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Daily French Lesson Je ne comprends pas Juh nuh kawm-prahng pa I don't understand

Patton Drives Ahead 18 Miles

Nimitz Says Iwo Jima **Battle Won**

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief in the Pacific, in a terse press release last night, said, "The battle of Iwo Jima has been

In announcing capture of the eightsquare-mile island after 26 days of fighting described as "bloodier than Tarawa,"
Nimitz addressed a brief congratulatory
message to U.S. Marines:

"In capturing Iwo Jima, which is as
important as it was tough, you have overcome the most difficult defenses that skill
and ingenuity could construct on a small
island that Nature herself had already
made strong for military defense.

"Today, your fellow countrymen
humbly and proudly sing your praises."

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Nimitz revealed that 4,189 marines were killed in the conquest of the island, adding that 15,308 marines were wounded and 441 missing—a total of 19,938 casualties sustained by the three divisions

ighting on Iwo.

The fall of Iwo, with its three airstrips, meant that the U.S. now will have a base only 750 miles from Tokyo, from which fighter escorts of the Marianas-based Superforts can operate. It also eliminated a Jap observation post for Superfort flights headed toward the Japanese homeland. Damaged B29s were making emer-gency landings on an Iwo airstrip even while fighting was in progress on the northern tip of the island.

Communications Open in Manila

Simultaneous with the announcement that 30 B29s returning from raids on Japanese cities had been saved by intermediate landings on the hard-won Iwo Jima airstrips, Gen. Douglas MacArthur yesterday disclosed that railways and ships are operating in and out of Manila, MacArthur thinwest save the first train juto the Philippines capital.

into the Philippines capital. This disclosure was accompanied by the announcement that American doughboys had smashed a wedge two miles deep in the crumbling enemy held Shimbu line east of Manila and that 15 more villages had been liberated in the southern Philip-pines in the extension of the Mindanao beachhead to more than 28 miles.

15th AF Hits Oil at Vienna

ALLIED HQ, Rome, Mar. 16 (AP)—While 15th Air Force heavy bombers today pounded German oil installations in the Vienna area for the fifth consecutive day, a high U.S. air officer declared that co-operation between American airmen and Soviet ground troops is a prime example for the Nazis of Allied solidarity.

"The Russians say "Hit here," " he said and sometimes within three hours American warplanes are on the way.

He added that the Red Army often transmits valuable information to U.S. air forces in picking out targets most vulnerable to the Nazis.

Today's targets for Forts and Libs were again the Florisdorf, Schewchar and Korneuburg plants, believed to be supplying fuel to Nazis on the Hungarian

Heavies of the 8th Air Force were Heavies of the ain An Force were grounded yesterday. Photographs taken during Thursday's raid on German Army HQ at Zossen showed that HQ buildings and rows of barracks were hit by heavy bombs and incendiaries and that roadways in the HQ area were blocked and a tank training depot hit.

U.S. Envoy to Berlin
WASHINGTON, Mar. 16—The U.S.
State Department estimates for the fiscal
year ending July, 1946, include provision
for the salary of an American Ambassador to Basin. dor to Berlin.

5 O'Clock Shadow—And Sunshine



While Pfc Johnny Tribble, of Grandview, Tex., lathers up in the kitchen of a house overlooking the Rhine, Pfc Paul Costa, of Alturas, Cal., and Pfc Bob Wilson, of Archibald, Okla., stand guard at their machine-gun.



This trio of first lieutenants were the first Army nurses to cross the Rhine. Looking Ya., Lois Grant, of Cleveland, and Josephine Jennis, of Milmont Park, Pa.

Another Cassino, Too

Remagen Another Anzio

By Chris Cunningham

REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD, Mar. 16

(UP)—The Remagen bridgehead is turning out to be another Anzio.

It is hell on earth. So was Anzio. I was there. Only there is rather more stuff—hot, jagged lumps of metal—flying

about at Remagen.

The Remagen bridgehead is just about the same size as the foothold we had at

Anzio. At Anzio the Germans crashed down their shells on the flat land we held from the commanding hills they held. At Remagen we hold a series of hills and a few peaks but the Germans are throwing in heavy artillery, bombs and long-range

mortars at the bridges. German planes are sneaking in, causing damage and casualties. There is the crisscross fire of artillery with the shuddering

Ike's Stars, Pfc's Stripe Reward War Bond Sellers

NEW YORK, Mar. 16 (ANS)-An ex-Pfc, also recently promoted, has matched Gen. Eisenhower's generosity in presenting his four stars to New York State's champion war bond salesman.

Hearing of his commander's gift, T/5
Bruce H. McKibbin, of New York,
sent the State War Finance Committee
his pfc stripe from France asking that
it be given the State's No. 2 salesman in the sixth war loan drive.

Louis Levine, of New York, runnerup in the contest with sales to 2,400 persons, said he was "honored and delighted" to receive the chevron. Mrs. Ruth Karp, of Brooklyn, won the General's stars with sales to 2,500 individuals. blast of scores of bursting shells every minute.

We cannot do a great deal with emagen yet. When we came in over Remagen yet. When we came in over the Ludendorf Bridge just nine days ago we landed smack up against a towering

We have been fighting in almost the same situation ever since. But we are inching forward step by step, cleaning out the crags, flushing the woodland dells, mopping up Germans in the hillside

Nazi suicide pilots are coming over in the most daring style. When they do, everything we have in the anti-aircraft line

There is sometimes more danger from spraying bits of metal from bursting anti-aircraft shells than from German bombs: We are getting flak happy.

There is something else at Remagen that reminds me of Anzio and the grim battles of Italy last year. The Germans held a perfect Cassino in miniature near the bridgehead. The Germans call it Drachenburg Castle. We call it Phantom

It is a weird, eerie place perched on top of a high hill. There is a road running round the bottom of the hill and then skirting up toward the top.

The castle itself stands on a rugged rock right on top of that hill, the Drachenfels or Dragon's Rock, nearly 1,000 feet high. Inside this rock is what is known as the Dragon's Cave where, says the Wagnerian fable, Siegfried fought the dragon to prove he was worthy to marry Wotan's daughter. Wotan's daughter.

Axis Sinking Claims

BERNE, Mar. 16-The German Forces program stated today that the German and Japanese navies have so far sunk 35,000,000 tons of Allied shipping.

Vet's Gal Takes Her Own Advice

Legs or No Legs, Love Conquers All

CONSHOHOCKEN, Pa., Mar. 16 (ANS)—Eighteen-year-old Doris Jane Ruth, who on Mar. 31 will wed Aubrey Holland, 24, a legless wearer of the Purple Heart and Silver Star, today

Purple Heart and Silver Star, today offered this advice to girls engaged to wounded soldiers: "Don't marry out of pity. Marry for love."
"There's nothing that kills a man's spirit as much as knowing he is pitied," the said. "If a girl really loves her man she has no doubts—no matter how bodly he's injured. But if she begins badly he's injured. But if she begins to leel more sorry for him than any-thing else, she'd better call it quits."

Holland arrived at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington last June with pital in Washington last June with pneumonia, a broken arm and without legs. He lost them at Cassino. His first job was to write Doris Jane with whom he had "an understanding," "I'm pretty badly banged up," he wrote. "You'd better not wait." Doris Jane replied by return mail: "I still love you no matter what's happened or what's left of you."

She went to Washington and convinced him. Yesterday they took out a license to wed.

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vice, walks so well on artificial legs, he needs only a cane. After a short honeymoon, he said he would return to

his old job.

Doris Jane said he had been afraid of being a burden on her. "That's just plain silly and I showed him why," she declared. "He can earn a living. He can go anywhere I can go and our lives won't be any different than if this

hadn't happened.
"I told him a girl doesn't stop loving a fellow just because he loses an arm or leg. He is still there and that's all that counts."

Threatens to Trap Germans in Saar; Frankfurt Road Cut

While U.S. 1st Army troops in the Remagen bulge pressed forward to cut the Cologne-Frankfurt express highway, armored spearheads of Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army broke out of their Moselle bridgehead yesterday in an 18-mile drive to the southeast which threatened to pinch off the entire German-held Saar basin salient-the last remaining enemy-held territory

More than 20 towns taken by Patton's men in the dash toward a possible junction with the U.S. 7th Army which swept through the key cities of

Bitche and Hagenau in its drive to the north and east.

Stettin Defense for the vital sector facing Berlinappeared to be on the move last night as German commentators reported five Russian offensives at widely scattered points between the Baltic and

Reds Cut Into

Czechoslovakia.

The two most powerful thrusts, accord-The two most powerful thrusts, according to the Nazis, were directed against Stettin, where Marshal Zhukov's forces were reported to have broken into the port's inner defense line, and in Silesia, where one dispatch from Moscow said "our troops are smashing into the depths of German,"

The other battles were directed against the Baltic pockets in East Prussia and around Danzig and in the Hron River valley of Czechoslovakia, Farther south in Hungary, the Soviets were said to be counter-attacking against Wehrmacht forces still trying to break through to the Danube.

Zhukov Attacks all Sides

In the Stettin area, Zhukov launched his attack from all sides after a heavy artillery barrage against the Germans still holding out on the east side of the Oder

River opposite the important Baltic port.
The Germans said a large-scale tank battle was fought on the highway southeast of the Stettin bridge and that fierce house-to-house fighting raged in the towns of Klebow and Bruenken, the latter only three miles south of the port and two miles east of the river. A massive tank battle also was reported on the southern fringe of the Buchheide Forest, between three and six miles south of Stettin.

The Silesian battle, according to the Germans, was being fought in three sectors: west of Strumien, on the way to the Moravska Ostrava gap, through the Carpathians into Czechoslovakia; on both sides of the Niesse River, which flows

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To the north, 1st Army units extended the Remagen bridgehead to a width of 13 miles and a depth of seven. cutting the great six-lane super-highway link between the Ruhr and Frankfurt in at least two places. German News Agency disclosed that troops in the Allied salient have captured the Oelberg Peak and the Drachenfels—famous "Dragon's Rock," where Siegfried is supposed to have fought the dragon in Wagnerian opera.

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Gains of several miles were registered in the Saarbrucken area, where Bitche, fortress town of 3,500 from which the Germans started their abortive drive on

New Pershing Tank Reported in Action

WASHINGTON, Mar.16 (Reuter)— The U.S. new heavy T-26 Gen. Pershing tank has been in action in Europe, J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board, disclosed today.

Krug declared that steep production schedules had been set for the new weapon which mounts a 90-mm. gun and is described as an answer to the German Royal Tiger.

Strasbourg last January, and Hagenau, key town on the 7th Army's right flank, fell to the advancing Yanks.

Elements of two German armies are now faced with the alternative of withdrawing across the Rhine or being cut off from the rear of the Merzig-Karlsruhe, sector of their own Siegfried Line.

Aerial reconnaissance indicated that the Germans have already started their flight

Germans have already started their flight from the great industrial center of Frank-furt. Pilots who continued the terrific aerial pasting of enemy positions reported that key towns were still flaming yesterday and that smoke was so dense specific results of the bombing could not be deter-

Signs of activity at the northern end of the Western Front were reported by the German high command, which said that Field Marshal Montgomery was conthat ried Marshal Montgomery was con-tinuing his preparations for a crossing of the Rhine under smokescreens. It was announced officially that the 9th Army, just south of Montgomery's 2nd British, has been sending patrols over the Rhine north of Duisburg.

