

Nazis Admit Falling Back Before Fifth

Units of Italian Army Join Allies in the Fighting, Badoglio Reveals

The Germans admitted yesterday they had fallen back to the north in the face of new Allied thrusts toward Rome, even as Marshal Badoglio announced that the Italian Army had actively joined the American and British in the struggle against a common foe.

With the battle for the Maggioro and Camino hills virtually ended, the Fifth Army gained control of the eastern bank of the Garrigliano River from its mouth to captured Rocca de Vandro.

Confronted by the Allied domination of almost all the high ground overlooking the Liri Valley, the German main forces retreated several miles to the northwest, apparently preparing for an Allied assault on the town of Liri in a drive to break through to the plains on the road to Rome.

On the Eighth Army front, Canadians, fanning out from a bridgehead across the Moro, advanced on an eight-mile front in spite of great German opposition.

The Canadians attacked north of the Moro on a line running roughly from the Ardiatic port of Ortuna to the Orsogna area. Fierce fighting was reported in the vicinity of San Leonardo.

Badoglio Reveals New Help

Yesterday's Allied communique said that the Canadians had established firm positions across the Moro, but did not claim that any towns had been captured.

An unconfirmed Paris radio report said that advance units of the Eighth Army were only 7½ miles from the important port of Pescara, the objective of the Eighth Army drive.

Meanwhile, Bari radio reported that Marshal Badoglio announced yesterday at a meeting of his cabinet that Italian troops were fighting side by side with the Allies.

Badoglio was quoted as saying that Italian participation in the campaign began yesterday.

"The Italian Army, split by Fascism and forced into a war unwanted by our people, returns to battle side by side with her allies of the last war," the Italian Premier was quoted as saying. "We are fighting in the same common cause as in 1918 and with our old comrades against the old enemy—the barbarian of Europe."

Odd-Size U.S. Carriers Grief to British Dockers

A BRITISH PORT, Dec. 10—Men at this port thought putting minor repairs on a U.S. aircraft carrier would be a breeze—but they turned out to be so much grief.

Because of the odd shape of the carrier's hull a special cradle had to be built with 350 additional blocks, and also a 40-foot bulgar. It came docking time, but the carrier just wouldn't fit. And it took six hours to get her tied down.

A shipbuilder veteran at the port remarked: "It was the most difficult docking job I've ever had on my hands." The actual repairs took only a couple of hours.

Marshall Asks for Olive Branch to Signal Peace

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, when he visited this holy city, asked for an olive branch from the Garden of Gethsemane. He said he would send it to America with news of the armistice when the war ended.

His request was regarded here as a symbol of approaching peace. Many persons said this Christmas would be the last war-time Christmas for many years to come.

Rommel in Copenhagen, Possibly to Check Defenses

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 10 (AP)—It was announced officially in Copenhagen today that Marshal Erwin Rommel and his staff arrived in the Danish capital Thursday. No reason for the trip was given.

In recent weeks, however, there have been reports of feverish German activity in improving anti-invasion defenses in Denmark, as well as the sending of troop reinforcements into the country.

Liquor Tax Up 50%

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—A 50 per cent increase in the liquor tax voted by Congress recently will boost the price of drinks about nine cents.

Panties Vision Fades; Silk Made into Ties

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—Silk, a rarity in the United States since Pearl Harbor, will be available in considerable quantities soon, and women are gnashing their teeth because the supply will not be used to make night-gowns, stockings and panties.

The silk was among merchandise confiscated by the British from German vessels and sold by the Admiralty Claims Court at Bermuda last September. Two New York dealers acquired 90 per cent of it—and wove it into ties.

Soviets Capture Key Rail Town In Dnieper Bend

Znamenka Seized by Reds; Russians Gain at Other Points in River Bulge

Znamenka, king-pin of the German railway system in the Dnieper Bend, fell to the Red Army yesterday, endangering the entire Nazi position within the great river loop.

Indicative of the importance attached by the Soviets to Znamenka, an Order of the Day in Moscow announced the capture of the city.

Loss of Znamenka means that the German-controlled railway line between Cherkassy and Krivoi Rog has been cut. This sector of the line has been used to supply the entire 70-mile front between Znamenka and Krivoi Rog. Rail communication between Kirovgrad and this front also has been severed.

German panzer forces put up a fierce but futile battle for Znamenka, and their losses were heavy, Moscow revealed.

Advance from Kremenchug

Farther north in the Dnieper Bend, the Russians made fresh advances west of Kremenchug. Along the Dnieper in the direction of Cherkassy a number of enemy strongpoints were taken.

Moscow remained silent regarding German attacks on the Kiev salient, but Berlin said continued progress was being made. The situation in that area, where the Nazis apparently had shifted their attacks to the north, was confused.

The Germans admitted Russian penetration of their lines in White Russia and near Krivoi Rog, in the Dnieper Bend, but countered this with the claim of a slight Nazi gain on the Kerch Peninsula, in the Crimea.

Funds for Landing Craft Are Approved by Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—The Senate has passed and sent to the House of Representatives a bill authorizing the Navy to spend \$5,300,000,000 for 2,500,000 tons of auxiliary vessels and 1,000,000 tons of landing and district craft.

This outlay was recommended by Secretary of Navy Frank Knox two weeks ago, when he advised Congress that the developments of the war indicated further demands for additional landing craft.

New Anti-Burn Ointment

BETHESDA, Md., Dec. 10 (UP)—A new ointment to protect the faces and hands of gunners from heat blast from their own guns has been produced here after 70 different creams had been tried. Many soldiers and sailors have spent weeks in hospitals with "heat flash burns" from guns. The new ointment is said to protect them from blast temperatures up to 1,800 degrees.

More Milk and Fresh Meat Promised for ETO Mess Halls

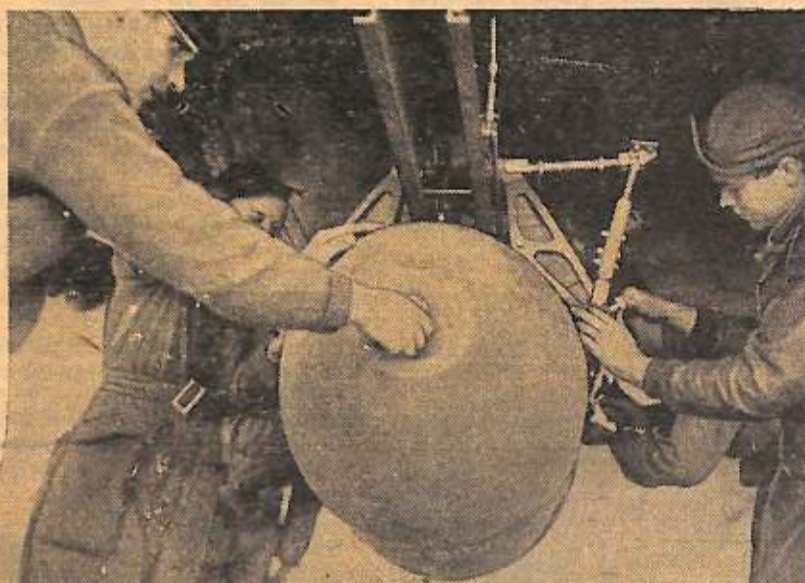
By Philip H. Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
EASTERN BASE SECTION HQ, Dec. 10—Officers attending a mess management conference, who represented every outfit stationed in the ETO, were told today that army mess hall menus for the next three months would have increased rations of fresh meat, potatoes and milk. For units with baking facilities, allotments of flour, yeast, sugar and fat will be made to enable them to bake their own bread.

This was the third meeting of its kind to be held in this theater, but none has been as representative. Catering advisers, mess managers, nutrition experts and nurses—ranking from second lieutenants to full colonels—heard experts on various

Bulgarian Crisis This Weekend Is Expected, Stockholm Hears; Nazi Warning to Sofia Reported

Extra Weight and Woe for Reich



Ground crews load the new under-the-wing bomb racks of Flying Fortresses. It brings a little more work to the men who sweat out the missions on the ground, but it means a heavier load of destruction for German targets.

Clashes on Turkish Border Said to Have Erupted

A crisis in Bulgaria within 48 hours over that government's rumored efforts to try to break with the Axis and get out of the war was expected last night, according to reports reaching Stockholm.

Stories emanating from the Swedish capital said that, according to reports from Budapest, Germany already has sent a warning to the Bulgarian government, stating that if Bulgaria changed her course without consulting her German ally it would be considered an unfriendly step and would bring about counter-measures.

The Budapest correspondent of the Stockholm paper Svenska Dagbladet reported that Sava Kirov, the Bulgarian foreign minister, resigned after a stormy cabinet meeting in Sofia and that Premier Boshilov had taken over the foreign ministry.

Further Changes Forecast

Further cabinet changes were forecast by this correspondent, who said that there had been a cabinet no-confidence vote in Boshilov's government.

Reports to neutral capitals told of increasing uneasiness and tension in Sofia and throughout Bulgaria. Many peace demonstrations were said to have been broken up by police, and American planes were reported to have added to the war of nerves by dropping leaflets warning the Bulgarians not to fight against the Yugoslavs or Greeks.

"Incidents" on the Turko-Bulgarian frontier were reported in stories reaching Stockholm, with both sides suffering a number of casualties, and rumors of German, Bulgarian and Turkish troop movements toward the border continued.

There was one report that the Turko-Bulgarian frontier may have been closed a week ago to prevent leakage of information from Turkey about the Middle East conferences.

Berlin Reveals Trouble

Berlin radio gave a reliable indication of trouble in Bulgaria, declaring that the government in Sofia had decreed that people in the capital found guilty of spreading rumors would be expelled from the city.

Meanwhile, there were other bubbles in the rapidly heating Balkan pot, despite the fact that the prevalent belief in Cairo was that no concrete action by Turkey to enter the war would develop immediately.

Algiers radio, quoting a Swiss report, said that Hungary was said to have entrusted the Hungarian ambassador to the Vatican with the mission of opening negotiations, through the Holy See, with the Allies in order to spare all Hungarian towns from aerial bombardment.

Stockholm heard that hundreds of Rumanians were evacuating Bucharest to escape Allied bombing attacks threatened in leaflets showered over the city last Sunday.

The Associated Press said that it was reported Hitler was reaching into his first-line reserve pool to strengthen Nazi forces in Yugoslavia as Tito started a counter-offensive both along the Croatian coast and in Serbia and dug in to throw back German attacks in Bosnia.

These troops were said to have come from Bavaria and represented some of the ablest units of the German Army short of elite divisions in Russia.

Raging Frustration Grips Army's Sgts.—Sinatra's 4F

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—God's gift to swooning females, crooner Frank Sinatra, was rejected by the Army yesterday and reclassified into 4F.

Army doctors at the Jersey City induction center took one look at skinny Sinatra and said it was no go; he has a punctured ear drum. They took a second look and said he needed more sleep.

Sinatra, married and the father of one child—his wife is expecting a second—got a cool reception in the man's world at the induction center. One man yelled, "Hooray for Bing Crosby." But America's women, who showered their idol with going-away gifts, probably echoed, "Hooray for the Army."

FDR Blacks Out Xmas Tree

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—The Christmas tree on the White House lawn will be blacked out this year to conserve electricity, it was announced yesterday.

Prelims in Air War Declared Over, Main Event Set to Start

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—The first official indication that the air war against Germany has passed its preliminary phases and entered the knockout stage preparatory to a land invasion has been published in an article by Col. Ray Clifton.

He disclosed that five divisions of infantry combat units have been formed from Luftwaffe personnel—an indication that Germany is getting short of aircraft—and is preparing to fight it out on the ground.

Col. Clifton, who is instructor at the Army's Command and General Staff College, described "four phases" of bombing in an article written for the school's monthly military review.

He said that the Allied air offensive already had reduced German manufacturing capacity by at least 35 per cent, and his article was written before recent heavy raids.

He gave the following figures of devastation in German cities:

Essen—Three-fourths destroyed, with at least two-thirds of Krupp's out of action and 200 buildings seriously damaged.

Lorient—The town almost destroyed, the submarine base, protected by heavy

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Roosevelt Stops Briefly at Malta

'Possible but Improbable' That He'll Visit Here On Way Home

MALTA, Dec. 10 (AP)—President Roosevelt made a dramatic three-hour appearance here Wednesday travelling in a four-engined Douglas C54, escorted by 20 Lightnings and Spitfires.

Maj. Otis Bryant piloted the Presidential plane. The remainder of the party included Gen. Eisenhower, Adm. William D. Leahy and Harry Hopkins, among others.

In his short visit to the island, President Roosevelt presented Malta with a token scroll bearing the Stars and Stripes and the Maltese coat of arms. The inscription praised the people of Malta, who held out under years of aerial bombardment.

Mr. Roosevelt, first United States President ever to visit Malta, was transported from his plane to a reception by island officials in a jeep named "Husky." It was one of three presented to the island by Gen. Eisenhower after the invasion of Sicily.

FDR to Visit England?

The possibility that President Roosevelt might visit England on the way home was mentioned in the London press yesterday. It was described, however, as "possible but improbable."

Should he come, it was assumed he would stay in Buckingham Palace and perhaps address a joint session of the Houses of Lords and Commons as Mr. Churchill addressed Congress.

aspects of army catering talk on their subjects from 7:30 AM to 4 PM.

Lt. Col. Charles G. Herman, of Hopkinsville, Ky., Chief of Field Service Branch, Subsistence Division of the Office of the Chief Quartermaster, said that the campaign against waste had resulted in a saving of not less than 5 per cent of total rations, but quoted figures which, he said, showed the need of further savings.

One survey collated, Col. Herman said, "not by tired civilians, or officers with something to conceal, but by ordinary hard-working GI Joes," in one camp showed that there was a 19 per cent dissipation.

A British officer, quoting official sources, said that potatoes and cabbages were two things in which waste was bad.

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Hash Marks

Signs of the Times. A classified add in a U.S. daily read: "Cultured gentleman with bottle of catsup would like to meet educated woman with a can of beans." The OPA hit a new high in something or other this week. The office issued an order giving permission to shoe stores to



sell any shoe without a mate without requiring coupons. Nice for one-legged men and people who just don't give a damn, we guess!

Gather around, GIs, and shed tears in your beer for First Sgt. Pierre Pelafique of an infantry outfit over here. According to Company Clerk Frank Carr, Pelafique applied for a 7-day furlough. On the appointed day the furloughs for the company arrived—all approved with the exception of the topkick's. For the next six days Pelafique sweated it out, shaving twice a day just before the messenger was due to arrive. His furlough papers finally arrived on the seventh day—but the jig was up by that time and Sgt. Pelafique had spent his furlough without ever going on it. His last quotable words were, "Toss the S&-ES&4-S furlough papers in the fire!"

Incidental Information. There's a guy in the Army named Jap Record Wilson. He's a gunnery school graduate and hopes to see action in the Pacific so he can live up to his strange moniker.

A look to the future. According to a survey by a leading life insurance company back in the States, the main things people plan to acquire in the beautiful world of tomorrow are—airplanes, radios, homes, helicopters, nylon stockings, used jeeps—and babies. Whee!

Which reminds us that despite the talk about war bonuses the slogan is still, "Fifty acres and a Jeep."

One of the latest anti-Nazi stories going the rounds is about a trainload of wounded Germans on their way back



from the Russian front. An officer, giving them final instructions, says, "Remember, you mustn't depress the folks back home. If your arm is in a sling, tell them you hurt it bayoneting the Russians; if you're on crutches say you hurt yourself trampling on the enemy." "What if your face is in a plaster cast?" piped up a voice. From another compartment came the reply, "Tell 'em you broke your jaw trying to make the Russians understand they were beaten."

J. C. W.

Guts Gave 5th Mountain Victory



Planet Photo

It was the American foot soldier that captured those two vital mountains—La Difensa and Maggiore—on Italy's west coast, but before they attacked they had holes punched in the German entrenchments by the heaviest artillery barrage since El Alamein. Here, U.S. artillerymen use empty shell casings as protection against shrapnel at their post near the mountains.

Campaign Termed War's Greatest Infantry Feat

By Don Whitehead

Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Dec. 10

—A gray-haired brigadier general, an old infantryman himself, praised the doughboys' capture of La Difensa and Maggiore Mountains on the road to Rome as one of the greatest achievements of infantrymen in World War II.

The battle of Lookout Mountain, he said, could not be compared to the fight which began seven days ago and ended with American troops holding the great mass which overlooks the Mignano Cassino road and the valley beyond.

"Pile three Lookout Mountains on top of each other," he said, "and you get an idea of what those boys did."

He talked to us on a muddy hillside near the front as other infantry moved from its position to attack the heights north of Maggiore.

'Guts All The Way'

"I would be ashamed for you to give my name and say I was there, because they are the ones who did the job and deserve the credit. They had some tough times in Tunisia but I haven't seen anything to compare with this operation. It was guts all the way."

The attack began on Maggiore and La Difensa on the morning of Dec. 3 with the heaviest artillery barrage in all the Italian campaign. These two great masses tower above others north of the main highway, and the Germans had used them for the observation of the movements of allied troops. Maggiore rises 3,000 feet above the Garigliano River. After the attack began rains fell to make operations even more difficult for the Yanks.

"The roads are terrible," said the

general, "and it is a disheartening thing to see some supply dumps we built up with so much effort wiped out by enemy artillery fire."

"The general attack caught the Germans by surprise. They were expecting us to attack, but did not think we would move when we did. The initial phase went well right up the slopes of La Difensa, and two units reached the peak and spread over Maggiore before the Germans realized they were there."

"Our boys dug in during the night and the next morning went out after them in hand-to-hand fighting to clear them out of caves, dugouts and pillboxes. There were a lot of snipers well concealed, and they had to be found one by one. It took the doughboys four days to dig them out."

16-Hour Climb

"No one can imagine the terrain without climbing it himself. It took 16 hours for the troops to carry a box of C rations two miles to the peak and to return to supply dumps at the foot of the mountain. In some places, troops had to pull themselves up slopes by means of ropes tied to rocks or trees. That is bad enough without any load on your back, but they were carrying equipment and supplies. A box of C rations weighs 48 pounds. One five-gallon can of water weighs 43 pounds. "Litter bearers did a magnificent job. It took six men to carry a litter off Maggiore with four men in reserve to rest the others. Often they were under mortar and artillery fire."

The general told of one captain who started up the slopes with 40 men carrying supplies to advance troops. Slipping and scrambling up trails they were caught in concentrations of enemy fire. Each

time they picked up their burdens and tried again. Finally the captain was killed, but at the end of 14 hours his men completed the mission.

The toughness of the mountain fighting was emphasized by the desperate defense of the Germans, and the fact that they counter-attacked time after time. Even yet all pockets of resistance are not wiped out the hill, but doughboys have a firm hold on it and are gradually eliminating resistance.

Magnificent Endurance

"It has been a magnificent exhibition of courage and endurance," the general said. "I saw men so tired their faces were yellow with fatigue. Sometimes they would drop their loads and dive for cover, but when the shelling stopped they came out and began plodding up slopes, carrying heavy loads in the open again. I tell you it was a sight to see. It was cold in the mountains, and the men had no bedding or hot food, but they kept going."

Often in the fog and mist the troops would come face to face with Germans. That was what happened to Lt. James R. Lowry, of Sheboygan, Mich. Lowry was carrying a radio when he strayed from others in the mist. He unexpectedly met two Germans, and his only weapon was an unloaded pistol. The lieutenant jerked out his pistol and pointed it at the enemy and they both surrendered.

"I was sweating it out, thinking they would realize the gun was not loaded," Lowry said, "but I couldn't think of any way of loading it."

The general termed the operations a brilliant success, and added, "Now, all that is left is the mopping up process."

Hara Kiri Ahead

During a war a great deal can be learned from a study of enemy propaganda. For example, when your opponent feels he must feed the home front on false victories it is usually a sign that home front morale needs the stiffening that victory so often provides.

In this war the German propaganda machine has operated on the principle that a lie, if it was big enough, would be readily believed, for no one would suspect a government of stretching the truth beyond a certain point.

Japan also operates on this principle, using it to cover up military disasters, and, as usual, she copied a system that someone else devised.

Checking her war communiques, our radio monitoring service has discovered some interesting facts. In the war to date the Japs have claimed the sinking of 31 of America's 23 battleships. That would mean, if the statements made by the Japs were true, that she has sunk all our battleships at least once, and eight of them twice.

According to the Japs, 557,000 American soldiers have been killed in battles with Nipponese troops. Matter of fact the total American casualties, killed and wounded in all theaters of war and for all services are only 127,115.

But the Japanese are not trying to frighten the American public. Her communiques were released to her own people, for home consumption. That it should be necessary for her propagandists to exaggerate so astoundingly indicates a growing lack of support for policies of the existing government. But even the most ignorant Jap worker will soon realize that he has been hoodwinked. When that day arrives Japanese military and civilian leaders will lose face, and those admirals and generals who have reported imaginary victories will be forced by custom to exercise the atonement of Hara Kiri.

Their death will be no great loss to the world.

Ernie's a Celebrity

What does it feel like to be a celebrity? "Well, it feels pretty good. It has its ups and downs. Every now and then you get sort of panicky. Once in a while you get resentful. Most of the time you just feel too rushed and a little bewildered, and kinda pleased."

Thus does Ernie Pyle, America's genial war correspondent, describe his feeling upon returning home recently from the Mediterranean war front to find himself famous. Acknowledging a certain immodesty in classing himself among the elite, Ernie admits that certain advantages accrue from being "known"—such as getting personal privileges like "shortage" articles from under the counter; railroad and airline reservations and getting the plumber and typewriter man who aren't supposed to accept calls before a week from Saturday.

Whatever advantages Ernie Pyle finds in his new fame are more than deserved if the opinion of the soldiers in the ETO is any criterion. While here Ernie made a point of shunning the comfortable places, preferring instead the cold, dank tents of a field unit or a lonely anti-aircraft station where he would squat for hours listening to the boys so he could tell the true story to the folks back home.

As Ernie puts it in his new book, "Here is Your War," his segment of the picture is the tired and dirty soldiers who are alive and don't want to die; of long darkened convoys in the middle of the night; of shocked and silent men wandering back down the hill from battle; of chow lines and atabrine tablets and foxholes and burning tanks and Arabs holding up eggs and the rustle of high-blown shells; of jeeps and petrol dumps and smelly bedding rolls and C rations and cactus patches . . . of laughter, too, and song and wine and lovely flowers and constant cussing. . . .

Commenting on his new popularity, Ernie sums up our feeling with his own: "I didn't plan it and I didn't ask for it, but now that it's here I'm pretty sure I can take it."

The Chinese Bridge

"In fundamental respects," comments the Christian Science Monitor, "China is the most natural bridge between East and West because of her entertainment of democratic ideas and the degree of local self-government already developed; her honoring of the student as contrasted with Japan's honoring the warrior; the stabilizing influence of her higher concepts of family life; her deeper sense of civilization as compared with the mechanical veneer Japan boasts."

And at a time when the world is thinking chiefly of military power it is well to remember that foundational security rests largely on mental and moral factors. It is these more than physical proximity or material progress which will give us a safe and happy world community.

PRIVATE BREGER



"We've discovered his music lessons are better than artillery to force enemy evacuations!"

Tojo's Report on a Year of War Shows Up Ananias as a Piker

Tojo rubbed his own Aladdin's lamp this week and came up with the following summary of the last year of war:

In the south Pacific and the Aleutians, Japanese troops met enemy forces totalling 400,000 men. Of these, 193,000 were either killed, wounded or taken prisoner. In addition, 2,728 planes were destroyed and 185 warships either damaged or sunk. Japanese losses in this same period were 32,926 killed, while 313 planes were lost.

In the period extending from the beginning of the war in eastern Asia to the battle of Bougainville Island in the Solomons, according to Tokyo radio, the Jap navy suffered the following losses:

One battleship sunk, one damaged; three aircraft-carriers sunk, two damaged; three cruisers sunk, five damaged; 23 destroyers sunk, 12 damaged; 96 merchant ships sunk; 11 submarines sunk, five damaged, and 1,253 planes "self-destroyed" or failing to return to base.

Here are Jap claims as to Allied sea losses (hold your hats): Seventeen battleships sunk; 27 carriers sunk, 12 damaged; 92 cruisers sunk, 56 damaged; 79 destroyers sunk, 47 damaged; 5,158 planes destroyed, 1,716 damaged. In addition, 503 Allied merchant ships were claimed to have been captured.

In another broadcast, Tokyo radio solemnly assured its listeners that the United States was not likely to capitulate in the near future. The authority for

this forecast was given as Saburu Kurusu, who was in Washington for negotiations when Japan stabbed the U.S. in the back two years ago yesterday.

"As long as the Roosevelt clique is in power," Kurusu was quoted as saying, "and the American peoples let themselves be deceived by optimistic Washington propaganda, the end of the war is not in sight."



Is She True

"Is she true to you, soldier?" My buddies ask of me. They all seem very doubtful Since we came across the sea.

"Is she true to you, soldier?" Comes from all the rest. They keep asking the question With added vim and zest.

"Is she true to you, soldier?" Is the question unsurpassed. Will she still be awaiting, Will her love always last?

"Is she true to you, soldier?" Is that your question too? The rest received my answer So I'll give it free to you.

"Is she true to you, soldier?" This reply you'll get from me. Come close and hear my answer "By damn" she better be.

Pfc Ralph E. Coats.

Whacky Crown For '43 Season To Card Back

Grid Oddities Included 'Fifth Quarter' Game And \$1,000 Theft

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—Clint Wager, Chicago Cardinal back, has been awarded the spaghetti goal posts for being the hero of the whackiest episode in the 1943 football season.

Wager kicked himself in the head during punting practice and fractured his skull. He was called by a team mate while in the act of kicking the ball. Instead of turning, Wager bent forward and kicked himself with his knee.

Jimmy Cain, former University of Washington halfback now an official, finished second to Wager when he mistook his two-year-old daughter's nightgown for a sweater and attempted to put it on before going to work. Cain uttered the following deathless observation while struggling:

"These things certainly shrink nowadays."

Only in Iowa

The 1943 season also saw an Iowa Pre-Flight back running stride for stride with an Iowa State ball carrier and encouraging the collegian on his march to a touchdown.

And then there were the two gorgeous co-ed ticket sellers at Amos Stagg's College of the Pacific who allowed themselves to be talked out of \$1,000 by a stranger who said he would take the money to the office for change.

The best collection of oddities came on Nov. 13.

On that day, Billy Andrews, Texas water boy, kicked two extra points. Navy defeated Columbia with both head coaches absent. North Carolina upset Pennsylvania and both teams wound up with minus yardage in passing. Elroy Hirsch hobbled from the Michigan bench and won a bet, scoring against Wisconsin. And finally, on that day, Ohio State defeated Illinois, 29-26, in the "fifth quarter."

Ranger Slump Prompts Deal

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—The New York Rangers, still seeking their first National Hockey League victory, have acquired two players in an attempt to strengthen the team—John Mahaffey, 25-year-old center discharged from the Canadian Army, and Fernand Gauthier, former minor league wing.

Mahaffey played this year with the Montreal Army team and briefly last year with the Canadiens. Gauthier was with Washington and Buffalo last year and has not played this year because of a foot injury.

Both players were acquired on a war time lend-lease basis from the Canadiens. The Canucks are using Ranger Phil Watson in all games except those played in New York. All players will revert to their original owners after the war.

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Wanted

RADIO, small table set. Will pay up to £12—M/Sgt. Carroll H. Jones, c/o Help Wanted.

Found

IDENTIFICATION wristlet in Peterborough with the name Leon Swaffield engraved on the band.—Mr. A. Rose, 10 Church Street, Yaxley, Peterborough.

Lost

IDENTIFICATION BRACELET with my name and serial number engraved on it.—S/Sgt. William Jacobson Jr., ASN 19062237, c/o Help Wanted.

Cameras Wanted

UNIVEX MERCURY, 3.5 or faster lens.—Lt. William J. Lutz, c/o Help Wanted.

ROLLEICORD, 14:5 or 15:5.—Lt. Walter T. Trux, c/o Help Wanted.

35MM ARGUS C3, or what have you?—Cpl. H. S. Alpert, c/o Help Wanted.

Rotary Dinner

THE Anglo-American Rotary dinner scheduled for Tuesday has been postponed. It will probably be held Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Old Opponents Meet a New Prospect



S1/c Tom Heene (white uniform), matchmaker at the New Caledonia boxing center, claims S1/c Ernest Mischens, of Los Angeles, will be the next heavyweight champion of the world. Giving Mischens a few pointers is the guy from whom Heene took some lessons, Cmdr. Gene Tunney. Interested onlookers are Maj. Gen. Rush B. Lincoln, of Washington, commanding general in New Caledonia (left), and Cmdr. C.P. Nichols, of Santa Monica, Cal. (right).

Phillie Office Feud Revealed; Cox's Underlings Knifed Him

By Arch Murray

New York Post Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—The case of Bill Cox, banned Phillies owner, was back in the files at Judge Landis' office, definitely marked closed. But while Cox did not clear himself last Saturday in the Judge's hotel suite, he established that the knives were sharp in Philadelphia last summer.

The most damaging evidence in Cox's case was his own radio address made on the night of Nov. 23. Landis, in his summation, returned to it again and again. It was obvious that this established Cox's guilt in the Judge's mind beyond all reasonable doubt.

In that broadcast, Cox admitted out loud making "a few small sentimental bets." His testimony then was the same as it had been in New York on Nov. 3 and in Chicago on Nov. 5. At all times he confessed to making bets of \$25 to \$100 on the Phillies to win. And his explanation of the reason for these "mistake" bets was too hazy.

Cox sensed that there was some dirty work going on in the Phillies office and he was trying to smoke somebody out. That was his explanation and it might have stood up except for his own admissions. For Nathan Alexander, a \$75-a-week employee, admitted on the stand that he had been out to get the man who had befriended him since he was six months old. Alexander and Wister Randolph were the mystery men whose loyalty he questioned.

Alexander told of his trips to Wilmington to see the Carpenters about buying the Phillies' stock, of his own belief in Cox's mismanagement of the Phils and the various methods he used in trying to bring about Cox's resignation. Alexander's obvious disloyalty was one of the most shocking revelations of the trial.

In Philadelphia, Randall, vice-president of the Phillies, issued a statement Sunday night, in which he said he doubted if Landis would consider him disloyal to anyone. Cox claimed Randolph was the first to tell Landis about his betting.

There was an implied threat of future action in Randolph's conclusion, which stated that "at the proper time and place when I am more fully informed as to just what Mr. Cox said, I, too, shall have more to say on a course of conduct on the part of Mr. Cox that I shall characterize as contemptible."

Dorothy Massie, Cox's private secretary, and Jimmy Hagen, for 40 years the Phillies' traveling secretary, both denied Bucky Harris' story, in which Harris said Miss Massie told him in Cox's New York office that Cox had been betting on ball games right along. Harris claimed Hagen was present at the time. Harris said he told Miss Massie that if Landis ever heard of Cox's betting Cox would be through with baseball for good.

In spite of denials by Miss Massie and Hagen, the Judge preferred to take Cox's own admission on the radio as his last word.

Hockey Results

Buffalo 5, Providence 2

4 Notre Damers On Rice's Team

Filley, Miller, Bertelli, White Make Collier's All-American

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—Four Notre Damers have been selected by Grantland Rice on his annual All-American college eleven picked for Collier's Magazine and announced here today.

Two of the Irish named are in the line, the others in the backfield. Only other team to place more than one man is Michigan with a lineman and a backfield man.

Here is the team lineup:

- Ends—Pete Pihos, Indiana, and Herb Hein, Northwestern.
- Tackles—Jim White, Notre Dame, and Art McCaffrey, College of the Pacific.
- Guards—Pat Filley, Notre Dame, and Merv Pregulman, Michigan.
- Center—Casimir Myslinski, West Point.
- Quarterback—Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame.
- Halfbacks—Creighton Miller, Notre Dame, and Bob Odell, Pennsylvania.
- Fullback—Bill Daley, Michigan.

Crosby Backing Coast Grid Tilts

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10—Bing Crosby has revealed plans for 11 weeks of professional football between Eastern and Western teams this winter in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

The crooner didn't disclose any details but said players would be professionals exclusively recruited from the National Professional League.

Capt. Graham Smith, USMC, and Frank Mendel, of Chicago, are associated with Crosby in the project. They are now awaiting word from executives of the National Football League and various club owners.

Blades Leaves Pelicans To Manage St. Paul Nine

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10—Ray Blades, former Cardinal manager, has resigned as boss of the New Orleans Pelicans of the Southern Association to manage the St. Paul club in the American Association.

Blades was the Pelicans' seventh manager in as many years. His successor has not yet been announced.

Basketball Results

Bainbridge Naval 51, Mt. St. Mary's 32
Fort Riley 42, Kansas State 33
St. John's 69, West Point FA 47
Villanova 51, Loyola (Md.) 35

Pro Grid Loop Would Welcome Betting Charge

Accusation Would Allow Innocent Players to Clear Themselves

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—The National Football League, currently attempting to defend itself against unspecified charges concerning collusion between players, officials and bookmakers, will have a difficult time lifting the odor of suspicion. Assuming that the implications of dishonesty are unfounded, the League will remain in a weak position, being able only to say, "Well, they didn't prove a thing on us."

Bookmakers and gamblers, pictured as evil characters in situations such as this, paradoxically usually start the rumors. Hell hath no fury like a bookmaker caught in an overlay. After the recent Bob Montgomery-Beau Jack fight, when Beau was a 4-1 underdog to beat Montgomery, the gamblers said the fight was in the bag from the start. The same gamblers before the fight, however, were begging for some sucker to take 4-1 and bet on Beau.

Confidence in Own Ability

This tendency of the gambler's part probably is due to the gambler's absurd confidence in his own ability to dope out the odds, give himself a little better of it and then reap the harvest from the clumps.

Steve Owen, coach of the football Giants, reveals a recent telephone conversation with an outraged gambler. "After the Cardinal game, a bookie called me and accused me of allowing the Cardinals to score their last touchdown in order to upset his book." The bookie's wrath was aroused by the fact that the Giants were favored to win by 14 points and when the bookie lost dough he considered the score a personal plot against himself engineered by Owen.

That there is occasional skulduggery in sports cannot be denied. It is unfortunate, however, that the League must bear the stigma of collusion when there are no charges. The only way for professional football to remove the taint would be a specific accusation from anybody, which has not materialized yet.

Black Sox Scandal an Example

The baseball scandal of 1919 showed definite collusion between certain White Sox players and gamblers. The charges were investigated, the guilty parties punished and the game came through to its present position of utmost respect regarding honesty. Several White Sox players were found guilty and banished for ever. Other players, however, found not involved, were exonerated of the taint. For example, Eddie Collins, Chicago second baseman, now holds a high executive position in organized baseball.

The League generally and the Redskins in particular would welcome an open accusation so the guilty could be punished and the innocent cleared of suspicion. Organized baseball again aired its dirty linen in public during the past month and consequently retains the spotless reputation it strove so hard for.

The classic example of unfounded rumors is the case several years ago of Ernie Schaaf, Boston heavyweight who was kayoed in Madison Square Garden by Primo Carnera. The so-called wise guys lost no time in screaming fake, phony, etc. One ringsider actually stuck his head into the ring and berated the prostrate Schaaf. Schaaf was removed to the Polyclinic Hospital across the street and died several hours later. Schaaf literally had to die to silence those who lost their dough on the fight.

Ernst Claims Record For Soccer Circuit

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 10—Sgt. Charles Ernst claimed the season scoring record for the American Soccer League after booting five goals as the Baltimore Americans trimmed the Baltimore Soccer Club, 7-2.

Tom Marshall, of the Brooklyn Wanderers, tallied three goals in two different games this season. The league record of seven goals was set four years ago by Jimmy O'Neill, of the New York Americans, against the Baltimore Americans.

Harriers Compete Today

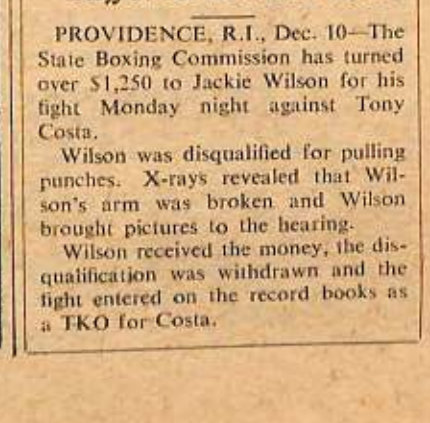
BOMBER STATION, Dec. 10—An Eighth Bomber Command inter-division cross-country run over a three-mile course will be held here tomorrow at 2 P.M. The winning team will represent Bomber Command in the Eighth Air Force championships to be held Dec. 18.

X-Rays Reveal Wilson Suffered Broken Arm

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Dec. 10—The State Boxing Commission has turned over \$1,250 to Jackie Wilson for his fight Monday night against Tony Costa.

Wilson was disqualified for pulling punches. X-rays revealed that Wilson's arm was broken and Wilson brought pictures to the hearing.

Wilson received the money, the disqualification was withdrawn and the fight entered on the record books as a TKO for Costa.



NEWS FROM HOME 2,000,000 Men To Be Inducted In U.S. Forces

Services to Hit 11,300,000 Figure by July 1, Hershey Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey announced yesterday that the armed forces would induct 2,000,000 men before July 1.

Addressing the War Congress of the National Association of Manufacturers, Hershey said the men inducted would include 1,000,000 pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, 400,000 18-year-old youths, 500,000 men reclassified from 4F and other deferred groups and 100,000 17-year-old volunteers.

Hershey revealed that there were about 13,000,000 men between 18 and 38 who were not in the armed forces. One million of them, he said, were being reclassified.

He expressed the belief that physical standards would have to be lowered and occupational deferments limited to reach the July 1 goal of 11,300,000 men.

Suit for Discharge Denied

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 10—Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bingham, a farm couple, attempted to get their son out of the Army by filing in a Federal court a petition for a writ of Habeas Corpus. They charged that their son, Brigham R. Bingham, 20, was being "wrongly detained and confined," and said that as an agricultural worker he should be released. Judge Tillman D. Johnson denied the writ.

Mobile Power Houses

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 10 (AP)—Roving power trains, described as capable of restoring electric service overnight in cities reconquered from the Axis, are being built to follow advancing Allied armies, the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. announced. The trains are now under construction.

Coral Sea Hero Missing

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 10 (AP)—Lt. Cmdr. Edward (Butch) O'Hare, one of America's greatest war heroes and recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for shooting down five Japanese bombers in the Coral Sea Battle, is reported missing in action.

164 Merchant Ships Launched

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP)—In November 164 merchant ships were delivered by U.S. yards, one ship more than in October, the Maritime Commission revealed yesterday. This year 1,688 merchant ships have been launched.

14 Libs in Place of 1

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—The number of workers it took to produce one Liberator three years ago now turn out 14, T. M. Girdler, chairman of Republic Steel Corp. and Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., said here today.

Bombing - -

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concrete, working at 20 per cent efficiency, due to curtailment of utilities.

Dusseldorf—75 per cent of the city destroyed, 80 per cent of the people homeless and 25,000 people killed.

Emden—60 per cent of the town and docks destroyed.

Bremen—One-fifth of the town destroyed and the Focke-Wulf aircraft factory badly damaged.

Lubeck—40 per cent of the town destroyed, many factories damaged.

Rostock—Over 70 per cent of the town destroyed.

Kiel—Almost every building in the Germania yards destroyed.

Hamburg—All the buildings ruined in over three-fourths of the built-up areas.

Cologne—Sixty per cent of the town devastated, nine factories destroyed, six partially destroyed, railway property heavily damaged.

Vegesack—Submarine pens badly damaged.

Marienburg—The Focke-Wulf factory was destroyed Oct. 9, accounting for half the Focke-Wulf fighter assembly capacity.

Berlin—Residential and commercial damage widespread. About 250,000 people fled the city in early September, in addition to 500,000 already temporarily living outside the city.

Berlin Still A Mess, Stockholm Learns

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 10 (UP)—Fresh evidence of the havoc wrought by the large-scale RAF raids on Germany is given today in the Stockholm paper Handelsstidningen.

As a result of damage which disrupted the railway system in the Leipzig area, a collision between two trains caused several hundred casualties and the loss of a trainload of ammunition.

Travel is completely banned over the Christmas period, except for war workers separated from their families.

Some parts of Berlin still are without gas facilities. Families unable to do their own cooking are swarming into restaurants, causing many jams.

First U.S. Blizzard Brings Drifts of Nostalgia to ETO



A soft boiled egg, a hot dog and a scene like this is what we'd like for Christmas. The season's first snowfall piled up drifts all over the north.



The blizzard tied up more than doorsteps, however. Traffic was hit heavily. One man was killed when a street car in Minneapolis jumped the icy tracks.

Town Guarding Madang Seized

Aussies Hot on Japs' Heels In New Guinea; Planes Batter New Britain

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Dec. 10 (UP)—Wareo, the center of a network of jungle pathways on the Huon peninsula, was captured by Australian troops yesterday to push the Allied New Guinea line ahead toward the port of Madang, the next big area of enemy resistance on the island.

Wareo fell to Allied forces after a combined U.S. air attack and by a quick Australian land advance from the south. Tonight the Japs were retreating fast with the Australians close on their heels more than a mile beyond the village.

There is little chance that the Japs will be able to make an effective stand and probably they will remain just ahead of our forces, keeping clear of the main dangers of encirclement, hoping either to escape by sea or by joining other forces further along the coast.

Meanwhile, Allied bombers are continuing to press home their attacks on the western part of New Britain. This base is receiving about 100 tons of bombs a day.

Nauru Shelled

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—Strong naval forces bombed and shelled Nauru Island, while a Lib sank a patrol boat at Jaluit and probably destroyed three other vessels, the Navy Department announced today.

A Ventura strafed installations at Mille in face of heavy automatic weapon fire without damage to the Allied plane.

Three Zeros attacked one Liberator near Mille with no damage. Another Lib raided and strafed base facilities at Jaluit, sinking a patrol boat and probably sinking a medium freighter and two small vessels.

U.S. Gals Pay for Parties, Baffle Australian Airmen

Australian airmen don't know what to make of American girls who invited them out and then paid for the evening's good time.

A Reuters dispatch from Sydney quoted a RAAF sergeant just back from training in the States as having said:

"We Australians objected because we believe that the 'girls pay' principle is wrong. But sometimes hospitality was practically forced on us. On several nights I was the guest of a girl in New York who spent more than eight or ten pounds a night taking me around and she thought nothing of it."

Movies of Prison Camps Being Filmed in Germany

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 10 (AP)—Relatives and friends of American doughboys and British Tommies in German prisoner-of-war camps soon may be able to see how they live, Hugo Cedergren, secretary of the Swedish YMCA and its representative for prisoner-of-war camps, said.

He said that 250 movies were being made in Germany, while 100 were being filmed in American and British camps for Germans.

Terry and the Pirates



AFN's 'Your Town' Series Bills 3 New York Boroughs

The American Forces Network goes to the big city tomorrow for reports on Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens. Dispatches from the three boroughs, written by New York newspapermen, will be read at 10:15 AM on the "Your Town" program by Pvt. Johnny Kerr.

Operated by Radio Branch, Special Service Division, SOS, ETO.

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- ### Sunday, Dec. 12
- 0800—Program Resume—Organ Recital.
 - 0815—Harry James.
 - 0830—Major Bowes Amateur Program.
 - 0900—World News (BBC).
 - 0915—Melody Roundup.
 - 0930—Sunday Serenade (BBC)—Scottish Variety Orchestra.
 - 1015—Your Town—Radio News-Letter from three American Towns.
 - 1030—Music While You Work (BBC).
 - 1100—Weekly News Roundup—Presented by the Stars and Stripes.
 - 1110—Vocal Varieties.
 - 1130—Music From America.
 - 1200—Jay Wilbur and his Orchestra (BBC).
 - 1230—Program Resume.
 - 1245—Bob Crosby.
 - 1300—World News (BBC).
 - 1310—Paul Whiteman (Ret. Eng.).
 - 1340—Sports Staff.
 - 1345—Sound Off.
 - 1400—National Barn Dance—Regular cast of the American musical feature.
 - 1430—John Charles Thomas—Metropolitan Baritone sings popular favorites.
 - 1500—Take Your Choice.
 - 1530—Sammy Kaye's Sunday Serenade.
 - 1600—News Flashes.
 - 1605—Radio Chapel.
 - 1630—Andre Kostelanetz and his Orchestra.
 - 1700—Front Line Theater.
 - 1730—Central Base Section Presents... GI talent from CBS.
 - 1800—World News (BBC).
 - 1810—GI Supper Club.
 - 1900—Sports.
 - 1905—Aldrich Family.
 - 1930—All-Time Hit Parade.
 - 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A. presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- ### Saturday, Dec. 11
- 1100—GI Jive.
 - 1115—Personal Album—Sketch Henderson.
 - 1130—Happy Norman's Ranch House.
 - 1200—Jvy Benson and Her Orchestra.
 - 1230—Pop Concert.
 - 1300—World News (BBC).
 - 1310—Novelties.
 - 1330—Hello India—Special feature to the GI's in India.
 - 1400—Sign off until 1745 hours.
 - 1745—Program Resume—Spotlight on Abe Lyman.
 - 1800—World News (BBC).
 - 1810—Welcome Northern Ireland—A Fifty-mile special salute to our new listeners in Ulster.
 - 1825—GI Supper Club.
 - 1900—"Seven O'Clock Sports"—presented by The Stars and Stripes.
 - 1905—Music We Love.
 - 1930—Hit Parade.
 - 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A. with Corporal Ford Kennedy.
 - 2010—Show Time with Dinah Shore.
 - 2025—Miniature—A musical spot.
 - 2030—Jubilee—Louis Armstrong, Ernie Whitman and many others.
 - 2100—World News (BBC).
 - 2110—Remember.
 - 2120—News Commentator.
 - 2135—Bandstand—BBC revue.
 - 2215—Saturday Night Variety—the best in entertainment.
 - 2245—Final Edition.
 - 2300—Sign off until 0800 hours Sunday, Dec. 12.

More Meat - -

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"Potatoes peeled with a vegetable peeler," he said, "had only 8.7 per cent waste. Peeled with a jack knife, 33 1/2 per cent was wasted."

Bread it was advised, should be served in small pieces. The wastage of one ounce per day per man in a group of ten men results in nine loaves a week ending in the swill bucket.

Alongside the campaign against waste was the news that there would be more fresh meat on the menus.

"Canned meat," said Col. Herman, "was being conserved for operational purposes." There would still be a fair proportion of spam and suchlike, but fresh meat rations were being increased.

At the midday recess the delegates were taken around an EM's mess at base HQ, which, it was claimed, was a "model mess." They later lunched in the mess, the officer of which is 2/Lt. George E. Margy, of Toledo, Ohio. T/Sgt. Robert Onorosky, of Nashua, N.H., is mess sergeant.

Utility Zoot Suit Evolved

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (UP)—Addicts to the "zoot suit" craze—the long, voluminous jacket with high baggy trousers and very narrow cuffs—claim they have evolved a utility zoot suit. Critics remark, however, that while the new zoot suit might have some of the attributes of utility, such as no cuffs on the trousers, the new coat is still like an overcoat, the overcoat like two overcoats and the trousers like flour bags.

Private at Marauder Base Receives Soldier's Medal

A U.S. MARAUDER STATION, England, Dec. 10—Kenneth G. Strange, a 20-year-old Air Force private from Amherst, Mass., today was awarded the Soldier's Medal for exceptional bravery in extinguishing a fire in a RAF Lancaster.

Returning from a night raid last July, the Lancaster, with flames shooting from one of its engines, landed at the field on which Strange was on duty with a crash tender crew. Strange, disregarding the warning of the RAF pilot that there was a bomb in the ship which would explode soon, climbed along the wing until he reached the burning engine, chopped a hole in the cowling and extinguished the fire with chemicals.

Chicago and London Swap Flags at Chieto Club Fete

More than 300 members of the Chieto Club—composed of servicemen and women in the ETO from Chicago—represented the Windy City Thursday night as city flags were exchanged between Chicago and London at the Mansion House.

Lt. Col. Harry J. Dooley, club president, accepted the London flag on behalf of Mayor Kelly and in turn passed the Chicago banner to London's Lord Mayor. The London flag will be presented to Mayor Kelly at Chieto's first home meeting after the war.

Among the guests was Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander.

Nazis Combing Reich for Men

Men of 50 Being Sent to Front, Stockholm Hears; Hard Winter Feared

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 10 (AP)—Germany is preparing for the fifth winter of the war by mobilizing all possible manpower for military service, in some instances using men as old as 50 on the battlefronts, according to dispatches from Swedish correspondents.

"Every German who is able to bear arms must perform military service," said the Berlin correspondent of Dagens Nyheter.

A new review of industrial mobilization is now under way to eliminate all non-essential work and to concentrate manpower for the army and the production of armaments.

An editorial in the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung warned the Germans the winter would be hard, and added "but no one can deprive us of our courage. We have never let ourselves become accustomed to an easy life. We must now defend all the positions we hold."

The newspaper expressed the belief the Germans need not fear a second front in western Europe this year, and said that as a result of the weather, the Anglo-American bombing offensive apparently had reached its climax for this year.

The Dagens Nyheter correspondent said the S.A. organization, used lately for handling relief measures after raids, had been assigned the tasks of rounding up enemy airmen forced down over the continent and hunting saboteurs and spies.

All able-bodied regular members of the police are being called up for the army, and their places are being taken by men from the special railway and postal police forces.

California Brush Fires Caused Wide Damage

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10—Scores of brush fires which raged yesterday over a wide area of northern California caused millions of dollars of property damage and crippled transportation and communications.

The fires were started in most cases by chimney sparks and falling power lines during a severe windstorm. Contra Costa County, Monterey and the Oakland Hills area were hardest hit.

New Paper Parachute Used to Drop Supplies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—The Navy has come up with a paper parachute, to help save nylon and silk. The new chute is used to drop supplies to combat units.

Made of specially treated rain-proof paper, it has a 16-foot spread, carries about 100 pounds and costs only one-fifth as much as the standard type. What's more, it does the job just as well.

By Milton Caniff

