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Nazis Fear Allied Blow Via Turkey

Two Divisions Moved Up To Border; Bulgars Shout for Peace

Bulkan nervousness over possible Allied invasion increased yesterday as Turkey and Germany stationed troops along opposite sides of the Turkish border facing Bulgaria and Greece, and the Turkish foreign minister returned from the Cairo conferences with a frank admission that his nation could be said to have entered the Allied camp "without being

belligerent."

Meanwhile reports of a crisis in warweary Bulgaria poured into neutral
capitals all day. Stockholm heard that
Bulgars were marching through the streets
of the capital, Sofia, shouting "Bulgaria
must withdraw from the war." Hurried
mastings of the cabinet and parliament meetings of the cabinet and parliament were reported.

A state of emergency was ordered along the entire Turkish border facing Nazi-controlled Bulgaria and Greece, and the Swiss correspondent of the Swedish Svenska Dagbladet reported the possibility was not overlooked that Germany might invade European Turkey to cut off the Dardanelles. the Dardanelles.

Germans Moved Up Sofia dispatches said two German divi-sions had moved up to the Bulgarian sector of the border to counter any Allied attempt to invade the Balkans through

Turkey.

Berne reported a tense expectancy throughout southeastern Europe that Turkey shortly would take a more active part in the war. This source said that large supplies of weapons and hundreds of planes reportedly reached Turkey research.

Some Berlin sources meanwhile sug-gested that talk of a Balkan invasion might be an Allied screen to hide more important operations in prospect in other

Foreign Minister Menemencioglu of Turkey returned from Cairo openly jubilant about the friendly relations arrived at with Britain, the U.S. and Russia.

Russia.

At first he told a press conference that Turkey's foreign policy was unchanged by the meeting, but later clarified that by asserting the nation's foreign policy followed the decision of Turkey's Parliamentary group party which called last month for a foreign policy "within the framework of a treaty alliance with Britain."

Nazi commentators seized on his assertion that there had been no change in policy to chordle that the Allies had failed in their efforts to persuade Turkey to abandon neutrality. Nevertheless the German high command took the pre-caution of strengthening its border forces.

Fires Sweep Frisco Area; Hundreds Leave Homes

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9 (UP)— Hundreds of people fled from their homes in the San Francisco area today as fires, fanned by high winds, raged. One fire, covering a mile and a half, was advancing toward Oakland.

Police, soldiers and naval cadets aided firemen in fighting the blazes. The fires followed fierce storms, in which many windows were shattered, roofs blown off houses and hundreds of fishing boats damaged.

Turkish Officers Study War Methods in U.S.

About 100 Turkish army officers and nine Turkish newspaper men have been in the United States for nearly a year studying America's war potential and methods, the London News Chronicle said in a dispatch from New York yesterday.

Half already have completed The rest still are in the States studying naval and military engineering and chemical warfare and ordnance.

Ban On Cabling Flowers Lifted Until Jan. 1

The ban on cabling flowers to the U.S. has been lifted temporarily, ETO head-quarters announced yesterday. American soldiers may order through florists in the

United Kingdom until Jan. I.

They will be transmitted through the Fiorists Telegraph Association of Detroit, Mich. Telegrams must be signed "flowers international," and must be marked "san without the name of the sending

The sender will not be allowed to designate the kind of flowers.

Truck Has Its Own Gunner Now



Planet Photo.

Now being used on the Italian front is this new machine gun-protected supply truck The gun is mounted over the top of the cab and enables the truck to give resistance to enemy attack. The scene is on the banks of a river in Italy as a quartermaster truck

B17sHaulingTonMoreBombs;

Eighth Air Force removed from the secret list yesterday the use in the European theater of chin-turreted Flying Fortresses and modified Liberators

At the same time it permitted disclosure of the addition of external wing racks to B17s operating from Britain, increasing their bomb capacity a ton-

Expect Invasion Of New Britain

Air Raids on Jap-Held Isle Are Seen Paving Way For Blow by Allies

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Dec. -With the backbone of Japan's first line of defense broken by a series of staggering U.S. blows in the central Pacific, an Australian-U.S. invasion of New Britain in the Southwest Pacific

seems inevitable.

In typical pre-invasion tactics, the U.S. Fifth Air Force has been softening up the western end of the island with 100-ton-a-day attacks by heavy bombers. Yesterday, Libs hurled 195 tons of bombs, on Jap bases in the Cape Gloucester area—only 50 miles across the Dampier Straits from Finschafen, New Guinea.

Finschafen, now firmly in Allied hands after wiping out the remnants of the Jap force holding out in the mountains above the base, probably would be used as the jumping off place to regain the New Britain island.

On Bougainville, U.S. troops enlarged the perimeter on the northeast. There were light patrol contacts only. U.S. medium units and fighters bombed and

the entire area was devastated by the recent sustained air attacks.

About 2,500 Japanese were killed on Bougainville during November, apart from an inestimable number wiped out n air and naval bombardments, it is estimated at Adm. William F. Halsey's headquarters.

U.S. casualties totaled 1,289, compris-ing 254 killed, 962 wounded and 73 miss-

Jet of Water Gives P47 That Extra Something

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—That extra speed and climb in certain U.S. fighter planes is due to a jet of water. It's just been announced that the water jet is part of a new super-charger that's used on the P47 and some Navy fighters.

Engineers say that the vaporization of water in the engine's cylinders gives an added push to the engine so it can step up its speed or rate of climb, whenever the

its speed or rate of climb whenever the going gets tough. Pilots say the new device with its sudden speed gives the enemy an awful surprise,

ETO Raiders Gain Fire Power

equipped with new retractable ball turrets and nose turrets.

Heavier bomb loads for the Fortresses,

necessarily accompanied by sacrifices in range and speed—since more explosives mean less gasoline and wind resistance of a 1,000-pound bomb under each wing cuts speed—immediately suggested these possibilities:

sibilities:

1—Short-range pre-invasion bombing with great loads of gasoline giving way to great loads of explosives. Such dumping forays across the Channel might be covered by fighter protection for approximately 350 miles inland.

2—Mass night raiding with the RAF. Speed and defensive armament would be a less important factor in such operations and might be sacrificed to some extent to

a less important factor in such operations and might be sacrificed to some extent to smother the target with bombs as at Berlin and Leipzig. In recent weeks the Germans have spoken of night raids by "Anglo-American bombers," but there have been no official statements from Allied bomber commands.

The new chin turret on the B17G, Eighth Air Force said, "provides greater angles of fire and a more positive sighting mechanism." Two 50 caliber machineguns fire sufficient ammunition to discourage head-on attack.

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This electrically-driven turret, operated by the bombardier, is underneath the nose. Ammunition for the guns is on rollers flowing into the weapons. Empty cartridge cases and links are thrown clear of the ship. The bombardier controls (Continued on page 4)

5th Army Captures Two Vital Heights, Edges to Next River

Fighter-Bombers in Italy Told Targets by Radio

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Dec. 9 (UP)-New operational methods by which fighter-bombers cooperating with the land forces get their targets by radio and bomb them within three or four minutes were disclosed today.

This represents an improvement over the previous system in which the pilot got his target during the briefing ar his base 20 minutes or more behind

Pleas for Bonus After the War ArePoppingUp

Veterans' Groups, Hines Say Mustering-Out Pay Won't Be Enough

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—Congress was told yesterday by Brig. Gen. Frank D. Hines, head of the Veterans' Administration, that a bill to provide \$3,600,000,000 for mustering-out pay for servicemen would not "close the door" to later demands for a bonus.

"Passage of this bill," he said, "will not stop the demand for a soldier bonus." He recommended that the government pay

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He recommended that the government pay \$100 to those who serve less than three months in the armed forces and \$300, or whatever sum Congress decides upon, to those in service more than three months.

Millard Rice, national director of the Disabled American Veterans, told the House Military Affairs Committee that his organization "would not regard a \$300 mustering-out pay bill as discharging the government's responsibility."

He added: "We don't want to close the door on the possibility there might be other adjusted compensation due these men."

Another warning that a \$300 muster-ing-out sum would not be considered a final payment to men and women now in the services was given the committee by Homer J. Ketchum, legislative representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"If the \$300 bill," he said, "is going to be the yardstick for all these men now

and after the war, it is not enough."

Rep. William Lemke (R.-N.D.) had this to say of the \$300 measure: "Peanuts."

Increased Benefit Checks

of Dependency Benefits announced today that practically every Army wife with children will get her new increased allowance check before Christmas. Checks for more than \$40,000,000 are being mailed to half a million families—and most of them are for the increased allowances as provided recently by Congress. The allowance for Class B and B-1 dependents has also been increased, but the new checks won't get out before the new checks won't get out before Dec. 25, the ODB announced.

Army Makes Sure Those Bugs Won't Louse Up the Invasion

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, the recent discoveries and advances here Dec. 9—When the American soldier invades the continent, the brass is going to make sure he won't be scratching himself when he should be getting a dig in at the Germans.

American military personnel in the ETO soon will undergo a three-fold instructional program on how to avoid lice as part of the campaign by the Medical Corps to prevent typhus and relapsing fever epidemics when the Allies reach

Soldiers will be instructed in the use of a new powder and an insect-killing gas which are expected to stamp out what long has been a deadly nuisance. The problem again is a particularly bad one on the continent, according to Medical Corps spokesmen.

The latest measures for protection are speedier, simpler, less cumbersome and far more comforting.

Col. John W. Gordon, chief of preventive medicine in the ETO, made known

at a meeting of higher echelon medical and quartermaster officers representing ground, air and supply forces.

A special course of instruction soldiers will be broken down into:

soldiers will be broken down into: 1—How to avoid lice. 2—Where lice settle on the body and how to spot them. 3—How to get rid of the pests.

"The powder gives marvelous protection against lice," Maj. Emory C. Cushing, ETO entomologist, told the officers. "It has the power to kill the lice and also their eggs, generally laid in clothing."

One powder application carries sufficient sting to suppress any lice activity for from seven to ten days. It's rubbed onto the inner surface, especially along

onto the inner surface, especially along the seams, of undergarments.

The advent of the insect-killing gas means the finish of the old-type steam

Bags and vaults containing the gas can be pushed forward behind the lines with (Continued on page 4)

No Enemy Resistance In Area; Rain On 8th Front

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Dec. 9 (AP)—Fifth Army troops, edging along the captured slopes of Mount Maggiore and Mount Camino to-wards the upper Garigliano river, wiped out all pockets of enemy resistance, except on the northwest tip of the Maggiore mountain and in a small village nestling on the slopes of

Camino.

British troops stormed and took a ridge known as Monte Croce, two and a half miles west of the summit of Mount Camino and one mile from the river bank. According to latest reports, they were pressing on towards the river.

Further north U.S. troops attacked and captured high ground west of Venafro, despite fierce enemy resistance, supported by heavy artillery fire. Still further north, in the area west of Filignano, German pillboxes were wiped out.

If the present advance continues, estimates in unofficial quarters say that the Fifth Army should be 40 miles into the valley by the end of the week.

Cairo radio said that the capture of Mounts Camino and Maggiore has opened the way to Rome. The Germans are withdrawing to the Liri Valley. Mignano is now under Allied fire. This is the most strongly fortified sector of the Italian front. Italian front.

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Village Changes Hands

It was disclosed that the village of Calabrito, on the southern slopes of Mount Camino, had changed hands several times in bitter fighting during the past few days. It is now in Allied hands.

The floods subsided further, with another day of good weather on the Fifth Army front, but on the Eighth Army side of the peninsula, heavy rains continued, curtailing operations.

Gen. Montgomery's troops, nevertheless, improved their positions in the Orsogna area, and were locked in close action with the enemy throughout yesterday, with both sides using tanks.

Before the final resistance ended in the Mount Maggiore area, suicide snipers held out and kept firing until they were killed.

Enemy units clung to separate positions

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 9-There won't be any more promotions for being assigned to a special Army school, the War Department has ordered.

Enlisted men who are ordered to attend either basic or advanced instruction at special service or technical schools of the Army Ground Forces, Army Air Forces or Army Service Forces will go in grade held. Assignment to school is no longer sufficient reason for promotion to higher grade. This order is effective as of Nov. 10, 1943, the War Department said.

New Chicago V-Mail Depot To Speed Mid-west Service

CHICAGO, Dec. 9—Chicago got a new V-mail station this month to service about 20 states in the midwest. Instead of shipping letters to the east and west coasts, local post offices now will save about 30 hours by shipping directly to the new station. With a staff of 427 men Chicago will handle almost half the V-mail leaving and entering the United

Vast Airborne Maneuvers Are Held by Army in N.C.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—In the biggest airborne maneuvers in the history of the American Army, more than 10,000 fully equipped soldiers were landed by plane and glider in a North Carolina area, the War Department disclosed yesterday.

Hundreds of transport planes landed men, jeeps, guns, shells, fuel and food.

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The Rough Road

Mountains, mud and a difficult supply problem have all combined to slow the Allied advance in Italy, for the road to Rome is rough as well as dangerous.

In recent fighting, however, our lines have been pushed forward until the Fifth Army is now on the verge of breaking into the broad valley of the Liri which points straight at Rome. With less than 2,500 yards to go before debouching into tank terrain, American troops are in the best position to begin a more rapid advance towards the Italian capital, only seventy miles to the north, But even in the Liri, with our armor free to maneuver, the terrain is far from ideal.

And while the Fifth Army has smashed through the mountains the Eighth has driven ahead in the direction of Pescarra, from which the best route across Italy

from which the best route across Italy from east to west leads directly to Rome.

The enemy's efforts on the other hand have all been directed towards preventing

our advance on either of these two main roads, and if you draw a triangle on the map with the 5th Army approach to Rome as one side and the 8th Army approach as the other, and with Rome as the apex and the fighting front as the base, you will see that the area of the base, you will see that the area of the triangle still contains massive mountains almost everywhere except on the west coast, where the flat, marshy reclaimed land, which can be easily flooded, bars the way no less effectively this time of year than the mountains which have to be cleared one by one in bitter hand-to-

hand fighting.

That our troops could drive the Nazis out of their selected winter positions, however, indicates they can continue the push, and all roads lead to Rome.

A Conquering Spirit

"Such spirit will always conquer-it can never be conquered."

In these words Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, paid high tribute to the U.S. Army engineers-white and colored battalions and general service regiments, whose "brain, brawn and spirit" made possible the recent dedication of six great airdromes. The dromes, valued at \$40,000,000, are ETOUSA's fighting answer to the Axis.

Watching the helmeted service troops parade on a mist-shrouded field was to get an inkling of what they must have

get an inking of what they must have faced in the way of mud, rain and darkness as they toiled and sweated to construct more than 2,000 buildings, move enough material to fill a convoy of trucks 22,000 miles long, and transport it a distance equal to 1,000 times around the earth at the equator. As Brig, Gen. C. R. Moore, theater engineer under whose direction the work was completed, remarked, "such soldiers can feel a justifiable thrill of pride in the part they played in bringing closer the day of victory."

While the completion of the airdromes was a mark of engineering achievement, it

was equally important as a means of exemplifying our growing air might; the splendid teamwork between our Air Force and Service Force; and the cooperative aid offered by our British partner in furnishing the construction materials, the land and part of the labor under lend-

lease arrangements.

The patriotic spirit shown by the engineers in this and other great accomplish-ments is worthy of the highest commen-dation. As Gen. Devers declared:

"Such spirit will always conquer—it can never be conquered."

Unusual Opportunity

An unusual opportunity is being offered officers and enlisted men in this theater interested in motion-picture production. It is the chance to take a weekend course on "The Film" presented by the University of Bristol under the leadership of trained professional personnel who understand the problems of production and direction of motion pictures in both Great

Britain and the United States.

The course includes illustrated lectures on documentary and entertainment films. It is brief, but thoroughly covers the

To military personnel interested in motion-picture production this short course makes a leave or furlough very much worth while. Beginning on Dec. 31, the course continues until Jan. 3. Accepted applicants will live in the University dormitories and mess at the Common Room while attending classes.

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Fees for the course on movie production are only £1 16s., and cover all expenses at Bristol University, including meals and billets. Those interested in this unusual opportunity should apply immediately to the Chief of Special Service, Headquarters, ETO, SOS.

The course comes highly recommended.

Hash Marks

toy bazaar the most popular feature was a hobby horse, which the kids promptly named "Hitler's Secret Weapon"— because you can rock it and rock it and

It took a skunk (and we don't mean Hitler) to get the draft board to ease up on its regulations a bit. A North Dakota



man was arrested for not having a draft Your honor, I was trapping mink, beaver and other animals. One morning I found a skunk in one of my traps. I had to burn my clothes and my draft card was in the pocket—I couldn't have lived with that draft card after that anyway." He

Confusion on the Home Front. One of the most amusing things we've seen lately is cartoonist Bandel Linn's concep-"the war news." Here's his guess to end all guesses . . "and I would like to say a few words to you about the duration of the war. In my opinion the war will last until the spring of next year unless we run into an unexpected obstacle. will last until the spring of next year unless we run into an unexpected obstacle, in which case it might last until the fall of '45 or even the late summer of '47. It could end in another two months. I hardly think this is likely, although I am not saying it isn't a possibility. High Army officials believe it will end about July of next year, but some of them qualify that with the statement that it is merely guess work. Others seem to think that this is a ten-year war and point out that . . ."

Close Shave Dept. Marines in the S.
Pacific stick old razor blades in trees for Japs to cut their hands and feet on when they shinny up to snipe.

Fun on the Rome Front. German guards watched intently the diplomatic car with a Vatican license that drove into



Vatican City from Rome. While they had their eyes fixed on the big car, a small car sped through the gates into neutral territory. Three Americans stepped out free men. They were German prisoners of war who had stolen the car from the Germans who had stolen it from the

Is this the Nazis Secret Weapon?the British weather.

PRIVATE BREGER

Combat Ace Keeps Them Flying

Flew Alaskan Mail Run for Army With Arnold

EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND HQ, Dec. 9—An ace who shot down seven German planes in the last war, who fought practice doglights with Claire Chennault and flew with Henry H. Arnold on the first Army air mail run to Alaska, today occupies one of the hottest and most important seats in the European theater of Operations.

As chief of Eighth Air Force Service Command, Col. John S. Griffith, in his own words, has the job of keeping as many planes in the air as possible—"preferably the air over Berlin."

Years of flying, when it was no white-

gloved job, have given him an insight into the problems of maintenance and repair that no "chairborne" official could hope to equal.

Too Young' for USAC

At the beginning of the last war, Griffith, too young to join the American Air Corps, left his home in Seattle and joined the Royal Air Corps. A few months later he was flying combat sorties over France in SE5s.

When the war ended he was a major, with save experience and the seat of the seat

with seven enemy planes and two observa-tion balloons to his credit and the British DFC on his chest.

The Russians awarded him the Order of Vladimir and the Order of St. Anne.



Col. John S. Griffith

Homesick for America, Griffith transferred to the U.S. Army, where the knowledge he had gained in combat was utilized in the training of pilots.

One tour of duty took him to Hawaii, where he met Claire Chennault.

"I was flying wing for Claire when he was a first looie," Col. Griffith said. "We used to have practice dogfights, with the loser buying the drinks. He bought very few, believe me."

Griffith Shot Down 7 Germans in World War

The 45-year-old airman is an executive as well as a flier. For years he held a post as resident Air Corps representative at various west coast aircraft factories.

"I well remember when an order for 100 bombers amazed factory officials," he said. "Now, a \$30,000,000 order is considered a sub-contract.

His job as inspection chief called for personal supervision of rigid tests given Government-bought aircraft. As inspection chief he won the American DFC.

Stayed in Burning Plane

"There wasn't much to that," he said, when questioned about his citation. "We were testing a C33 when a motor caught fire. Seven of the crew hit the silk, but the co-pilot and I decided to stick with the ship in an effort to find the cause of he ship in an effort to find the cause of the trouble.

"We finally managed to put out the fire . . and, incidentally, found that a poorly designed carburetor plug had

caused it.

caused it."

Asked whether his present job as chief of maintenance and repair didn't seem tame alongside the thrills of combat flying, Col. Griffith said:

"True, our men don't get medals and publicity, but we get our reward every time we see a repaired Fort heading for Germany with a load of bombs."

As Exponent of Art of Double Dealing, Japan's History Rates Her as the Tops

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

In 1866 Japan emerged from the cocoon of isolationism in which she had been wrapped for more than 220 years and launched a career in international politics that has never been rivalled for deceit, treachery and aggression.

Last week the decisions of the initial Cairo conference—the first flat declaration of Allied aims in the Pacific-sounded the death knell of the hopes of the Land of the Rising Sun for world domination.

"Japan," said Roosevelt, Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek," will be stripped of all the lands she has seized by conquest and the territory put under her mandate after

This step goes back beyond Pearl Harbor and the Philippines. It goes back further than the start of the "China Incident," It goes back even further than the Japs' sneak attack on Port Arthur in 1904—an attack astonishingly similar in planning, setting and execution to the Parl Harbor sneak attack 37 years later.

The first incident of Japanese aggressions and the parl Harbor sneak attack 37 years later.

The first incident of Japanese aggression dates back to 1875, the year the Japanese government boldly declared the kingdom of Ryu Kyu a prefecture and later annexed the Kuriles, that chain of islands stretching from Hokaido to the Kamchatka peninsula.

The story really starts early in the 17th

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Perry Opened Japan's Doors

Japan closed her doors on the West in the first three decades of 1700. Christianity was banned. Western mer-chants and missionaries were expelled from the country. Foreigners were not allowed to come to Japan, and the Japanese were not allowed to leave.

But the whaling industry off the coast of Alaska and in the seas of China and Japan brought the Western world again

to the door of Nippon and this time the door was opened by the butt of a gun.
On July 7, 1853, Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry, USN, entered Uraga Bay with a squadron of four ships-of-war. So impressive and formidable a sight had not been seen in Japanese waters since the coming of the Mongol Armada.

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Perry, however, had no authority to Perry, however, had no authority to support his proposals for a treaty by force of arms, and after ten days he left, with a promise to return in February. But behind him he left a letter from President Franklin Pierce, and a collection of "products of progress," ranging from sewing machines to miniature railways.

Perry returned, as promised, in February, this time with ten ships and 2,000 men. His previous visit had had a deep and lasting effect, and after six weeks of negotiation he obtained a treaty pledging Japan to permit foreign vessels to obtain stores and provisions from within her territory, to allow American ships to anchor in Japanese ports, and to accord friendly treatment to shipwrecked American sailors.

In 1858, Townsend Harris, first consulgeneral to Japan, concluded a treaty con-taining provisions that commerce between the United States and Japan should be carried out freely.

Two hundred years of feudal government are not thrown overboard in a matter of months, however. It was 1866 before Japan completely and whole-heartedly adopted Western civilization. She was ready and willing now to take her place among the progressive nations of the world. the world.

Bloodless Invasion of Korea

Japan entered a new phase. This was a 'New Order."

When the Japs moved into Ryu Kyu and the Kuriles in 1875, China made only a feeble protest. Japan agreed to recognize Russia's right to the island of Sakhalin if Russia would recognize Japan's right to the Kuriles.

The next year Japan made her next move—toward Korea. A naval force was dispatched to negotiate a Treaty of Amity with Korea, and for the first time used a system of "diplomacy" employed against China many times later—an olive branch in one hand and a large club in the other.

As a result of the treaty, three ports were opened to Korean-Japanese trade were opened to Korean-Japanese trade and the Japs began a bloodless invasion. Thousands of men were sent to Korea from Japan and a strong antipathy de-veloped between the Koreans and the Japanese, an antipathy encouraged by

China.

Meanwhile, Russia was expanding from the east, and in 1891 began building the Trans-Siberian railway in search of a Pacific outlet. Russia constituted a real threat to Japanese aims and, using the unsatisfactory Korean situation as an excuse, Japan in 1894 launched her attack on Korea.

The Chinese forces in Korea were speedily defeated and the Chinese navy was crushed in a series of short engagements. In a treaty signed at Shimonoseki in 1895, China agreed to recognize the independence of Korea and was forced to cede Formosa and the neighboring Pescadore Islands, as well as the southern part of Manchuria. Manchuria did not last long in Japanese hands, however, for Germany, Russia and France intervened

and forced Japan to yield her gains in that region, an incident that rankled long in the breasts of the Japanese.

In 1900, as a result of the part played by Japanese troops in subduing the Boxer Rebellion and relieving the beleaguered garrison of Peking, Japan secured a right to station a garrison in the capital of China. At the start of the century, after only 34 years of international dealings, Japan was well on the road to imperialism. Japan entered the record stage of her

Japan entered the second stage of her expansion program in 1904 with an action that set a precedent for another worldshattering attack 37 years later—the sneak attack on Port Arthur, a Russian base leased from China to furnish Russia a long-sought-for ice-free port on the

Preview of Pearl Harbor

This "Pearl Harbor by sea" set the pattern that was followed in 1941 in dealings with the United States. Between August of 1903 and February of 1904 ten different treaties were discussed. Japan decided on Feb. 4 to attack Port Arthur, but negotiations were still going on on Feb. 5.

On the night of Feb. 8, the Japanese navy, commanded by Vice Adm. Togo, struck a paralyzing blow at the Russian fleet in Port Arthur. The Japs had spent ten years planning this attack, and the plans were laid well. After a series of severe setbacks on land and sea, the Tsar of Russia in June of 1905 accepted the mediation of President Theodore Roose-velt, and a treaty was signed in Ports-

mediation of President Theodore Roosevelt, and a treaty was signed in Portsmouth, N.H., in August of that year.

By the terms of the treaty, Russia agreed to (1) cede her half of Saghalien; (2) surfender her lease of Port Arthur and the Kwantung peninsula, evacuate Manchuria, and (3) recognize Japan's sphere of influence in Korea.

The next 25 years were comparatively quiet years for Japan, but rich in rewards. In 1910, Korea was quietly annexed and incorporated into the Japanese empire. In 1914 Japan entered the World War on the side of the Allies and played a useful, if minor, part. At the peace table she was awarded a mandate over Germany's former possessions in the South Pacific—the Marshall, Caroline and Mariana Islands.

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cut the three northeastern provinces of the main body of China. In 1935 and '36 the Japanese army quietly began to press west and southwest from its bases in Manchuria, and in 1937 attempted to nibble off the five northern provinces of China as she had already nibbled oif Manchuria and Inner Mongolia.

China was stronger now, however, and in no mood to acquiesce in further aggression on the part of Japan. Thus began the "China Incident," in which Japan steadfastly refused to declare war, calling the operation only an "incident."

It was a war, whatever the Japs called it, and it soon spread over the length and breadth of China. Japan, at an enormous loss of life, occupied the main cities of China, all the main rivers, all the main railways. The Japanese navy blockaded the Chinese coast and the air force bombed those cities in the interior which remained under the jurisdiction of the Chinese Government.

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In the summer of 1940, after the fall of France, Japan moved in yet another direction. Japan took advantage of the situation to impose a treaty on the colonial administration of Indo-China, whereby Japanese treaty ware stationed

colonial administration of Indo-China, whereby Japanese troops were stationed in Tonkin. In the summer of 1941 southern Indo-China was occupied, again under a cloak of legality.

It was only a matter of months until the attacks came on Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Malaya, Burma, the Netherlands East Indies and the British islands to the north and northeast of Australia.

"You got any idea what a mopping-up squad means?"



NEW YORK, Dec. 9—Sammy Baugh got most of the headlines when the Redskins upset the Bears, but it was that Washington forward wall that outplayed the Bruins. Irony of the game was that George Cafego, whom the Skins picked up for \$100 after the Dodgers said he was through, led the Marshall minions most of the game.

most of the game.

Columbia, playing the toughest schedule in the east, dropped eight straight but didn't have a serious injury all year. Lou Little calls this his greatest Lion club because of their spirit. . . . Abe. Atteil, the old teatherweight champ, is out of a New York hospital with the full use of both legs. The oldtimer was the victim of a cab accident and it was thought for a long while that he would never again be able to walk. . . Elmer Layden, one of the old Notre Dame Four Horsemen, solved a problem nicely on the day of the Irish-lowa Scahawk game. The czar of the pro game had only the last day of the season to go pheasant hunting and that was the day of the game. After much thought he went hunting, but he rigged up a portable radio onahis back to hear the game while getting his limit of birds.

Ruffin Forgot

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Scalpers were getting 20 bucks a seat for tickets to the Redskins-Bears game and didn't have near enough to fill the demand. . . Bobby Ruffin-took only his skipping rope and his trainer to Lakewood, N.J., to train for his bout with Sammy Angott, saying that that was all he'd need. Guess Bobby forgot what happened to the Giants, who also trained at Lakewood.

Chief Specialist "December 1997

at Lakewood.

Chief Specialist "Dynamite Gus"
Sonnenberg is recovering from a serious illness at Bainbridge Naval Station after 11 weeks of hospitalization. It still will be a long time before the old Dartmouth All-Everything gets back to active duty.

Max Marek, the guy who licked Joe Louis as an amateur, is now stationed at Mitchel Field, where you'll probably find more good boxers per square foot than any place else in the country.

Al Johnson, who was up on two Derby winners, is now directing a coast jockey school sponsored by Bing Crosby.

Strongman Silovich

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Marquette's center, Marty Silovich, did all right by his name. In Polish, Silovich means "strongman," and Marty was just that for the weak Hilltoppers. . . The Yankees' Marius Russo is an expediter. First he hurried the Cards into the scrap heap and now he's got a job as a human spark-plug in a California aircraft plant.

The Professional Golfers' Association

. . The Professional Golfers' Association used most of the time at its 27th annual convention in Chicago recently to discuss post-war golf. President Ed Dudley said his PGA came up with this two-point program: To expand its wartime tournament schedule, operating the events in conjunction with war bond drives, and to do all it can to relocate, rehabilitate and otherwise assist golf progreturning from military and naval service.

returning from military and naval service.

George Bannon, rimekeeper at most of the important Eastern ring shows, estimates he has timed at least 25,000 fights in his 45-year career. . . Babe Ruth and Brick Laws, president of the Oakland Pacific Coast League nine, are going to get together for a little gabfest, but Dolph Camilli still looms as the No. 1 candidate for the Oakland managerial berth. . . For the past 20 months Larry Martin, former Wisconsin ski champion, has been on duty with the Army mountain infantry. on duty with the Army mountain infantry. When he got a furlough he—you guessed it—headed for Iron Mountain, Mich., to do a little skiing in his free time.

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Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

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Leica, Contax, Roleflex, or any other better make 35-mm, miniature camera with F3.5 or larger lens,—Cpl. Birenzweig, c/o Help Wanted.

35-MM, Camera with F3.5 or 4.5 lens.—John A. Chalot, c/o Help Wanted.

Lost PEN-Will the lieutenant who botrowed my pen at the Post Office Money Order Window on or about Nov. 13 please return it to me at the Post Office or c/o Help Wanted?—Sgt. James B. Couch



AAUto Expand CBS Cagers **FitnessProgram**

DiBenedetto Re-Elected 38 Teams in Four Loops President; Swim Marks Rejected

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 9 — The Amateur Athletic Union closed its 59th annual convention here by electing Louis DiBenedetto, of New Orleans, president for his fifth consecutive term.

The convention discussed plans to expand its general physical fitness program by organizing AAU clubs in every city of more than 3,000 population and spurring inter-city competition. Capt. Alfred Fleishman, Medical Services Division, Army Air Force, had previously told the convention that the new rehabilitation program in 250 AAF hospitals had reduced the convalescence period by 25 per cent.

cent.

The swimming committee rejected a plea to approve 200-meter and 200-yard breast-stroke records by Emmett Cashin, of Stanford University. He set the marks Apr. 10 at Palo Alto, Cal., and July 10 at Los Angeles. The top question regarding leg action caused the rejection. There is a possibility, however, that the timing committee may reverse the finding. This was the first ruling on 63 records before the committee for approval.

The Union adopted a resolution thanking Gunder Haegg, Gil Dodds and Bill Hulse for their tour last summer resulting in \$125,000 for the service fund. The three runners also were voted trophies.

JackieWilson Disqualified In Bout With Tony Costa

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Dec. 9 — Tony Costa, of Woonsocket, R.I., 130, beat Jackie Wilson, of Pittsburgh, 129, former NBA featherweight champ, when the referee disqualified Wilson for pulling punches in the sixth round of a scheduled

When Referee Tim Ferrick awarded Costa the fight, Wilson claimed he hurt his left arm in the third round when Costa pummeled him with a series of left hooks. Ferrick claimed Wilson had a hard right on the way to Costa's unprotected jaw in the sixth and pulled

Guagliardo TKOs Irvin

BLACKPOOL, Dec. 9—Pvt. Nick Guagliardo, New Orleans, 147-pounder, TKOed Pvt. Bob Irvin, of Pittsburgh, 146, in the main event of an eight-bout card sponsored jointly by the Air Service Command and RAF stations at the Tower Command and RAF stations at the Tower Circus here last night. A short left put Guagliardo down for a nine count in the first, but the New Orleans welterweight came back with a two-handed attack in the second and Irvin failed to answer the healt for the final round. bell for the final round.

ARC Table Tennisers Win

The London Hans Crescent table tennis five took the British War Office leam, 4—3, in a return mixed singles and doubles game on the latter's tables,

Open Season

To Use Two-Court Gymnasium

ETO basketball season opened Wednesday night at the newly opened Queen's Club gym at Baron's Court.

The gym is large enough to accommodate two games simultaneously. When completed it will have indoor volley ball, tennis, and squash courts, while a boxing ring and archery range also are being built.

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The building will be heated and parallel bars, ropes, punching bags, showers and all facilities necessary for physical training will be available. It is open to GIs stationed in London or on leave from 9 AM until 10 PM.

The four London basketball leagues—ETO headquarters, Marble Arch, Mayfair and Officers—comprise 38 teams including Army, Navy and Marines. They will have their home courts there and six games a night for six nights a week will be played, with Saturday nights left open for visiting teams. Arrangements are being made for competition between WAC, Canadian and British teams.

S/Sgt. Harold Heath, of Arcadia, Wis., hooped ten points to aid the — MPs in their 26—14 victory over the — Port Company. In an overtime session, the AG team, in the ETO headquarters circuit, edged out the — Ordnance five, 10—9.

Escobar a Private in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Dec. 9— Sixto Escobar, former bantamweight champ, is now a private in the U.S. Army Antilles Air Command.

Marshall Willing to Bet \$5,000 Skins Don't Wager

Pastor Tackles Barlund In Ring Return Dec. 17

DENVER, Col., Dec. 9-After a year and a half layoff, Bob Pastor is returning to the ring. Pastor, currently a physical instructor at nearby Fort Logan, fights Finnish veteran Gunnar Barlund in a ten-rounder here

Army approval for Pastor's participation was revealed here yesterday and the bout will benefit the Army Air Forces Fund sponsored by the newlyformed Denver Sports Association.

Service Boxers Voted Trophy

Pro Ringmen Now Serving Win O'Neil Award As a Group

NEW YORK, Dec. 9—The New York Boxing Writers' Association has awarded the Edward J. O'Neil Trophy for distinguished service to boxing for 1943 to "the professional boxers who have entered our armed services for the current war."

This is the first time the award ever has been given to a group since the plaque was originated in 1938 in memory of the boxing writer who was killed covering the Spanish civil war.

Spanish civil war.

Jack Dempsey, Billy Conn, Henry Armstrong, Joe Louis and Barney Ross were former recipients of the award.

The writers pointed out that 4,019 pro-

fessional boxers have entered the service Twenty-five have been killed in action or through accidents, while seven are miss-ing in action and 30 have been wounded. Ten have been decorated for valor.

The presentation will be made to five boxers in the service on Jan. 19 and the trophy will hang in Madison Square Garden.

Camilli to Boss Oakland Oaks

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 9—Brick Laws, president of the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League, has announced the signing of Dolph Camilli, former Brooklyn Dodger first baseman, to a two-year contract as manager of the

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The Oaks made the deal with the New York Giants who bought Camilli last summer from the Dodgers only to have Camilli quit baseball to return to his Laytonville, Cal., farm.

Part of the deal with the Oaks gave the Giants an option on Shortstop Bill Rigney, now in the Navy. Judge Landis must approve the deal before it is final.

Hockey Results
American League
Hershey 4, Cleveland 1
Indianapolis 6, Providence 2
Eastern Amateur League
Boston 6, Philadelphia 0

Unbeaten Teams Meet In Wales Gridiron Attraction

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A COAST TOWN, Dec. 9-Two undefeated football elevens, the Screaming Eagles and the Invaders, will meet

probably will wind up the season for both squads. Kickoff is at 2 PM.

The Eagles, although tied, 6-6, by the Skytrainers last Sunday at Reading, will be a definite threat to the Invaders. They

will rely heavily on Lt. Robert Burns, a fullback from the University of South Dakota, and Lt. Ed Swanson, 1942 All-Army right end from Kansas State. This

I from Clemson, probably will aid the Eagle running attack. Although little is known about the

Invaders, a field forces outfit, if coaches can win a game, they have no worries Their brains trust is headed by Lt. Clarence Welsh, of Macon, Ga., threeyear halfback star with Georgia State and veteran of the Orange Bowl game with TCU in 1942. Lending a guiding hand with Welsh is Lt. Willard Bunker, of Lincoln, Neb., all-conference footballer from University of Nebraska and a 1940 Rose

The game has been arranged by field forces athletic officer Capt. Sol. Radam pair is expected to put on a fast-moving aerial show.

Another snagger who should show up well is Pvt. Gruber, who held down the left end position at Toledo University, Halfback Stasiga, who also was with Kansas State, and Lt. Hunter, halfback British Prisoners of War Fund.

Washington Grid Owner Calls Paper's Story 'Malicious'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 — George Preston Marshall, Washington laundry tycoon and owner of the Washington Redskins, says that nobody on his team bets on football—and he is willing to bet \$5,000 that nobody on the team bets.

The Washington-Times Herald printed a copyrighted story that Elmer Layden, League commissioner, had investigated rumors that football players associate with bookmakers. Layden replied that it was true that he had looked into the matter, but was unable to find substantiation of the rumors and declared that anyone caught gambling would be banished from the game for life.

The Times-Herald replied that it would print an exposé and the names of the players involved.

Confidence in Players

This led Marshall to let off steam. "Anyone who says a Redskin football player has been betting on professional football games is a liar," Marshall exploded, "and I am willing to pay \$5,000 cash for proof, that's how much faith and confidence I have in my players."

Marshall took the entire Redskin team washan took the effice Redskin leant to the editorial room of the Times-Herald yesterday and Marshall went into a conference with Vincent X. Flaherty and Dick O'Brien, who wrote the story, and the paper's officials.

The story said that Marshall had admitted twice to reporters that he had asked Maj. Edward Kelly, Washington police superintendent, to investigate the rumors. The reporters asserted that Layden also admitted investigating. The re-porters revealed that Marshall asked them the names, but they declined to give them, saying that was League business and not

Kelly Admits Investigation
Maj. Kelly admitted investigating gambling rumors at Marshall's request. Street corner rumors started circulating Street corner rumors started circulating after the world champion Redskins barely nosed out the Chicago Cardinals, doormat of the League, 13—7, on Oct. 24. Then, on Nov. 7, the Skins played a 14—14 tie with the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Steagles. The rumors multiplied when the Redskins topped the heavily favored Chicago Bears, 21—7, then lost on successive Sundays to the Steagles, 21—7, and the Giants, 14—10.

After his conference with the re-

After his conference with the re-porters, Marshall characterized the story as "malicious and vicious" and repeated his \$5,000 offer.

"I never bet on a football game, college or pro, in all my life," said Sammy Baugh, Redskin passing ace, "and I don't know of any player who ever has."

Redskins Lose Wilbur Moore

WASHINGTON. Dec. 9—Coach Dutch Bergman has announced that the Redskins definitely will be without the services next Sunday of their ace pass catcher, reverse runner and blocking back, Wilbur Moore, when the Skins meet up again with the New Yorkers.

Moore suffered an injured back last Sunday against the Polo Ground eleven and was unable to walk after the game. He is now confined to a hospital here for back and leg treatment.

Moore, Washington's leading ground gainer, has pulled down 30 of Sammy Baugh's heaves for 537 yards. Speedy Rookie Frank Seno will play Moore's position against the Giants.

Blozis to Play for Giants

NEW YORK, Dec. 9—Al Blozis, giant New York tackle, was inducted at Newark, N.J., yesterday and told to report to Fort Dix in three weeks. The furlough gives Blozis, who is 6 foot, 64 and weighs 245, an opportunity to repeat his tactics against Sammy Baugh, whom he bothered generatedly last Sunday with he bothered repeatedly last Sunday with his rushing tactics. If the Giants win, Blozis also can play the following Sunday in the playoff game to decide the Eastern Division champs of the National Football League.

Callahan, Former Fighter, Killed With Fifth Army

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 9 — Andy Callahan, former New England lightweight, welterweight and middleweight, has been disclosed to be the first New England boxer to be killed in this war. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Callahan, Andy's parents, were notified by War Department that Andy was killed in Italy, Nov. 15.

Andy started as an amateur in 1926 and subsequently fought most lightweights, middleweights and welterweights from coast to coast. AWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 9 - Andy

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Basketball Results

Brooklyn Army Base 52, Yale 41
Canisius 46, Beffalo Coast Guard 13
Detroit Tech 51, Selfridge Field 21
Great Lakes 86, Chicago 29
Hobart 52, General Electric 28
Marshall 68, Georgetown 22
Monmouth 61, Augustana 35
Princeton 39, Mulhenberg 37
Rhode Island State 125, HO Sq., Quonset Point, 78 Westminster 61, Carnegie Tech 38





NEWS FROM HOME

America Faces Huge Post-War **Spending Spree**

Poll Shows People Intend To Spend Savings Of 20 Billion

washington, Dec. 9—Twenty billion dollars will be spent for automobiles, homes, household appliances and similar consumers' goods within the first six months after the war ends, if the goods are available, in the opinion of 64 per cent of U.S. families surveyed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The poll showed that money saved during the war-would be spent this way: Home-hold Appliances
Home Furnishings
Home and Farm Improvements

Eighty-six per cent of the families sur-veyed believed that factories would not be able to reconvert from war production to peace output in less than six months, and 32 per cent expected that as a result a period of unemployment would follow.

Despite this, 55 per cent looked for a prosperous period to set in immediately after the species of the second of the

after the war's end.

The survey showed that 84 per cent of the families sampled were saving money and expected to have money to spend at the end of the war. Only 28 per cent of those polled reported they were worse off financially than a year ago.

Those Poor Boys!

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—Limited transportation facilities, the War Department announced, again makes necessary the rule that only ten per cent of any Army post in America may be given Christmas or New Year furloughs, which will be limited to ten days. Instructions have been issued to post commanders to arrange furissued to post commanders to arrange fur-loughs so that men will not travel to or from their posts on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. One-day passes will be counted as part of the ten per cent quota.

Landon Boosts Dewey

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—Alfred Landon, GOP Presidential candidate in 1936, said that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, was an "outstanding possibility" to head next year's Republican

Peace Is Not Yet InSight,Stimson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson warned today that not until Europe was invaded and until the U.S. Navy met the Japanese home fleet could it be said that the end of war was even approaching.

He said that every war fell into three periods, the onset, the "drag," when casualties and combat began to weigh on nations involved, and the finish.

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Although he added that the Allies had

every hope for encouragement, he declared it could not be said that they were passing through the second period

Stimson advocated a general anti-inflation law to control wages and prices.

It'll BeLittleOldNewYork At Columbia Club Sunday

New Yorkers serving in the ETO will gather from 7.30 to 10.30 PM Sunday at the London ARC Columbia club for a reunion dance and celebration at which they will hear a message from Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, specially recorded for the

will be invited to pen short messages to the folks back home in a book which officials hope to send back for display in a civic building. Singer Marion Chase will lead the entertainment.

Reds Bag 750 Nazi Planes

MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (UP)-The Germans lost 750 planes in Russia last month, the Moscow news said yesterday. The biggest air battles took place west of Kiev and southwest of Dnepropetrovsk.

AFN Radio Program

Friday, Dec. 10

1230 Cortain Call. 1255 Onlet Moment. 1300 World News (BBC). 1310 Barracks Bar Entertainment grab-bag. 1400 Visiting Hoor. 1430 Sign. Off until 1745 hours.

1745—Program Resume—Spotlight on Russ Morgan,
1800—World News (BBC),
1810—Of Supper Club,
1900—Seven O'Ctock Spotts—Stars and
Stripes,
1905—Comedy Caravan,
1930—Family Hour,
2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of
News from the U.S.A. presented by
The Stars and Stripes,
2010—Fred Waring Program,
2025—Ministure,

McCarthy Program-with

Courile McCarday Program with Edgar Bergen. Roundlep Time. Suspense! Final Edition. Sign Off until 1100 hours Saturday, Dec. 11.

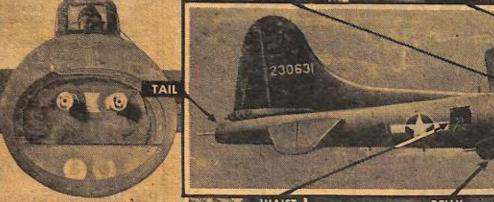
Two New Guns in Chin Turret Give B17G 13 Caliber .50s

The Flying Fortress is a flying gun. From head to toe the B 17G, eighth in the series of huge craft turned loose against the Axis, bristles with 13 50-caliber machine guns. A feature of the latest model is the pair of weapons in the new chin turret.

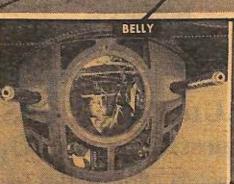


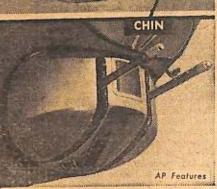












B17sHaulingTonMoreBombs; ETO Raiders Gain Fire Power

the direction and speed of traverse of the guns by handle-bar type control handles.

"The chin turret gives the Fortress four pairs of .50 caliber machine-guns in the chin, upper and ball turrets and the tail. In addition, the Fort has single-mounted guns in the nose, the waist and near the radio operator."

The changes in the B24H give the Liberator four power turrets—nose, upper, ball and tail. The new nose turret protects the gunner behind half-inch metal armor and two and a half inch bullet-proof glass, Armor and glass are mounted on tracks and move with the gun. The ball turret was described as "virtually identical with the old Fortress turret, with the addition of a retracting mechanism necessitated by the Liberator's low belly."

greater armament and increased striking power came shortly after Vice Air Marshal R. H. M. S. Saundby, deputy chief of RAF bomber command, asserted that Allied bombs have devastated 25 per cent of the total area of Germany's blitzed cities.

The devastation, he said, is roughly equivalent to destruction of three-fourths of the built-up areas of Glasgow, Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh, Sheffield, Bristol, Leeds, Hull and Bradford—the ten largest cities in England and Scotland, with the exception of London

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Disclosure of the USAAF bomber's

12 B26 Airmen Awarded DFC by Gen. Anderson

A U.S. MARAUDER STATION, England, Dec. 9—Brig. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson, Marauder chief in the ETO,

Anderson, Marauder chief in the ETO, today awarded the DFC for meritorious achievement to 12 members of this Marauder group commanded by Lt. Col. Wilson R. Wood, of Chico, Tex. The men honored were:

Capt. Chester I. Harris, Hartford, Conn.; Capt. William J. Heather, Southbridge, Mass.; 11Lt. William F. Kahley, Oswega, N.C.; 17Lt. Edward K. McCutcheon, Oil City, Pa.; Capt. Walter J. Wilson, Glen Cove, L.I.; 17Lt. Thomas G. Trainor, Haverhill, Mass.; T/Sgt. Walter J. Hassinger, Witchias Falls, Tex.; S/Sgt. Raymond J. Vignochi, Ottawa, Ill.; T/Sgt. Richard L. Schaffert, Cleveland, Ohio; 17Lt. John R. McAdam, Kingman, Kan.; 17Lt. William Wolfendon, Lawrence, Mass., and 1/Lt. Phillip J. Williamson, Summer-ville, Mass.

November U-Boat Sinkings Lowest Since May, 1940

Nazi U-boats sunk fewer Allied mer-chant vessels in November than any other month since May, 1940, a joint statement by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill revealed yesterday.

Part of the gain was attributed to air-craft operating from Azores bases newly acquired from Portugal, which have im-proved protection for Allied convoys. The statement declared the enemy used

long-range aircraft to assist in concentrating U-boats on convoy routes. Despite this precaution, U-boat losses last month again exceeded the number of their

Terry and the Pirates

New Prayer for Peace Is Made by the Pope

Pope Pius XII, in a prayer for peace on the Feast of the Immaculate Concep-tion, asked for "peace for our souls and peace that we might lay down arms." The

peace that we might lay down arms." The text of the prayer was broadcast yesterday by Vatican radio.
"In this tragic hour of human history," the Pope prayed "our hearts turn to the Immaculate Virgin . . . We pray to you to stop the flood of hate and neopaganism that is sweeping the world and that love and true peace might once more fill the hearts of men."

Berlin radio said that the Pope probably would make a broadcast speech on the morning before Christmas Eve.

Army Has 2 New Fighters; Both Superior to P47, P38

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9-Robert A Lovett, assistant secretary of war for air, in an article in the Army and Navy Journal, disclosed that two new types of fighter planes would soon be in combat. He said that the planes were superior to the Thunderbolt and Lightning.

Army Has 7,390,000 Men

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9-James F. Byrnes, director of the Office of War Mobilization, revealed that the Army now numbers 7,390,000 men. By the end of the year, he said, there would be 2,500,000 men overseas.

Wife Sent Xmas Gift And Snagged Signals

A USAAF STATION, Dec. 9-It's boy for S/Sgt. Perry A. Nebergall, of Roadhouse, Ill. He's the P47 crew chief who arranged with his wife to send him \$10 if a girl arrived, \$20 if boy was born.

Instead, she sent \$50, which had Nebergall figuring it might be three girls and a boy, two boys and one girl, etc. Mrs. Nebergall put him at ease by writing:

"It was so near Christmas, I sent you \$30 extra."

Airgraph Service Set Up From Canada to ETO

The U.S. and Canada have worked out an arrangement whereby Canadians may use "Airgraph," similar to V-Mail, in writing to American soldiers in the United Kingdom, Lt. Col. Edgar E. Schroeder, chief postal officer in the ETO, announced yesterday.

It was announced several weeks ago that American soldiers in the U.K. could use V-Mail in writing to friends in Canada. Canadian troops in the U.K. may write to friends in the U.S. by Airgraph. The arrangement thus has become fully reciprocal.

Col. Schroeder suggested that U.S. personnel inform Canadian friends of the new arrangement. Airgraph letters should be addressed the same way as V-Mail.

No Lice - - -

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little trouble. Steam chambers frequently became stuck in the mud.

The men will learn how to differentiate between the most dangerous of the species-the head and body louse and the crab louse. The bodies of the first two are elongated, that of the other heart-

Tuesday's program included demonstrations of bags and vault fumigation by Maj. Ralph W. Bunn and Capt. William L. Barrett, of the Sanitary Corps.

Capt. Barrett also gave those present an "extra treat." He showed how lice irritations actually look on the arm and ankle. To make things realistic, Capt. Barrett previously had allowed insects to harvest on his ankle for a week and his arm to 24 hours.

Red Line Holds German Drive

Russia Claims Nazis Lost 5,000 Men, 200 Tanks, In Bid for Kiev

MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (AP)-The Russian front lines have not cracked at any point west of Kiev, in spite of the all-out Ger-man efforts to achieve a breakthrough and regain control of the great Ukraine basin, front line dispatches said today.

Moscow reports said 5,000 Nazi officers and men had been killed in a violent three-day battle in this sector. Tank losses for the same period amount to close on 200, indicating it was one of the 'greatest tank, battles of the Soviet campaign. campaign.

The Russian communiques describe the

heaviest German attacks as coming from northeast of Cherniakov, which is a village railway station between Zhitomir and Korosten,

The Russians have never described the battlefield in exact terms, but have described it for several days a₃ "northeast of Cherniakov."

The Germans no longer possess a north

to south line of communication by rail-way at any place close to the front, but so far have managed to reinforce their

Nazi troops excellently from the rear.

Nazi troops are seldom moved from north to south or vice-versa in any great numbers during the present Soviet advance, but are being taken from Germany, Poland, Holland, Italy and France.

Britain Is Urged to Boost Soldier Pay to Yank Level

Members of Parliament demanded yesterday that "in justice to the British soldiers" their pay should be boosted to equal that of American servicemen. Leading the argument was Maj. Abraham M. Lyons, Leicester Conservative.

Clement Attlee, deputy premier, said that it was not possible to make any useful comparison between rates of pay because wages and prices differed considerably in the States from those in Britain.

Write Your Own Headline

Unless the war ends today, by tomorrow it will have lasted longer for
Britain than did World War I, which
continued for four years, three months
and seven days. United States' participation in this one already far exceeds the
duration of her fight last time, which
lasted only 20 months. We're three days
into our third year of World War II.

By Milton Caniff









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