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AMERICANS NEARING MANILA LIBERATORS MOVE WITHIN 28 MILES OF FILIPINO CITY

Seventh Fleet Anchors In Subic Bay; Olongapo Base Falls Without Fight

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Feb. 1.—Eighth Army troops secured Subic Bay, including Olongapo naval base, Tuesday without opposition, and the U. S. Seventh Fleet then entered the bay while to the east the Sixth Army seized Calumpit and crossed the Pampanga River, 23 road miles from Manila.

Fleet entrance into the good anchorage and repair base on the fringes of Manila Bay followed unimpeded occupation of Grande Island, Subic's "Little Corregidor."

U. S. Gums Recaptured. American guns which were defending Grande Island when it fell to the Japanese in 1942 were recaptured. Olongapo was dotted with dugouts and pillboxes—all abandoned.

The surge of the Sixth into Calumpit, in an advance of 13 miles southward down Pampanga province, carried motorized units of the 14th Army Corps safely through a narrow stretch of land compressed between two swamps. Beyond, the plains open wide to Manila with no good defense for the Nipponese in between.

While the Yanks of Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger thus advanced more than 20 miles from Monday's beachheads on the Zambales coast to win Olongapo, Sixth Army columns rolled 10 miles southwest of San Fernando toward a juncture with the Eighth which would seal off Bataan peninsula.

The two Army elements are pushing toward each other along a winding road of 60 miles from the Zambales coast to San Fernando.

Other Eighth Army units landed on Grande Island at the entrance of Subic Bay, whose waters give the U. S. Seventh Fleet a fine base on the very fringes of Manila Bay.

Closer To Baguio. The Americans were on the move in all sectors. They cleaned out enemy pockets at Fort Stotsenburg. They punched closer to the summer capital of Baguio to the north. They seized highway junctions near the foothills of the Sierra Madre range flanking the Luzon plains on the east, thus severing enemy routes of retreat.

Seizure of Olongapo gave the Americans a drydock and extensive ship repair facilities.

At Calumpit, scene of a gallant stand by Americans and Filipinos at the start of the war, the Americans secured bridges spanning the Pampanga River.

General Douglas MacArthur, announced these gains in his communique today, said the Americans who seized Grande Island and Olongapo "are now using this excellent anchorage, and the developments of a naval base is already under way."

Sixth Army Yanks advancing toward the Bataan peninsula from captured San Fernando have taken the town of Lubao in a 10 mile advance.

In the northern sector near Lingayen Gulf where the Sixth Army landed Jan. 9, Americans have captured Udac, road junction some 15 miles south of Baguio.

American bombers pounded the Cavite naval base in Manila Bay with 57 tons of bombs, causing heavy explosions and fires.

Daring PT boats, operating in cooperation with fighters, swept Batangas Bay south of Manila and Iloos Bay to the north, destroying fifty-one coastal craft.

Topdress Small Grains Early

For best yields, small grains in most sections of North Carolina should be topdressed between February 1 and March 15, says W. H. Rankin, agronomist of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

Through the years tests have shown that late application of topdressing after April has resulted in lower yields than when the same amount of topdressing was applied at an earlier date, according to Rankin. He reports that under average conditions early topdressing with 16 pounds of nitrogen per acre gave an increase of about 8 bushels of wheat, for example, while late topdressing gave only 3 bushels increase.

Rankin recommends from 16 to 23 pounds of nitrogen per acre and extra potash along with the nitrogen where heavy crops of legume hay has been removed.

Sixteen pounds of nitrogen per acre may be obtained from 100 pounds of sulfate of soda, 30 pounds of calcium or ANL, or 50 pounds of ammonium nitrate.

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WAR IN BRIEF

Red Army dashes unchecked across frozen approaches to Berlin; German radio says Russians 45 miles from the Nazi capital. Soviets place distance at 63 miles; Stalin announces capture of Landsberg, says Russian forces have battle line deep in Brandenburg province.

U. S. First and Third armies smash across German border at four new places, widen Aachen breach in Siegfried Line, make advances up to 3 miles; in south, American and French troops advance within 3 miles of Rhine in operation to isolate Colmar.

U. S. forces on Luzon advance to within 28 miles of Manila, recapture former American naval base at Olongapo, seal off Subic Bay.

Japanese claim Nippon army in China now holds entire 685 miles of Canton-Hankow railway, giving it 1,000-mile supply line from Manchuria and Korea to Canton and Hongkong.

Two British columns near junction in drive on Mandalay, where Japs are preparing last-ditch stand in Burma.

Italian front quiet; U. S. bombers hit targets in Vienna area.

Makes 878 Pounds Of Lint Per Acre

It was no accident that D. D. Wilkinson won the Scotland County five-acre cotton contest with 1,210 pounds of lint per acre, says Enos Blair, Extension agronomist at State College.

Wilkinson began building up the soil of his farm in 1937 with a four-year rotation, the turning under of cover crops, and the use of better fertilizers. His rotation was two years of cotton and corn or truck crops followed by two years of small grains and soybeans, with the beans combined and the leaves and stalks turned under.

In 1938 Wilkinson averaged 222 pounds of lint per acre as compared with 878 pounds per acre last year on a crop of 77 acres. Yields of other crops have just about doubled.

For cotton Wilkinson has fertilized with 500 pounds of 4-9-5 per acre or some similar grade but he now topdresses with 150 pounds of nitrate of soda and 50 pounds of muriate of potash per acre where he formerly used only 100 pounds of soda. He gives his grain 300 pounds of 3-12-6 at planting and a topdresser of 100 pounds of nitrate of soda and 50 pounds of muriate of potash per acre.

A unique feature of the Wilkinson farm of 225 cultivated acres is that most of the work is done by two large tractors, according to Blair. This includes preparation, planting, cultivation, and combining. There are only two mules on the farm and they have little to do.

Bailey Is Informed Of Voters Attitude

Telegrams, signed by leading Democrats of Pitt county, were dispatched to North Carolina Senator Josiah W. Bailey, who is among leaders in the fight against Henry A. Wallace's confirmation as Secretary of Commerce and Federal Loan Administrator, today. Wires throughout the State have been busy for the last few days sending expressions of the voters, some of which have been published in the dailies and state in no uncertain terms just what the senders feel regarding Bailey's opposition.

The message, signed by a number of Farmville Democrats, headed by Dr. Paul E. Jones, Chairman of the Pitt County Democratic Executive Committee, follows:

"As Democrats of Pitt County, we strongly oppose your action, as our representative, in the fight against the confirmation of a faithful Democrat, Henry Wallace, as Secretary of Commerce."

"We consider Henry Wallace a friend of the farmer and the average American, and as opposed to the selfishness and greed of some of the big financiers."

HORACE MOORE IN STATES

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Moore have been advised that Pfc. Horace C. Moore is recuperating from an accident on Bougainville Island, in the Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. Pvt. Moore had been on overseas duty for 19 months. During a recent storm, a tree fell on his tent and he sustained a broken arm and leg. He states in a letter to his parents that he would like to hear from his friends.

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Reich Frontier Pierced at New Points In West

Americans Broaden Aachen Beach, Push Deeper Into Germany With Full-Scale Offensives Raging Along 40- Mile Front

Paris, Jan. 31.—American Doughboys of the U. S. First and Third armies smashed across the German border in rain and slush at four new places today, widened the Aachen breach in the Siegfried Line by two additional miles and overran at least a dozen more towns, some of them inside Germany.

Pushing a full-scale offensive along a 40-mile section of the Westwall, the power of the American twin-drive carried the troops of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., and Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges as much as 5,000 yards further east. The front extends all the way from the Aachen breach along the Roer River to the Welchenhausen bridgehead along the Our River.

Americans Advance. As heavy U. S. artillery and armor were poured against the western face of the Siegfried Line, American troops, under the French army command in southern Alsace drove east and south in their maneuver to encircle Colmar, the last major unliberated city of France.

French forces captured Wittensheim, northwest of Mulhouse, against extremely heavy German opposition, and the troops besieging Colmar punched a serious blow into Nazis defending the metropolitan pocket by dominating the main highway which connects Colmar with the Rhine River bridge at Breisach in new encirclement advances.

The American Seventh and Ninth Army sectors remained comparatively quiet, but on the northern flank of the long Western Front, Canadian and British troops mopped up the last remaining German units which were holding out among the numerous dikes on the Mease Island bridgehead north of Tilburg, Holland.

Air Forces Grounded. All Allied supporting air forces were grounded today by a heavy overcast and a steady drizzle which, combined with the rising temperatures, quickly turned recently fallen snow into ground-soaking slush.

German opposition to the First and Third Army drives stiffened perceptibly but remained sporadic in some sectors as the First drove three miles east of Monschau in Germany and crossed the narrow upper reaches of the Roer. Farther north the Roer remains a formidable barrier.

Tanks supported the American infantry in this advance. German artillery fire was noticeably lacking, and the only spot of hard resistance in the sector was in the Kesternich area five and one-half miles northeast of Monschau.

A steady stream of German prisoners poured out of pillboxes, the U. S. 79th Division alone reporting more than 500 taken.

Gaining three miles, the First Infantry Division plunged across the German border a half mile from Udenbrath, which is in the Siegfried Line, while the 82nd Airborne crossed in a shorter forward movement east of Lanzerath, getting within a mile of the main Siegfried barrier against stout opposition that included tanks.

The Ninth Division pushed on inside Germany to Widdau, on the Roer east of Monschau.

Third Army infantry, busily widening its foothold across the Our River to more than five miles, plunged across the border at another point five and one-half miles southeast of St. Vith, Belgium.

Missing In Action

Pfc. Henry L. Gardner, 33 of Fountain, has been missing in action in Luxembourg since Dec. 30, according to word received by his wife, the former Louise Harris of Fountain. Mrs. Gardner, with their three children, lives at 1214 McKenzle St., Petersburg, Va. Private Gardner was inducted last April and went overseas in October.

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COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTES \$752 TO INFANTILE PARALYSIS FUND

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Visiting the Center the past week end were:

Lt. B. B. Turnage, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Turnage. Lt. Turnage returned recently to the United States after spending 18 months in the Central and South Pacific theaters of operations. He will be stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, after a leave of 30 days.

PFC Norman Bloom, Camp Lejeune and Curwensville, Penn. Pvt. Bloom was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Willis, Saturday and Sunday.

L. C. Jones, H. A. 1/c, Camp Lejeune and Michigan City, Ind., who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Abernethy for the week end.

PFC John C. Delaney, Camp Lejeune and Harnett, Miss., who spent Saturday night at the Davis Hotel.

Mrs. J. M. Hobgood contributed cake to the refreshments consisting of milk, donated by Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Norman and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Wooten, ham and tomato sandwiches and coffee.

Miss Annie Perkins, Mrs. J. M. Hobgood and Mrs. Joseph Batchelor gave magazines.

A letter from Lt. (jg) George A. Paterson states that he had a fine Christmas on a destroyer with plenty of turkey and all the fixings. To have a holiday was a novelty and he said they all made the best of it and built up hopes for Christmases to come.

Joseph Batchelor, M. M. I. C., writes that he had a good turkey dinner, too, and tried to hope that he could be with his friends and loved ones next year.

J. E. Russell, S 1/c, writes that he enjoyed a turkey dinner but that the only way he knew it was Christmas was by the calendar for he is almost astride the Equator and the thermometer goes to 120 degrees and above every day. He recently saw C. B. Mashburn, Jr., and it was hard to tell which was the happier to see a familiar face. He sends regards to everyone. J. E. enclosed a map of the pipe line to the Philippines and a circular describing the building on island bases in the Pacific by the Seabees and how shipping is carried on.

Among the uncensored items regarding Manus, which show the progress made there are: a farm with 500 chickens, ducks, a technical library, an evening school, where navigation, mathematics, mechanics, history, English and foreign languages are taught; baseball fields, basketball and handball courts. On the brow of the hill is a desolate shack—the only visible reminder of Jap occupation. This was a red, shell-pocked beach with a background of impenetrable jungle and a mountain. Manus is in the Admiralty Islands.

Cpl. T. Habib (Happy) A. Nichols says that as long as he can hear that the people at home are getting along all right he can be satisfied to stay even after thirty-nine months overseas, and that his thoughts are always of home and the people here.

Pvt. John J. Spies, now overseas, writes that he does not know what is in store for him but no matter what comes in the future, at least he has some wonderful memories of Farmville and will not soon forget it. He sends best regards to friends here.

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Five-Acre Cotton Contest Suggestions

A number of important points should be taken into consideration by those farmers who enroll in the state five-acre cotton contest and attempt to produce from 12 to 15 bales of cotton on 5 acres, say Extension agronomists at State College.

The very best land should be selected—land that is well drained, has a high moisture holding capacity, and is capable of using a relatively large amount of fertilizer to advantage.

The agronomists suggest that the area be carefully examined to see that it has no weak spots in it, as this will pull down the total yields. Land that has had good cover crops turned under is especially suitable for the contest.

In addition to the use of good seed, the agronomists emphasize the importance of having a relatively large number of stalks of cotton to the acre. In previous cotton contests some prize winning growers have used three-foot rows with 2 to 4 stalks in the hill and the hills about 8 to 12 inches apart.

Prize winners have also used liberal amounts of fertilizer at planting and relatively large amounts of top dressers at chopping, gauging the amounts in accordance with the ability of the land to utilize the fertilizer.

Where large amounts of fertilizer are used at planting, the agronomists suggest that the fertilizer be applied about 10 days before planting or with a side-placement machine, so that the stand of cotton will not be damaged.

In the contests in the past, most of the prize winning growers have topdressed just after chopping and have made only one application of topdresser.

Farmville-Belvoir Play Here Tonight

Farmville High basketball teams, boys and girls, will play Belvoir in the gym here, tonight, Friday, February 2.

Farmville has had a most successful season; the girls have 14 games to their credit with only 3 lost; the boys have won 12 and lost 6.

Usually fate has in store for us that which we departed with.

Mrs. Frank K. Allen and J. H. Moore Report Gratifying Response

In compiling reports of proceeds of the various committees connected with the local Infantile Paralysis Drive, including that of J. H. Moore, Chairman of the March of Dimes, Mrs. Frank K. Allen, Community Chairman of the Woman's Division, stated that a total of \$752.19 had been collected and that the response had been most gratifying to both chairmen, and to the Junior Woman's Club, the sponsoring organization of the women's activities.

From the silver offering taken at the Paramount Theatre, Mrs. Allen reported the sum of \$304.42; from the President's Birthday Ball \$168.40; \$14.20 donated by the following organizations—Literary Club, U. D. C., American Legion Auxiliary, D. A. R., P. T. A., Merry Matrons and Woman's Club; \$5.00 from the coin boxes placed in the stores; a total of \$390.02.

Mr. Moore stated that on Friday morning at the chapel period the 20 home rooms of the Farmville Public School in the March of Dimes Campaign, contributed \$362.17 as follows:

Miss Annie Perkins, 1st grade, \$40.44; Miss Louise Farror, 1st grade, \$10.00; Miss Hazel Strout, 2nd grade, \$32.34; Mrs. W. B. Carraway, 2nd grade, \$5; Miss Margaret Lewis, 3rd grade, \$68.65; Mrs. J. H. Moore, 3rd grade, \$5.55; Mrs. Hazel Baker, 4th grade, \$31.60; Mrs. Joseph Batchelor, 4th grade, \$13.00; Mrs. M. E. Pollard, 5th grade, \$13.08; Mrs. J. R. Shearin, 5th grade, \$5; Mrs. W. E. Joyner, 6th grade, \$21.80; Mrs. Anna J. Roubek, 6th grade, \$7; Mrs. L. P. Thomas, 7th grade, \$30; Mrs. J. E. Bynum, 7th grade, \$12.20; Mrs. M. Whelless, Jr., 8th grade, \$10; Miss Lucille Davis, 9th grade, \$10.70; Mrs. Herbert E. Hart, 9th grade, \$5.80; Mrs. R. LeRoy Rollins, 10th grade, \$13.01; Miss Bertha Lang, 10th grade, \$10; Mrs. J. B. Joyner, 12th grade, \$22.50.

A grand total of \$752.19.

Customers Are Requested To Shop Early Saturdays

In announcements regarding the change in closing hours on Saturdays, (from 9:00 to 7:00 P. M.), J. W. Mungen, president of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, has emphasized the fact that in making the change, the Farmville merchants are merely following steps taken by nearby towns to cooperation with the Federal Government's request for the consumption of less fuel, lights, etc., and an act of consideration to their employees, whose work has been necessarily increased due to the universal shortage of manpower.

The plan of closing at 9:00 o'clock Saturday nights, will be resumed during the harvesting season for the convenience of the farmers.

Plan to do your shopping before 7:00 P. M. on Saturdays.

There should be a soil analysis of land before a relatively large amount of lime is applied.

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Miss Eva Taylor Missionary Will Speak Here 4th

Miss Eva Leona Taylor, a former resident of Farmville, who has been a nurse-missionary since March 1941 at Gashua, Nigeria, British West Africa, will speak at the local Baptist Church, Sunday evening, at 7:30.

Miss Taylor is visiting Mrs. E. F. Gaynor and other friends while in Farmville. Rev. E. C. Chambers, pastor of the Baptist Church, invited Miss Taylor to tell the story of her life and mission work and requested an outline of her activities for publication in this issue, which will be read with great interest by Farmville friends, who have followed them with genuine concern and admiration throughout the years.

"I was born in Farmville, the daughter of the late Benjamin and Lucy Taylor. At eleven years of age I was converted and united with the Farmville Baptist Church. At that time I felt the call to the mission field.

"I attended Farmville school until 1928, completing ninth grade. During that year I left for Philadelphia and was graduated from West Philadelphia high school in 1931.

"Upon completing high school I entered Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, September, 1931, being graduated four years later with the degree of Bachelor of Religious Education.

"In September, 1935, I entered Northeastern Hospital of Philadelphia, where I finished training as a registered nurse three years later.

"September, 1939, I began classes at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; leaving there April 1940.

"August, 1940, I was accepted by the Sudan Interior Mission and sailed for Africa, March 6, 1941.

"My work in Africa was at Gashua, in the Northeastern part of Nigeria, British West Africa, where I had the privilege of acting as nurse, preacher, dentist, missionary; in fact I was 'all things to all men.'

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