

# ALLIES BEAT BACK GERMANS ON MEUSE; DOUGHBOYS HIT ON FLANKS OF 20-MILE FRONT

## Heavy Warfare Knocks Out Largest Engine Plant

## Over Optimism Blamed for Part of German Success

## 1 AIR CARRIER IS DOWN BY SUBS

## Other Enemy Warships Go Down Besides 20 Sundry Vessels

Washington — (AP)— Destruction of a large Japanese aircraft carrier and six additional enemy warships and 20 other Nipponese vessels by American submarines was reported by the Navy today.

More details were given on the bag by the subs operating in the Eastern waters, announced by Secretary Forrestal at a news conference.

**One Converted Cruiser**  
The aircraft carrier was not mentioned beyond the statement it was "large." The other ships blasted by the underseas included: One converted

## Prolonged War May Result In Shakeup of Military Intelligence

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
Washington — (AP) — Military strategists are now tentatively adding three to six months to their estimate of a date for victory in Europe.

There is still hope in high places that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will be able to turn the Allied reverse on the western front into an early and decisive victory. But at the moment it is a gray and waning hope, although the battle is still fluid.

Along with this sober estimate of the fighting has come a conviction that at least part of the German success was due to over optimism throughout the Allied high command.

First Allied generals thought the European war would be won last fall; later they set the date at the year's end, then moved it forward to spring. Now they talk of next fall or winter.



**MISSING IN GERMANY**—Pfc. Jerome Brandt, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Brandt, 512 W. Fifth street, has been missing in action in Germany since Dec. 9, according to word received from the War Department this morning by his wife, Mrs. Grace Brandt, 633 Adler road. Pvt. Brandt, one of five brothers in service, entered the Army in October, 1943, and received training at Camp Wolters, Texas, before going overseas on June 9, 1944. He went from England to France to take part in the invasion campaign and was seriously wounded on July 27, but recovered and went back into action.

## Tokyo's War

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