

Navy Dares Nazis to Fight 8th Heavies Renew

U.S.-British Fleet Roams Off Norway

Daring Foray into Arctic Unchallenged by Enemy Revealed

Daring Germany's Norwegian-based battleships to come out and fight, a U.S. Navy task force of battleships and destroyers operating with the British home fleet carried out a series of large-scale diversionary sweeps and invasion feints within 200 miles of the Norwegian coast last summer without meeting even one enemy vessel.

Censors permitted the story to be told yesterday, many weeks after conclusion of the exercise.

The great fleet, including the most formidable U.S. battleships so far seen in European waters, ventured deep into the Arctic, fully 500 miles north of the Arctic circle, without flushing either small game or the biggest of all, the great Nazi battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

Fake Invasion Attempt

"One of the diversionary sweeps," an Associated Press correspondent aboard one of the American battleships said, "was an invasion feint with a fake convoy. Combined U.S. and British fleets stooled along the coast, broke radio silence and as a nose-thumbing gesture made smoke for many miles, but nothing happened."

After the exercise the American force was inspected for four days by Adm. Harold R. Stark, commanding U.S. Naval Forces in Europe. For the first time Stark's four-star flag flew side by side with the British commander-in-chief's above the home fleet flagship.

A Reuters correspondent aboard the Duke of York said that when the ships first left port "we thought we were going to Iceland, but we soon discovered our mistake. We turned into a winding fjord, where we dropped anchor and stayed for one day. When we left our skipper told us on the loud speakers about the whole daring plan."

200 Miles From Spitzbergen

"Our job was to patrol near Bear Island (300 miles north of Tromsøe, Norway, and about 200 miles south of Spitzbergen), and contact anything which might come out in support of other forces ahead of us."

The Reuters' account quoted the captain as saying that "If the German surface vessels decide to come out I am sure we shall be happy to accommodate them."

Once there was excitement when a German plane flew over the fleet, but if it spotted the armada it gave no sign and no opposition developed.

Returning to port the British commander-in-chief messaged Adm. Olaf M. Hustvedt, the American task force commander. "Appreciated your comforting support; sorry I could not make more use of it."

Stark Watches Big Guns

Adm. Stark's inspection followed the task force's return to British waters. He was accompanied by A. V. Alexander, first lord of the Admiralty; Vice Adm. Sir Geoffrey Blake, British liaison officer, and Rear Adm. F. H. G. Dalrymple Hamilton, Alexander's secretary and captain of HMS Rodney during destruction of the Bismarck.

A day after Stark's arrival the task force put to sea and Stark's party watched while the two U.S. battleships fired their 16-inch batteries at towed targets 20,000 yards away.

FDR Made Sicily Visit, Gave Gen. Clark a DSC

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt visited Sicily after the Cairo conference, personally conferring Distinguished Service Crosses on Gen. Mark Clark and officers of the Fifth Army, it was disclosed today.

Gen. Clark was cited for "extraordinary heroism in action" at the Salerno bridgehead when threatened by an enemy counter-attack in September.

The President flew to Sicily in a transport plane accompanied by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Carl A. Spaatz and Gen. George C. Patton. They were met by Gen. Clark on arrival.

Willkie 3rd Party Seen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—The Associated Press yesterday distributed a story by Marquis Childs of the St. Louis Post Dispatch which stated that Wendell L. Willkie has "thoroughly explored" the possibility of forming a third party. Willkie would not confirm or deny the story.

Sailors Compare Notes



A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, chats with American sailors aboard one of the U.S. Naval vessels which participated in last summer's foray into Norwegian waters in quest of action with the German fleet.

2½ Years Needed To Demobilize Balkan Puppets Get a Pep Talk

Slow Dismissal Will Ease Employment Problem, U.S. Survey Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—The giant United States war machine will be demobilized over a two- to three-year period, so as to slow the transition to peace production and "greatly ease re-employment difficulties," the Brookings Institute said today in a survey. "It is assumed that Germany will be defeated by the end of 1944 and Japan a year later," the survey said. "Approximately 17,000,000 people will face demobilization during the first two and a half years after the end of the European war, 9,500,000 from the armed forces, about 1,500,000 from war agencies and almost 7,000,000 from the munitions industries."

U.S. Distributing Buttons To Discharged Soldiers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 — Lapel buttons to be worn by service men and women who have served honorably in the Army of the United States since Sept. 9, 1939, are now being distributed. The buttons are available without charge to those who have been honorably discharged or who have been transferred to inactive status. The buttons are made of gold-plated plastic and show an eagle within a circle. Both officers and enlisted men may wear the buttons on their civilian clothing, but next of kin are not authorized to display the insignia.

Corps of Army Correspondents To Record History at the Front

The American history of World War II in the European theater will be written straight from the widespread battlefronts by a corps of hand-picked Army correspondents.

This was revealed yesterday by Col. William A. Ganoë, chief of the historical section of G-3, ETOUSA, who has assembled a staff of expert historians and newspapermen in service to compile what is expected to be the most accurate and complete war study ever published.

To provide the true story of the American effort in the war from this theater for this and future generations, Col. Ganoë will employ a project he has planned, studied and organized for 22 years.

"War data in America has been particularly scant because we had to dig what was left from the termites years later," said Col. Ganoë, one of the most constructive military historians in America and author of "History of the U.S. Army." "It too often was without truth, life or its main parts. . . . The illuminating, revealing and educationally helpful thing is WHY the commanders did what they did."

Balkan Puppets Get a Pep Talk

Germany Acts to Bolster Satellites; Nazis Fear Black Sea Attack

Berlin strove yesterday to bolster her rapidly weakening hold in the Balkans by calling on Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania to declare their solidarity with the Axis as an answer to U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull's warning that the three puppets must share in the "terrible fate awaiting Germany."

The Bulgarian ambassador to Germany, Zagoroff, arrived in Sofia with urgent advice against any move toward a break with the Reich, according to an Ankara dispatch. He was said to have talked with Von Ribbentrop, the German foreign minister, before leaving Berlin.

Meanwhile, the Bulgarian Premier, Boshilov, issued a remarkable statement in which he said that Bulgaria was a peaceful nation whose policy was aimed only at protecting the country's rights and unity.

Reports reaching Cairo said that Germans in Rumania gave every indication they feared an attack from the Black Sea, and anti-invasion preparations were reported going on along the Danube.

All elements suspected of democratic leanings were reported being cleared out of the Rumanian army, fleet and air force by the Germans, who also were said to be clamping down on such elements in Budapest as well as throughout Bulgaria.

Bucharest and Budapest are being flooded, according to Cairo reports, with pamphlets circulated by unidentified sources calling on the people to rise against their governments.

8th Heavies Renew Attacks on Germany; B26s Hit Amsterdam

A Rose by Any Other Name Smells as Sweet

CHICAGO, Dec. 13—The refining touch of American womanhood has been laid on the profession of collecting garbage.

Three lady garbage collectors in this city have decided that "garbage collector" is too vulgar a term so they call themselves "salad collectors."

In Burlington, Vt., however, the female collectors have painted on the side of their truck "Used Vitamin Convoy Service."

Russians Seize Initiative, Roll On West of Kiev

German Panzer Offensive Fails; Big Winter Push By Red Army Looms

The great German panzer counter-offensive west of Kiev appeared last night to have foundered in a sea of smashed tanks, and dispatches from Moscow indicated that the enemy drive could now be considered a complete failure.

The Russians held the initiative on that front last night, and were pushing forward again to retake more and more territory lost to the Germans in the Nazi counter-drive begun almost a month ago.

With the tide definitely turned in the Kiev salient, and with fighting of a local nature favoring the Red Army in comparative lulls on other sectors, Moscow reports indicated that a huge winter offensive, probably on at least four main fronts, was expected to be launched soon.

The weather from the Kiev sector north now is sufficiently cold for real winter operations, at which the Russians have proved themselves the master of the enemy.

Expect Offensive in 4 Sectors

The four main sectors in which the offensive is expected to be staged, according to Moscow, are: Between the Pripet and Beresina rivers, to the north of the Kiev salient; the area just to the north of this sector, encompassing the territory between Zhlobin and Orsha; the Nevel front, even farther north, and in the Dnieper Bend.

A fifth possible front would be that due west of Kiev, where the Russians broke through more than a month ago.

Over 1,000 German tanks and heavy armored vehicles have been destroyed in their attacks on the Kiev bulge, according to Moscow estimates. The Russians, in addition to holding the offensive, meanwhile consolidated their positions and brought up reinforcements.

Another factor in the victory has been the Red Air Force, which, due to improved weather, has been able to take to the air.

Further gains were announced in the Russian drive for Kirovograd, in the Dnieper Bend. Russian troops, driving for the Odessa railway at that point, have reached the outskirts of Kirovograd, an important rail and industrial center.

Yanks Want to End War Quickly, Tokyo Tells Nazis

The war is entering the decisive stage in Asia and in Europe, Sigetar Shimado, the Japanese Navy Minister, declared in an interview yesterday with the Tokyo correspondent of the official German news agency, quoted by Berlin radio.

"We must expect stubborn fighting in the future," Shimado declared. "The Americans are anxious to end the war quickly. They are attacking without regard to their losses."

Rocket Plane Is Menace, But Won't Halt Raids

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—Wellwood Beall, vice-president in charge of the Boeing Corporation in Seattle who has arrived by Clipper from England, said that the new German rocket plane was a menace, but it could not halt the Allied bombing raids.

Beall said that his mission to England had been to study the operation of U.S. equipment to determine what improvements could be made.

Dutch Airfield Raided By Mediums; Emden Reported in Ruins

American heavy bombers, striking their fourth blow of the month, hammered their way into northwest Germany for the second time within 48 hours yesterday while B26 Marauders battered the important Schipol airfield at Amsterdam.

The renewed USAAF attacks, making up for time lost because of bad weather earlier in the month, kept the sirens screaming over western Germany where, only a few hours before, elusive RAF Mosquitoes for the third successive night carried out new lightning attacks.

Eighth Air Force had not disclosed at a late hour last night whether Fortresses or Liberators, or both, carried out the new assault on Germany. The targets also had not been revealed, but it was announced that the heavies were accompanied by fighter support.

Emden 'Doesn't Exist'

Even as the big four-engine ships were returning the neutral listening post of Stockholm was claiming that the great submarine building port of Emden "no longer exists" as a result of last Saturday's USAAF raid and those that preceded it.

The newspaper Aftontidningen said that 538 bodies had been recovered, of some 1,000 killed and 3,000 injured. It added that 12,000 of the city's 30,000 population had been rendered homeless and were fleeing toward Holland.

The flak-rimmed Amsterdam-Schipol airfield on the eastern edge of the Hook of Holland is nearly a 300-mile round trip for the Marauders. The airfield, one of the major Luftwaffe posts on the Dutch coast, ordinarily would have provided base for much of the fighter opposition sent aloft at the Kiel and Bremen raiders. It was last attacked by the Marauders on Nov. 3.

One Engine From Amsterdam

One of the flak-scarred Marauders came back from Amsterdam on one engine, the longest trip yet for a battle-damaged B26 in this theater. It was the Rock Hill Special, piloted by 1/Lt. Thomas J. (Lucky) Stenson, 23, of Staatsburg, N.Y. Flak smashed the port engine just as the bombs dropped, and after feathering the propeller, Stenson flew the ship back to England on one engine, despite steady sniping by flak emplacements until clear of enemy territory.

With his ship, Howard Hurricane, bearing more than 300 flak holes and one wing sieved, Capt. Gerald Howard, of Stevensville, Mich., came back to base full of praise for the Marauder: "I wouldn't be in another bomber after today's raid. The B26 proved that it can take it and dish it out."

1/Lt. Jerome Mudge, of Minneapolis, Minn., picked a rough mission to finish his tour of operations in the ETO. His plane lost an engine to flak on the way in but bombed on three engines and was forced to leave formation near the coast on the way home. Half a dozen fighter attacks were beaten off by Mudge's gunners, who, however, entered no claims. "We were too busy to get confirmations," Mudge said.

Gale, Cold Wave Sweep NE States

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—The worst cold wave of the winter came in yesterday with a gale that just missed being a hurricane. The low temperatures and high winds affect an area from Maine to northern Virginia.

The weather bureau said that New York City would have a low temperature of ten above zero today and that the temperature in the suburbs would go down to five above. It was expected that the temperature record for this date would be broken before the day was over.

The high winds broke a large number of plate glass windows and tore down store signs. The Coastguard was called many times to rescue tugs and barges torn loose from their moorings in the East and Hudson rivers.

9 Warships Launched

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Cargo carriers and fighting ships, including nine warships and three Liberty freighters, slid down the ways yesterday in yards on both coasts.

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Value of Krivoi Rog

Since October 20 great battles have raged in the Dnieper bend for Krivoi Rog, strategic Russian city, and center of an iron-ore mining district that produces over 16,000,000 tons of ore a year, roughly 50 per cent of the Soviet Union total.

With a peace-time population of 197,621, Krivoi Rog also contains many metallurgical and chemical plants, fed with the coal of the Donbas brought in the trucks which carry iron-ore to the industries of the Donetz.

It is this region that the Russian Army is fighting to recapture and the Germans must retain. In recent fighting the Red Army has taken the railway junction of Znamenska, which has a direct bearing on the fate of the German forces defending Krivoi Rog since it controls the railway network by which the eastern units of Manstein's southern army group are supplied.

As a "Times" Moscow correspondent points out, "loss of supplies to the German units defending the iron ore basin at Krivoi Rog and the manganese region at Nikopol would mean that they would have to continue to fight on their own resources, for it may be assumed that all supplies able to reach the Dnieper bend by the single-track railway connecting the Odessa trunk line with Nikolaiev and Kherson will be needed for the defence of the southern regions which are menaced by the Fourth Ukrainian Army Group and the North Caucasian armies."

Russians now only twenty miles from Krivoi Rog are fighting new offensive actions and the scale of present operations indicates that in all probability the Germans will be driven off the Dnieper entirely losing one of the most valuable sources of war metals still in their possession.

This to the Nazis would prove to be an irreplaceable loss.

Toy-Makers A-Plenty

The little tin soldier has gone off to war—but there will be an ample supply of toys for British children at Christmas if the American Forces have anything to say about it.

An outburst of toy-making as irrepressible as the bubbling spirit of St. Nick himself has sprung up spontaneously from the ranks of the U.S. Army, and "Christmas workshops" have grown up all over the ETO. Some are sponsored by the American Red Cross, some by Special Service, and others by U.S. Army hospitals where convalescent soldiers are up to their elbows in clay and tinkering away, making everything from miniature ponies to flaxen-haired Raggedy Ann dolls.

The WACs, not to be left out, have set their nimble fingers to work and are showing themselves as skilled in carpentry and allied crafts as the best of their brothers-in-arms. Much of the material, equipment and instruction for making the presents for Father Christmas is being furnished by the American Red Cross, which lately established a cultural handicraft and art center at Rainbow Corner. Here an experienced Director of Arts and Hobbies has been appointed to coordinate the activities of this and other clubs in ETO.

Besides giving untold pleasure to underprivileged children, toy-making offers an opportunity for soldiers who wish to keep up their skill in a civilian hobby or develop a newly discovered talent in painting, sculpturing and allied arts. GI toy-makers should also prove very popular around the house in days of peace to come, and if the wife "to be" has learned the art in the WACs and wants to put up her own shelves and mend the chairs so much the better. Right now, however, opportunity is knocking with brass knuckles on the doors of those possessing GI ingenuity. Hundreds have answered the call and now invite others to join the movement, and for those who report for duty there's always the big thrill ahead when a bright-eyed youngster clutches for the first time a new Teddy Bear made during "off-duty hours."

Hash Marks

The ETO is versatile to say the least. Not only do we have Yo-Yo experts and bubble pipe experts, but now from an APO comes word of a sergeant who received a singing lariat for Christmas. What next?

This Week's Fairy Tale. The Central Signal Corps School at Camp Crowder claims a strictly "by the book" student.



The guy wired recently for a 10-minute extension of his furlough—because, he said, his train was running ten minutes late.

Could this be Hitler's secret weapon?—Mild and Bitter.

Famous Last Words. "Yes, I love my mother-in-law. In fact, I worship the ground that's coming to her."

Latest nomination for president of the Name in Initials Club: Thunderbolt Pilot David Arthur Van Epps, a captain.

T/5 Teddy Logue comes through with the first mother-in-law joke of the week. Just before I left the States, says Logue, the family got together for one last big meal. It was typical mother-in-law cooking: an eight-course dinner.

Now every mother's dream may come true—Mr. Stimson has ruled that U.S. soldiers on duty can accept Presidential nomination.

It's a sad week in the ETO. Due to mailing difficulties no Li'l Abner and Terry and the Pirates for a couple of days yet. Sorry.

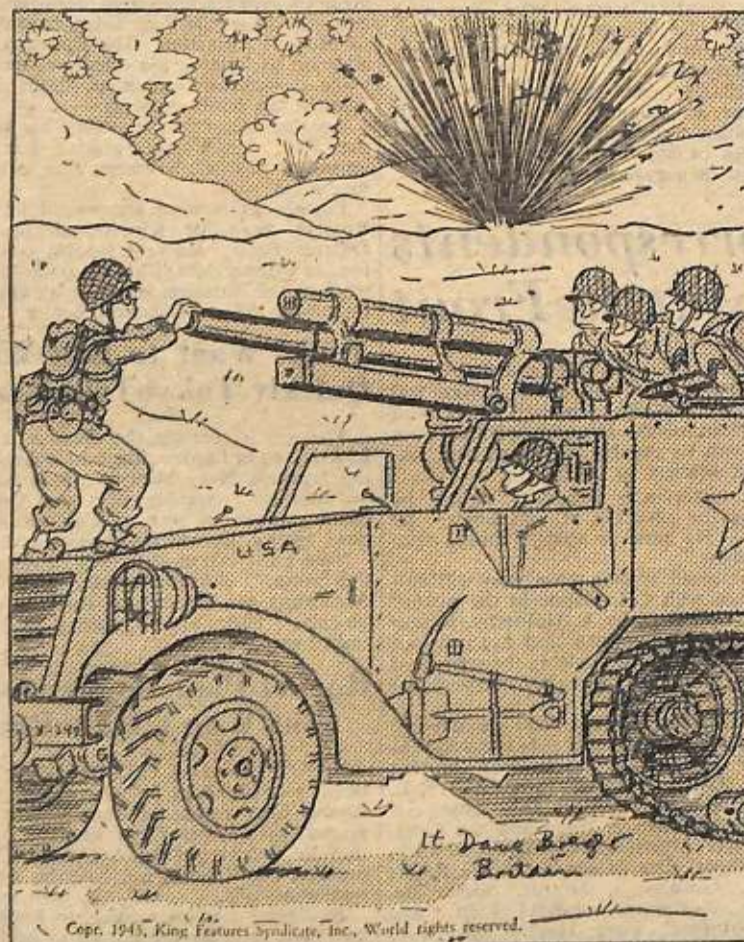
Assembly Line Blues. A Montana worker's false teeth dropped into a conveyor at a refinery. Two days later the



molars bobbed up in another part of the factory—savagely clenching a beet. Which reminds us—our choppers will probably jump out and snap at the first sight of a steak.

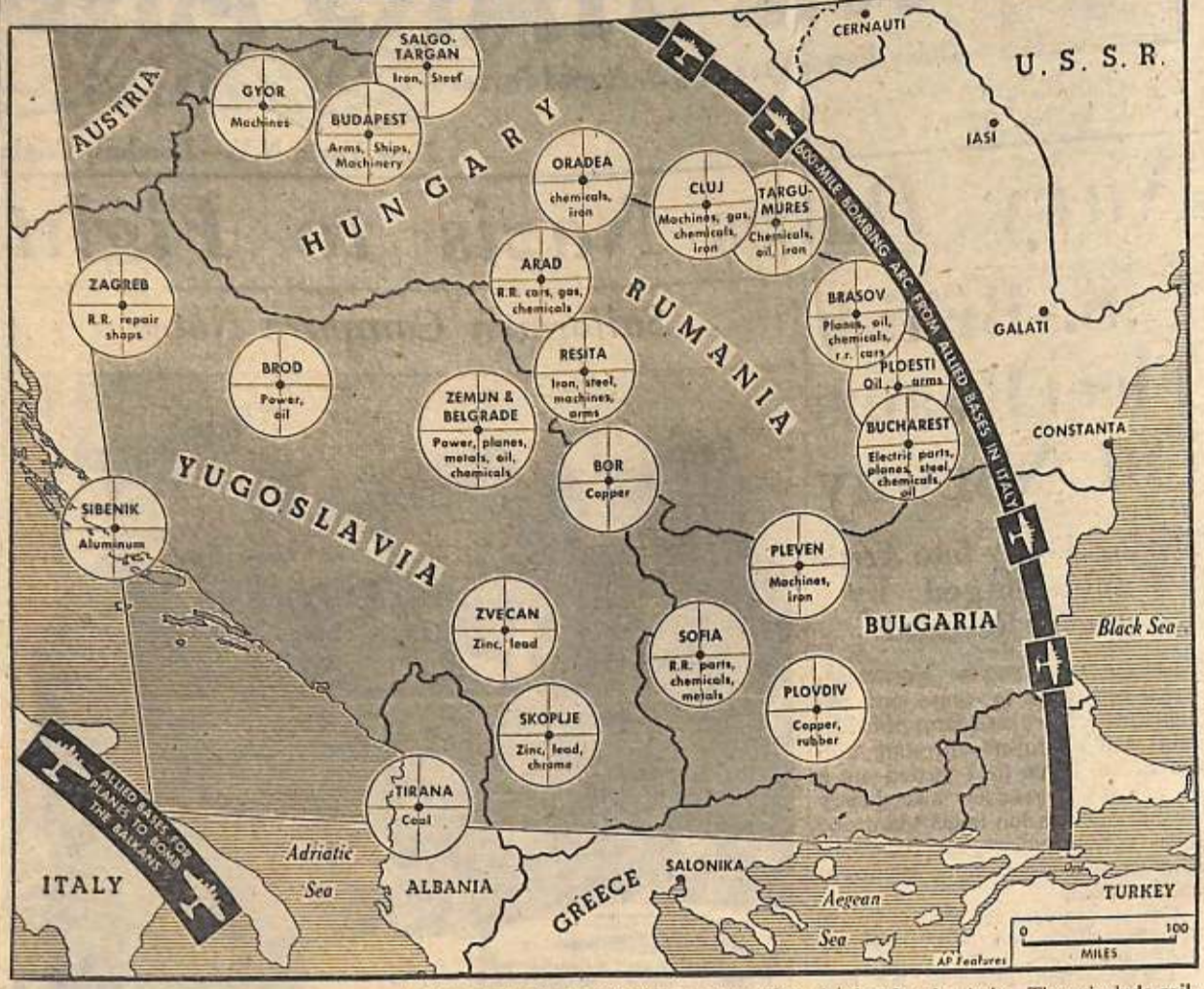
Button, button, who's got the button! A certain Pfc in this man's army has been consistently complimented by inspecting officers for the beautiful shine on his buttons. Now the secret is out—in civilian life the Pfc's occupation was polishing buttons in a button factory. (Chalk one up for the personnel dept., please.)

J. C. W. PRIVATE BREGER



"No! No! Don't shoot! There's a little bird's nest inside!"

Bomb Assault on Balkans Nearing



German Satellites To Get the 'Italy Treatment'

With American air forces about ready to strike by day at every point in Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania, according to Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the U.S. Air Forces, the Balkans evidently are about to get the "Italy treatment."

Marshal Badoglio, in citing the reasons why Italy could no longer carry on the war against the United Nations, said the Italian will to fight had been smashed by the heavy bombers that stormed over industrial areas and left them twisted in ruins.

Good Bombing Position

American and British bombers can now apply the "Italy treatment" to the Balkans. Occupation of the air base at Foggia and other plane fields along the lower coast of Italy puts them in a position where, within a 600-mile flying range, they can easily batter most of the industrial targets of Hitler's puppet states of Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria.

By intensive bombing, the men in the Flying Forts, Liberators and Lancasters probably can knock out a large part of the Balkan production upon which Hitler depends to bolster his own weakened war-making machinery. Reported already to be seeking a way out of the war, the Balkans in all likelihood would

speed their exit if subjected to the same sort of aerial warfare that proved its effectiveness in Italy.

Although these three countries are primarily agricultural and poorly developed industrially, they contain numerous objectives the loss of which would be a mighty blow to the Nazis.

No. 1 Target

Ploesti, of course, is the number one target. North of Bucharest in southeastern Rumania, it is the country's greatest oil refining center and the source of one-third of Hitler's entire supply of oil products for his air and ground forces. It is also Rumania's railway hub, with trunk lines extending up to Poland and the Nazi front in the east. Ploesti has been raided numerous times by the Russians, and on Aug. 1 a U.S. force of 175 heavy bombers made a round-trip of 2,400 miles to strike at the oilfields. This attack caused considerable damage, but undoubtedly Ploesti is still a highly valuable production point for Hitler.

The three capital cities of the satellites—Bucharest, of Rumania, Budapest, of Hungary and Sofia, of Bulgaria—are important industrial as well as political objectives. Bucharest has numerous heavy industries, presumably in full pro-

duction for the Axis. These include railroad car and locomotive factories and repair shops, plane works, automobile assembly plant, machine manufacturing works and oil refinery. Budapest, which contains the greater part of modern industry in Hungary, is the site of a large government arms factory, shipbuilding yards, and machine and farm implement plants. Sofia produces rubber products, railroad cars and parts, chemicals, textiles and metals.

Nazis' Vital Needs

The Balkans, including occupied Yugoslavia, Albania and Greece, have been valuable sources of raw materials for Hitler. Bor, in northeast Yugoslavia, is Europe's largest producer of copper outside of Russia and its supply, coupled with that of Bulgaria, which has been extensively developed by the Reich, has provided the Nazis with a mineral they have vitally needed for the many electrical devices necessary in modern warfare. Hungary's bauxite deposits are believed to be among the world's greatest, and the country also has a considerable output of coal. Rumania has many iron foundries and steel works, and valuable chemicals are produced at Arad, Brasov and Cluj.

This House Traps Boobies, Hatches Booby Trap Experts

By Tom Hoge

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent A U.S. INFANTRY STATION, England, Dec. 13—When a guy hits combat he has enough trouble on his hands without running the risk of having his head blown off every time he walks into a building.

That, in brief, is what Division told Regiment, and Regiment passed it on to Battalion. So Battalion told Capt. Tony Miller, of Baltimore, Md., and that's how the "House of Fun" was born.

Down by the sea, on the outskirts of an abandoned summer resort, stands the "House of Fun." It's a simple-looking three-room cottage, but it's wired with three dozen cleverly concealed booby traps. Thirty men go through the house every day, and every day 90 per cent of them are theoretically blown to bits. The remaining tenth are earmarked for training as booby trap experts. They will receive an intensive course in demolition and, when the outfit goes into battle, their job will be to scout an area and neutralize whatever traps the Nazis may have left.

Before setting foot in the mined cottage the men receive a thorough grounding in booby traps from Capt. Miller. They are told what types exist and how to neutralize them. Then they are equipped with wire "detectors" and turned loose.

Fearing the Worst

When a GI first enters the "House of Fun" he is usually in a cold sweat. He knows the place is heavily mined, and he can't help wondering whether the charges aren't stronger than his instructors would admit.

So, with trepidation, he opens the door and tiptoes into the living room. Directly in front of him, about a foot from the floor, is a taut wire. If he is on the ball at all, he spots this and, following the instructions he received in the preliminary lecture, he neutralizes it.

This gives him confidence, and he commences to look around him. On a table near the window is a bottle of whisky, with a shot glass conveniently close.

Obviously a booby trap. With a knowing smile he pokes about with his little wire detector and, before long, he has unearthed the powder charge.

Feeling pretty much like a professional now, the pupil starts ferreting briskly about the room.

Then the fun begins. Near the bed is an ingeniously hidden wire. Nine times out of ten he will step on it. This trips a switch and sets off the alarm in the mantel clock. The sudden noise panics the investigator and he invariably jumps backward. The weight of his body jars the floor boards and sets off anywhere from two to five other traps near where he was standing. The explosions rattle the flimsy walls and clouds of smoke waft through the room.

One of Two Choices

Thoroughly cowed, the pupil either loses his nerve altogether and runs out of the house or he gets a grip on himself and continues to investigate in a more careful manner. Usually it's the latter and, by the time he has finished his tour of the "House of Fun," he has a better knowledge of booby traps than he could have attained by drowsing through a hundred lectures.

"We haven't made the set-up too difficult," said Capt. Miller. "That would defeat the purpose of the school. Nor have we made it too simple. As nearly as possible we have followed out the German method of laying mines; setting traps in a conspicuous place in an inconspicuous manner."

"The boys have done very well as a whole," Miller continued. "Out of 300 men who have gone through we have had several perfect scores and only four minor injuries. The riflemen and machine-gunners pull down the highest scores. Truck drivers and orderlies are the poorest. I don't know why, but that's how it always comes out."

"There's nothing difficult about locating the average booby trap," said Miller. "If a man uses his common sense and follows instructions, he can usually spot it. And in combat that's pretty important."

Giants Rout Washington, 31-7, to Tie for Pro Lead

Redskin Punt Blocked by Hein For First Tally

Playoff Next Week Decides Eastern Entry in Championships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—The New York Giants climaxed their late season drive in the National Professional Football League here yesterday as they walloped the Redskins, 31-7, to gain a tie for the championship of the Eastern Division of the circuit.

A capacity crowd of 35,650 fans jammed Griffith Stadium to see the Giants push over four touchdowns and a field goal after the Skins had gotten off to a 7-0 lead.

After a scoreless opening period, Washington marched 51 yards on three plays to the first score of the game and the Skins' lone touchdown. Sammy Baugh pitched a 31-yarder to Bob Seymour, Andy Farkas was smeared for an eight-yard loss on the next play and then Baugh heaved to Joe Aguirre on the goal line with Bob Masterson adding the point.

Nix's Pass Counts

Two minutes later, Mel Hein blocked Baugh's punt on the Redskin 20, the ball rolling into the end zone, where Steve Pritko, substitute end, fell on it for a touchdown. Ward Cuff's conversion tied the count. With five minutes remaining in the half Emery Nix passed 39 yards to Frank Liebel, who ran 15 yards for a touchdown, and Cuff again converted to give New York a 14-7 lead at the half.

Cuff racked ten points in the third quarter for the Giants, carry the final 20 yards of a 49-yard touchdown march, kicking the extra point and then, with Tuffy Leemans holding the ball, booting a 25-yard field goal near the end of the stanza to give the Giants a 24-7 margin going into the last period.

The final Giant tally, in the final quarter, came when Emery Nix passed 28 yards to Will Walls, who went the remaining three yards for the score, Cuff again adding the point.

The Giants and the Redskins will meet at the Polo Grounds in New York next Sunday to decide the Eastern Division championship, who will play the following Sunday for the League title against the Bears at Chicago. The Redskins, needing only a tie four weeks ago to clinch the Eastern crown, lost on successive Sundays to the Steagles and twice to the Giants.

Will Play Overtime

Should a tie occur in Sunday's contest, the teams will return to the field and play an extra "sudden death" period, which will last until one team scores.

Prior to yesterday's game, Commissioner Elmer Layden flipped a coin to see where next week's game would be played in the event of a Giant victory. The only ones who'll benefit from the larger capacity of the Polo Grounds are the club owners, as the players only receive an extra week's pay.

Baugh, the League's best passer, clicked only spasmodically. Giant Dave Brown, rookie halfback, thrice stopped Washington drives by intercepting Baugh passes.

The Giants rushed 191 yards to the Redskins' 60. Baugh and George Cafego completed 18 of 30 passes for 256 yards, while New York completed four of seven for 99 yards. Ten of the Giants' 11 first downs came on rushes.

Pro Grid Standings

Eastern Division				Pts.	Pts.	Pct.
W	L	T	For	Against		
Redskins	6	3	1	229	137	.667
Giants	6	3	1	197	170	.667
Steagles	5	4	1	225	230	.556
Dodgers	2	8	0	65	234	.200

Western Division				Pts.	Pts.	Pct.
W	L	T	For	Against		
Bears	8	1	1	303	157	.889
Packers	7	2	1	264	172	.778
Lions	3	6	1	178	218	.333
Cardinals	0	10	0	95	238	.000

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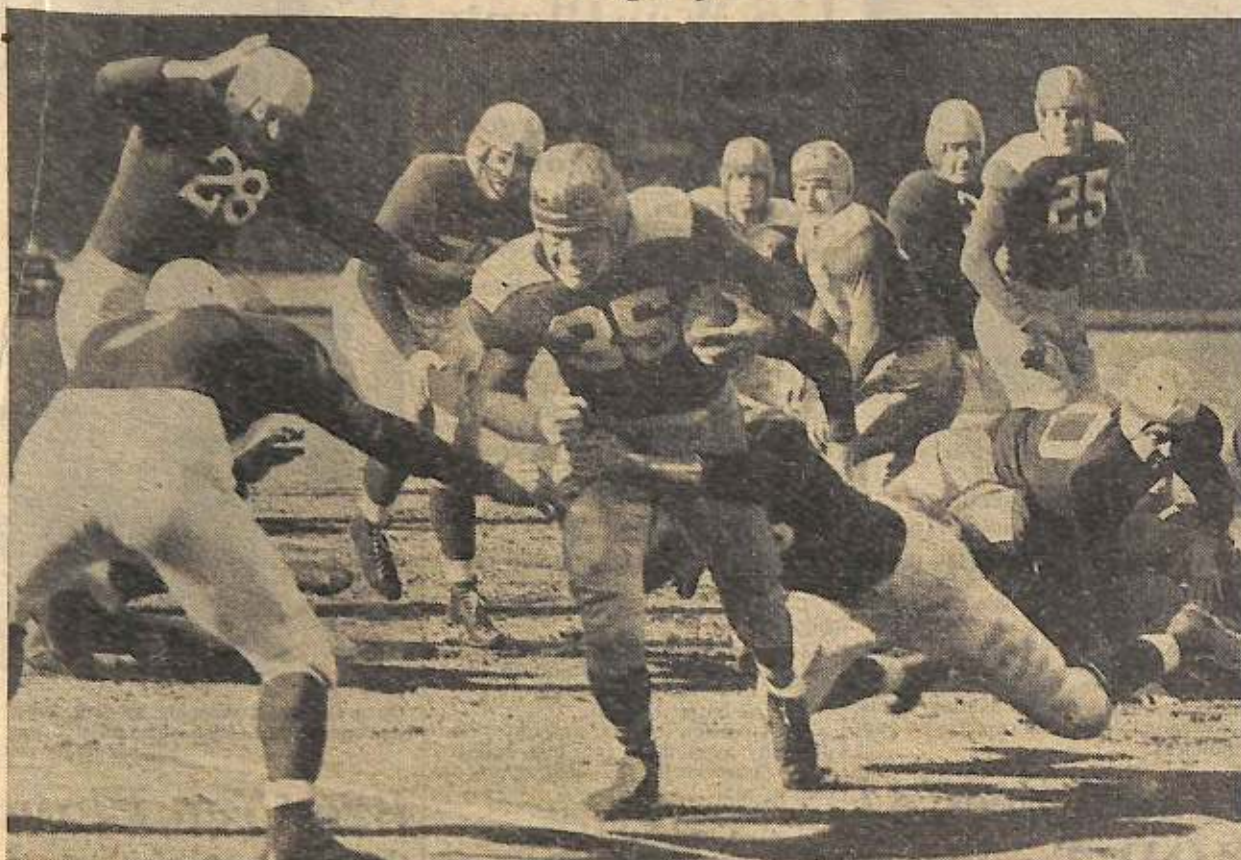
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LEE O. Behanna, Wellsburg, W. Va.; Pfc William Bernstein, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Dallas Bolden, Mr. Carmel, Ill.; 2/Lt. Ernest L. Caffisch, Bidson, N.Y.; Fred E. Cooley Jr., Fresno, Cal.; Chmer, N.Y.; Fred E. Cooley Jr., Fresno, Cal.; Howard Eisberry, Aragon, Ga.; Joe Giambro, Greco, Amherst, S.D.; M. Sgt. Joe Hunt, Norristown, Pa.; Pfc Glen S. Huntley, Hancock, Minn.; Clark B. Henty, Chickamango, Ga.; Donald Harver, H. Helfrich, Houston, Tex.; Harvey Llanerch, Pa.; Sgt. Frank Honn, Seattle, Wash.; Cpl. Eugene H. Hat, Ridgway, Pa.; Al Wash, Cpl. Eugene H. Hat, Ridgway, Pa.; Sgt. Horvath, Kulpmont, Pa.; Sgt. Amos D. Hines, Summerville, Mo.; Sgt. Bill Johnson, Oak Park, Ill.; WAC Marguerite Juregens, Detroit, Mich.; Cpl. James E. Johnson, Macon, Ga.; Cpl. John Kashmirski; Pfc Lawrence Kruska, Lawler, Ia.

College Registration
SEND your name, rank, college, year, fraternity, number and APO to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, Printing House Square, London, EC4. From time to time, as new names are added to the lists, you will be sent the names and addresses of fellow alumni in this theater who have registered.

Found
B-4 BAG with this name stencilled on it Theodore R. Hansen, O-746329, Lt. G. W. McKinstry, c/o Help Wanted.

Lost
WALLET, black leather with personal papers and about a pound in money, in front of Columbia Club on Dec. 2.—S/Sgt. Michael Corcoran, c/o Help Wanted.

Condit Goes Through for a First Down



A drive that brought a first down at Ebbets Field: Merlyn Condit carries the ball through the Cardinal line for a 12-yard gain in the first quarter of the contest which went to the Brooklyn Dodgers, 7-0.

Rangers Annex First Victory As They Subdue Bruins, 6-4

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—The New York Rangers finally came through for the home town rooters who have been supporting them throughout their season-long losing streak as they won their first game in the National Hockey League here last night, topping the Boston Bruins, 6-4, before 15,000 spectators.

Bryan Hextall and Chuck Scherza each scored twice for the Blueshirts while Bill Cowley netted two and Norm Calladine and Bep Guidolin once each for the visitors.

The New Yorkers were losing, 3-1, in the waning moments of the opening period when Hextall pushed one in unassisted. He tallied again a few moments later on a pass from Oscar Aubuchon and the second stanza ended with the score tied, 3-3.

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Joe Hunt Tops Amateurs at Net

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—Lt. (jg) Joseph R. Hunt, of Los Angeles, has been ranked number one in the annual listings of amateur tennis players by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Seaman Jack Kramer, of Los Angeles, who lost the finals of the national tournament to Hunt last summer at Forest Hills, is placed second, with Francisco "Pancho" Segura, of Guayaquil, Ecuador, third.

Here is the remainder of the first ten: William Talbert, Cincinnati; Seymour Greenberg, Chicago; Sidney Wood, New York; Bob Falkenburg, Hollywood; Cpl. Frank Parker, Los Angeles; James Brink, Seattle, Wash.; and Jack Tuero, New Orleans.

Pauline Betz, of Los Angeles; Louise Brough, of Beverly Hills, Cal.; and Doris Hart, of Miami, headed the women's listings.

Hans Crescent Golfers Keep Up Hot Links Pace

In a hotly contested match over the South Herts Golf Course at Totteridge Sunday the ARC Hans Crescent Club linksmen edged the South Herts golfers, 41-34, after conceding several strokes to their opponents.

The following Hans Crescent golfers took part in the victory: Cpl. Rick Famin, Glen Cove, N.Y.; Cpl. Joe Fiore, Harrison, N.Y.; Cpl. Don Peine, Springfield, Ill.; Sgt. Eli Thomas, Pittsburgh; Cpl. Stan Rensen, Long Island, N.Y.; S/Sgt. John Vensberg, Chicago; Sgt. Frank Cornaci, Omaha, Neb.; Sgt. Bud Helmar, Springfield, Mass.; Sgt. John Anderson, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Sgt. Bill Spring, Omaha, Neb.; Cpl. Dick Austin, Lynn, Mass.; Sgt. Walter Kupiec, Chicopee Falls, Mass.; Pvt. Joe Doyle, Long Island, N.Y.; T/Sgt. Frank Gilson, Los Angeles; Pvt. John Robson, New York; and Fred Parry, ARC.

Hockey League Standings

Montreal				W	L	T	Pts.	Toronto				W	L	T	Pts.
12	2	3	27	8	7	3	17	5	6	3	13	14	1	1	3
8	7	2	18	8	6	3	15	9	6	0	18	14	1	1	3

Hockey Results

Buffalo 1, Cleveland 1
Indianapolis 5, Pittsburgh 3
Providence 4, Hershey 3

Canadiens Belt Red Wings, 5-1

DETROIT, Dec. 13—The pace-setting Montreal Canadiens belted the Detroit Red Wings, 5-1, in their fourth straight victory over last year's hockey champions before 13,160 fans last night.

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Hawks Move Up As Leafs Lose

CHICAGO, Dec. 13—The Chicago Black Hawks moved into a second-place tie with the Toronto Maple Leafs as they edged out the Toronto sextet here last night, 3-2. Cully Dahlstrom's goal at 13 minutes of the last period gave the Hawks their winning margin.

Mush Marsh scored unassisted in the first stanza for the Hawks, but Gus Bonnar tied the count before ten minutes. The Leafs forged ahead in the second frame when Mel Hill went in unassisted at ten minutes. Three minutes later, Bill Mosienko evened it up for the Hawks and the period ended in a deadlock.

Bomber HQ Wins, 38-21; Seeking Court Opponents

BOMBER COMMAND HQ, Dec. 13—Paced by S/Sgt. Charles Campbell, of Newark, N.J., who netted ten points, and Sgt. Bill Brown, of Paducah, Ky., former Western Kentucky State star who dropped in eight safeties, this station's basketball team opened the season with a 38-21 victory over the Bomber Station.

T/Sgt. George Alvarado, of San Francisco, team captain, is issuing a challenge to all comers. Takers of this challenge should contact the Special Service office, Bomber Command Headquarters.

Charley Keller Put in 2-B By Maryland Draft Board

FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 13—Charley Keller, slugging outfielder of the New York Yankees, has been reclassified from 1-A to 2-B, the Frederick County draft board has announced.

Keller has been working in a Frederick war plant since the World Series and is the father of three children. The board said the deferment is for six months only.

Rainbow Card Features Shinn, Schnappauf Tilt

ETO Champs Vince Kozak, Don Webber Also On Program

By Mark E. Senigo
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

The Division team returns for its second appearance of the season at the Rainbow Corner tonight on a 19-bout card which will feature two ETO champions.

However the feature attraction will pit two boys who brought the house to its feet two weeks ago when they first met in a welterweight affair—Pvt. Dick Shinn and Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf.

Shinn, a new face in the Corner ring this season, took that bout over the highly favored Schnappauf, a rugged southpaw from Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Schnappauf, a veteran of seven years in the ring, had been unbeaten in the ETO until he met up with the hard-hitting Korean from San Francisco and Shinn walked off with a well-earned decision. Twice in the furious second round Schnappauf was down and almost out, the first time he had hit the canvas. Only his stamina, which showed most in the third when he made a strong comeback, saved him from taking the count.

Raskin Holds Flier Title

Both the ETO titlists won their crowns while representing the division squad. Pvt. Vince Kozak was the aggregation's top heavy and Pvt. Don Webber is featherweight flash. Kozak, no longer with the team—he's an MP now—will be making his second venture in two weeks tonight when he meets up with Cpl. Hal Raskin, 185-pounder from Chicago who holds the Eighth Air Force heavy title.

Raskin has met Kozak once before, in an ETO championship semi-final which went to the Hazelton, Pa., slugger by a decision. After seeing Kozak hampered by Cpl. Roy E. Hanna last week, Raskin asked for a shot at the champ.

Webber will have no easy time with his opponent, Pfc Herb Williams, Eighth Air Force Service Command lightweight king from New Orleans. Not only will Webber be giving away six pounds but he also will be up against a boy with more punch than Pvt. George Witt, who almost outclassed Webber two weeks ago. Williams, a 135-pounder, won his title the hard way in the Service Command tourney last month, barely getting through the semi-final. But it was in that scrap that he literally came off the floor to best his opponent after a bad first round.

McDonald an Unknown

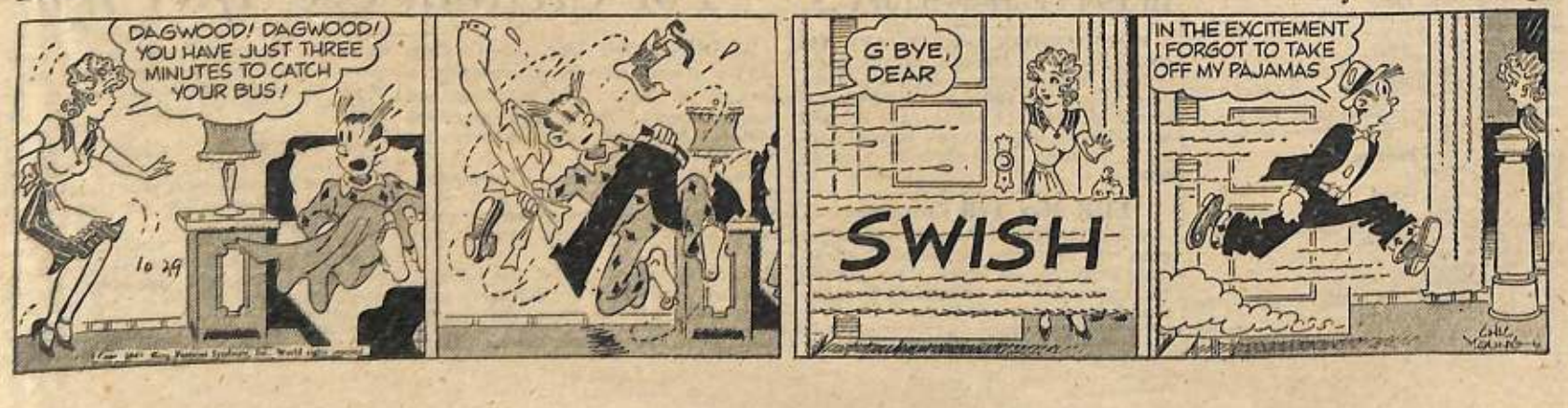
Sharing the heavyweight spotlight with Kozak will be Hanna, the Tulsa, Okla., puncher who went the distance against him last week. Hanna has racked up four victories in six starts this season. The division is throwing in a newcomer, Cpl. Robert McDonald, of Richmond, Va., 190.

Vying with the Shinn-Schnappauf go is another welter bout between Sgt. Americus Decutis, of Providence, R.I., and Pvt. Johnny Robinson, Kansas City, Kan., slugger. Decutis has fought once this season, losing a close decision to Pvt. Tony Pavone two weeks ago. Robinson, billed to fight last week but unable to make it, has notched five victories in seven fights. His losses were close decisions while four of the five wins were via the knockout route.

Other Contests

Here is the lineup for the remaining bouts:
Sgt. Louis Bodish, Conley, Pa., 145, vs. Pvt. Lynnwood Craibhead, Roanoke, Va., 138.
Pvt. Mike Finnerty, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 135, vs. Pfc Tony Dietero, Washington, 134.
Pvt. Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa., 167, vs. Pvt. Yslas Espinosa, Chippawa Falls, Wis., 169.
Pvt. Gus Llanes, Hartford, Conn., 160, vs. Cpl. Tony Carbonaro, Brooklyn, 166.
Cpl. Dominic Codispodi, Jermers, Pa., 176, vs. Cpl. Paul Dalio, Houston, Texas, 174.
Pfc Jim Grantham, Pulaski, Va., 160, vs. Sgt. Bill Lockett, Pittsburgh, 160.
Pvt. Tommy Tomkins, Indianapolis, Ind., 212, vs. Sgt. Howard Williams, Detroit, 215.
Pvt. Irvin Moidel, Pittsburgh, 185, vs. Pvt. Jimmy Johnson, Brooklyn, 178.
Cpl. Gilbert Schnable, Denver, 165, vs. Pvt. Murray Cohen, New York, 167.
Cpl. Junior Lowe, 127, vs. Pvt. Jim Holliday, Union Grove, Pa., 126.
Sgt. David McDaniel, Simpsonville, S.C., 175, vs. Pvt. Ben Pickett, San Francisco, 179.
Pvt. Oscar Hamp, Gary, Ind., 170, vs. Pvt. Henry Coward, Detroit, 170.
Pvt. Felix Reyes, Hawaii, 145, vs. Pvt. H. Brodus, Bently, Cal., 148.
Pvt. Kent Smith, Bloomfield, N.J., 139, vs. Pvt. William Shudder, Tulsa, Okla., 135.

By Chic Young



8th Set to Hit Eastern Anchor Of German Line

Holds High Ground Over Ortona, Barrier Before Pescara

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Dec. 13 (UP)—Eighth Army troops today fought their way to the high ground overlooking Ortona, eastern anchor of the present German line in Italy, and now are preparing for an assault on the town.

German defenses here already have been seriously hampered by the virtual cutting of the Ortona-Guardiafrede road, which runs west out of the seacoast town, but strong German forces are still fighting hard to prevent occupation of the road. Artillery of the Eighth Army has made it practically unusable.

This is the last main lateral road before the Pescara-Rome highway, the main objective of the present Eighth Army push, and it has been used extensively by the enemy since the Eighth first fought its way across the Sangro.

There is not much news from the more western sectors of the Eighth Army front,



but it appears that the Allied troops are slowly moving forwards through the successive mountain positions which the enemy has defended during the last three months.

On the Fifth Army front there is only one main sector on which heavy fighting is taking place. This is north of Mignano, where a German salient still thrusts south-eastward into the Allied lines along the eastern side of the Capua-Rome road.

Heavy Allied artillery barrages have been put down in the area of San Pietro and Sambucaro villages, while at another point a German counter-attack was broken up before it got fully underway.

U.S. artillery, including 152mm. Long Toms, 155mm. howitzers and 105mm. field artillery, broke up a large enemy concentration which was preparing to strike southwest of Mignano, in the mountains, where an Allied flanking attack seriously threatened the entire German position around Cassino, the key point in the enemy's defenses in this area.

Bad weather yesterday curtailed Allied air operations, and there was no enemy activity.

Britishers Dried Socks On Hot Gun Barrels

WITH EIGHTH ARMY, Italy, Dec. 13 (UP)—Gun-barrels got so hot during the latest great artillery barrages which the Eighth Army laid down to the gates of Ortona, that the men dried their socks on the red-hot metal.

The artillery has been bringing up its guns through some of the thickest mud the men have yet had to face, and have then been laying down some of the heaviest barrages of the war.

Arnold Decorates M/Sgt. Who Improved the B25

ALLIED HQ, Dec. 13—Gen. Henry H. Arnold, USAAF commander, on one of his visits to the Italian front decorated M/Sgt. Wendell C. Horne, of California, with the Legion of Merit.

The award was given for his part in the design, manufacture and installation of equipment to improve the fire power and protect the crews of B25 Mitchell bombers.

AFN Radio Program

- Tuesday, Dec. 14
- 1100—GI Jive.
 - 1115—Personal Album—Dorothy Lamour.
 - 1130—Happy Norman's Ranch Home.
 - 1230—Bing Crosby and Trudy Irwin.
 - 1230—Yank Swing Session.
 - 1255—Quiet Moment.
 - 1300—World News (BBC).
 - 1310—Barracks Bag.
 - 1400—Visiting Hour.
 - 1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.
 - 1745—Program Resume—Spotlight on Louis Armstrong.
 - 1800—World News (BBC).
 - 1810—GI Supper Club.
 - 1900—"Seven o'Clock Sports," presented by The Stars and Stripes.
 - 1905—Music Society.
 - 1930—Boxing Bout—from the Rainbow Corner with Sgt. Marty Smith and Pfc Keith Jamison.
 - 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A. presented by the Stars and Stripes.
 - 2010—Fred Waring Program.
 - 2025—Book Review.
 - 2030—GI Journal.
 - 2100—World News (BBC).
 - 2140—Walk Time.
 - 2125—Into Battle—A BBC dramatization of heroic incidents of this war.
 - 2135—Duffy's Tavern.
 - 2200—Downbeat.
 - 2225—Final Edition.
 - 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Going Overseas



Madeleine Carroll She'll Get 'Basic Training' First

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—Blonde Madeleine Carroll of the movies will arrive here within a couple of days to begin basic training as an overseas Red Cross recreational worker. ARC headquarters announced it would send Miss Carroll abroad to help care for convalescent soldiers on the fighting fronts. Her eventual destination overseas was not announced.

Landon Sees '44 GOP Triumph Declares He Will Support Popular Candidate for Party's Nomination

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Dec. 13 (AP)—Alfred M. Landon, Republican Presidential candidate in 1936, reviewing last month's GOP election triumphs, asserted that the nation was headed for a decisive Republican victory in 1944.

Interviewed at the home of Frank Gannett, Landon said he hadn't had the opportunity to gauge public reaction to his recent statement that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York was the outstanding candidate for next year's GOP Presidential nomination.

Asked if he was prepared to support Dewey for the nomination, Landon said that he would go along with the party's preponderant sentiment.

Landon said there was also support in the nation for Gov. John Bricker of Ohio and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Marines Repel Counter-Attack

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Dec. 13 (AP)—A Japanese counter-attack against Marines on Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island, was defeated, according to today's communique from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters.

Medium bombers bombed a bridge near the Rigu mission and installations at Arigua plantation, destroying 12 storage buildings.

On Huon peninsula, in New Guinea, Australian troops advanced along the coast to the Sowi River, driving the Japs from prepared positions in the precipitous terrain of the Tuno River valley.

The enemy abandoned over 100 known dead here and at Kaligia. Medium units bombed an enemy barge base and bivouac areas with 20 tons of explosives.

Fighters destroyed two enemy barges and a launch off Lapsius point and U.S. light naval units after dark sank two barges and damaged three others off Blucher Point.

Battleships Poured It On Nauru Island

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 13 (AP)—The U.S. Navy's invitation to the Japanese fleet "to come out and fight" bore a postscript written by new U.S. battleships which participated in the Nauru Island attack.

Adm. Chester Nimitz announced yesterday that heavy units of the Navy poured tons of steel on Nauru Island on Dec. 8.

This is the first time the Navy announced that capital ships had fired their guns so close to the enemy base of Truk.

Installations were smashed and ten Japanese planes were destroyed for a loss of two American planes and one destroyer slightly damaged.

Even Greater Coal Famine In 1944 Foreseen for U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—The coal shortage in America, already acute, is likely to become more serious in 1944, according to the Office of War Information, which pointed out that the demand would be increased next year by coal shipments to Europe to sustain military operations.

FDR May Tell Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Congress may hear from the President a first-hand report of his epochal war conferences abroad, it was believed in Congressional quarters here today.

NEWS FROM HOME Ex-Servicemen Obtain Work In U.S. War Plants

OWI Reports 800,000 Men Have Been Discharged From Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—A majority of discharged servicemen are working in war plants and "are doing a good job," in spite of disabilities, a report issued yesterday by the Office of War Information said.

The report revealed that at least 800,000 veterans of this war have been given discharges. Of this number, 370,000 were released from the Army and 46,961 from the Navy and Marines for medical reasons. The remainder were discharged for other reasons, the most important of which was overage.

The report pointed out that a discharged serviceman is entitled to the following benefits:

- 1—His old job, under certain conditions, if he wants it.
- 2—Preferential consideration in Federal employment.
- 3—Assistance in obtaining a new job.
- 4—Vocational rehabilitation or training.
- 5—Free hospitalization.
- 6—A pension for life, or as long as a disability continues, for one received while in service if it is rated at ten per cent or more.

Good Neighbors

CAMP RUCKER, Ala., Dec. 13—Sgt. Russell Harris believes in regular habits. He writes his wife exactly three letters a week. And Mrs. Harris replies just as regularly. It's too bad, though, that they can't find time to visit each other. Mrs. Harris is a WAC corporal and her barrack is only 300 yards from her husband's.

Star Asks Draft of Women

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 13—A proposal that American women be drafted into the armed forces or war plants if they do not voluntarily leave their peace-time pursuits was made yesterday by Ann Dvorak, who has returned to the United States after a three-year visit to England.

Proposed Airport Defended

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—Plans for the construction of a \$100,000,000 airport at Idlewild were defended yesterday by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia. He said the airport would put New York ten years ahead of any other city in the world.

Farm Prices Soar

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—War workers and city people eager to invest their surplus money in farms have caused a land boom in the middle west. Plots priced at \$52 an acre in 1933 are now selling for \$140.

Fire Destroys Jersey Inn

ROSELLE, N.J., Dec. 13—Seventeen persons were injured yesterday in a fire which razed the six-story Van Court Inn here. Ten of the injured were firemen. About 70 persons, mostly war workers, were left homeless.

Lois Wilson Has Pneumonia

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13—Lois Wilson, screen star, is in Portland general hospital with pneumonia. Doctors said her condition was "fair." She became ill at Boise, Ida., while on a stage tour.

3 Grandchildren in Week

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Dec. 13—Grandparents three times in one week is the record of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wolcott. Three of their daughters gave birth to babies within the past seven days. All three fathers are in the armed forces.

Leaders of Shuttle Flight Are Decorated with DSC

Award of the Distinguished Service Cross, second highest U.S. military decoration, to Brig. Gens. Curtis E. LeMay and Robert B. Williams, both of Eighth Bomber Command, was announced today by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETUSA commander.

The generals won the DSC for heroism while leading the England-to-Africa shuttle bombing attacks on Aug. 17. Gen. LeMay, then a colonel, led against Regensburg and Gen. Williams against Schweinfurt, Germany.

Jeep Called Too Dangerous For Civilian Use After War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—Civilians can't be trusted with jeeps, according to George W. Ritter, vice-president and general counsel of Willys Overland Motors Inc. which manufactures the 62-horse-power vehicle.

He told a Congressional committee that unless the jeeps were geared down before they were sold to civilians it would be extremely dangerous because they take off so fast.

Revealing that Willys has already perfected plans for 36 different tasks jeeps could perform on a farm, he de-

They Know Now What a Marauder Is



On a Christmas shopping mission, crew members of a Marauder buy toys for ten war orphans in London. The mission was part of a special holiday which the medium bomber crew celebrated with the kids.

B26 Crew Plays Pop and Santa To Kids on a Scotchless Spree

By Richard Wilbur Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A Marauder crew hit London on a 48-hour pass yesterday and carried out a well-planned program of spending in a new way the dough that usually passes over bars or disappears in sundry other methods of pleasure-seeking. Each man scooped up two war orphans through The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, and went on a holiday whirl.

The Marauder men and the kids started out in the morning at a London department store. There the kids gaped at toys they wanted and the Marauder men bought the toys, three toys per gape—mostly airplanes. The kids seemed satisfied when they left the store, but 2/Lt. Homer E. Fansler, of Chattanooga, Tenn., pilot, wasn't. He had climbed aboard an escalator, and didn't want to get off.

At the Eagle Club the fliers and the kids sat down to lunch, helped each other put on paper hats, and talked things over. Ten-year-old John R., having acquired a model Hurricane and a model Fortress, required some special educating from Fansler and the other crew members, because John didn't know what a Marauder was.

2/Lt. Edward A. Shea, of Cleveland, bombardier, who once supervised a children's playground in an amusement park back in the States, maintained he had a tough time keeping up with the conversation of Bill F. and Roger P. "They seem much smarter than kids the same age back home," he said. "Besides, they know their aircraft identification better than I do."

The kids, six boys and four girls, were between the ages of ten and 14. The air-men got the idea for entertaining them from Fansler, who said he figured it might be good fun to spend a London pass "doing something worthwhile." Only one member of the crew was unable to join them.

After lunch, Fansler, Shea and the other crew members—2/Lt. Peter T. Stefano, of Philadelphia, o-pilot; S/Sgt. John Balfour, of Pittsburgh, tail gunner, and S/Sgt. John J. Brennan, of Old Greenwich, Conn., engineer-gunner—took the youngsters to a movie the kids wanted to see, "Thank Your Lucky Stars."

"They hope to return one day as you hope to return to yours, to find them waiting to welcome them home. They entrust them to your care meanwhile, and pray that God's blessing may rest upon us all."

Since the evacuation began about 15,000 head of cattle and sheep, tons of furniture and crops have been moved, before the American bulldozers started ploughing up the earth.

False Air Raid Alarm

ITHACA, N.Y., Dec. 13—George A. Brooks, Democratic committeeman for Groton and a short story writer, was fined \$50 for sounding an air raid alarm illegally on election night. Brooks said that he was merely testing the air raid system, but his political opponents said that he sounded off to celebrate the election for the first time in a long while of a Democratic town supervisor.

M. H. McIntyre Dies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UP)—The death of Marvin H. McIntyre, one of President Roosevelt's closest friends and a member of the White House secretariat since 1932, was announced today.

Dropping Wounded Gunner Over Reich Wins Commendation

The quick decision and prompt action of 2/Lt. Keith E. Koske in saving a wounded gunner's life by throwing him out over Germany in a parachute was officially commended yesterday by Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, Eighth Bomber Command chief.

The gunner, S/Sgt. Tyre C. Weaver, is alive and well in a German hospital, according to word received last week from his parents in River View, Ala.

On the Hanover raid July 26, one of Weaver's arms was blown off so close to the shoulder that a tourniquet could not be applied. Koske's decision to drop Weaver through the Fort escape hatch in the hope that he would receive medical attention in Germany before loss of blood proved fatal was called "one of the toughest a man ever had to make" by Gen. Anderson.

ARC Honors Sing Sing For Donations of Blood

OSSINING, N.Y., Dec. 13—The American Red Cross has presented a flag to Sing Sing prison in recognition of the donation of 1,200 pints of blood by the prisoners in the last 18 months.

The flag was presented at ceremonies in the prison chapel by Thomas E. Hardenburg, president of the Westchester chapter of the Red Cross.