

Partly Cloudy, Clear
TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY.
Greensboro Greensboro Airport
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SUPERFORTS BLAST AIRCRAFT PLANT IN JAPAN. Smoke pours from more than 40 direct blast furnaces at Nagoya, Japan, after the December 13 raid by Superforts (B-29s). (AP wirephoto from 20th air force RCA radiophoto.)

Americans Gain On Mindoro Against Feeble Resistance

LEYTE, Philippines, Monday, Dec. 18.—(UP)—American troops have won a secure hold on southern Mindoro island, 160 miles south of Manila, and hammered their lines 11 miles inland from the invasion beachheads against negligible Japanese resistance. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

RAF Raid On Ulm Follows Yank Attacks On Austria

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Heavy bombers of the RAF tonight raided Ulm, German industrial and railway center, following daylight American heavy bomber raids on Austria and a tremendous outbreak of air combats over the western front.

U. S. Lifts Ban Against Japs Living In West Coast Region

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(UP)—The war department tonight announced revocation of most exclusion orders against Japanese and ruled that all those whose loyalty has been proven may return to their homes.

Churchill Fails To Deliver Talk

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill did not deliver his scheduled Christmas Eve address to the House of Commons on Wednesday for the Christmas holidays.

Bong Bags 39th Jap

MANILA, Philippines, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Major Richard Bong, of the 48th Fighter Group, today shot down a Japanese plane in a fighter sweep over Negros Island in support of amphibious landings at Mindoro.

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Nazis Along 75-Mile Front Out Offensive

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 18.—(UP)—The German Wehrmacht hurled an all-out counter-offensive against a 75-mile American front Sunday.

Reds Smash At Gateway To Budapest

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The red army advanced within 5 1/2 miles of besieged Budapest yesterday and reached the Slovak border at a new point 72 miles northeast of the Hungarian capital in a rapid but methodical slashing apart of the remaining small German holdings east and northeast of the Danube river.

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First Army Lines Hurdled Back Five Miles In Belgium As Germans 'Stake Everything'

front east of Belgium Malmedy, starting in the Liezenbrich sector one and one-half miles inside Germany and driving southwest in a thrust into the Ardennes. Other enemy units further south had driven several miles to within 16 miles of Luxembourg.

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Gen. Harmon Is To Visit ORD Today

He Will Inspect Local Army Base

Maj. Gen. Hubert H. Harmon, of the army air corps, and commanding general of the army air forces personnel distribution command, will make his first visit to the overseas replacement depot here today and while in the city will inspect the unit, it has been announced by the army public relations office at ORD.

Brought with him and leather will assist at the camp this morning in anticipation of the general's inspection which will be followed by a reunion since ORD's commanding officer, Col. Paul R. Young, will be in the city today.

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Allies Capture Faenza After Bitter Struggle

British Smash Nazi Panzer Force, Drive Three Miles On Up Highway

ROME, Dec. 17.—(AP)—New Zealand troops in a foot-by-foot slugging match today captured Faenza, Po valley fortress city (population 45,000) on the broad highway arrowing to Bologna 29 miles away, ending a long siege and decisively defeating the 90th panzer grenadier division.

Li Gen. Sir Bernard G. Freyberg's troops toppled the city on the Bologna-Rimini highway, and the town from the southwest and east, and over the road to the east.

Harbor Fire Kills Seaman, Burns 14 At Newport News

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 17.—(AP)—A major fire in the harbor today killed 14 other men were hospitalized by a seven-hour fire that broke out in the harbor today.

Terms Of 20-Year Franco-Soviet Alliance Announced

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The new French-Russian alliance pledges mutual economic and military assistance for at least 20 years.

Gen. Charles de Gaulle and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault gave the cabinet a lengthy explanation of the alliance today and decided to submit the treaty to the consultative assembly before ratification.

The cabinet, it was announced, studied the pact with satisfaction and concluded that it was a treaty "either with the Hitlerite government or with any other government or authority set up in Germany with the aim of prolonging or nourishing the policy of German aggression."

France. De Gaulle will submit the pact to the assembly this week. Ratification was declared certain. The treaty will be valid for 20 years, continuing indefinitely after that period unless either party gives notice of its intention of renunciation.