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Superfortress Blows Leave Tokyo Burning

YANKS MOVE THROUGH FLOOD



COMMANDER OF THE THIRD CORPS, 2d Army, Maj. Gen. John Hillikin rides in a jeep at the head of a motorized column through the flooded streets of Pont-A-Mousson, France. This town, situated on the Moselle River, experienced its worst flood in thirty years as the Allied forces moved through the area. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. (Date National)

Targets In Industrial Region Hit

Huge U. S. Planes Fly In Over City At 400-Mile Speed

Twenty-First U. S. Bomber Command, Saipan, Nov. 25—(AP)—Mighty Superfortress bombers left industrial sections of central Tokyo in flames, as American commanders today proclaimed the historic noonday bombing as the opening blow of a relentless campaign to knock out Japan's war plants.

Flying 3,000 miles round trip from Saipan bases, captured only five minutes ago the awesome armada (B-29s) sent these 70 planes flying in high circles the capital in more than 400 miles in hour yesterday noon and placed their bombs with deadly aim.

Recent reconnaissance photographs showed fires still burning several hours later, with smoke rising to great heights.

Two of the Superfortresses were acknowledged lost in this first land-based raid on Tokyo, a city of nearly 7,000,000. The industrial heart of the Japanese empire was bombed once before, April 18, 1942, by carrier-launched B-25 Mitchell medium bombers, led by Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle.

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3,500 Japs Drowned As American Planes Sink Leyte Convoy

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Nov. 25—(AP)—A U. S. air convoy carrying reinforcements for the embattled Japanese on Leyte island has been destroyed by American fighter planes, and an estimated 3,500 Japanese were killed or drowned, a communiqué announced today.

The Leyte-based planes, striding at great height, and acting as their own escort, sank three transports and a destroyer escort, belonging to about 12,000 Japanese troops now attempting to reach the island's fighting sector.

In a bombing attack on the Leyte and Borneo, an enemy destroyer and a transport were sunk, and a transport and eleven freighters (damaged), General MacArthur reported. Twenty-two Japanese fighters and bombers were destroyed on the ground.

Improved weather conditions quickened the battle tempo and encouraged the Japanese to increase their activity, with the result that 32 enemy planes were shot down, 33 American planes and several half-destroyed battleships.

"Our own losses were very light," General MacArthur said.

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Baseball Head Dies



JUDGE K. M. LANDIS

Judge Landis, Baseball Head, Dies At 78

Chicago, Nov. 25—(AP)—Kenneth William Landis, 78, commissioner of organized baseball since 1921, died at St. Luke's hospital at 5:35 a. m. CWT, today.

Says South Can Finance Own Growth

Birmingham, Nov. 25—(AP)—Governor Robert S. Kerr, of Oklahoma, today said that the state is in a position to finance its own industrial development.

Small Arms Plants Heed Speed Plea

Washington, Nov. 25—(AP)—Small arms ammunition plants, cut deeply in production a year ago, buckled down today a whopping new assignment from General Eisenhower.

New Polish Exile Premier May Not Find New Cabinet

London, Nov. 25—(AP)—Great doubt developed today that Jan Kucinski, newly-named premier of the Polish government in exile, would be able to form a regime strong enough to overcome the challenge to its authority by the Soviet-sponsored national liberation committee.

French Closing Trap On Huge Nazi Force

Bridge Over Rhine Now Is Menaced

Most of Strasbourg Has Been Captured; Americans Checked

London, Nov. 25—(AP)—The Paris radio said today that French forces were moving to ward a junction between virtually liberated Strasbourg and Colmar to the south, swing shut a trap on German troops in the Vosges mountains.

Cotton Trend Firm At End

New York, Nov. 25—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 20 cents a bale higher. Futures closed five cents a bale lower to forty cents.

Some Stocks Up Slightly

New York, Nov. 25—(AP)—Specialists exhibited a certain amount of strength in today's stock market, although many leaders still were apathetic toward recovery.

Manila Area Gets Fresh Plastering From Ship Planes

(By The Associated Press) American carrier-borne planes returned to the attack of Manila today, the Japanese-controlled Manila radio reported.

WAR FINALE AT RHINE-EISENHOWER



"THE ONLY SENSIBLE course for Germany is to fight to a finish west of the Rhine," Gen. Eisenhower told war correspondents. Above, the shaded area on the map shows area of this battleground. Crossing the Rhine, he said, would amount to a naval operation since Rhine bridges can be or have been blasted by bombers.

Reds Take Hatvan, Vital Hungary City

London, Nov. 25—(AP)—A German Transcaucasian report said today that the Russians had captured Hatvan in Hungary.

American Financing Of World Intimated

Washington, Nov. 25—(AP)—President Roosevelt's call for postwar strengthening of the United Nations partnership was regarded in Congress today as pointing toward possible American financial help in righting the world's war-damaged economic system.

Over 2,000 U. S. Planes Blast At Nazi Targets

London, Nov. 25—(AP)—More than 1,000 American heavy bombers, accompanied by an equal number of fighter escorts, bombed the Leuna, a synthetic oil refinery at Merseburg, today—the second time in less than a week—with more than 3,000 tons of explosives.

The Big Flying Fortresses and Liberators were accompanied by more than 1,000 Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings of both the United States eighth and ninth air forces.

The great fleet of bombers and their escorts against German inter-

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Cloudy and continued cool to night and Sunday.