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British Task Force Joins Americans To Blast Okinawa

Nazis Say Supers Hit Tokyo With New Incendiaries

BY ELMONT WAITE
Guam—(AP)—A powerful British task force has joined the mighty American naval assault on the Ryukyu island approaches to the Japanese homeland which the navy announced today is continuing.

Yanks Take Two Islands Off Cebu

Manila—(AP)—Invasion-seasoned doughboys—Yanks have landed on 13 Philippine islands this month alone—swept ashore on Mactan and Cebu islands off conquered Cebu Wednesday to clear the shipping lanes into that second port of the Archipelago.

SUPERS HIT NAGOYA

Washington—(AP)—Superfortresses today hit Nagoya, Japan's third city and big aircraft production center.

Chile Paper Bares Plot To Destroy Panama Canal

Santiago, Chile—(AP)—The newspaper La Nacion, which has important contacts with the government, declared today that an attempt to destroy the Panama canal had been disclosed by the detention of a German saboteur named Von Appen.

Man Injured as Axe Gets Tangled With Clothesline

Wellington Walker, 36, 1740 Fifth street south, figured in a freak accident Wednesday evening which involved an axe and a clothesline. But it really isn't as funny as it sounds.

300 Lost in Sinking Of Aircraft Carrier

Alameda, Calif.—(AP)—More than 300 men were lost in the sinking of the escort carrier Bismarck Sea off Iwo Jima February 21, survivors who arrived here yesterday revealed.

Medic Injures Leg On Western Front

A letter from Sgt. John M. Casper to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Casper, Sr., 551 Eighth avenue south, informed them of a leg injury received while serving with a medical detachment in General Patton's Third army on the Western front.

Memorial Services For Edmond Sternot

A memorial requiem high mass will be said by the Rev. Robert Oberwinder at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, April 4, at St. James Catholic church, Vesper, for Staff Sgt. Edmond Sternot, 27, who was killed in action January 13 in Belgium.

Hold Everything

Sergeant Sternot, son of Joseph Sternot of Flint, Mich., and grandson of Jacob Sternot of Vesper, was serving with the glider infantry and had been overseas since the fall of 1942.

Easter Steeped in Tradition

When Easter morning rolls around, the day will be observed in Wisconsin Rapids in the traditional manner. Small youngsters will hunt for Easter eggs and some may even find a live bunny waiting for them.

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General Motors Asked to Set Up Security Fund

Detroit—(AP)—Walter P. Reuther, vice-president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), proposed today that General Motors corporation be asked to contribute an amount equal to 3 per cent of wages paid in plants where the union holds contracts, to be used to establish a social security department.

Enemy Envoys Present At Good Friday Mass

Rome—(AP)—Traditional Good Friday mass was celebrated at the Sistine chapel today in the presence of Pope Pius XII, eight Cardinals and the diplomatic corps.

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REPORTED KILLED—Sgt. Charles Fitzgerald, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fitzgerald, 621 Thirteenth avenue north, was reported by the war department to have been killed in action March 1 on Iwo Jima. A member of the Fifth marine division, he had previously been wounded in action in Iwo.

WLB TO SEEK EXTENSION OF COAL CONTRACT

Washington—(AP)—The war labor board today called deadlocked soft coal operators and miners to a hearing tomorrow morning to determine whether their contract can be extended until a new one is reached.

Nekoosa Street Commissioner in Narrow Escape

Ed Gruber, 237 Wood avenue, Nekoosa, returned to his duties as street commissioner this morning after miraculously escaping death earlier this week when he came into contact with a 2,300-volt power line which broke during a high windstorm.

Youthful Bicyclist Is Injured Slightly

Stanley Honkamp, 14, 70 Love street, escaped serious injury about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when he turned his bicycle into the path of a car driven by Paul Vandenberg, 911 Sixteenth street. Both were going east on Baker street when the youth suddenly turned his bicycle to cross the road into the path of the Vandenberg vehicle, according to Police Chief R. J. Exner. The youth received bruises on the left leg and the front wheel of the bicycle was damaged.

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Ruhr Cut Off as Allied Forces Continue to Gobble Up Germany

Nazis Place One Column 170 Miles from Berlin

BULLETIN
With the U. S. Third Army—(P)—The Sixth armored division stabbed to within 29 miles of Kassel today.

Paris—(AP)—The American First army, boldly cutting off the Ruhr, thrust powerful armored forces into Paderborn, 185 miles west of Berlin today and shoved on toward a junction with the 21st army group, racing on the open roads of northern Germany.

Front line dispatches said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' Third armored division shoved into Paderborn at 9:35 a. m. today and kept going in the news blackout that obscured its further movements. The Brussels radio said Hodges' tanks were going so fast that detailed sectional maps were dropped to them by plane.

The sensational drive was meeting virtually no opposition and was less than 65 miles from a junction with Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces, whose exact whereabouts likewise were hidden.

Paderborn is on one of the main railways connecting the Ruhr with Berlin and is 25 miles south of Bielefeld, the only other major railway link between the industrial treasure chest and the German capital.

On the First army's right flank, the Germans reported the Fourth armored division which took Lauterbach had turned east and advanced upon Fulda, 13 miles distant.

The First army shot forward so fast its spearheads lost contact with headquarters. The Germans said one armored column had reached Bad Windungen, 20 miles southwest of the great rail center of Kassel, 170 miles from Berlin.

The Ninth army broke loose overnight in a race along the northern rim of the Ruhr, by-passing most of the great industrial cities of the valley.

The British Second army appeared to be veering northeastward toward the great ports of Hamburg, Bremen and Wilhelmshaven. The whole onsurge on the 21st army group front in the north was in high gear from the Muenster plain to the Odenwald. Infantry alone tramped 18 miles forward in a day, and tanks still were running unchecked along clear roads.

On every sector, supreme headquarters said officially that advances were going well.

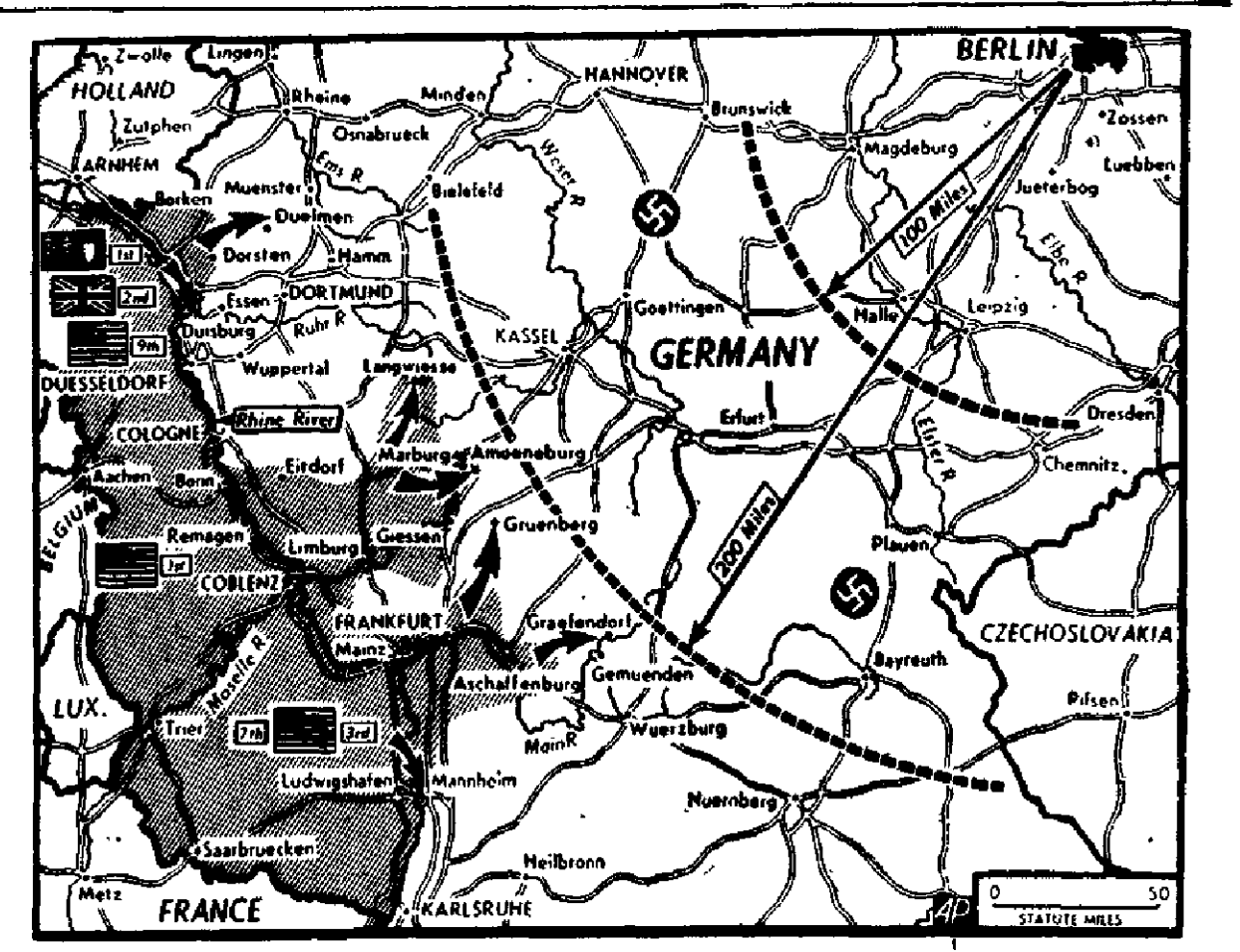
In 48 hours, more than 60,000 Germans have surrendered. The prized old cities of Frankfurt on the Main, Mannheim and Heidelberg have fallen with little opposition. Hundreds of lesser places have fallen.

Actual positions of vanguards of the American First, Ninth and Third armies were obscured by the news blackout which also covered the British Second and Canadian First armies. The Canadians, however, cleared the Rhine fortress town of Emmerich save for snipers.

The First army's armored drive curling around the east end of the Ruhr—the tanks changed 55 miles over open roads from dawn to dusk yesterday—was the fastest of the war.

At supreme headquarters, officers said the British drive north of the Ruhr had penetrated 40 miles beyond the Rhine. Security barred disclosure of advances in other directions.

Planes Handicapped
Air forces were handicapped by showers and low clouds again, but attacked strongpoints south of Muenster, and three north German ports toward which the British were aimed. Pilots said roads east of the Westphalian capital were jammed with troops and refugees streaming in the direction of Berlin. They reported also that trains carrying...



FAST ACTION ON THE WESTERN FRONT—Shaded area indicates Allied-held territory in Germany with arrows locating Allied drives on the basis of reports sifting through heavy censorship. In the north, the Allies were in the Duellmen area and have taken Duisburg. In the center, U. S. troops reached Amoneberg and drove north to Langwiesse. Third army Yanks thrust up to Gruenberg. Other Third army troops were reported by the enemy near Oermuenden. Farther south Seventh army Yanks captured Mannheim.

Reds Over Austrian Border; 10,000 Nazis Taken at Danzig

London—(AP)—Russian troops have thrust over the Austrian frontier, Moscow dispatches said today, and Marshal Stalin announced a 31-mile advance north of the Danube in a twin thrust upon Vienna.

Danzig, where the first shots of the war were fired, fell to Russian forces and 10,000 prisoners were taken, Stalin announced. The Germans already had announced loss of the former free city on the Baltic.

While Marshal Feodor Tolbukin's tanks penetrated into the hills inside Austria, threatening to lay siege to Vienna, Stalin announced that Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's forces north of the Danube had broken across the Nitra river, capturing Komarno, Ersekujvar (Novy-Zamky), Surnay, Komjaty, Verebely (Vrabie), and Poerful.

On 34 Mile Front
The advance was on a 34-mile front from the broken Hron river defenses in Slovakia, and brought the Russians up to or across the Nitra on a 27-mile front to within 40 miles of Bratislava.

Komarno is on the north bank of the Danube opposite the captured stronghold of Komarno. Ersekujvar is on the west side of the Nitra, and Surnay and Komjaty are in a line to the north along the banks of the Nitra.

Verebely is 11 miles southeast of the stronghold of Nitra on the railway from Levice.

Graz, a hub on the chief communications remaining open between Austria and the Nazi forces in Slovenia and Croatia on Yugoslavia, was outflanked by spearheads which had driven forward from Szombathely, 102 miles north of Zagreb, capital of puppet Croatia, and 130 miles from the Italian frontier.

Under cover of hundreds of Red battleplanes, long-range Soviet artillery moved up preparing to take the Vienna-Italy rail line under fire. Sapon Under Attack

Sopron, the only border town of any strategic importance remaining in German hands in Hungary, was under attack frontally on the east and bypassed on the south by an unchecked Soviet push which yesterday reached a point only 42 miles from Vienna, city of 1,930,000 and scene of Hitler's anchluss triumph in 1938.

The German army's confusion verged on panic, said Soviet front line reports.

While Danzig's capture had not been confirmed by the Red army, Moscow dispatches said Marshal See—EASTERN FRONT—Page 7

later. Early worshippers looked on the Easter moon as a symbol of the white robe Jesus wore at the sepulcher. The influence of this Easter moon has persisted to our day, for



EASTER MONKEY BUSINESS—Most children find in their Easter basket a gaily colored assortment of eggs, but little Annette Avert, of Portage, Wis., got a big surprise when she found this pet monkey grinning at her.

The Easter moon for many centuries was a symbol of this day. When Christ was seized in Gethsemane, the moon was full and had not lost its brilliance three days



Step outside and say that!

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