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Les Français sont des gens
merveilleux
Lay foonSAY sawn day jon
mairvay-yuh
The French are marvelous people

26 Big Jap Ships Blasted

2 Enemy Carriers, 1 Battleship Sunk

In one of the most lopsided victories of the Pacific war, the U.S. Third and Seventh Fleets sank or damaged at least 26 Japanese warships in the three-day battle in Philippine waters, dispatches revealed yesterday. Incomplete reports of the engagement, which has now become a chase, showed these results:

SUNK (8)
Two carriers, one battleship, five cruisers.

PROBABLY SUNK (3)
Two battleships, one carrier.

DAMAGED (15 PLUS)
Seven battleships, four cruisers, four destroyers and several more destroyers. The main American losses, according to reports which may overlap, are two escort carriers, one of them the Princeton, announced previously.

It was impossible to establish a definite figure on Jap losses. Reports have been issued from both Pearl Harbor and from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Philippine headquarters, with possible duplication. There were three principal actions—one southeast of Formosa, where the Third Fleet sank or damaged with bombs and torpedoes more than a dozen enemy ships—and the other two at Leyte, where the Seventh Fleet, aided by escort carrier planes and units of the Third Fleet, beat off two enemy forces attempting to attack MacArthur's invasion troops.

Six of Eight Sunk
A Reuter dispatch said six of eight ships which approached Leyte from the south had been sunk and the other two vessels damaged.

Believed based at Singapore, this enemy fleet, the dispatch said, came from the Suo Sho through the Surigao Strait, southeast of Leyte.

American aircraft ships and planes, it said, sank two battleships, one cruiser and three destroyers and damaged another cruiser and destroyer.

A Japanese dispatch, Nov. 1, said a headquarters reported that two Jap naval groups approached Leyte Gulf from the east Wednesday morning.

Although his forces were outnumbered, Vice-Adm. Thomas C. Kincaid, Seventh Fleet chief, split his strength, sending two task forces, one including an Australian squadron, in opposite directions to beat back the threat to Leyte.

First Ship-to-Ship Battle
Backed by carrier planes, Kincaid's fleet fought the first American ship-to-ship battle against the Japanese in more than a year. They sank a 29,000-ton battleship, a number of cruisers and destroyers and damaged three other cruisers and several destroyers, the dispatch said, for a loss of an escort carrier and several torpedo boats.

A Pearl Harbor communique said a Third Fleet task group went to the aid of (Continued on page 4)



This is a typical salvo from a big U.S. battle wagon now slugging it out with the Jap fleet in battle off the Philippines.

Say Allies On 2 Islands Off Antwerp

Allied landings on Walcheren and South Beveland, the two Dutch islands north of the Scheldt Estuary which cover the approaches to Antwerp, were reported by Berlin yesterday.

Combined Allied naval and land forces sought to gain access to the harbor of Antwerp—which would greatly shorten Allied supply lines to the 600-mile long battlefront—by landing on South Beveland and "attempting a landing" on Walcheren, German sources said.

Meanwhile, the British advance to Heringsbosch continued to force 40,000 Nazis into a general withdrawal from western Holland, and from the Third Army front came an official report that German troops there have shown marked deterioration in morale in the past few weeks.

Rumors that Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt had been ousted were discounted by the German News Agency, which declared that he is still supreme German commander in the West.

Canadians in Outburst
Field Marshal Montgomery's offensive pushed forward along the whole length of his 75-mile front, and British infantry were fighting their way last night into the outskirts of Tilburg, important Dutch communications center.

British tanks crossed the Tilburg-Heringsbosch road at three places, and the railway at one place, as Tommies in Heringsbosch battled their way through the southwestern district after clearing the Germans from about three-quarters of the town.

New gains were made by Canadian troops in the sector north of Antwerp. The Canadians were fighting in the streets at Oostburg, four miles from the location of the line, the gains which determined the southern entrance to the Scheldt.

On the Canadian and British sectors, it was estimated, the Germans were losing daily the equivalent of a full battalion, 400 men, in prisoners.

Two U.S. Subs Lost
WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—The Navy announced today that the submarines Heving and Golet, carrying crews of 65 men each, were overdue and presumed lost in the Pacific.

Guderian Takes Over in East; Reds Step Up Prussia Blows

By the Associated Press
Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, the ardent Nazi who became chief of the German general staff shortly after the attempt on Adolf Hitler's life last July, yesterday was given supreme command of the German armies on the Eastern Front. His appointment came as the Russians, in an attempt to get their offensive moving again through East Prussia, pummeled the whole Nazi line with fresh infantry and armor.

Guderian's switch to the East came as Marshal Stalin, in an order of the day, last night announced the capture of Munkacs, a Czechoslovak mining town and communications center, 100 miles northeast of Debrecen.

Simultaneously, Col. Ernst von Hanneke, German News Agency correspondent, announced the Germans, in their Prussia drive, seized the Stallonenen, on the border of the Burg-Königsberg railway about six miles inside the Reich province.

As Guderian took over Gen. Chernyakovskiy was launching a mass onslaught on the southern end of the East Prussian front, from Augustow, north to the Niemen River, according to German radio.

Battle Around Augustow
One battle raged around Augustow. Another blazed 13 miles east of Insterburg.

Many East Prussian villages are being leveled by the fury of the fighting, but as yet the German secondary line, charged with scores of tanks—has not broken.

Enemy reports said the Russian offensive north of Warsaw between the Bug and the Vistula subsided after a number of penetrations.

In Narvas, a Reuter dispatch from Moscow said Gen. Meretskov followed up the capture of the Arctic port of Kirkenes by seizing several airfields from which German bombers and torpedo planes had attacked Allied convoys bound for Murmansk.

Pass Ban Traps More AWOLs Here

MPs in London asked up "considerable more" AWOLs during the 42-hour round-up which ended midnight Wednesday than they did during the last previous roundup May 13, the Provost Marshal's office announced yesterday. The May roundup netted 42. This week's figures were not announced. The roundup lasted from 6 A.M. Tuesday, placing a restriction on all U.S. Army personnel in the U.K. except combat aircrew men on leave, men just back from combat, men on emergency leave, and men on special duty.

At That Rate He Could Afford Not To Work

PARIS, Oct. 26 (Reuter)—Louis Renault, head of the Renault motor firm, who has just died after being arrested for collaborating with the Germans, was given to a sudden temper which made him feared by employees.

Seeing a man sitting down doing nothing in his factory, Renault asked him, "What do you earn?"
"5,000 francs a month," replied the man.

Renault turned to his secretary: "Pay this man 10,000 francs. I don't want to see him again."

The cashier paid the money and then asked the man what job he did in the factory.

The man replied: "I don't work here. I was making a delivery. But thanks for the 10,000 francs."

Big Day Blow At Reich Again

For the second straight day more than 1,200 U.S. heavy bombers swarmed over Germany yesterday, blasting rail and industrial targets in the Hanover, Munster and Bielefeld areas. They were followed up by RAF heavies in their second successive daylight attack on the Reich.

Upward of 800 Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters escorted the Fortress and Liberators, which bombed through solid cloud. One bomber and one fighter were lost.

The RAF Lancasters, shepherded by Mustangs, attacked the I. G. Farben industrial chemical works at Leverkusen.

Nazis in Greece Yield Larissa

ROME, Oct. 26 (AP)—Greek guerrilla forces have captured the important Greek communications center of Larissa, the Allied communique announced today. Larissa is less than 100 miles by air from Greece's northern frontier. By evacuating it, the Germans have lost not only their remaining air base within 300 miles of Crete but also the last hope of evacuating any real part of the Crete garrison, between 12,000 and 15,000, by air.

English Church Head Dies
Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, died of a heart attack yesterday. He was 63. He was the 92nd Archbishop of Canterbury, and had served as head of the Church of England since 1942.

Back Home



Old Glory again flies over Philippine soil as GI raises the flag after the initial landings in the central islands.

Bataan Payment, Installment No. 1



U.S. infantrymen return to the Philippines. A landing craft, loaded with doughboys, cuts its way to the shores of Leyte, still smoldering from preliminary air assault and naval bombardment.