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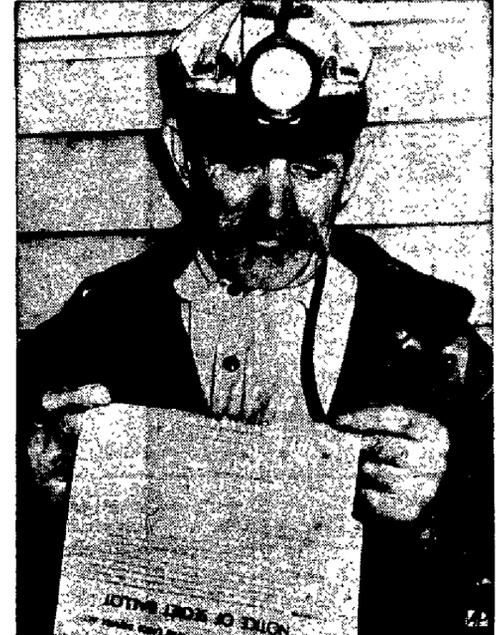
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YANKS INVADE CEBU—This photo, one of the first radiotelephoto photos from Manila, shows one of the first waves of Yank infantrymen scrambling ashore on Cebu island in the central Philippines. The invasion forces, reported within two and a half miles of burning Cebu City, landed on the heavily mined beaches only after an intensive aerial and naval bombardment had prepared the way. (NEA telephoto from signal corps radiotelephoto.)



MINER STUDIES BALLOT—Peter Sacolovich (above), a miner for 40 years, Liberty, Pa., looks over a sample of the ballot the soft coal miners used when they voted to strike in an NLRB election yesterday if ordered to do so by their leader, John L. Lewis.



RATION-FREE MEAT GOES THROUGH CUSTOMS—Detroiters who cross the border into Windsor, Canada, to buy ration-free meat are having their packages inspected at the Windsor-Detroit tunnel exit by U. S. custom inspector John Scallen (left), who weighs two chickens.



CHILD RECEIVES AWARD FOR DAD—Her dad, S/Sgt. Martin R. Styer, Jr., a prisoner of war in Austria, 14-month-old Shirley Ann Styer is presented the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal on his behalf by Col. John M. Hutchison, commanding officer at Bolling Field, Va.

FIRST, THIRD ARMIES RACE AHEAD

'Things Happened Fast' When Rangers Sprung Prisoners, Worden Clark Says

BY DON UNFERTH
The anguished feeling of despair at Corregidor's fall, the horrors of life in a Japanese prison camp, the thrill of being rescued by American Rangers, the joy of setting foot on the shores of America again—these mixed emotions and the story behind them were unfolded here today by Worden S. Clark, brother of Mrs. Art Stewart, 540 Wisconsin street, Wisconsin Rapids.

Mr. Clark, who will be 64 years old in June, was a prisoner of the Japanese from May 6, 1942, to January 30, 1945—certainly a long, harrowing time to spend under the yoke of the hated Japanese.

Mr. Clark will never forget how 120 grim, tough members of the Sixth Ranger infantry battalion, together with some 300 gallant Filipino guerrillas, rescued him and some 500 other Jap-held prisoners

of war from a camp near Cabanatuan, Luzon, in the Philippines.

Tells of Rescue
Sitting back in his easy chair at the home of his sister in surroundings so different from those which he had been forced to submit to only a few short months ago, his eyes shine as he tells of the historic rescue pulled off by the volunteer Rangers.

"Things happened fast that night," he said. "It was about 8 o'clock the evening of January 30. The night was very dark. The first inkling I had that something out of the ordinary was taking place came when I heard shooting from the direction of the Jap barracks.

"I hit the ground on my stomach as flat as I could," he continued. "Then the shooting kind of let up. A Ranger poked his head into our barracks and shouted to us to make

for the main gate. Believe me, we wasted no time doing just that. I left almost everything behind, including all of my clothes excepting what I was wearing, my walking stick, watch and other belongings.

Helped By Rangers
"As I was approaching the main gate I was greeted by three Rangers, who asked me if I could walk. In my weakened condition and without my stick I needed help. Two of the Rangers quickly came to my aid on the march back to freedom."

Those Rangers, under the command of Lt. Col. Henry A. Mucci, Denver, Colo., effected that rescue without the aid of a tank or even a horse. Their biggest weapon was the bazooka. Even their commander traveled on foot.

About 50 of the liberated prisoners had to be carried on litters. All of the 511 who were rescued were

in weakened condition as the Japanese had previously sent out all those able to walk on work details.

There were three Wisconsin men in that brave Ranger contingent. They were S-Sgt. Clifford Gudmundson, Cushing; Pfc. Carlton O. Dietzel, Pigeon; and T-5 William Lawver, Cayuga. Another Wisconsin man, Maj. Joseph Sitter, Prospect avenue, Shorewood, was among those rescued.

Took 20 Minutes
Mr. Clark estimates that it took about 20 minutes from the time the shooting started until the Rangers had passed out through the main gate with their precious cargo of humanity.

"We were taken to Gimba, back of the American lines, by the Rangers," Mr. Clark stated. "There we had a big supper, our first real See—CLARK—Page 3

Ruhr Nearly Cut Off; Berlin 199 Miles Away

BY JAMES M. LONG
Paris—(P)—The U. S. First army wheeled north in a 40-mile spurt which came within 68 miles of cutting off the Ruhr today and the Third army raced to within 199 miles of Berlin.

The First army, unmasking a maneuver which threatened to block out a rich Ruhr and east-Rhine area 65 miles long and 50 miles wide, reached the area of Langwiesse, only 48 miles southeast of Hamm, eastern exit of the Ruhr. It also reached Frankenberg, 200 miles southwest of Berlin.

The illustrious Fourth armored division, pacing the rush of the Third army, roared eastward for 20 miles on the First army's right flank and entered Lauterbach, 199 miles southwest of Berlin on a sideroad to Leipzig.

On the northern fringe of the Ruhr, the U. S. Ninth army captured Haltern, 68 miles northwest of Langwiesse.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, in swinging around the Ruhr, already had reached a point 65 miles directly east of Cologne.

All over the front British and American troops raced through wide breaks in German lines. North of the Ruhr they were reported menacing Hannover, 142 miles west of Berlin.

The First army's surge placed it within 78 miles of Muenster, also menaced by the forces north of the Ruhr.

The Third army also was advancing along the southwestern flank of the First army, but most of the front was under a news blackout which prevented full disclosing of whereabouts of the probing columns of armor and tank-riding infantry.

Red Troops Pierce German Defenses to Reach Austria

London — (P) — The Red army burst through the splintered defenses of the Bratislava gap in the Danube valley and reached the Austrian border, Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

The big Stalin tanks and armored cars of Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army, smashing ahead from captured Cesrna, hammered at the defenses of Pambagen, 39 miles southeast of Vienna, St. Johann on the frontier to the northeast and Moson (Wieselburg), near the Danube 21 miles southeast of Bratislava, Moscow dispatches said.

"There are no indications that any of these tanks and armored cars actually crossed the frontier into Austria," according to P Correspondent Eddy Gilmore.

The German communique announced a withdrawal north of the Danube to the Nitra river and a 25-mile advance by the Russians from the broken Iron river line.

This push in Slovakia, dovetailing with the assault below the great river of southeastern Europe, apparently placed the Russians close to the city of Nitra, 40 miles east of Bratislava, capital of the puppet government of Slovakia, and possibly as close as 30 miles to the border of Moravia.

There was no word of the coordinated offensive of Marshal Ivan Konev from Silesia toward Vienna and Prague from the northeast, but the Russians were heavily bombing Maerisch-Osttau in the Moravian gap in their approach from that direction.

Evacuate Kahleitz Cape
In the north the German communique announced the evacuation See—RUSSIANS—Page 9

Okinawa Battered Sixth Day

Guam—(P)—Okinawa underwent its sixth day's bombardment by the U. S. fleet as hundreds of carrier aircraft knifed into its remaining strongholds, fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Radio Tokyo held to its report that Yank troops have landed on the Kerama islands, asserting a fleet of "20 to 30 transports" is attempting to supply American invasion forces on the islands, 15 miles west of Okinawa. There was no confirmation from fleet headquarters of any of these reports.

Citing preliminary reports of damage inflicted on the enemy, Nimitz communique said 38 aircraft were destroyed; 19 ships crippled including—three destroyers or destroyer escorts damaged, five cargo ships damaged and many small craft wrecked. Military installations including submarine pens at Unten bay on Okinawa were heavily hit.

The totals make today's incomplete Pacific boxscore for the past ten day carrier and battleship offensive read:

819 aircraft probably destroyed, 87 or more ships sunk or damaged, including carriers and a 45,000-ton battleship.

Nimitz acknowledged "some fleet units" suffered damage "under enemy air attacks" including "serious damage" to one destroyer, one "larger unit" and another ship, and "minor damage to several others." None of these ships was reported lost.

The fleet's assault on the Ryukyus by air and sea is probably the heaviest in the Pacific and imperial Japanese headquarters implied in today's communique the attack is continuing into the seventh day.

Tokyo also reported carrier plane attacks on the naval base of Kure on Honshu island, early today.

Bulletins

LEWIS FAVORS PROPOSAL
Washington — (P) — Secretary of Labor Perkins said today that John L. Lewis had agreed to accept a contract settlement she proposed but that bituminous operators had asked for more time to study it.

Miss Perkins described her proposal as taking "a great deal out of the miners' cherished demands," but declined to discuss the details.

GERMANS "BEATEN"
Washington — (P) — Secretary of War Stimson said today the situation on the western front "makes clear in no uncertain terms" that the German army on the Rhine is "beaten."

WILL TAKE CHARGE
Washington — (P) — Maj. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, who has been with the office of war mobilization and reconstruction, was designated today to take charge of civil affairs in Germany when that country is occupied.

EXTEND PRICE CONTROL
Washington — (P) — Extension of the price control act for one year without change was approved today by the senate banking committee.

Only Half of Tire Bids Can Be Filled
W. Fred Bushnell, chief clerk of the South Wood county war price and rationing board, announced today that only 50 per cent of those who have applied for tires will receive them this month. He also pointed out that the shortage is not only due to lack of rubber but of fiber as well, and added that next month may find the quota cut even more severely. Holders of B and C gasoline ration books are affected by this cut, and those to receive tires will be determined by merit.

Mr. Bushnell also issued a reminder to all truck owners to watch their mail boxes today for their second quarterly gasoline rations which were mailed out last night.

DOUGHBOYS DRIVE JAPS INTO HILLS NORTH OF CEBU

BY FRED HAMPSON
Manila — (P) — Doughboys pursued the Japanese into the hills north of Cebu city today, headquarters said, after that demolition wrecked second city of the Philippines was captured in a brisk two-day drive from the Yanks' Cebu island beachhead on the east coast.

Troops inside the city fought scattered battles along heavily-mined streets, but for the most part the enemy was reported to have abandoned well prepared defenses and fled before Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold's fast-moving American division.

The Japanese fought stubbornly for a time Tuesday at Pardo, on the southern outskirts, but the 182nd regiment of Boston, Mass., cleared the way. Another column moved around to the west, and the capital city was entered from two sides Wednesday morning. A merican losses were light.

Announces Cebu's Capture
Gen. Douglas MacArthur, announcing Cebu's capture today, said the city of 150,000 inhabitants was badly damaged by Japanese demolition crews carrying out their "scorched earth" policy as they did in blasted Manila. The important harbor area, however, was taken virtually intact. It is one of the best in the Philippines.

Capture of the city was preceded by an attack by midget submarines on American shipping off the Cebu beachhead, about five miles south of the capital. The tiny undersize craft had struck during daylight Monday, D-day, forcing all un-beached ships to put to sea, where they remained until the next morning.

Resistance Near Kapitana
Fighting was particularly stiff around Kapitana, at the south end of the Baleta pass, which leads into the extensive Cayagan valley of northern Luzon.

Bombers ranging the China Sea sank seven freighters, some of them used as transports, and damaged 16 others. Two 3,000-tonners were sunk and 12 smaller ones damaged off French Indo-China. The others were hit off Foochoo, China.

The port of Legaspi, on the southeastern "tail" of Luzon, took the heaviest aerial bombing of the day — 180 tons. Formosa's harbor installations were hit with 72 tons of bombs.

Report Rapids Marine Dead; Flier Missing

Two Wisconsin Rapids families received the sad news yesterday that their sons were casualties on widely separated war fronts.

According to the war department, Sgt. Charles Fitzgerald, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fitzgerald, 621 Thirteenth avenue north, was killed in action March 1 on Iwo Jima. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Tomsyck, 501 Twelfth avenue north, were notified, also by the war department, that their son, Second Lt. John P. Tomsyck, has been missing in action over Germany since March 15.

Had Been Wounded
A member of the Fifth marine division, Sergeant Fitzgerald had been slightly wounded in action February 21. He had written to his parents later in February.

He was born in Ladysmith, May 19, 1919, and spent his boyhood in Milwaukee, Wisconsin Rapids and Wautoma. He received his schooling in the latter community, his family moving to Wisconsin Rapids for the second time four years ago. Prior to his entrance into the marine corps in December, 1941, he was employed by the Green Bay & Western railroad.

The marine received training at San Diego, Calif., and Camp Elliott, Calif., before going overseas in the spring of 1942. He served with Carlson's raiders for 21 months, taking part in the Makin, Guadalcanal, Munda and Bougainville campaigns. Home a Year Ago

Just a year ago, he returned home on leave. Then he reported to Camp See—CASUALTIES—Page 9

Losses Close To 900,000

Washington — (P) — American combat casualties reported since Pearl Harbor neared the 900,000 mark today with the army setting its losses at 780,048.

The latest navy report added 92,819 to the army toll, making the aggregate 872,867. This was an increase of 13,275 from the preceding weeks report.

Secretary of War Stimson said the army's total was based on a compilation of individual names received here through March 21, and reflected actual battlefield developments through the end of February and the beginning of March.

ROOSEVELT RETURNS

Washington — (P) — President Roosevelt returned to the White House today from a four-day visit to his home at Hyde Park, N.Y.

Albert Zager, 80, Sigel Pioneer, Dies

Albert Zager, 80, who resided on the same farm in the town of Sigel the past 53 years, died there at 4:05 this morning after a week's illness. He came to Wood county from Germany in 1883 and was first employed by the Hansen saw mill at Vesper.

Mr. Zager was born in Pomerania, Germany, November 10, 1864, and married Bertha Stake in the town of Sigel May 13, 1892. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1942. She survives with three children, William Zager of Wisconsin Rapids, Henry Zager on the home farm and Mrs. Edwin Haas of the town of Sigel. There are three grandchildren.

A brother Herman Zager resides in Wisconsin Rapids. A sister, Mrs. Charles Gibson died January 7, 1945.

The body will be taken to the residence Saturday afternoon. Krohn and Berard has charge of funeral arrangements.

Special Services Planned in Observance of Good Friday

Mayor William T. Nobles issued a proclamation today urging participation in Good Friday services. The proclamation follows:

"Whereas Friday, March 30, 1945, will be Good Friday, the Anniversary of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"And whereas it is our age-old custom to respect the hours from 12 to three as a devotion to the memory of the Crucifixion, in which an increasing number of citizens in the United States and throughout the civilized world are setting aside three hours as a time when people are given an opportunity to join in religious observance thereof.

"And, whereas, this period as well as other times during the day have been set aside by local churches as a time of prayer and meditation. Now therefore, I, W. T. Nobles, mayor of the city of Wisconsin Rapids, do hereby urge that in as far as possible, places of business and public buildings be closed during that period, in order that people of

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this city may join in prayer for the Good Friday Observance and for a lasting peace."

L. L. Bender, president of the Community club said today that in order that employees might attend at least a part of the religious services, stores and business places will be closed from 11 until two in the afternoon.

Services at Theater
Several religious observances have been planned, one of which will be the noonday service at the Wisconsin theater from 12:05 to 12:45. The Rev. E. G. Kuechle of the Immanuel Lutheran church will preside, but it is pointed out that this is a public service for all who care to attend.

Six protestant churches will join in Union Services at the First Methodist church from 12 noon until 3 o'clock. There will be "The Seven Last Words of the Cross." It was stated that this service will be divided into short periods so that those who cannot attend the whole

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service may leave at one of the intermissions. Churches joining in this service are the First Moravian, Trinity Moravian, First Methodist, St. John's Evangelical and Reformed, First Baptist and First Congregational churches.

Although participating in the Union Service, the Rev. George Westphal will conduct a Passion service with the reading of the Crucifixion story at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The Trinity Moravian church, also joining in the Union Service, will also have a Passion service with observance of the death hour at 2:30 in their church. Two Services

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church will hold Good Friday English services at 12:30 in the afternoon and a German service with holy communion at 7:30 in the evening.

In addition to the noonday service at the Wisconsin theater, the Immanuel Lutheran church will See—SERVICES—Page 9

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Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges lifted the veil on his First army to permit disclosure of his northward swing after a 36-hour silence, but even then out-run communications prevented announcement of the full extent of his penetration.

To the north, it was known that the British Second army had made a 20-mile advance. The U. S. Ninth army, fighting along and into the northern fringe of the Ruhr, made another six-mile advance along Hitler's broad highways, tearing up only an occasional enemy pocket of resistance.

Haltern, 20 miles northwest of Dortmund, and 85 miles west of Hamm, largest freight yard in Germany, was captured by the Ninth.

Duisburg Surrenders
Duisburg in the Ruhr ran up the white flag.

All of Frankfurt on the Main except the northern outskirts was captured by the Third army, whose advance troops operating in Echelon with the First army moved eastward to within 214 miles of Berlin.

Hamborn, Weisbaden, Hamau, Aschaffenburg and the northern half of Mannheim fell to Gen. Eisenhower's victory-flushed armies fighting up to 145 miles deep in Germany.

The nearest First army approach to Berlin was at Amoenburg, 85 miles beyond the Rhine and 255 from Russian siege lines in the east. The First and Third armies scored advances of 20 miles or more overnight, capturing the important Lahn river traffic center of Marburg, without opposition.

The Seventh army, fighting 38 miles east of the Rhine on a solid front with the Third and First armies, virtually encircled the last defenders of Mannheim by crossing the Neckar river near that chemical center. The Seventh also crossed the Main south of Aschaffenburg at points east of Schweinheim and Niedernberg.

The enemy was concerned about operations on the Neckar, which flows behind the easily defended black forest to the south. The Ger- See—WESTERN FRONT—Page 9

Polk County D. A. Given Week to Quit Because of Drinking

Madison—(P)—M. J. McDonald, suspended Polk county district attorney, received a week's grace to submit his resignation after a hearing today in Governor Goodland's office at which Polk county officials testified McDonald had been intoxicated repeatedly and neglected his duties.

Before the hearing, a telegram from McDonald stating he was ill in a Milwaukee hospital and offering his resignation was received at the governor's office.

Deputy Attorney General J. Ward Rector, who conducted the hearing, said the resignation, to be effective, should have been submitted to the sheriff and then transmitted to the governor. If the resignation is received in proper form before hearing testimony is transcribed, Rector said, no report will be filed with the governor.

McDonald was suspended March 5 by the governor on an affidavit signed by a majority of the Polk county board and charge McDonald with neglecting his duties because of intoxication.

Postpone Final Senate Vote on Manpower Bill

Washington—(P)—Administration leaders decided informally today to postpone the final senate vote on the manpower bill until next week.

Privately less optimistic about the prospect for senate acceptance, the administration forces sparred for time in an effort to persuade some of their absent senators to return to the capital.

The administration appeared to have encountered "back row trouble." Some of the junior senators, whose seats are in the rear of the chamber, have balked at accepting the stringent terms of the bill, which provides jail penalties and fines for workers and employers who violate job directives.

Majority Leader Barkley and Senator Thomas (D-Utah), floor manager for the bill, were called to the White House today for a discussion of the situation with President Roosevelt.

'Hour of Success' Near: Churchill
London—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill asserted today that the "hour of success" was near.

His prediction came in a letter endorsing a liberal candidate for commons in a special election to fill a vacancy.

Cpl. Sherman Foss Wounded in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foss, Nekeosha, have been notified by the war department that their son, Cpl. Sherman Foss, USMC, was wounded in the south Pacific and was hospitalized March 3.

Corporal Foss entered service February 2, 1942, and went overseas in July, 1944.

"KE" TO GIVE WORD
Washington—(P)—Secretary of War Stimson indicated today that General Eisenhower will give out the first news on the cessation of hostilities in Europe.