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# Three More Metz Forts Taken

### WHEN V-2 GHOST BOMB LANDED IN ENGLAND



GERMANY'S LATEST TERROR WEAPON—the V-2 "ghost bomb"—has made its appearance in England and on the Holland fighting front, and the picture taken somewhere in Great Britain shows the extent of damage caused by one of the eerie missiles. The V-2 gives no warning before it strikes, since it travels faster than sound and cannot be heard; nor can it be seen approaching. (International Railphoto)

## Japs May Be Circled

### Enveloping Movement Is Closing In

#### Enemy Supply Line Under Heavy Fire From U. S. Artillery

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Nov. 15.—(AP)—American fighting men today were on three sides of the Japanese Leyte Island thrust north of the port of Ormoc and threatened to cut the spear from the Japs.

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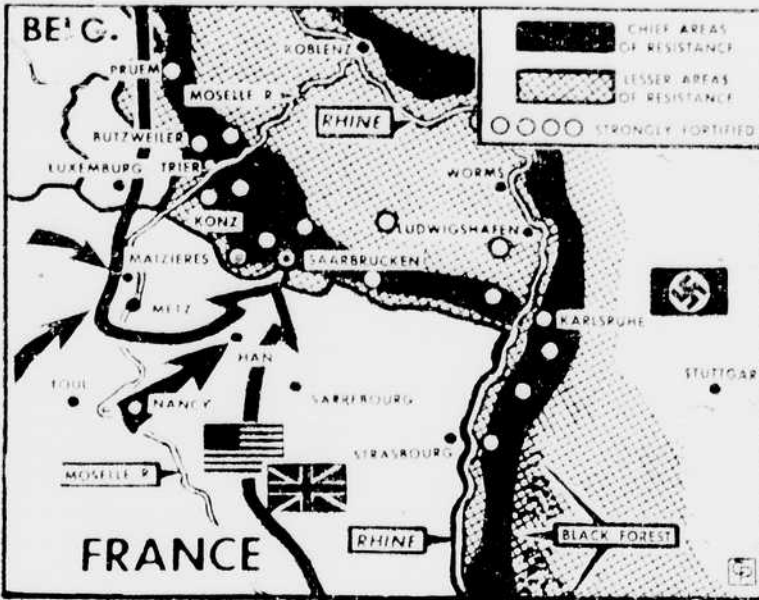
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### NAZIS RETREAT TOWARD MAGINOT



AS THE YANK ENCIRCLEMENT of Metz comes closer to realization, large numbers of Germans were reported retreating toward the Maginot defense line. U. S. 3rd Army forces are pressing forward from Metz, to the north and east, and the southern part of Metz, with some divisions reported within five miles of the German fortress city. (International)

## Assaults On Two More Of Metz Forts Begun

### Counter Attacks By Germans Repulsed By American Units

London, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Three more of the vaulted forts guarding Metz fell today as the American third army offensive closed to within a mile and three-quarters of the citadel city from the south.

Forts Hubert and Jusy, west of Metz, fell to the 95th Infantry Division, which reached a point two miles from the city. South of Thionville, Fort Illers and its garrison surrendered.

South of Metz, American troops which captured Fort L'Alme and also met with German resistance on the high ridge beyond captured Fort Dailly. East of Metz, American soldiers captured Fort and a half mile south of Metz.

The German radio said General Heusinger had ordered a counter-attack on the Metz front, which the enemy eventually defeated with heavy casualties.

Some 150 miles to the north, British troops smashed across the Nord and Wessem canals, west of Roermond, and established a firm bridgehead. Flame throwers and more than 100 heavy guns paced the assault.

The German counter-attacks were repulsed by the American units. The Metz front in the Metz region is now under the control of American troops.

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## Tiny Andorra Occupied By The French

### French Soldiers Occupied The Little Spanish State In Andorra

Paris, Nov. 15.—(AP)—French soldiers occupied the little Spanish state of Andorra in the Pyrenees late Tuesday, the topography office announced today.

A spokesman said General Charles de Gaulle made the decision to occupy the tiny state of Andorra, which the nation was "a necessary measure" to insure security and stability in the Pyrenees region.

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Washington, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The proposed merger of Methodist and Wake Forest colleges into one institution claimed the interest of nearly 1,500 delegates to the State Baptist Convention here this afternoon.

Dr. Caspar C. Warren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, spoke this morning on "The Educational Call to Militant Evangelism."

## German Bridgehead At Budapest Erased

### Japs Seeking To Compel Filipinos To Support Them

### Red Army Reports Advances South And East Near Capital

### Wright Plant Strike Ended By WLB Edict

### Cotton Higher Near Closing

### Stocks Still Freely Sold

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## Joint Public-Private Finance Of Postwar Exports Is Talked

### Recommendations To Congress To Be Made By President

Washington, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Joint government-private financing for the greatest postwar export program in the country's history is expected to be recommended to Congress by President Roosevelt early next year.

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### STALIN ASKED TO PARIS

Paris, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Charles de Gaulle, premier of France, has asked Joseph Stalin to come to Paris to discuss the situation in Europe.

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### GENERAL ZERO ON SIEGFRIED LINE



WINTER HAS COME to the Siegfried Line and now our fighters must cope with heavy snows and icy winds, as well as with the enemy. Here a doughboy stolidly ploughs along a snow-covered trench somewhere in Germany. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. (International Soundphoto)

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cloudy and mild, with showers tonight. Thursday cool and partly cloudy.

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