Stettin.

Simultaneously, Zhukov's forces in the Frankfurt bulge between the Oder and Warthe poised a southward flanking threat by the capture of Zuebinen, 13 miles southeast of Frankfurt and five miles from the Oder.

Build Rebel Hops German underground reports received in London said the Germans already were building flying bomb ramps 50 miles west of Berlin and facing the German capital for use against the city if it falls to the Russians.

Moscow dispatches failed to bear out German reports of Russian attempts already made to cross the formidable Oder in the Frankfurt-Kustrin area, where it is nearly 1,000 feet wide, but said widespread mopping up was going on in numerous pockets along the river stretching from the area south of Stettin to the Russian hinge midway between Frankfurt and Breslau where the First White Russian and First Ukrainian Armies join. More than 100 villages, some close to the Oder and others on its banks, were captured by the Russians yesterday.

WORK-OR-JAIL BILL DELAYED IN SENATE

Military Committee Decides To Hold Hearings on Legislation

Washington — (AP) — Manpower legislation ran into the prospect of indefinite delay today when the Senate Military Committee reversed an earlier decision and ordered hearings.

Jap Commander Refuses to Open Prison So Vehicle Moves In

TROOPS SEARCH ROOMS

BY DEAN SCHEDLER AND FRED HAMPSON

Santo Tomas Prison Camp, Manila — (AP) — Liberty was a steel tank with a 75 mm gun for a torch and a white star on its tempered flank.

The driver slipped the clutch and Liberty idled before the chained gate of this war prison which held—we prayed—some 3,000 men, women and children of the United Nations.

"Open up" roared the tank commander.

No hand appeared to slip the gate's bolts.

"Open the goddam thing or I'm coming anyway," the commander shouted. Again the order brought no response.

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just another of the inexplicable Japanese orgies. The voice beyond the gate was American and contained a resolution of its own kind. But the gate did not open.

Be Sure of Shots

"Go on in," the tank commander directed quietly, "but don't shoot unless you have to. And be sure they're Japs."

The snorting tank pushed against the gate. The engine clattered. The gate groaned, cracked and crashed under the treads.

Prisoners, gaunt, hollow-eyed, afraid of their own hopes, poured from the buildings. In the gathering dusk they saw this was an American tank. And as from a single throat they poured out an agonizing cry of relief and thanks and welcome.

There was a pause as if they were still afraid to believe their eyes. The American tank stopped atop the twisted gate of Japanese bondage, and slowly the wretched captives began slipping away from them.

Offers to Surrender

On an upper floor of one of the houses on the campus, a Japanese prison commandant with his Formosan guards were ready for a last fight. The commandant, Colonel Hayashi, offered to surrender the prison in return for a guarantee of safe passage through the gates.

The tank commander answered See—PRISONERS—Page 2

The War At A Glance

(By the Associated Press)

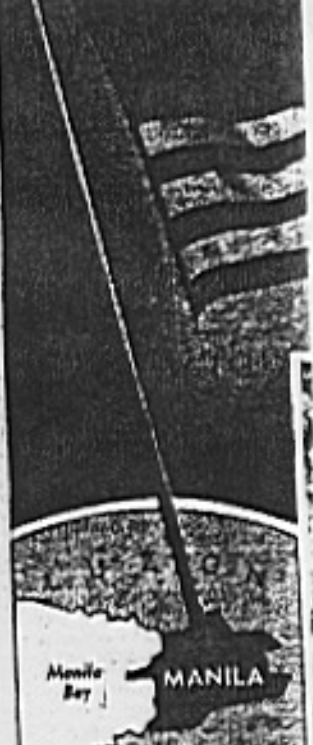
The Western Front—First Army reported through double-row Siegfried Line east of Monchau, 20 miles from Rhine; Third Army deepens Siegfried wedge to south; French-American troops compress Germans Colmar pocket.

The Russian Front — Soviets drive toward Oder bend 20 miles from Berlin beyond by-passed Kustrin; German report Oder crossing attempt foiled; Red armies mass along hinge stretch of river.

The Italian Front—Fifth Army retakes ground lost in December near west coast; strong patrol actions mark front below Bolzano.

The Pacific Front

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JAPS FREED TO SAVE HOSTAGES

65 Soldier Guards Held 213 Internees on Upper Floors of Camp

San Francisco — (AP) — Sixty-five Japanese soldier guards of Santo Tomas internment camp in Manila were granted freedom and escorted beyond American lines in order to save the lives of 213 internees they held as hostages, Arthur Feldman reported in a Blue Network broadcast from Santo Tomas today.

"With the rest of Santo Tomas in the hands of the First Cavalry and other internees being afraid, the Japs withdrew into the education building on the second and third floor with the internees," Feldman said.

They barricaded staircases and set up machine guns to cover entrances.

Lockes L. Rock, former Manila oil man, who was one of the hostages, was quoted by Feldman as saying "The Japanese privates in side were scared and wanted to surrender but the non-coms were tough about it."

Sneak Get Away "That group of internees," the broadcaster said, "were in the building with the Japs returned