

Daily German Lesson
 Alle befehle folgen
 Ahla ba faila fol gen
 Orders must be obeyed

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 won."

In announcing capture of the eight-square-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."

4,189 Marines Killed
 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 fighting 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 emergency 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 himself rode the flag bedecked locomotive of the first train 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 Shimbun line east of Manila and that 15 more villages had been liberated in the southern Philippines 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, Schewchat and Korneuburg plants, believed to be supplying fuel to Nazis on the Hungarian front.

Heavies of the 8th Air 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 Berlin.

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 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," she said. "If a girl really loves her man she has no doubts—no matter how badly he is injured. But if she begins to feel more sorry for him than anything else, she'd better call it quits."

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 around from their forward hospital base are (left to right) Dorothy Judd, of Luray, Va., Lois Grant, of Cleveland, and Josephine Jennis, of Millmont Park, Pa.

Another Cassino, Too Remagen Another Anzio

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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 criss-cross 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, runner-up 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.

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.

Holland arrived at Walter Reed Hospital 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.

Holland, a veteran of three years' ser-

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 west of the Rhine.

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 Hagenu in its drive to the north and east.

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.

Reds Cut Into Stettin Defense

The long Eastern Front—except for the vital sector facing Berlin—appeared to be on the move last night as German commentators reported five Russian offensives at widely scattered points between the Baltic and Czechoslovakia.

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 Germany."

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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