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### AMERICAN LOSSES INCREASE TO 16,425 IN OKINAWA FRAY

#### Marines and Doughboys Mass for Final Assault on Japs' Southern Line; Samal Island Invaded in Philippines; Aussies Threaten Borneo Oil Fields

Guam, May 10.—American casualties in the bloody battle of Okinawa have mounted to 16,425, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today as U. S. 10th Army troops on the southern tip of the embattled island pushed forward slowly under a thundering naval and land bombardment.

The casualties covered the period through Monday, or 37 days since the Americans stormed ashore on Okinawa Easter Sunday.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz did not specify the gains made in the southwest advance. The Third Marine Amphibious Corps on the west and the 24th Army Corps on the left have massed with Army and Marine artillery behind them for the final assault against the Japanese southern defense line.

Adverse weather continued to hamper operations on the important island only 360 miles from Japan as Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, commander of the Army Air Forces in the Pacific declared that Japan soon will be rocked by round-the-clock bombing such as pulverized German industry.

Giles promised that a heavier weight of bombs would be dropped on Japan than the Reich. New types of planes will join expanded Superfortress fleets, he said, including the huge B-29 bomber, jet-propelled P-80 fighters and an improved A-26 attack bomber.

Flying Fortresses and Liberators soon will be available in strength from Europe and new bases will have to be built to handle the influx of air power to bring about the climactic air assault against the Japanese empire.

**Round For Victory.** Marine aircraft, based on Okinawa and carrier-based planes continued to support the embattled ground troops.

Despite the viciousness of the struggle every gun ashore and every gun afloat which bore on the enemy on Okinawa fired one round simultaneously in recognition of the victory of the United Nations in Europe Wednesday, Nimitz announced.

The casualty breakdown through May 7 for U. S. forces involved in the Okinawa campaign showed: 2,107 soldiers and 677 Marines killed; 10,403 soldiers and 2,800 Marines wounded; and 501 soldiers and 38 Marines missing.

The last announced Japanese death toll was 36,535—a ratio of better than 16 to 1 over the enemy.

British Pacific fleet carrier aircraft struck airfields and defenses on Miyako and Ishigaki islands in the Sakishians southwest of Okinawa again Wednesday. Three enemy planes were destroyed. The enemy retaliated with air strikes and caused some minor damage to two British units but the force remained operational.

Nimitz reported that in the Mustang fighter raid on the Kinsarua airfield and Tatyans naval air station southeast of Tokyo Tuesday, two planes were destroyed on the ground and five others probably destroyed. In other attacks a small cargo ship and a locomotive were destroyed and a train and a number of small craft were damaged.

**SAMAL ISLAND INVADIED IN PHILIPPINE STRUGGLE** Manila, May 10.—Samal Island in Davao Gulf was invaded and virtually cleared by the 24th Infantry Division Tuesday while on the Mindanao mainland the Japanese near Davao fought bitterly, apparently intent on a bloody stand.

Australian and Netherland Indies forces secured Aul Hill north of the Aarakán airbase in Dutch Borneo and were moving steadily toward the Djoeita oil fields. Allied planes supporting Borneo operations, attacked Kodak airbase and important installations at Brunai Bay, Miri and Sandjermasin.

### NEWS OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

**Promoted.** Mrs. Lucy Johnston Rumley has been promoted from Lt. (jg) to Lt. in the Waves. Lt. Rumley is stationed in Washington, D. C.

**Overseas.** Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turnage have received word of the safe arrival of their son, Sgt. Lester E. Turnage, in New Guinea.

**Promoted.** Fifteenth AAF in Italy.—T/Sgt. James T. Lang, 20, of 304 Belcher St., Farmville, N. C., whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland O. Lang reside at the same address, was recently promoted from the grade of staff sergeant. Sgt. Lang is an aerial gunner with a B-24 Liberator heavy bombardment group of the 15th Air Force.

After graduation from Farmville High School, he attended the University of North Carolina until his entry into the Army Air Forces on April 1, 1944, at Fort Bragg, N. C. He received gunnery training at Harlingen, Texas.

Since his arrival in Italy, Sgt. Lang has been awarded the Air Medal and is entitled to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge and the European-African-Middle East campaign ribbons.

**Promoted.** Quilliver Little, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Little, has been promoted from the rank of Pfc. to Sergeant. Sgt. Little is stationed in Germany at the present.

**Promoted.** R. E. Braxton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Braxton, of Creedmoor, formerly of Farmville has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He has also received a letter of commendation from his commanding General of the 94th Infantry Division which says "Your division has most expeditiously accomplished its mission of cleaning the Saar-Moelle triangle and seizing a bridgehead east of the Saar river and in so doing made a vital contribution to the capture of the fortified town of Trier. The aggressive and efficient manner in which these missions have been carried out reflects great credit upon the division in keeping with the high traditions of the service upon you and its commanding General. Your ability to rapidly take advantage of opportunities without becoming involved in unwarranted delay has contributed substantially to the successful accomplishment of your mission."

**Received Air Medal.** 1st Lt. Marvin G. Hinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hinson, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious service as aerial observer with the Ninth Army in Germany.

In recent months Lt. Hinson has been stationed at a Prisoner of War camp, where he says in a recent letter to his folks, "many are misplaced persons, not in the army, but people of various nationalities who have been used as slaves by the Germans, among them many women and children." He says you have only to tell the German people you have need of their car, home, etc., and they will gladly give them to you, offering them to the Americans as a safeguard from Russian prisoners of war, now released, who they are afraid will tear them up.

**Sends Souvenir.** Pfc. Willis Paul Oden serving with a Medical Battalion somewhere in Germany sent to The Enterprise this week a souvenir of German money and a printed account of the accomplishments of the 78th Lightning Division. Space prevents a full account but the Division accomplishments during the past four months have been magnificent. In eleven days says Major General Parker, Commanding, you advanced more than 50 miles against the enemy, captured 47,581 prisoners, including 7 General officers, captured some 120 towns and villages, cleared over 300 square miles of enemy territory, freed many American and Allied prisoners of war, and have set free many thousands of Russian, Polish, French and other slave laborers who are now plodding their way home.

**In Texas.** San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Tex.—At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Chaplain Buford Byron Fordham, Farmville, N. C., former pastor of Farmville Baptist Church, Farmville, N. C., is taking a two-week indoctrination course of study in Army Air Forces ministry.

While at the Cadet Center, a unit of Central Flying training Command, AAF Training Command, army chaplain, graduate of the Army Chaplain School at Harvard University study air force perspectives, organization and office duties at the Chaplain Transition Conference Center.

**FOUNTAIN REVERTS TOWN OFFICIALS** Fountain citizens re-elected the following town officials in a Primary Election held Tuesday, May 8: G. E. Elevation, Mayor; J. M. Horton, Clerk; Hardy Johnson, J. E. Owen and E. D. Jefferson, Commissioners.

### Farmville Doubles Quota in Cancer Control Campaign

Once again Farmville goes over the top and, this time, twice as high as the mark which had been set. A total of one thousand dollars has been turned in to George W. Davis, County Commander. Five hundred having been the quota accepted.

Those in charge of the campaign wish to thank every person who helped in any way—especially do we thank the Boy Scouts, the members of the three Federated Clubs who were responsible for seeing the town, the Special Gift Committee, The Farmville Enterprise, the women who canvassed the town, the Negro population which came up with a large proportionate contribution and those who sent out letters requesting contributions to the most worthy cause. We thank those people in whose places of business the little "Give" boxes were placed. A nice sum was realized therefrom.

It is earnestly hoped that an approved Cancer Project may be set up in Farmville and if so, a goodly amount of the money collected will be returned to the community to be used for the detection and treatment of cancer in homes economically unable to have such service and for educational purposes among all the citizens of the Township. Seventy-five per cent of all funds collected will be retained in the State, even where there is no local approved project.

If there are other persons who wish to have a share in this greatly needed work, their contributions may be handed to Mr. Davis, to the President of any one of the three federated clubs or to the Commander of the Campaign. Any amount, however small, will be helpful and greatly appreciated.

Mrs. J. M. Hobbard, Commander of Farmville.

### Rotary Club Enjoys Instructive Meeting

Featuring the Rotary meeting this week was a talk by Irvin Morgan on the work of Rotary and what it means to the individual and to the world. In mentioning current activities he spoke of the possibilities of a permanent home for Rotary International and the redistricting of North and South Carolina, so as to have five districts instead of the present four.

In the business period, a committee was appointed to confer with the Kiwanis Club in relation to sponsoring a Blood Bank Roster for Farmville, whereby volunteers would be typed and recorded thus eliminating delay in case of emergencies. Another committee was asked to draft resolutions, recommending an all time recreation and athletic director for Farmville, to be presented to the Town Board in the near future.

L. E. Walston, reporting on the progress of the Seventh War Loan Drive here, urged the full support of the club. He stated that approximately \$18,000 had been sold to date. The drive officially begins Monday, May 14th, and Farmville's quota is placed at \$224,400.00.

### Softball Providing Good Entertainment

The Baptist defeated the Meth-Eps. in a close contested game last Thursday by the score of 11 to 10. The league changed several times and the final score was in doubt until a mighty home run was hit by John Moore, which brought in the deciding run. Drake was outstanding hitter for the Meth-Eps.

The Christians and Presbyterians played their second game Wednesday of this week and the Christians were winners by a close score of 6 to 5. The game was featured by excellent fielding on the part of Froggie Pickett, Robert Rouse and Robert Pierce. Rouse and Pierce also hit home runs. The Christians went into the league lead by virtue of this victory.

All four teams are showing improvement and the season promises to produce a very close race.

Next Wednesday which is the first afternoon of summer sports closing, a double header will be played and a good crowd is expected.

**League Standing To Date:**

Team	Won	Lost
Christians	2	0
Baptists	1	1
Presbyterians	1	1
Meth-Eps.	0	2

**Schedule for Friday, May 11:** Christians vs. Meth-Eps; Wednesday, 15, Baptists vs. Christians, and Meth-Eps vs. Presbyterians; Thursday, 17, Presbyterians vs. Meth-Eps; Friday, 18, Christians vs. Baptists.

### War In Europe Comes to an End

#### Official Announcement Made By President Truman On Tuesday; Eisenhower Hails Victory Commending All Who Had Part In Ridding World of Nazism

With thankful hearts the people of the nation received the news of completed conquest in Europe and pledged themselves anew to the next great task, the crushing of Japan.

The news of unconditional surrender which was signed in a red brick school house in Reims, France, Headquarters of General Eisenhower, at 2:41 a. m., Monday (British double summer time, 8 p. m., Sunday, Eastern War Time) was flashed to the world early Monday, but official announcements were delayed until Tuesday.

Four identical documents, one each for the United States, Britain, France and Russia, were signed, after which Eisenhower made it plain to German representatives that Germany is a defeated nation and that henceforth orders to the German people will come from the Allies, and that they will be obeyed.

In a message to the soldiers of the Allied Command, Eisenhower said, "Though these words are feeble, they come from the bottom of a heart overflowing with pride in your loyal service and admiration for you as warriors. Your accomplishments at sea, in the air, on the ground and in the field of supply have astonished the world."

In a ceremony at the White House in Washington President Truman, at 9 a. m., Eastern War Time, Tuesday, proclaimed the defeat of a crushed Germany and made it clear that "our blows will continue until the Japanese also lay down their arms in unconditional surrender."

"This is a solemn, but glorious hour," said the Chief Executive, "I only wish that Franklin D. Roosevelt had lived to witness this day. Mr. Truman called upon the American people "to unite in offering thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that he will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace. He added that until the day of complete victory, "let no man abandon his post or slacken his efforts."

Following his radio address to the nation, President Truman requested flowers placed upon the grave of the late President Roosevelt as a Victory Day tribute. The request was fulfilled by Maj. Gen. Wilby, superintendent of the Military Academy at West Point, while 30 military personnel from the Academy and the military police detachment stationed on the Hyde Park Estate, stood at attention. The only spoken words were those of Rev. John D. Waltham, West Point Protestant chaplain, who prayed that the Nation commemorate its effort to bring the late President's "dream to actuality."

In San Francisco, the United Nations Security Conference paused briefly for a V-E day ceremony, pledging themselves anew to establish the foundations of the new order designed to maintain and protect the world's future peace.

In a short program at 12:15 p. m., when representatives of four of the "Big Five" gathered in the Memorial Opera House, Secretary of State Stettinius said, "This day of victory over Germany, has given new urgency to the work of the conference. The fighting is not over yet. We still have to win the same full and final victory over Japan that has now been won over Nazi Germany. The world organization for which we have met here to write the charter must be established. Let us dedicate ourselves anew to this sacred cause for which so many have risked and given all."

The Soviet delegation did not participate, as they were awaiting official announcement of the war's end from Premier Marshal Stalin, which came 10 hours and 10 minutes after the announcements of President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill.

### BUY WAR BONDS—Have 1—Hold 1

#### Wednesday Afternoon Closing Begins May 16

All stores here will begin their Wednesday afternoon closing on May 16, promptly at 12:00 p. m., with the exception of the General Store here which closes Saturday at 1:00 p. m. for their weekly closing and the Drug Co.'s who have already begun closing on alternate Wednesdays.

The question is not whether we will get a hard peace or a soft peace, but whether we will get a real peace. And real peace is creative living to justice—not just the absence of war.

### POPPY DAY IS ANNOUNCED FOR MAY 26th

Poppies to honor America's dead warriors of two World Wars will be worn in Farmville on Saturday, May 26th, Miss Marie Lewis, President of Farmville Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today.

The little red flowers will pay tribute both to those men who died for their country in the present war and to those who fell 27 years ago in France and Belgium among the wayward poppies. The money that is received for the flowers will be used to aid the afflicted veterans of both wars and their families.

Extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day are being made by the Farmville Unit of the Auxiliary here under the leadership of Miss Lewis and Mrs. Paul E. Jones, Unit Poppy Chairman. Everyone in the city will be able to buy the flowers of remembrance from the many volunteer workers from the Auxiliary who will be on the streets all through the day.

The flowers are made of crepe paper on the pattern of the wild poppy of Flanders. They have been ordered from Fayetteville where they were made by disabled veterans. Making the poppies has helped these veterans keep their minds and fingers occupied, causing the otherwise tedious months to pass quickly and at the same time furnishing the man with a means of livelihood.

This year it is expected that more Americans than ever before will wish to wear the poppies as a salute to the dead soldiers and their bereaved families, and as a financial aid to the living but disabled soldiers and their needy families.

### Chandler's New Store To Open Here Today

We call your attention to the formal opening of Chandler's 5c to \$1.00 Store, at its new location, 116-118 North Main Street on Friday and Saturday, May 11th and 12th. The new location provides larger quarters and makes possible the addition of many new departments.

Dorsey M. Malone, of Nashville, Tenn., new manager of the Chandler Store here, was formerly with the McLellans Stores, and has been in charge of several stores in South Carolina and Georgia over a period of eight years. He recently received a medical discharge from the Marine Corps after five years of service.

Mr. Malone comes to Farmville thoroughly qualified as a store manager and he invites the buying public to drop in to see him and let him know their wants. He pledges his best efforts to see that your every shopping need will be supplied as merchandise is obtainable.

Drop in today and Saturday and take advantage of the many items assembled for your convenience at this good store.

### VICTORY IN EUROPE OBSERVED HERE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

With joyful and thankful hearts the people of Farmville gathered Monday evening for a prayer and worship service, the program for which had been previously arranged in anticipation of V-E Day by the local Ministerial Association.

The impressive service was held in the Baptist Church which was filled to capacity. Scriptures read responsively, special music and prayers were in keeping with the spirit of the day and gave expression to the innermost thoughts of the people's hearts.

In a few V-E Day Meditations, Rev. C. H. Masbarn charged his listeners with the statement, "Now that victory is in the air, what are you going to do about it?", reminding that the next five years will be even more dangerous than the five just experienced. He urged that we as individuals do everything in our power to see that a just peace is made and kept.

Rev. J. D. Verneison offered the closing prayer.

### LET YOUR V-E CELEBRATION BE A SOLEMN PLEDGE TO BUY MORE WAR BONDS NOW

The Seventh War Loan Drive officially opens here Monday, May 14 and will continue through June 30. George W. Davis, local chairman, has announced committee chairman and plans are near completion for Farmville participation.

The business community will again play a major role in making the local drive a success. They have been given pledges and it is reported that several thousand dollars have already been solicited. All Farmville stores are cooperating.

As a personal V-E celebration an solemn pledge to buy more War Bonds Now, and spend our fighting forces in their struggle for a just peace.

### RUSSIAN TANKS WIPE OUT NAZI OUTLAWS IN PRAGUE

#### SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Service Men visiting the Center during the week end were Ensign Robert D. Rouse, Jr., of Farmville and Camp Bradford, Va.

Cherry Point—S/Sgt. Berlin B. Saunders, Miami, Fla., and Sgt. Jack C. Yoder, Crouse, N. C., who were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Wooten and dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Abernethy; S/Sgt. J. W. Crocker, Rome, Ga.

Greenville Air Base—Cpl. Charles C. Sholes, Cleveland, Ohio, who was a Sunday night guest of Miss Tabitha M. DeVisconti and supper guest in the home of Mrs. J. I. Baker; Cpl. Felix J. D. Marco, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. George Thomas donated a chocolate cake; Mrs. Bennie Wooten and Mrs. B. A. Norman, milk; Miss Elizabeth Davis, magazines; and Mrs. Duckworth of Asheville and Mrs. Rose of Middleburg, one dollar each.

A letter from Pvt. Joe Zueger, who visited Farmville a number of times while stationed at Seymour Johnson Field, says he is in the Pacific and is one of the hundreds of boys in the Service grateful for hospitality shown him here. He says his heart has never left good old Farmville for he liked it here, always will and hopes to visit it again. Pvt. Zueger, who left the states about a year ago, was recently reunited with his buddy Cpl. David Morgan, Jr.

Pvt. Eddie Drake of Cherry Point, who has been transferred temporarily to another camp, writes that the main drawback is that he has had to miss his week ends here. He says he is thoroughly in love with Farmville and everybody here for it is his "home away from home," or even more than that, it is "his other home" and he will be back as soon as possible.

### LOCAL KIWANIS PLAN TO SPONSOR SCOUT TROOP

Growing out of a suggestion advanced by J. Y. Monk, Divisional Scout Counselman, the Kiwanis Club at their Monday evening meeting unanimously approved a motion made by J. T. Sutton, local Scoutmaster, to sponsor a Scout Troop. Sutton stated that an analysis had been made by the Regional and Divisional heads as to the potential here in Farmville for Scout activities and that this town could well afford two and possibly three Troops.

The Kiwanis Club accepts this sponsorship at the invitation of the Rotary Club, which has already adopted and developed a very active and enthusiastic Troop here.

John Hackney, Divisional Scout Executive, will present Scouting and its activities to the Club at their next meeting Monday, May 14. J. Y. Monk and J. T. Sutton will assist in the presentation.

The Carolina Kiwanis held their Divisional meeting in Goldsboro on Wednesday evening, May 9. Twelve representatives from the Farmville Club attended. They were Red Williams, Seth Barrow, Jack Lewis, Zeb Whitaker, Henry Johnson, Rex Hodges, Ernest Hunt, Sonny Bradham, Sam Lewis, Alex Allen and Charlie Hethcote.

The Club has adopted for the duration of the Seventh War Loan Drive a firm closing procedure of remaining each one to make every contribution possible to the bond drive.

### NO DIFFERENCE

San Francisco, May 9.—Surrender of Nazi Germany, the Japanese cabinet announced today, will not make the "slightest change" in Nippon's war objective, which "lies in the interest of her (Japan's) self-existence and self-defense."

The cabinet reached this conclusion at a special meeting convoked by Premier Kantaro Suzuki, the Tokyo radio said.

The official statement expressed regret at Germany's surrender.

The enemy radio also told of preparations to combat an invasion of the homeland islands, said "air defense organizations" members of the army had been alerted and reported making efforts of the government and armed forces attended formal memorial services for Adolf Hitler.

Evening newspapers throughout Nippon carried the news of Germany's surrender. Most of them claimed the development "had not been entirely unexpected."

Heading trials have shown that the Japanese are not taking the risk of attacking Soviet party in their own effort to increase it to 100,000,000 and to have effects from the advancing when selection forces in their struggle for a just peace.

### German Pilots Bomb Czech Capital In Defiance of Cease-Firing Order; Nazis Surrender At Dunkerque and Other French Ports Held Since D-Day

London, May 10.—Russian tanks swept into Prague yesterday and wiped out German outlaw bands in a brief postwar battle while the last intact German armies fled from a Soviet pincer drive across Czechoslovakia, seeking to surrender to the Western Allies.

More than two hours after the Russians freed Prague, the last European capital under the Nazi yoke, German pilots were still bombing the city as well as the outlying communities of Melnik and Nymburk in defiance of the Tuesday midnight cease-firing deadline, the Prague radio said.

**No Serious Fighting.** But the Germans were not putting up a serious fight anywhere against the Russians, and Premier Josef Stalin proclaimed complete victory in a broadcast to the Soviet people. He ordered a mammoth 1,000-gun salute of 30 salvos. With a 504-gun salute of 24 salvos to salute Prague's liberation added in, a total of 57,776 rounds burst in colored brilliance over Moscow. Street crowds went wild with joy, the Moscow radio said.

Sweeping 56 miles southwest overnight, Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian Army freed Prague, "the capital of our ally, Czechoslovakia," at 4 a. m., Stalin announced in an order of the day.

Simultaneously, the Second Ukrainian Army under Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky streaked 75 miles northeast from the Brno area to reach Benesov only 22 miles from Prague. Any Germans who had retreated west of the Prague-Benesov line were already virtually in the U. S. Third Army lines.

**Fleeing From Russians.** The nightly Soviet communique said the enemy in Czechoslovakia was avoiding surrender to the Red Army and "retreating swiftly and southwestward."

However, it was indicated that large sections of the three German army groups in the area already were caught east of the Prague-Benesov line and would have to surrender to the Russians unless they chose to fight to their extermination in the Sudeten mountains where the war had its beginnings.

Other Russian forces tightening the Sudenten pocket from the north closed up to the vicinity of the Moravian border in German Silesia on a 90-mile front extending from south of Dresden to south of Breslau.

In Austria, the Russians occupied the big cities of Graz and Bruch to establish a line across the eastern third of Austria indicating that would be their zone of occupation of the country.

**Surrender in Latvia.** In the Far North, the German 18th and 16th armies in Latvia which had been holding a stabilized line for seven months—since they were cut off on October 10, 1944—laid down their arms and by late last night the Russians had taken 45,000 prisoners. The important Latvian towns of Liepaja and Tukums, extremities of the German line, were occupied.

More than 21,000 other prisoners were taken by the Third White Russian Army in the Vistula delta and the Second White Russian Army on the Hel peninsula north of Gdynia, as the German forces were pushed up. More thousands of prisoners were being combed along the Baltic coast.

The final German communique broadcast by the Fuehrer radio, announcing the capitulation of the French Atlantic ports, said the uprising in Czechoslovakia delayed the surrender and three army groups—1st, 2nd and 3rd—had not been heard from.

"After six years the hard struggle is over," the communique said. "The Wehrmacht has won glorious victories and suffered heavy defeats. It succumbed honorably to overwhelming superiority. The German soldier has been faithful to his oath and achieved eternal glory. History will pass judgment."

**Dunkirk Free.** With the British ports and Dunkerque in France capitulation Czechoslovakia was virtually the last battleground of the war. Marshal Tito's partisans were still fighting in northern Yugoslavia.

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