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MACARTHUR URGES FILIPINOS TO STRIKE AACHEN FALLS TO AMERICANS

"I Have Returned"



GEN. DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

Salient Of Allied Line Made Firmer

Americans Trying
To Cut Germans
From All Aachen

London, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Canadian infantry and armor struck out in a new offensive north of Antwerp today to bolster the Allied power house salient being built up in Holland against Adolf Hitler's northern defenses.

At the same time French infantry fighting along the ridges of the Vosges mountains, at the southern end of the Allied line, outflanked the village of Ettore at the entrance of the 16-mile-long pass which opens out on the Rhine floor only seven miles from Mulhouse.

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The Canadian attack, starting at 7:30 a. m., was launched from an area about eight miles north of Antwerp along the railroad and highway leading north to Rotterdam.

Rocket-ving Typhoons and fighters supported the drive, designed to strengthen the Canadian column six miles to the west, which has sped to the neck of Walcheren, German-held island blocking the entrance to Antwerp.

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Thebes Taken By British; Nazis Depart

Rome, Oct. 20.—(AP)—British troops have occupied Thebes, 32 miles northwest of Athens, while German troops, harassed by Greek guerrillas, have speeded up their withdrawal from northern Greece toward Yugoslavia. Allied headquarters announced today.

The Germans have acknowledged withdrawal from Thebes. Its occupation puts British units roughly 75 air-line miles from the area in which German columns were last reported fleeing.

There was no indication in the Allied communiqué whether advanced British elements had made any contacts with the retreating Nazis. The communiqué reported that civilian relief measures are being started at Athens, despite the heavy demolitions in the harbor which are causing delay in unloading food and supplies from ships.

First Major German City To Be Taken

Nazi Garrison Is
Trapped Outside
Vast Rubble Heap

London, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Ruined Aachen, a city of death and destruction, fell today to Lt. Gen. Hodges' U. S. First Army on the seventh day of its siege. Tonight the victorious Yanks started mopping up the last remnants of the Nazi garrison trapped on the outskirts.

The capture of the first major German city, a gateway to the Ruhr, was completed at 10:30 a. m. EWT, official announcements from the field say.

The city is 340 miles from Berlin and 40 miles from Cologne on the Rhine. The doughboys had been attacking since September 13 and in a week they had engaged in street by street fighting with German bayonet and cold-steel combat.

Aachen was left a mass of wreckage by retreating Germans retreating German officers, many of them not long back from the Russian front, threw away their bags to gain an inch of lead cluster on their rifles—waging warfare on victory.

The last combatants gave up resistance in the center of the city in a large stone building in which 800 men had barricaded themselves in defiance of artillery which had passed the defenders into an ever-increasing space.

Troops under the command of Lt. Col. Merrill Daniel knocked out this last major stronghold with direct fire from a 155-mm. gun. The gun literally knocked down the building.

"Aachen is ours," the officer said, as he stood on the ruins of the building which had been used as a command post for the garrison staff.

When we knocked out that building we knocked out the guts of their defense. Now we hold all the city proper and have only a cleaning-up job left in the outskirts."

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Carolinian
Area Feels
Hurricane

No Deaths and No
Major Damage Yet;
Soldiers Drowned

Charlotte, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The interior of the Carolinas today felt the heat of the tropical storm which swept inland last night and headed slowly northward with decreasing intensity after hitting 26 percent and doing heavy property damage in Cuba and Florida.

The Washington Weather Bureau announced an 11:30 p. m. advisory that all danger of hurricane winds along the coast had passed. It said, however, that strong on-shore winds would continue all day from Washington north to Long Island, and that tides would be above normal but not dangerous.

High winds and drenching rains accompanied the storm in its path through the Carolinas. Greenville, S. C., had a maximum velocity of 63 miles an hour early today, while Charlotte recorded 55 miles.

No casualties and no major property damage were listed in early reports from the Carolinas.

ELEVEN SOLDIERS DROWNED
OFF THE FLORIDA COAST

Tampa, Fla., Oct. 20.—(AP)—The public relations office of the third air force headquarters here said today that eleven soldiers from the New Orleans Port of Embarkation apparently drowned yesterday near Bradenton at the height of the tropical hurricane which passed there.

The soldiers were on a crash boat which left New Orleans en route to Charleston, S. C., with a crew of eleven, and was last heard from when it put in at Panama City Tuesday.

The announcement said conditions were grave in Budapest. The newspaper said scores of Hungarian workers had struck and

AS U. S. NAVAL AIR STORM STRUCK JAPS ON FORMOSA



First to be received of the bold and wide-sweeping offensive in which the United States Navy struck and continues to strike at strength is a raid Japan itself, this untouched photograph shows bombs bursting among warehouses and industrial sheds at Kao rail center, manufacturing city and enemy vital spot on the far-held island of Formosa, just off the coast of China. The picture was made from one of our

attacking bombers just as the pilot pulled out of a low-reaching dive. Late reports build an increasing toll of damage done to enemy installations and planes on and over Formosa and to enemy shipping in waters of the China Sea. On the tenth successive day of the extensive carrier-borne American planes were again attacking Manila and other points in the Philippines. U. S. Navy photo. (International)

Russians Preparing For Further Lunge Into East Prussia

Germans Evacuate Big Hungarian City;
Conditions Reported Grave in Budapest

London, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Berlin says the long-drawn-out German defense of Moscow today that the Russians lost 100,000 troops were reported had moved up to another section of western city miles of the ancient East Prussian frontier 20 miles south of fallen Kyiv, and were also making further gains in Czechoslovakia, Transylvania, Hungary and Poland.

Enemy broadcasts also add the Germans had evacuated Budapest, third city of Denmark, 116 miles east of Moscow.

The Russians at midnight announced 11,000 prisoners were taken. A great tank battle has been raging there for two weeks, and the Germans said 418 Russian tanks were destroyed in the fray. Moscow said the Germans lost 1,523 tanks.

Possibly as a decisive battle was shaping up along the north-eastern frontiers of East Prussia, Berlin frankly admitted that the battle for East Prussia is nearing a climax.

Moscow said nothing of the four-day offensive but allowed correspondents to radio that "the Russians entered Reich territory." Berlin insisted that another group was striking toward Danzig on the Baltic from the North German shore. Warsaw says in a communiqué to its eastern provinces of 14,000 German miles.

The Germans acknowledged yesterday that the Red army had advanced several miles into East Prussia in the direction of Königsberg.

Red Star Russian army newspaper said conditions were grave in Budapest. The newspaper said scores of Hungarian workers had struck and

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Heavy rain and strong winds and gales today, except light winds and light rains in the mountains, followed by diminishing winds late this afternoon; tonight cloudy and light rain northeast portion; clearing and slightly cooler west portion. Saturday clear and mild.

The first wave was over Stuttgart last night about 8:30 p. m. And when the second force reached the city shortly before 1 a. m., smoke and fires were still burning from the initial blow. The bombers battered storms and long conditions to and from the targets.

It is a round trip of approximately 1,000 miles to both Stuttgart and Nurnburg. A few German night fighters were seen but there were few combats.

Philippines Invasion Is Going Well

Nation Is Thrilled,
President Declared;
Losses Very Light

Washington, Oct. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that operations in the Philippines are proceeding on schedule, with light losses, and that the enemy was caught strategically off guard by the attack.

The statement said to the news media from a message received last night from General MacArthur and addressed to General Marshall, chief of staff. In it MacArthur said the troops he commanded in the Philippines "had suffered extremely light losses" and added that the enemy was caught unawares because he expected the attack from the south.

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The first cavalry division, the seventh division, and the 96th division

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