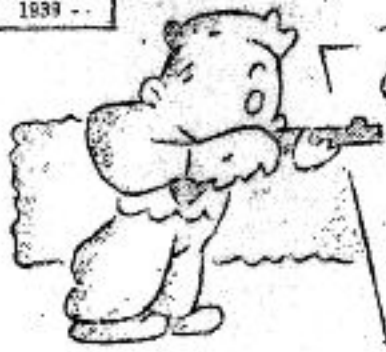


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NAVY FIGHTS AT ORMOC

***(AFRS)-Dec 5--General MacArthur announced that American naval vessels engaged three enemy warships, believed to be destroyers, as they entered Ormoc harbor. One Japanese destroyer was sunk. An American destroyer was sunk by what probably was a floating mine. Most of the crew of the sunken American destroyer was rescued. In this action, six enemy fighter planes were shot down. American naval units also sank a Japanese cargo ship and damaged another near Ormoc Bay off the west coast. Ormoc is the last port on Leyte controlled by the Japanese. The town is defended by shore

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4,000 PLANES BLAST REICH RAIL CENTERS.

***Dec 5--4,000 Allied planes opened an offensive yesterday to cut off the Saar and Ruhr industrial regions from the interior of Germany. Attacks were made on six separate railway centers near Cologne. If the large amounts of food and ammunition necessary to sustain the huge concentration of Nazis defending the city could be made unattainable, the task of the First and Ninth Armies would be easier.

All that the Allies can throw against the Nazis in men, tanks and planes is being committed to the Cologne drive. Latest dispatches indicate that the Ninth Army is driving the Nazis from Jurich on the Cologne Highway, where every yard gained has been costly in men and materials to both sides. During the bloody

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GREETINGS HOME FROM GEN. BRADLEY

"When I had the pleasure of addressing a word to you just before we left the States, I told you that I had not the slightest doubt as to how your men would acquit themselves in battle. How right I was!

"They have not a skilled, battle-wise enemy, and they have beaten him. They have not mud and rain which are beyond my power to describe, and they have conquered it. I cannot begin to express my admiration for them. To them, and to you who are giving them strength by your faith, I offer a soldier's salute.

"Inevitably, we have lost some of our comrades. Others have been hurt. To those of you whose men have made the ultimate sacrifice, nothing I can say can make up to you your sad loss. I know they would want you to carry on in the same way in which they gave their lives - bravely and proudly. I am sure you will.

"Our men - yours and mine - now are seasoned soldiers, poised and confident. Nothing can stop them, for they know they are on the road to Tokyo, and beyond Tokyo lies home."

J. L. Bradley
Major General, U.S.A.