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REDS TO QUIT AUSTRIA

New Landing on Borneo by Aussies

ATTEMPT A PINCERS DRIVE AROUND MIRI OIL FIELDS

**Huge Naval Bombardment
Precedes Unopposed
Landing**

Aussies stormed ashore in a new landing on the east coast of North Borneo today, at Lubong, 80 miles south of their earlier landing site at Brunei Bay.

Following an intense naval bombardment, troops of the 9th Australian Division made an unopposed landing just south of the Miri oil fields, which together with oil fields further inland, once supplied Britain with five per cent of her total oil supply.

Pincers

The new landing, taken in conjunction with the beachheads south of Brunei Bay mean that the Australians now have a pincers around the petroleum area. The first half of the pincers was made two days ago, when Australians landed at Tutung, north of the Miri fields, and south of the horseshoe of land which the Aussies hold around

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NAZIS ARE STILL IN ARGENTINE - BRADEN

Stating that the Nazis had not been completely eradicated from Argentina, US Ambassador to Argentina, Spruille Braden, claimed in an address to the Buenos Aires British Chamber of Commerce released yesterday, that all German and Japanese firms in the South American country be turned over to Argentine business men.

One encouraging report in Argentina's internal reorientation away from the pro-Nazi neutrality which she practiced during the War, was announced today, when the newly appointed

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Cologne to Britain

Cologne, primary objective for American troops in the fighting west of the Rhine early this year, became a British city yesterday.

In accordance with the policy of immediately evacuating all areas of Europe which have been designated as British and Soviet occupation zones, US troops pulled out of Cologne after a colorful ceremony, during which the American flag was exchanged for the Union Jack. This placed Cologne under the same nation which controlled it 22 years ago after the last war.

B-29's STRIKE OSAKA, HONSHU

**Daylight Raids Hit 2nd
Cities For 4th
Time**

Another daylight attack on Japan's second cities was scored yesterday when 450 Superforts roared over the Osaka section of Honshu Island to strike at six industrial centers in the area.

A naval arsenal and several

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PRICE FOR DAMAGE IS MOSCOW SUBJECT

US and British members to the Three Power Reparations Committee are meeting in Moscow today to discuss ways and means of joint operation in making Germany pay for war damage.

The Reparations Commission was set up at Yalta, but, as yet very little of its policies in connection with the expected settlement by Germany have been announced.

Holes and Holes: 265th Engineers Bring Water, Light and Gas to Air Battered Linz

Twenty-five air raids didn't make Linz a comfortable place in which to live, which no one knows better than Major George C. Cox and those 265th Engineers who are now in the midst of the colossal job of making faucets run, lights burn and toilets flush in Austria's second city.

As Coordinating Engineer between the 65th Division and the civilian City Engineer, Major Cox has the damage elaborately push-pinned on an office-full of Linz maps. The push-pins stand for broken utilities; many of them symbolize work done, and others, what is underway. They also stand for men—Engineers from Capt. Edward Ellis's B Co, together with the 1st platoon of "A" Co, which are on the job.

Outside the central office there isn't much for the layman to see. A jeep ride around

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HALBERT NINE MEETS 11 ARMD

**65th Season Opens With
Traun Field Game
This Afternoon**

The 65th Division's big-league stacked baseball team opens its official season, this afternoon, at Traun against a super-charged 11th Armored Division outfit, also boasting its share of former major league players.

Harry Walker, 65th player-manager and ex-St Louis Card, has not yet named his pitching selection for the game but indications are that Ken Heintzleman, former Pittsburgh Pirate, will draw the nod. If not, Rex Barney, former Brooklyn hurler; Big John "Happy" Day, late of Portland in the Pacific League; or Windy Aires, of the South Atlantic loop, are all ready for

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ALEXANDER SAYS MEETING WILL MOVE RUSSIA EAST

MOP-UP IS NEAR END ON OKINAWA

**Japs Hopelessly Circled
At Southern End
Of Island**

The last of the mopping-up operations in Okinawa are coming to a close as hopelessly encircled Japs, in two pockets at the southern end of the island, are giving themselves up in small groups, many of whom are lead by officers. Others

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US PLANES JOIN IN CHASE OF THE JAPS

Waistdeep in monsoon mud, British troops in Burma continued their relentless pursuit of Jap forces attempting to escape across the border into Siam today, as US and British planes struck at Jap installations and crossing sites along the length of the Sittang and Salween Rivers.

While southeastern Burma

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**US, Britain, France To Be
Major Occupation
Powers**

The Russian government will soon agree to a withdrawal to the east in Austria, according to statement by Field Marshal Alexander, yesterday, in which he said that a meeting will soon be held in Vienna in which the Allied occupation zones for Austria will be defined.

The Marshal did not say how far the Soviet Union would retire to the east but he pointed out that the major occupation forces in Austria will be the Americans, the French and the British.

Food Shortage

He pointed out that Russia expects a severe food shortage this winter in the occupied zones and has indicated that it will accept assistance from the United States and Great Britain.

In relation to the Allied Military Government in Italy, the Mediterranean Supreme Com-

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US WAR CRIME PLAN OFFERED NEXT WEEK

US plans for the trial of war criminals will be formulated in conjunction with Britain and Russia when Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson will present American views for an Inter-Allied Military Tribunal at a three-Power meeting in London this week.

The US has put forward the suggestion that the big war criminals be tried by a court composed of all three allies.

"Fascists" and Fascists

The need for orderly judicial procedures was strikingly un-

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

No games played.

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Det	30	31	.588	StL	24	25	.490
NY	28	23	.549	Wsh	24	26	.480
Bos	28	24	.538	Civ	21	27	.438
Chi	28	26	.519	Phi	20	31	.392

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NY 5 Bos 3

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Brk	31	21	.596	Chi	26	22	.542
Pit	30	23	.566	Bos	26	26	.500
StL	29	24	.557	Cin	23	27	.460
NY	31	25	.554	Phl	14	22	.250

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Church Services

Supday, 24 June
Div Hq & Sp Tr

Protestant	Catholic
0930 Airport 1100 Engr 1100 Div Hq. QM, Sig, Ordn, Recon, (Landes Theater) 1930 Gospel Service (Protestant Church, Linz)	0900 Med Bn (School Bldg-Linz) 1015 Div Hq. QM, Sig, Recon, Engr
1100 2nd Bn Area 1100 1st Bn Area 1900 3rd Bn Area 1930 2nd Bn Area 2000 1st Bn Area	259th Area 1015 Church (rear of Div CP) 1630 Urfahr (Catholic Church) Confessions before Mass
To Be Announced Locally	260 Area To Be Announced Locally
0900 Einsiedl 1000 Enns - Epis Comm 1000 Asten 1000 Enns, Mormon (Chap Office, 1st Bn Aid Sta) 1100 Enns & St Florian 1300 Kronstorf 1400 Neuhofen 1800 Ebelsberg	261st Area To Be Announced Locally
0930 867th. Hq Btry CP 1030 869th. Local Protestant Church 1900 869th. Local Protestant Church 1900 Div Arty Hq. Local Theater Other services to be Announced Locally	Div Arty 1115 868th Parish Church 1430 869th Parish Church 1615 Div Arty Hq. Local Church Other services to be Announced Locally.
1000 School Bldg 1900 School Bldg	Med Bn 0900 School Bldg
17th Bomb. Gp - 174th F A - 163rd Engr	
1000 Urfahr (SS Barracks - Camp Theater) 1930 Urfahr (SS Barracks - Camp Theater)	1530 Urfahr (SS Barracks - Camp Theater Confessions 1600 Urfahr (SS Barracks - Camp Theater Mass
JEWISH SERVICES: 1045 School Bldg (Med Bn)	

Mediterranean Doctors Licked Germs While the Infantry Licked Germans

Behind the story of American battle victories in the Mediterranean is the story of victories over disease which were equally decisive.

Fighting thru pest holes in which lurked malaria, typhus, and other microbe enemies which in other times had decimated armies, the American forces lost 585 soldiers to disease from the invasion of North Africa Nov. 8, 1942, thru May 1945.

This compared with 2,394 deaths from nonbattle injuries and approximately 29,000 from battle wounds.

This record of victory over an invisible enemy was made public today by Maj. Gen. Morrison C. Stayer, chief theater surgeon, thru whose 50 army hospitals passed 918,298 members of the United States armed forces with a death record of less than one per cent.

Beat Malignant Malaria

One of the first problems was a malignant type of malaria, which in 1943 was fatal to one out of every 700 soldiers stricken. By 1944 the rate had been cut to one in 14,000.

Sulfa drugs kept dysentery under control. The work of delousing powder was equally effective.

Despite outbreaks of typhus—a louse borne pestilence—among natives of Africa and Italy, there were only nine cases in the army, all nonfatal.

For the first time in history, louse powder snuffed out a typhus epidemic. Almost the whole population of Naples was powder dusted during an outbreak in 1943.

Sanitation controls were so effective that only 161 cases of typhoid struck the armed forces.

US War Crime (Cont. from Page 1)

derlined today in a report released by British Military Government authorities in northern Italy where summary citizen trials of "fascists" and suspected fascists have been used to settle grudges and to shield banditry. The announcement stated that the same situation prevailed initially in the province of Lombardy, when, just after being freed of the Germans, 1,200 "fascists" went before citizen firing squads. The second month after the courts went into operation, only five were found sufficiently implicated with Mussolini to warrant the death penalty.

Vichy Police Head

In France, meanwhile, Andre Baillet, former head of the Vichy police, was condemned to death for the execution of 4,000 French patriots.

Meanwhile, the Russians named Col Gen George Lindmann, former German Commander on the Baltic Front, as a war criminal today.

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mander announced that the Allied government officials are withdrawing "step by step" and that they will only remain in those sections "where they are still needed for security reasons".

Trieste

In a review of the recent Trieste agreement between Yugoslavia, Great Britain and the United States, the Marshal said that "it is working out well and there has been no difficulty of any type". The Trieste agreement brought about the withdrawal of Marshal Tito's Yugoslav forces after a period of a month during which the relations between the western powers and Tito were strained.

Aussies Make New (Cont. from Page 1)

the naval anchorage at Brunei. Although there was no immediate opposition to the landings, probably due to the very intensive naval bombardment, the oil fields are burning furiously, which indicates that there are Nipponese soldiers in the vicinity. The Japanese started to destroy the rich southwest Pacific wells when the Australians made their original landing on Borneo, at Brunei, on June 12th.

While those 65th Division personnel in the Linz area will hear the Bruckner Symphony at the Landes Theater at 1930 tonight, the 260th will watch the Artist Group perform in their area.

260th TRACK, FIELD EVENTS HELD TODAY

Feature of this week's athletic program at the 260th Infantry is the Regimental track and field meet which will get underway this afternoon on the fast cinder track at the Linz Athletic Field on Union Strasse.

From the entries which have poured into the Regimental SSO from the far-flung Regiment, lively competition is expected for the 100, 220 and 440 yard dashes. Field events will include the broad and high jumps, javelin, discus and shot put. Lt Harry Simon, Cpl Sal Bertucci and Pfc "Chuck" Dobner are assisting, 260th's SSO, Lt Alan Eastwick, in officiating the meet.

Following the contest, winners and losers alike will be served a meal at the field, after which they will be free to visit Linz, assembling again in the Hauptplatz at 2100 for the truck-ride home.

MOZART IS FEATURE OF SERIES CONCERT

The Bruckner Symphony Orchestra will present another of its weekly concerts at the Landes Theater, Linz, at 1930 tonight.

The program follows:

1. Sinfonia v. Joh. Chr. Bach
2. Romanze und Rondo a. d. Konzert für Fagott und Orchester v. W. A. Mozart
3. Suite Nr. 2 v. O. Respighi
4. Antike Tänze für Kammerorchester
5. Symphonie Nr. 39 in Es dur v. W. A. Mozart

Solist, Gustav Jung, Fagott

Halbert Nine

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at least a part of the nine-inning stretch.

The 11th Armored's manager, Hansch, a former Southern Atlantic League infielder, will draw his staring moundsman from a big-league trio of Poterfield, Cincinnati property; Peak, former Yankee; and Gibson, a member of the Cardinal chain gang.

The game may be the last major encounter to be decided at the Traun field as the Division is making a new diamond at the Linz airport which will be a central location for all 65th troops.

Line Up

The 65th line-up for today's game will be Sheer behind the plate; George Archie, former Washington Senator at first; Reed, who played his baseball at Notre Dame, at second; Kofers, South Atlantic League, at third; Scharein, late of the Phillies, at short; Wargo, Rochester outfielder, in left field; Walker, Cardinal star, in center; and Fecto, a Boston semipro star, in right.

Mop-Up

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walked out to sea and committed suicide.

According to BBC reports received yesterday, one of three pockets, the largest of which was 1,200 yards square, has been completely eliminated, while the others have been closed to about half their former dimensions. Today's mass surrenders boosted considerably the total of 4,000 prisoners which had previously been taken on Okinawa, and represents the largest prisoner tally registered in any Pacific operation thus far.

Statistics were also released which showed Okinawa to be the most expensive Pacific operation in terms of casualties. The US lost 7,000 killed and 29,000 wounded. But Japs dead have mounted to 95,000.

Movie Schedule

259th Inf: (Div Hq, Sp Trps) "Dark Waters" with Merle Oberon, Central Theater, Linz at 1430 and 1900.
365th Med Bn: "The Thin Man Goes Home" with William Powell and Myrna Loy.
265th Eng Bn: "Devotion" with Ida Lupino.

Softball

An error and two timely bingles, in the last half of the tenth, gave Div Hqs Co a 7-6 victory over 260th Serv Co softballers in Thursday night's game on the Linz Park Field. Guinn edged Wetrnight on the mound while Dobner of the 260th was the outstanding defensive man on the field coming through with several sensational catches.

The 565th Signal Co snatched its sixth straight victory Thursday, to overwhelm the 765th Ordnance with a 10-1 victory. The slugging of the Signalmen plus the tight pitching of Pfc Sam Nadar determined the outcome.

The 260th SSO announced the results of games played in the Regimental League during the past week today, as Cos "G", "F" and Service increased their standing, while 2nd Bn Hq Co dropped two games and A-T one. The scores:

Co. G 4 2nd BN HOCO. 3
Co. F 5 2nd BN HOCO. 4
Serv. Co 3 Anti-Tank CO. 2

Inter-platoon ball is the 260th SSO's answer to the vast distances between companies. Results of one of these sand-lot leagues, in the A-T Co were announced today:

Mines Platoon 11 3ND Platoon . 10
2nd Platoon . 8 Mines Platoon 7
1st Platoon . 17 2nd Platoon . 14

B-29's

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aircraft factories were given as the targets, although no towns were listed in announcements made by BBC today. However, the area around the great inside port of Osaka, second in size only to Tokyo, is clustered with war industries, particularly aircraft parts plants and naval stores factories.

Osaka In Ashes

This latest bombing marks the fourth day of Air Force concentration on Japan's secondary industrial cities. Simultaneously with the announcement of this new raid, Air Force spokesmen announced that one-quarter of Osaka is in ashes. This would indicate that Osaka is, like Tokyo itself, being bypassed because the greatest part of its industrial potential has already been destroyed.

Meanwhile, American Liberators from Philippine bases, bombed Keelung, main port of Formosa, for the fourth consecutive day.

Nazis Are

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ted Under Secretary of Information, Oscar Lomuto, informed correspondents that all censorship of incoming and outgoing news was at an end in Argentina.

During the war, US reporters in the South American country were practically restricted to the cabling of government handouts. Censorship of incoming news was even more extreme, with only those newspapers printing pro-Nazi, anti-US propaganda being permitted to continue publication.

Final figures on the effectiveness of German U-Boats in the Atlantic were released yesterday by the British Admiralty, which revealed that the Nazis sent down 4,770 merchant ships totaling 21,140,000 tons from the start of the war in 1939 to V-E Day.

WAR LENGTH IS UP TO REDS-MARSHALL

The length of the war depends upon whether Russia comes in on our side, General of the Army George Marshall claimed last night.

He said that estimates were pointless until one knew Russia's intentions.

At the same time, he revealed that Great Britain will put a huge air force in the Pacific.

LONDON PICKED AS SITE FOR COUNCIL

London has been picked as the place of meeting for an interim Security Council, to act between the end of the San Francisco Conference and the ratification of the Charter being prepared in California by all the countries who will comprise the United Nations.

Holes and Holes

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electric light bulbs for an official looking document which was signed simply, "Off Limits".

Army First

Now, the Coordinating Office establishes priorities and controls the distribution of all utilities supplies. Top priority, incidentally, always goes to Army requests. If your particular faucet isn't dripping, you may be certain that Engineers will heed your complaint. Major Cox believes that practically all units situated in Austria's second city now have the basic public utilities. For the rest, the priorities system is determined by those jobs which with least work will serve the greatest number of people. This usually means working along the main lines; then out to the branches.

The materials used on this rehabilitation project are taken from Austrian stockpiles, and will be paid for by the Austrian government. This government, or the city of Linz will also pay for all labor used on the projects, except, of course, for the wages of the 265th Engineers. The city recently directed that all men between the ages of 16 and 60 register for work, with all those not gainfully employed subject to draft labor for the city. At the present time, these civilians approximately double 1,000 PWs, which are trucked from lager to hole every morning.

Homes

Major Cox pointed to one significant item in the statistical survey: "Homes — Undamaged 10 per cent." Factories and Nazi organization buildings were scattered throughout the residential area. "We're lucky we came in the spring. After the bulk of the utilities are restored, we've got to put our emphasis on building. Winter will be bad enough anyway."

In answer to the question as to when all — absolutely all — the utilities would be repaired, the Major pointed out that there were innumerable jobs on the small branches.

He smiled then, "I should say about 1947."

Burma

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seethed with violent patrol clashes, US Liberators struck at the railroad town of Pegu, situated near the mouth of the Sittang River, 50 miles northeast of Rangoon. RAF bombers meanwhile raided Nipponese forces along the Sittang and Salween Rivers, which must be crossed by the retreating Japs, since they run parallel to the Siam-Burma border.