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NAVY FIGHTS ALORIVOC ***(AFRS)-Dec 5-General MacArthur announced that American naval vessels GREFTINGS HOME

FROM GEN BRADLEY

ing a word to you just before we left

the States, I told you that I had not

"When I had the pleasure of address-

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 term is defended by shore (Contid on page two.)

engaged three enemy warships, believed to be destroyers, as they entered Ormoc

harbor. One Japanese destroyer was

would acquit themselves in battle. How right I was!
They have not a skilled, battlewise enemy, and they have beaten him.

They have not mud and rain which are bo-

youd 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 strongth by your faith, I offer a soldier's salute.

4.000 PLANES BLAST RETOR BALL CENTERS

***Doc 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 custain the huge concentration of Maxis defending the city

"Inevitably, we have lost some of our comrador. 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

All that the Allies can threw against the Nazis in men, tanks and planes is being committed to the Cologno drive. Latest dispatches indicate that the Ninth Army is driving the Mazis from Jurieh on the Cologno Highway, where every yard gained has been costly in men and mater-

ials to both sides. During the bloody

could be made unattainable, the task of

the First and Minth Armies would be

you will.

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

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