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Japs Report Landings on Mindanao

BY JAMES HUTCHESON
Manila—(AP)—Americans have landed on Mindanao, second largest of the Philippines, said an unconfirmed Tokyo radio broadcast heard in London today. An earlier report by Tokyo said U. S. warships were shelling Zamboanga, on the southwestern tip of Mindanao, but "no landings had been made up to Thursday night."
A Tokyo broadcast, heard in London by the Associated Press, gave this "flash":
"Enemy trying to land at Zamboanga at Mindanao since March 8."
It added:
"The landing was preceded by a heavy bombardment. On March 8 in the morning 30 enemy ships appeared from the west. Soon afterward three cruisers, four battleships, 20 other ships and 20 landing boats were lying off Zamboanga. Approach Zamboanga
"In the afternoon enemy forces with one battleship and two cruisers appeared from the west and other



KILLED IN ACTION—Pfc. Donald V. Holz, 26, son of Mrs. Jessie Holz, Saratoga, died in action in the Pacific theater of operations, February 27, according to word received recently by his mother.

GERMANS REPORT RUSSIAN AGAIN WITHIN KUESTRIN

BY RICHARD KASISCHKE
London—(AP)—The troops of Marshal Gregory Zhukov in their offensive toward Berlin have fought into Kuestrin a second time, the Germans reported today, and a bitter battle is raging in the ancient streets of the Oder river fortress.
Russian tanks and infantry attacked 17 times from the northwest part of the city—which the Germans said yesterday had been bypassed on the north and south by the Russians who had driven across the Oder to within 25 miles of Berlin—but were finally driven back to the suburbs, a German broadcast announced.
Kuestrin, 89 miles east of Berlin, was first reported penetrated about a month ago, before the momentum of Zhukov's drive from Warsaw was spent.
Crossing Not Confirmed
The Russians, however, had not yet confirmed officially the crossing of the Oder—an announcement which would signal that the Allies in the east as well as in the west have joined battle with the Nazis in the heart of Germany.
To the north the Russians pushed forward from an arc eight miles southeast, east and northeast of Berlin's Baltic port of Stettin and rushed by boats and landing craft for an assault across the Dammescher lake which fronts Stettin on the east.
Moscow dispatches said a crossing, which would outflank Stettin on the north and threaten a northern sweep around Berlin, might already have been made along the canalized section of the Oder between the lake and Stettin bay.
Soviet bombers loosed a torrent of bombs and fire on German troops falling back into Stettin and destroyed an important bridge near
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Iwo Battle Is Entering Final Phases

BY ELMONT WHITE
U. S. Pacific fleet headquarters, Guam—(AP)—The fierce battle for Iwo Jima is assuming the pattern of the final phases of American conquests of other Pacific islands—but it may be several days before correspondents can flash "Iwo secured."
The Japanese Domei news agency claimed today that Japanese planes "heavily hit" American positions and supply depots in a pre-dawn attack on Iwo Jima.
(Earlier Tokyo radio broadcasts asserted that marines had suffered "nearly 30,000 casualties"). Both reports, recorded by the federal communications commission, were without allied confirmation.
(The last official navy report from Guam, covering only the first three days of an operation now 19 days old, placed marine casualties on Iwo at 5,372, including 644 killed. This week in Washington, Navy Secretary Forrestal, returning from Iwo, said marine dead totaled 2,050 but he supplied no figures on wounded and missing.)
Today's communique disclosed small gains which at one point saw the Third marine division gaining a cliff top only 300 yards from the northeast coast.
The Japanese, compressed into a rough crescent shaped area measuring 300 to 1500 yards wide along the north and east coasts, have adopted desperation tactics such as predated collapse of their organized resistance on Guam and elsewhere.
Office of defense transportation officials, here from Green Bay, granted the local cab company a gasoline advance to tide the company over while steps are taken to revise its quota.
The Yellow Cab company had suspended operations at noon Thursday because it had used up its gas allotment for this month. An appeal February 20 for more gas had been denied.
The employees had been affected by the work shutdown.

Donors Will Go To Milwaukee

Two busloads of blood donors are scheduled to travel to Milwaukee next week with all expenses paid by volunteer cash donations.
A busload of employees of Consolidated Water Power and Paper company will leave from the First National Bank corner at 7:30 Monday morning. This trip is to be sponsored by donations from Wisconsin Valley Creamery, Wisconsin Rapids Theaters, Dr. Leo Spaeth, Dr. Glenn Bennett, Thyrol Coal and Engineering company, Klum's Studio, Coombs Insurance Agency, Daly Drug and Jewelry, Haertel Service, Mrs. Walter Remitz, Three Links Club, and courthous employees.
The second bus will leave from the same corner at 7:30 Tuesday morning and will pick up Nekooosa donors at 8 o'clock at the Nekooosa Bank. It is sponsored by the Parents of School Musicians in Nekooosa.
In answer to rumors that blood is no longer needed and donors are not being accepted in Milwaukee, Mrs. A. J. Crowns, blood donor chairman, quotes part of a letter dated March 8 from Mrs. Ray W. Rose, director of blood donor service in Milwaukee.
"We were so glad to have your letter of March 6 telling us that more groups were coming. The March 12 and March 14 dates are quite satisfactory and we will be ready to take care of your donors promptly at 12 o'clock."
Mrs. Crowns also added that the rumor may have been started due to the fact that some persons are not accepted at the center because of some defect in health such as a cold or other ailment, but that any statements about turning away all donors are absolutely false.

Roosevelt Is Evasive on V-E Chances

Washington—(AP)—President Roosevelt labeled as a crystal ball question today a news conference inquiry whether the war in Germany had reached a point where it might end suddenly.
He dodged right and left also when a barrage of other questions pertaining to the European and Pacific wars and related diplomatic and political subjects came his way.
For two or three months, he said, consideration has been given to who will be the American member of a German control commission. But, he added, it was only speculation that Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson might get the job. Equal speculation is whether a military officer or civilian might receive the appointment.
Tomorrow or the next day, he said, he expects to see Robert Murphy, top adviser to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on German affairs.
Mr. Roosevelt had Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander, as his luncheon guest today. Yesterday he saw Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, former chief of staff in China, Admiral William F. Halsey, commander of the Third fleet and Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, his ambassador to China. Also in Washington is Lt. Gen. Alfred Wedemeyer, present chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.
Asked whether there was any significance to the fact that all these men are here at this time, Mr. Roosevelt said he supposed it was because there had been good flying weather.

Charge Millions Made on 'Inside' CCC Information

Washington—(AP)—A congressional investigation of reports that millions of dollars have been made by grain speculators using inside information on operations of the Commodity Credit Corporation was demanded today in the house.
The demands were made by Representatives Taber of New York and Keefe of Wisconsin, Republican members of the appropriations committee, as the house began considering legislation to boost the CCC's borrowing power and extend its life.
Taber, who is seeking to block action on the legislation until the appropriations committee completes an investigation, told the house he believed there "have been leaks from the Commodity Credit Corporation to the Chicago grain speculators."

Americans Got to Remagen Bridge Just in Nick of Time

BY HOWARD COWAN
Across the Rhine—(AP)—A daring band of armored infantrymen, utterly ignoring the fact that the 1,200-foot steel road and rail bridge might blow up in their faces, raced across the Rhine at Remagen and saved the allies the costly price of an amphibious invasion of inner Germany.
In a matter of seconds after a company of infantry, paced by Lt. Emmet J. Burrows, had seized the bridge—in the midst of explosions which caused slight damage—elements of the Ninth armored division fanned out on the east bank and carried the bridgehead.
The operation took place Wednesday.
Civilians said the bridge was to go at 4 p. m. The tanks got there at 3:30 p. m.
Lt. John Mitchell of Pittsburgh, Pa., found the cache of explosives and quickly disconnected the wires. Men were called up to start repair of the superficial damage, while the bridge still was under fire.
Climax of Drive
That was how the Ninth armored division capped a Pattonesque tank dash from the Roer river to the eastern banks of the Rhine.
Maj. Murray Deevers, commander of the 27th armored infantry task force, which got the bridge, said it was strictly a gamble, and that none of the men had the slightest idea it would be so completely successful.
"I expected to see it blow up right in our faces," he said.
That had been the experience of the allies in other bridging operations save at Nijmegen in Holland where American parachute troops, teamed with the British captured another bridge in much the same way.
Word that Brig. Gen. William Hodge's Ninth armored had the Remagen bridge and was clambering to the opposite bank spread like wildfire through the front lines.
Before nightfall the roads leading to Remagen were alive with weapons and vehicles of every description. It might have been a rehearsal of the event, were heading for the scene.
Din Is Terrific
Some of the tanks did not even wait to cross the river. They poked their snouts in the air and blasted the Germans from the streets of Remagen. The din was terrific, coupled with the roar of field guns on the hilly west bank. Residents of Remagen, terror-stricken fled to the open country back to territory already cleared by the Americans.
Ackack guns began popping up here and there like weeds.
But thirty-six hours after the bridge was won, German bombers still had not appeared over the bridgehead.
The Germans by this time had begun shelling the area, though the steep cliff at the eastern end made it difficult for them to bring their fire directly down on the bridge.
The highway on the German side of the Rhine forks out at a right angle and the railroad disappears into a tunnel.

Girl Scouts Given Funds For New Camp Mess Hall

Contributions to cover the cost of a new kitchen and dining unit at Camp Sacajawea have been received from George W. Mead, president of Consolidated Water Power and Paper company, and his daughter, Mrs. Henry Baldwin, according to an announcement made at the fourteenth annual meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids area Girl scout organization at the Congregational church last night.
The present lodge will be used for program entirely. Application for permission to build has already been made, and the scout organization hopes to start on this project soon.
Mrs. Schwager Speaks
Highlight of the evening's program was Mrs. J. W. Schwager's talk on the "Youth of Germany." She first described German youth before Hitler as being "a nature loving group that enjoyed hiking, folk lore and songs," and then the Hitler movement itself, relating how he started with the "good things in the German youth movement by taking a natural interest in the German youth, and then molded them into his pattern of militarism and the super state."
Pointing to the future she asked the question—"What are we going to do with Germany? If Hitler could do with German youth what he did from 1933 on," she said, "then we don't dare say that we can't bring the German youth back to their normal place in the world civilization. It is not hopeless," she concluded, "it can be done."
The meeting opened with an announcement of the "Plan of Work for 1944-45" by Mrs. E. M. McCourt, the scout commissioner. Increased membership of girls and adults was described by Mrs. Royal Baker, organization chairman, in her report about areas, sponsoring groups, and number of troops. The total number of scouts, new scouts, total adults and number of scouts registered was given by Mrs. C. J. Randall, chairman of records and statistics.
After a song "Make New Friends, but Keep the Old, One is Silver, the Other is Gold."
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Kassel Under Air Assault

London—(AP)—The German industrial city of Kassel, heavily bombed by the RAF last night, was attacked again today by the main force of a 1,000-bomber fleet sent out by the U. S. Eighth air force.
In the night raids the British also hit submarine building yards in Hamburg and unspecified objectives in Berlin. German radios began warning of the approach of daylight bombers shortly after 8 a. m.
The U. S. 15th air force struck a heavy blow at German communications yesterday in Hungary, hitting railroad yards at Komarom, 20 miles in advance of Russian ground forces, and blocking all through lines at Hegyeshalom, near the Austrian frontier 45 miles west of Komarom. The Italian-based fliers were carefully briefed against dropping bombs in areas where the Russians might be.

State Issues Gentle Reminder of March 15

Madison—(AP)—The department of taxation issued a reminder today that state income tax returns must be filed on or before March 15—next Thursday.
The department sent forms to many individuals but, because many others probably were missed, pointed out that failure to receive a blank was no excuse for failing to file a return on 1944 income. Late filing carries a penalty.
COMMUNITY CLUB
Gene Milner, new program director at WFHR, will be guest speaker at the March meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Community club, scheduled for 6:30 Monday evening at Johnny's Bar and Grill.

Man Found 'Crucified' In Mystery at Chicago

Chicago—(AP)—A man was found crucified today with a crown of thorns on his head and a minor wound in his side.
Police Capt. Patrick O'Connell said the man, identified as Fred Walscher, 48, was found nailed to a cross early today. The cross, of 2 by 6 planks joined with new bolts, was fastened upright to a pillar of the elevated railroad structure on the near North Side.
Ten penny nails were driven through Walscher's palms and into the horizontal timbers. He was spread-eagled, but his feet, instead of being nailed as were Christ's, were supported by ropes; and the weight of his body was taken by a rope around his chest.
Thumbtacked to the head of the cross was a crudely-lettered sign—simulating the sign at Christ's head—which read: "Peace on earth—the brother of Jesus Christ. This good man is chosen in sacrifice by the noblest and greatest and finest inspiration for world peace. Let's all follow for the good of mankind. God bless him, amen. By the Unknown World Controllers."
Wore Crude Crown
O'Connell reported Walscher had a crude crown, fashioned of the thorny stems of a rose bush, on his

March 24 Last Day to Register

Nels Justeson, city clerk, reminded citizens of Wisconsin Rapids today that March 24 is the last day on which they may register for the April 3 election. He added that persons who are already registered need not do so again, but those who are registered and who have moved to another ward must notify the office of city clerk.
Thus far no nomination papers for candidates have been filed. Mr. Justeson added that the first day for filing is March 14, the last day, March 10.
In addition to a number of city offices which will be up for election April 9, Justice of the Supreme Court Elmer Barlow's office will be open, as well as John Callahan, state superintendent of public instruction.
The term of County Superintendent of Schools S. G. Corey will expire at that time as will those of four Nekooosa supervisors. All offices of town chairmen are up for a two-year term of election as are all town officers.
German Radio Says Hitler Visited Front
London—(AP)—The German radio said today that Hitler had visited the Oder river front.
The Transocean agency said he had "convinced himself personally of the fighting spirit of the German soldiers on the Oder."
"A number of photos of the visit have been published in the German press," it added.

Daring Soldiers Captured Railroad Bridge at Remagen

BY JAMES M. LONG
Paris—(AP)—The American First army steadily enlarged its Remagen bridgehead in inner Germany today to an east bank wedge at least five miles deep and ten wide.
Daring armored infantrymen of the Ninth armored division captured the double-tracked Ludendorff railroad bridge at Remagen and swiftly raced along its 1,200-foot length into the steep cliffs of Erpel, 276 miles southwest of Berlin and 30 southeast of Cologne.
Tanks quickly followed the foot troops, aware of the danger that the Germans at any second might blow up the structure. The Sherman reached the span at 3:50 p. m. Wednesday, it is possible to disclose for the first time tonight.
Between the Remagen bridgehead and shell-rocked Coblenz, German resistance collapsed suddenly in the Eifel mountains trap and the last Nazi divisions raced toward the Rhine. British to the north captured Xanten and steadily reduced the Wesel pocket.
The U. S. Third army won domination of the Rhine north of Coblenz tonight by capturing the ferry terminal of Andernach and the town of Brohl, eight miles south of Remagen.
In a matter of seconds after the infantry company commanded by a Jersey City lieutenant, Emmet J. Burrows, had seized the Ludendorff bridge, the Ninth armored division was racing across and fanning out in all directions.
The great Ruhr basin was in imminent peril of being outflanked; the very heart of Germany was menaced.

New U. S. Army Goes Into Action On Western Front

New York—(AP)—A new U. S. army—the 15th—has gone into action on the Western front as a part of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th army group, an NBC broadcast from the front said today.
Lt. Gen. Leonard P. Gerow, is the commander. He formerly commanded the Fifth corps of the U. S. First army. He is 56 and a graduate of Virginia military institute.
This makes nine armies that have been announced as under Gen. Eisenhower's command.
Bradley's group also includes the U. S. First, which won the cross-Rhine bridgehead, and U. S. Third. The U. S. Ninth is ordinarily part of his group but for the present is under Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery.
Other armies assigned to Eisenhower are the U. S. Seventh allied, First airborne, British Second, Canadian First and French First.
Announcement of the new army was made in connection with a ceremony at Bradley's command post at which high officers received French military awards for the liberation of France. Those receiving awards were Bradley, Gerow, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle and Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton.
Industrial Nurse Joins Nurse Corps
Mrs. Grace Johnston, industrial nurse for Nekooosa-Edwards Paper company at its Port Edwards mill, has joined the army nurse corps and is to report March 29 at Camp McCoy, Wis. Originally from Kearney, Neb., she had been with Nepco since last March.
Her successor is Mrs. Helene Herzberg, the former Helene Lutz of Wisconsin Rapids. Mrs. Herzberg, who has already taken over her new duties, was formerly employed in Chicago. Her husband, Kenneth H. Herzberg, electrician's mate second class, is serving with the U. S. navy in the Atlantic.
RETURN TO JOBS
London—(AP)—Approximately 10,000 dockworkers and stevedores returned to their jobs in the port of London today after a nine-day strike.

Chinese Force Jap Retreat Near Paoching

Chungking—(AP)—The Chinese high command said today that counterattacking Chinese troops had successfully assailed Japanese positions seven miles west of Paoching, enemy stronghold 63 miles west of Hengyang, inflicted heavy casualties and forced the enemy to retreat toward Paoching.
he was cited and presented with the Silver Star.
He also wears the Presidential Citation with an Oak Leaf cluster, the Purple Heart, the ATO and ETO award with three stars and has been awarded the Arrow Head, a citation to paratroopers who have leaped behind enemy lines. In addition to Normandy, he made combat jumps in southern France and his last, in Holland.
Following his wound, he was sent by hospital ship to Charleston, S. C., then to Drabble General hospital, Menlo Park, Calif. He arrived home last week-end. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kessler, Oak Street.

Paratrooper Donald Kessler Returns to Civilian Status

One of this community's most valiant war heroes, Donald J. Kessler, possessor of the Silver Star and several other awards, is back home with his folks and friends. . . . And Don is home to stay this time. He has received a medical discharge from the United States paratroopers and is beginning to acclimate himself to the life of a civilian again.
Back in September 1944, Pvt. Donald Kessler made his third parachute jump in combat. Eight days later, September 27, a jagged chunk of mortar fragment wounded him in the left hand. This was in Holland and started his evacuation rearward until finally he has assumed his civilian status again. That wound cost Private Kessler his left thumb.
But before he was wounded, the Wisconsin Rapids paratrooper had distinguished himself in battle several times. After 17 practice jumps, including two in England, he made his initial combat jump on D-Day near Carentan, in Normandy.
This was the time that he braved the blazing machine guns of German crews to drag a badly wounded company commander a full 100 yards to safety. For this bravery

Hold Everything



"I've been thinking about modernizing the act and using a flame thrower!"

Road to Berlin
Eastern front: 25 miles (from Seelow; German report).
Western front: 277 miles (from Remagen; Brussels report).
Italian front: 544 miles (from Reno river).