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GERMAN OFFENSIVE MAINTAINS INTENSITY

Paris, Thursday, Dec. 21.—The German army has thrown 15 divisions of from 150,000 to 225,000 men and possibly 600 tanks into its winter drive of still-mounting intensity, but American armored forces Wednesday opened a two-way counterattack with all the power they could muster against the deepest of four breaches in the First Army line.

Further enemy advances may be expected, Allied headquarters spokesmen said, and there was no attempt to shield the fact that the grave situation may become worse before it gets better.

"We are taking counter-measures, but these cannot be taken in a single day; and it would be wrong to lead people to expect the situation to be restored in a day," a spokesman said. "We are confident we are going to win this battle; but we are not going to win it this week and probably not next week."

At Variance

This view was somewhat in contrast with front reports quoting a United States staff officer as saying that the German offensive had been "dented" after five days of the most intense fighting in history and other dispatches stating that the Americans were beginning to stabilize both flanks of the 60-mile break-through area.

The counterattacking Yanks were reported to have battled back into the crossroads of Stavolot near the tip of a 21-mile deep salient, and were biting into the German flank to the northeast in an attempt to cut off the spearhead.

Among the more ominous signs here was that the Luxembourg radio had not been heard since Tuesday night, suggesting that the station had been destroyed to prevent it from falling into enemy hands. The Germans were disclosed to have penetrated within 14 miles of the tiny duchy's capital in the southernmost of their four break-throughs, which were pinpointed as of Monday noon in the first official lifting of the news blackout of the German drive.

The weather was to the advantage of Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt, with the ceiling so low Wednesday that not a single Allied aerial sortie was reported for the first day in more than one month.

German Strength

The 15 German divisions in the attack consisted of six panzer divisions, with normally 100 tanks to a division, and nine infantry divisions of the enemy strategy reserve which, however, were traveling on foot in the wake of the armored drive. At their old-time strength of 15,000 men each, the German divisions thus would total 225,000 men. There were no halfway measures about the German offensive and, considering other surprise elements in the situation, officials were inclined to lean toward the higher estimate of the enemy strength.

A front dispatch filed at 6:10 p. m. said that German pressure had eased somewhat in the southern Luxembourg area, but continued very fierce in northern Luxembourg and the St. Vith area of Belgium.

IN EUROPEAN AREA

Pfc. Philip McKinnis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKinnis is now in England, according to information received by his parents, and his brothers, Lt. Collin McKinnis is on the Western front. When last heard from they were in fine health and spirits.

The new daily hog market at Kinston is handling about 300 hogs per week and providing the farmers of that section with a good market.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Dec. 23rd:

Saturday—Gene Antry and Smiley Burnette in "Get Along Little Doggie" and Richard Dix in "Mark of the Whistler" also "Zorro's Black Whip."

Sunday—Janet Gaynor and Fredric March in "A Star Is Born." Christmas Day—Hedy Lamarr, Paul Henreid and Sydney Greenstreet in "The Conspirators."

Tuesday—Roy Rogers and Gabby Hayes in "Lights of Old Santa Fe."

Wednesday—Robert Lowery and Ellen Drew in "Dark Mountain," also "Black Arrow" serial.

Thursday-Friday—Dennis Morgan, Eleanor Parker, Dana Clark and Faye Emerson in "The Very Thought of You."

Lat Show Friday, Dec. 29—Lena Horne, Cab Calloway and Band and Bill Robinson in "Stormy Weather."

Jap Leyte Resistance Crushed

MacArthur Says Enemy Remnants Fleeing Into Hills; Jap Supplies Seized

Allied Headquarters, Leyte, Philippines, Thursday, Dec. 21.—American troops have crushed organized Japanese resistance on Leyte Island and the enemy's beaten remnants are fleeing from the shattered Yamashita Line into guerrilla-infested hills, it was announced today.

"The battle rapidly is drawing to an end," said Gen. Douglas MacArthur, 62 days after his forces invaded the Philippines.

The backbone of Japanese resistance was broken when Maj. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce's veteran 77th Division smashed four miles up the Ormoc corridor to within one mile of a junction with Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge's First (Dismounted) Cavalry, which hammered out a southward advance of three miles.

Vast Supply Dump

Indicating the speed with which Japanese resistance collapsed, MacArthur announced that the twin drives also captured supplies sufficient to have lasted the Japanese six months if they could have held out. Among the captured stores were vast quantities of rice, millions of rounds of small arms ammunition, machine guns, artillery and shells and vehicles.

On Mindoro Island, 150 miles south of Manila, MacArthur announced that American motor torpedo-boats and shore anti-aircraft batteries shot down nine Japanese planes attempting to raid the mile and one-half airfield, which from dispatches said American and Australian engineers had completed four days after landing on the stepping-stone island to Luzon last Friday.

Germans Claim Push Unchecked

London, Dec. 20.—The Germans claimed tonight that Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's winter offensive was probing deeper into American lines Belgium and that more than 10,000 prisoners had been captured.

The Berlin broadcasts admitted, however, that American resistance was stiffening.

The German communique said that in addition to 10,000 prisoners taken, a total of 200 tanks had been knocked out and 124 Allied warplanes destroyed in combat by the German air force.

The communique withheld the names of any planes overrun by the Nazis, but DNB, the official German news agency, reported dislodging of American troops from the town of Kesternich on the Monschauvoesenack road.

The high command said American strongpoints overrun by the Germans "were cleared up, and the attacking spearheads advanced."

Rushing Reserves

The Germans said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges was rushing reserves into the United States First Army front and that they were being "immediately brought into action."

The Berlin radio claimed that the German air force was "very active despite unfavorable weather, adding that "whenever there was the slightest chance, German fighters and bombers went up to support their ground forces."

Confirm German Masacre

With the United States First Army, Dec. 20.—The United States First Army today forwarded to Washington an official report on the German massacre Sunday of more than 100 unarmed American prisoners—one of the many examples of Nazi tactics in their present counter-offensive.

Questioning of 15 men who escaped from the group of 120 to 150 Americans captured by SS and panzer men of a German tank column south of Malmedy confirmed that the Nazis lined up the prisoners in a field and cut them down with machinegun fire.

The Germans first stripped the capture Yanks of their cigarettes and other valuables and then lined them up in a field with their hands behind their heads. A guard fired one shot into the group and then tank machineguns opened up.

The story has spread up and down the entire First Army area, giving cold determination to the Americans' desire to finish off the attacking Germans.

Official Report

The official report said that men who were not killed fell to the ground alongside those who were, but that the Germans con-



Merry Christmas to All

--- 1944 ---

**"At Christmas play and make good cheer
For Christmas comes but once a year"**

GLITTERING more fantastically than the jewels of Aladdin's cave are the Christmas trees in the windows of this county and adjoining farm areas. Everywhere, everywhere Christmas, and the spirit which Christmas brings.

We love this county and its environs. We have grown up here and have come to regard ourselves as a "fixture." We have a great many friends, "but not a friend to spare," and at this time we want to thank them, one and all.

Yes, Christmas comes but once a year, so it behooves us all to make the very most of it. On the Eve of this joyous season we take pleasure in wishing all the fullest measure of Christmas Joy and Happiness.

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and Entire Force

Franklin County Makes Its Best Record in Sixth War Bond Drive

Chairman Gaither Beam announces that Franklin County over sold its quota for the Sixth War Bond Drive by \$80,000.00 before the closing date of December 16th. This is a splendid record but it is more interesting due to the fact that the county over sold its "E" Bond quota by \$25,000.00, which is most unusual. Heretofore, Franklin County has not been able to get its "E" quota, and it is very gratifying to know that this quota was over sold in the present bond drive.

In addition to the sales already made, we will be given credit for all sales of "E," "F" and "G" bonds and treasurer saving notes which are sold in Franklin County through December 31st, and this should give us at least \$150,000.00 more than our over-all quota.

Three townships sold their quotas before December 1st—in less than ten days after the drive begun. These townships are: Sandy Creek—J. Z. Terrell, Chairman; Youngville—J. L. Brown, Chairman, and Dunn No. 1—O. G. Thompson, Chairman. Certainly the boys on the front lines can have no complaint of the Franklin County citizens in this drive as we have sold our quotas in a hurry this time. A list of the townships, their quotas and the amount sold is as follows:

Township	Quota	Amount Sold
Dunn No. 1	\$12,000	\$37,950.00
Dunn No. 2	7,000	7,100.00
Harris	12,000	12,250.00
Youngville	15,000	31,150.00
Franklinton	70,000	85,000.00
Hayesville	12,000	14,000.00
Gold Mine	12,000	11,800.00
Sandy Creek	15,000	16,500.00
Cedar Rock	15,000	14,500.00
Cypress Creek	10,000	11,100.00
Louisburg	75,000	87,650.00

GASOLINE FOR TRUCKS

Truck operators in Franklin County may apply NOW to their local board for their gasoline allotment for the first quarter of 1945.

They will be required to bring with them their 1945 registration card showing that the truck has 1945 license. After January 15, deduction of allotment will begin.

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PROMOTED



CAPT. DAVID W. SPIVEY
Who was promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain on December 7th, 1944 according to information received by his mother, Mrs. D. W. Spivey, in Louisburg, the past week.

WOUNDED

Mrs. L. P. Hicks, of Louisburg, Route 1, has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Corporal Lawrence P. Hicks was slightly wounded in action on November 13th.

Corporal Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hicks, of Rolesville, entered service in 1942 and has been overseas since January of this year. At the time he was wounded he was with General Patton's Third Army and had won a Combat Medal.

Cpl. Hicks is now recuperating in a hospital in England after being transferred from a hospital in Paris. Mrs. Hicks is the former Miss Helen Joyner.

MILLS TAKES TWO FROM NASHVILLE

In one of the most exciting games played to date, the Mills High School basketball team defeated Nashville in a double-header here, December 15.

The girls' team took their game 32-28, while the boys chalked up a 37-21 score against the visiting team.

—On Pay Day, Buy War Bonds—

POWER CONTRACT

The following, although worded as, and titled an application, becomes a contract when signed. The tax payers and electric current users of Louisburg should be interested in reading it and knowing its contents:

Application for Power Service

Nov. 6, 1944

1. The Town of Louisburg, a municipal corporation (hereinafter called "customer") hereby applies to Carolina Power & Light Co., (hereinafter called "Company") for all power and energy required for and in connection with customer's plant, in accordance with the provisions hereof. Said power and energy is to be supplied under Company's standard Rate Classification No. 8 for redistribution and resale and under Company's rate Schedule and Rules and Regulations, copies of which are hereto attached, marked "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B" respective.

2. Upon acceptance of this application, Company agrees to furnish and customer agrees to receive and pay for the power and energy applied for herein, in accordance with said exhibit A and exhibit B, hereto attached as aforesaid. Customer shall equip and maintain its plant adequately and in readiness to receive and use said power and energy.

3. Provides for changes in rates by Utilities Commission with both parties agreeing.

4. Customer's plant above referred to consist of its electric light and power distribution system, located at or near Louisburg in the County of Franklin, State of North Carolina.—

The quantity of power applied for hereunder is 500 Kilowatts of Demand. The plant of delivery hereunder shall be on a Pole Structure, located on customer's premises at a place suitable to Company, which customer shall furnish without charge therefor. Customer shall furnish and extend its receiving circuit to the aforesaid point of delivery for connection by Company. The power and energy shall be metered at 2300 volts and shall be delivered in the form of three phase alternating current at approximately sixty cycles and approximately 2300 volts, and the maintenance by Company of power in said form available to customer in the quantity applied for at the aforesaid point of delivery shall constitute delivery of power and energy hereunder whether or not customer makes any use thereof.

5. The term of this agreement shall begin on the 1st day of February 1945 and shall continue until the 1st day of February 1960 and shall automatically extend thereafter for a successive period or periods of 15 years each; Provided that either party may terminate this agreement at the end of the original term, or at the end of any such extension period, by giving six month's previous notice in writing to the other party of its intention to terminate same; and Provided further that if, during the life of this agreement Company's municipal or other franchise expires or is otherwise terminated and Company, by reason thereof, discontinues serving the territory within which customer's plant is located, Company may terminate this agreement concurrently therewith or at any time thereafter by giving to customer thirty days written notice thereof.

6. All payments hereunder shall be made to Company at its office at Henderson, N. C., or to its duly authorized collecting agent which Company may designate.

6 (A). The redistribution and resale of power service supplied hereunder shall be confined to an area bounded by a line one mile distant in all directions from the present corporate limits of the town of Louisburg, and along rural lines to the extent now built by customer beyond said area, which lines are shown on drawings of the Company F4938, F4939, F4940, F4941 dated as of Oct. 2 and 7, 1944, prints of which are on file with both parties hereto. These lines and approximate distance extended beyond said corporate limits are described as follows:

1. On highway 59 North 8,500 feet.
2. On highway 39, 2,400 feet, thence in a northerly direction on dirt road 7,300 feet.
3. On highway 59 South 9,900 feet.
4. From highway 59 parallel to highway 56 toward Franklinton 5,900 feet to County Home, and a tap line 4,500 feet to and along highway 56.

6 (B). Company shall have the right to solicit power customers and supply their requirements of electricity for power purposes and lighting incidental to the use thereof within the area described in section (A) whose conditions necessitate an installation aggregating 25 Kilowatts of demand or over and the Town shall not solicit or supply such power customers without written permission of Company, which may grant such permission for certain customers without waiving its rights as to others.

7. Provides for extension of establishment of service delayed by causes reasonably beyond their control up to but not to exceed 90 days. Also.

Customer shall furnish without charge therefor a suitable location and adequate space acceptable to Company for the installation, maintenance and operation by Company of such transformers and equipment as may be used in supplying service to customer hereunder. Company shall have the right to use such location and space, provided as aforesaid, during such time as service is

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