

Swarms of U.S. Bombers Blast Nazis

German Flight Becoming Rout

Russians 50 Miles From Polish Line

Enemy Front West of Kiev Near Collapse; Reds Gain In All Other Sectors

Field Marshal Von Manstein's battered army, its Ukraine winter line smashed by a series of swift Russian pincer movements west of Kiev, fled westward in headlong retreat yesterday before Red tanks and cavalry knifing through to the Polish border, little more than 50 miles away.

Moscow reports said the Nazis were retreating in great disorder, their resistance weakening and their counter-attacks growing feeble. Nowhere on the 120-mile front of the Kiev salient were there any signs of determined German resistance.

Some dispatches even suggested that Manstein's forces were ready to collapse after the Russians' lightning day offensive to the Korosten-Zhitomir sector of the vital Odessa line, last good railway to Rumania.

Gen. F. Vatutin's spearheads, driving toward the next great junctions of the line, were reported last night only three miles from partly surrounded Zhitomir and seven from Berdichev, which links eastern Poland, White Russia and the Black Sea.

Powerful new mechanized forces, held in reserve waiting for the breakthrough, were said to have flooded through the gap in the railway and swept six miles beyond into comparatively open country where tanks and mobile artillery could operate with little difficulty.

Marshal Stalin, celebrating what seemed likely to be the biggest Russian victory since Stalingrad, disclosed last night in an order of the day that the Kiev breakthrough was of monumental proportions—an advance of 30 to 60 miles on a front 190 miles wide in six days.

Some 250,000 Nazi troops—eight tank divisions, including the SS Adolf Hitler division, and 14 infantry divisions—were routed, Stalin revealed, and more than 1,000 inhabited places recaptured.

The order disclosed for the first time that Gen. Vatutin's Ukraine Army had swept into the important railway junction of Kazatin, 20 miles southeast of Berdichev.

The Nazis' decision last month to throw thousands of men and tanks from other sectors of the front, as well as from France, Italy, Poland and The Netherlands, into a furious counter-offensive aiming at the recapture of Kiev, was described yesterday as "one of the greatest blunders of the war" in an Associated Press dispatch from Moscow by Eddy Gilmore.

Hitler's great effort gave him the two cities of Korosten and Zhitomir—one of them already recaptured and the other now threatened by the Russians—and many unimportant villages. But it cost him several thousand tanks and mobile guns, and thousands of soldiers.

Farther south the Russians threatened the Germans clinging to the right bank of the Dnieper northwest of Cherkassy by a drive toward Vinnitsa, 40 miles southwest of Berdichev. Several of Vatutin's columns were reported advancing swiftly here, overwhelming Skvira, halfway between Kiev and Vinnitsa. A big German base at Belaya Tserkov (White Church), 25 miles northeast of Skvira, was placed in a critical position by this maneuver.

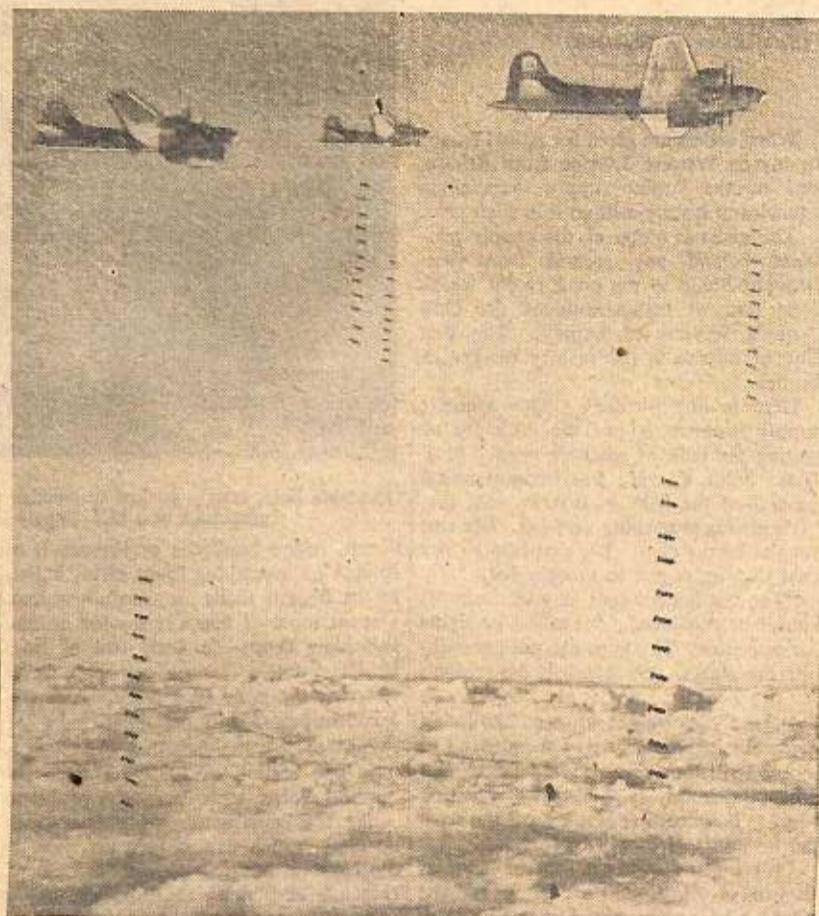
Anthracite Coal Shortage Halts Shipments to West

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes said today that the anthracite coal shortage was so severe that no more anthracite would be shipped west of the Ohio-Pennsylvania boundary until Apr. 1.

Ickes attributed the shortage to the lack of manpower "to a considerable extent" and he accused the War Manpower Commission of failure to remedy the situation.

The WMC, in turn, attributed the shortages to the coal strikes.

Bombs Away Through Ten-Tenths Cloud



U.S. bombers again loosed their loads of explosive through carpets of clouds yesterday as they struck targets in France and Germany, using the new secret technique which assures accurate bombing of invisible targets. Fortresses above were photographed during the attack on Emden Oct. 2.

Shift of Power To Pacific Is Set

Diversion of Force Hitting Reich May Precede Total Victory, Adm. King Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 — Adm. Ernest J. King said today that plans already had been made for shifting the full strength of American and British sea, air and land power to the Pacific, not only when Germany is defeated, but when that defeat appears near.

Preparations for the shift have been under way for several months, the naval commander-in-chief said, and it may come off before Germany's final defeat. He said: "I am hopeful and expectant that unremitting pressure on Japan will be continued and increased. When the shift is made, the main lines of the attack will be already determined, and additional means will be used to implement the general strategy of the defeat of Japan."

Asked if the U.S. now was in a better position because of the increased size of her fleet, which has been doubled in the last year, Adm. King replied emphatically: "We are in a better position to retain what technically is known as the initiative, but we would be going along faster against Japan if we had more means."

A Bonus? GIs Plan Ways to Use It

If the Barkley bill, providing mustering-out pay up to \$500 and now awaiting approval by the House when Congress convenes next month, becomes law, servicemen will use the money to finance post-war plans ranging from matrimony to a down payment on the little white house in the country.

In random interviews with 24 prospective candidates for the bonus, The Stars and Stripes found yesterday that such a Government gift would be used also to finance maternity, small business, vacations, wardrobes, farms, education, investments and, naturally, the oft-promised "grand and glorious spree."

Only a few planned to bank the money. Most thought they would spend it immediately.

The bill, written by Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley (Dem., Ky.) and already passed by the Senate, authorizes upon demobilization payment of individual sums ranging from \$200 to \$500. The estimated total cost will be between three and four billion dollars. One of those who will use the money to

Day of Prayer On New Year's

Services in ETO Replace Peacetime Festivity; Parties Tonight

New Year's Day, as proclaimed by President Roosevelt for all Americans, will be observed as a day of prayer in the ETO tomorrow, but the Army will not pause in its training for the blow to bring victory in the New Year.

Religious services have been arranged at most U.S. posts and at churches in British cities and towns. Chief among them will be rites at noon in St. Paul's Cathedral Crypt, London, which will be attended by high-ranking officers and officials of the Allied nations. Tickets for enlisted men are available at Central Base Section Special Service offices in London and at Rainbow Corner.

Although New Year's Day will not be the festive one it usually is at home, 1944 will be ushered in with gaiety tonight at hundreds of Red Cross clubs and Army recreational halls, and many American soldiers on leave will be guests at parties in private homes.

Most of the British Isles will return to ordinary weekday routine tomorrow, however, for New Year's Day is not (Continued on page 4)

Big Assault Follows RAF's 2nd Greatest Night Raid on Berlin

Green German Pilots Shown How in Combat

AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, Dec. 30—The Luftwaffe apparently is mixing veteran fighter pilots with inexperienced airmen to train interceptor squadrons, Flying Fortress crews reported after today's raid on Germany.

Formations of four or five German planes would hover outside the range of the bombers' guns, crewmen said, while one pilot, apparently a veteran from his skilled aerobatics, would barrel-roll into the center of a B17 group, where Fortress gunners could not fire at him without endangering other bombers.

Barrel-rolling back out, the leader then would bring the entire formation of Nazi fighters into the bomber group, firing as they came, according to 1/Lt. Mack G. Hemphill, of Jackson, Miss.

Planes Support Italy Advances

Bombers Hit Supply Lines; 8th Army Moves Ahead On Mined Road

ALLIED HQ, Dec. 30 (AP)—Eighth Army forces moving forward from Ortona today pressed a mile up the Adriatic coast toward Pescara over a heavily-mined road in cold and cloudy weather, while American bombers ripped into German supply lines.

Fortresses, Marauders and other bombers concentrated on blocking seaports and railways through which the Germans were supplying their forces on both the east and west coasts.

At the western end of the front the Germans' heavy attack on Punta-Fiume at the mouth of the Garigliano river died down with the village still in the Fifth Army's hands.

Allied troops occupied an important hill about half a mile northwest of Villa Grande, on the left flank of their advance at Ortona.

In the center the Fifth Army stormed a 3,000-foot hill at Cerasuolo, overlooking the Colle Atina road, five miles east of Biagio, after advancing about a mile and a half. Elsewhere patrols were active.

Fortresses of the 15th Air Force smashed the seaport and railway center of Rimini, northwest of the Adriatic coast about 80 miles south of Venice, for the second consecutive day.

They left large fires blazing at this most important port north of Pescara, through which Germans are supplying their troops driven out of Ortona. The railway junction of Ferrara, connecting Rimini and Ravenna with Padua and Venice, was also heavily hit.

Fighters in Longest Escort Job Deep Into Germany

American bombers launched their ninth major attack of the month yesterday, hammering targets all the way from the French invasion coast to deep in southwestern Germany, to follow up the RAF's second heaviest raid of the war on Berlin.

Fleets of Eighth Air Force heavy bombers, covered all the way to their objectives and back by American fighters which made their longest penetration yet into the Reich, struck targets which had not been announced officially late last night.

Bombers attacking one German target made the entire trip across France and Germany without once seeing the ground and, far above a thick layer of ten-tenths cloud, loosed their bombs by the secret technique, only just revealed, which permits so-called precision bombing even when the target is hidden from view.

Heavy flak, few fighters. Heavy flak was encountered over target areas as the bombers made their runs, but enemy aerial opposition to most groups was described as light, apparently due to the close-flying fighter escort.

P47 Thunderbolts covered the bombers on their way in, and twin-engine P38 Lightnings were waiting at a rendezvous to take the heavies over the target. Formations of P47s again picked up the heavies on their way home, and Spitfires rounded out the fighter support.

While the heavies were striking the Reich, Marauder medium bombers carried out the largest of their 103 missions to date with a solid attack on military installations—believed to be emplacements for Hitler's secret rocket guns—along the northern coast of France. The mediums were covered by swarms of Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Spitfires and came home to report precision bombing without loss.

2,200 Tons on Berlin. The RAF's assault on Berlin Wednesday night—more than 2,200 incendiaries started vast fires which still were blazing last night, came on the third anniversary of the Nazis' attempt to burn London in the great blitz of December, 1940.

In their eighth attack on Berlin since Nov. 18, the RAF heavy bombers spread new fires across the city while firemen and excavation squads were still working to restore order after the heavy attack of six days earlier.

The heart of Berlin was a blazing mass, and great fires reddened the solid cloud layer above which the bombers flew, said a Stars and Stripes-American Forces Network reporter who covered the raid. Smoke columns from the burning city climbed three miles into the sky and were visible 100 miles from the target.

Twenty Bombers Missing. For the weight of bombs dropped it was one of the least expensive raids of the war for the RAF; 20 bombers were reported missing.

As the bombers came home from what was described as one of the most highly concentrated night raids in history, neutral sources already were putting out stories of the devastation.

Although telephone communication with Sweden was cut as soon as the assault started, Stockholm dispatches said it had been learned that the huge Tempelhof airdrome, nerve center of Germany's airlines, had been battered out of action, and that a large portion of the attack apparently had been directed (Continued on page 4)

U.S. Casualties Now Total 133,581 for Army, Navy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—The Office of War Information announced yesterday an American war casualty total of 133,581. The total, arrived at by combining the latest available War and Navy Department reports, includes 30,107 dead; 42,345 wounded; 32,138 missing and 28,991 prisoners of war.

Army casualties alone totaled 100,481. Of this number 15,753 were killed, 36,257 wounded, 23,788 missing and 24,693 prisoners of war.

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Supply—the Key to Any Invasion

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The Russian Threat

Field Marshal Von Manstein's counter-attacks on the Kiev salient, launched in the second week of November to avert catastrophe to German forces located within the Dnieper bend, have not only been stopped but hurled back by a Red Army whose offensive pace is dangerously fast.

The new retreat by German forces in Russia can hardly be labelled "according to plan" for the Germans had hoped to stabilize the Russian front until spring thaws immobilized the Red armies, thus enabling the transfer of reorganized and rested divisions from east to west where they would be used against expected Anglo-American landings.

But the Teheran Conference insured a coordinated Allied effort that was not planned to suit the German High Command and new Russian advances indicate there will be no rest this winter for weary German troops.

The Red Army today is within 25 miles of the main railway which connects Germany and Nazi forces in the Dnieper bend. A further advance of 65 miles will close all retreat routes into Germany for their 50 odd divisions still fighting inside the Bend. This does not mean those divisions would be trapped like others at Stalingrad for roads into Rumania will still remain open; but it does mean that for a long period of time they will be out of action as they disengage, reorganize and move back to active fronts by round-about lines of communication.

This period might be sufficiently long to enable the Russians to crush decisively other German armies of the east.

That would be disastrous.

Principles Recognized

The link and contrast between Versailles in 1919 and the still unknown place and time of the next peace conference were dramatized when Field Marshal Smuts received the Woodrow Wilson award on the 87th anniversary of Mr. Wilson's birth. Of Versailles and the league Marshal Smuts felt compelled to admit that "we failed and our failure is writ large in the vast tragedy of today." He thinks he knows why. The covenant failed by attempting too little.

"A quarter of a century has savagely reinforced the arguments advanced by President Wilson," observes the New York Times commenting on this event, and adds "We are now sure, as Marshal Smuts says, 'that Versailles untrampled is a mere illusion.'"

In 1919 the success of international cooperations seemed to require a plunge into the unknown. Marshal Smuts points out that we need not follow that formula today. We can build on what we have: first the wartime fellowship of four great nations, China, Russia, Britain and America, and, second, the support of other members, large and small, of the United Nations. In due course the present neutrals can join with us, to be followed by our present enemies when they have been "cured" of their dangerous obsessions and distorted outlook.

With these fundamental principles recognized, the approach to the next peace table can be made with an assurance of a bright outlook for success.

No Hope for Japan

While many Allied leaders have no hope of an easy victory over Japan, the Japanese leaders have no hope of victory. Their own acts during the past two years have proved this, and the proof is found in their lack of offensive action during the past year in particular.

Even when Hitler was in Stalingrad, Rommel at the gates of Alexandria and the U-boats were at the height of their power in the Atlantic, it was still impossible for Japan to take further offensive action against India, Australia, Siberia, Alaska or Hawaii, and, of course, no move was made against the continental United States. And while Hitler was being driven out of Russia, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, the Japs were unable to help with supporting action.

And action always speaks louder than words. The Japs by their lack of it during critical periods for the Axis in this war proved their inability to act and established beyond any reasonable doubt that their war was a gamble on a Nazi victory in Europe. They knew when Hitler failed in Europe they too had lost their bet.

The real feelings that now exist between these two so-called allies must be almost unprintable.

Hash Marks

We are not starting any arguments, but some of the fellows over here claim the soldiers from Pittsburgh have too big an advantage—blackouts remind them of home at nighttime.

How To Start A Career: Lou Harding, a pretty 19-year-old TRUCK driver, crashed her vehicle into one of the build-



ings on the Universal Pictures lot. Before she could get out, she had been given a screen test, and had signed a contract for 75 bucks a week.

Famous Last Words. The other day in a gigantic officers' mess there was a sudden lull in the clatter and chatter and the voice of a second lieutenant sitting in the corner wafted this belligerent phrase across the room, "And that's ONE time, if I had had the rank, I would have pulled it on him!" (We know just what you mean, bud, we know just what you mean.)

GI Philosophy. Kissing may not lengthen a girl's life, but life in a girl certainly lengthens kissing.

WAC Philosophy. A gentleman is a wolf with patience.

Hey, hey, the war has affected everything. The director of the Hartford, Conn., hospital used this note in his annual maternity report: "Never-ending squadrons of storks have bombed us with seventeen and a half tons of babies. Forty-two were block-busters, weighing more than ten pounds. . . . No storks were shot down, so we may expect continued assaults."

Just off-hand we'd say the "champion" letter writers in the Army are Sgt. Russell Harris and his WAC Corporal wife. They



write to each other faithfully three times a week—and they are quartered only 300 yards apart. "Uncle Sam keeps us so busy we have very little time together," explains Russell.

GI's at a Marauder base commanded by Lt. Col. Grover C. Brown took a few statistics the other day and announced that their cooks had used raisins in every conceivable type of mess hall menu. But Cookie fooled them and came up with a new one—raisin gravy!

J. C. W.

Army's Giant SOS Gets Set for Its Massive Job

(The volume of material shipped for the North African and Italian invasions was insignificant compared to that which will be needed for an all-out assault on Europe, Charles E. Wilson, executive vice president of the War Production Board, declared in Washington Wednesday. Here Tom Wolf, of the London Bureau of the Newspaper Enterprise Association, spotlights the magnitude of the Allies' Second Front supply problem, following a tour of the U.S. Army's Services of Supply installations in Britain.)

By Tom Wolf

NEA Staff Correspondent

When orders are given for Allied troops to invade Western Europe from Britain, one of the largest supply marshalling agencies in history will go into high gear.

The gigantic scope of the supply problem behind any second front was brought home to me on a recent week-long tour of installations of the U.S. Army's Services of Supply. The first line of offense is the factory worker at home.

Here is one picture: "Our greatest supply problem is not the difficulty of getting the bulk of what we need," Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commanding general of the SOS in Britain, told me. "It's getting everything we need. We can get the 90 per cent. It's that last 10 per cent that we've got to squeeze for."

"The last ten per cent may be the most vital," he continued. "It might be sights for our guns. The guns are useless without the sights. Or it might be scalpels for our doctors. We've got hospitals by the score. We've got huge stockpiles of medical supplies—many of them given us by the British on reverse Lend-Lease. But a hospital is only as good as its operating room. If a doctor doesn't have the scalpel he wants, lives will be lost."

"It's that last ten per cent of supplies that pays off in battle. They are the modern horseshoe nail, for the want of which a kingdom is lost."

To get an idea of the size of the problem behind any offensive move from the British Isles, you have only to visit one of the huge SOS depots. In one warehouse of one depot alone there are separate bins for 235,000 different ordnance supplies—and these are only two-thirds of the total number of ordnance items.

At the same depot there are assembly lines, for trucks and jeeps, which are only slightly less spectacular than Detroit's. To save space, motor vehicles are shipped unassembled to get the greatest number of parts into the smallest package. For the same reason, ground troops no longer bring most of their equipment with them from the States. It was found more ship-economical to send the supplies in bulk and to distribute them after the units arrive in this theater.

Or take another depot—an ammunition



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Portable huts, snugly packed in wooden crates—and not to be opened 'till invasion—piled high at a U.S. Supply Depot somewhere in Britain.

dump, where hundreds of thousands of rounds of everything from pistol bullets to the biggest shells are carefully stored. I spent most of one day driving around this huge depot—formerly one of England's "stately homes"—without ever covering the same spot twice. And still I had inspected only part of it.

Add to this the fact that ordnance is only one section of SOS. There's the Medical Corps, with its special problems—like the construction of prefabricated hospitals which can be set up right at the front in accordance with the Corps' principle of "taking the hospitals to the men, not vice versa." And there are the Signal Corps, the Quartermaster Corps and the Engineer Corps.

The engineers have special problems. The equipment needed for an invasion at any one point is entirely different from that needed to invade another point which may be only a few miles away. There'll be different rivers to be crossed, different demolitions to be made, different reconditioning problems in each port. The engineers' problems are only one reason why plans for invasion must be made months and months in advance.

Finally, there are the problems of the Transportation Corps, the newest of the SOS branches. Because of England's proximity to the Luftwaffe, supplies cannot be stored right at the ports, as they can in America. Boats and supplies must be gotten out of the ports as soon as possible.

This in itself creates new problems. If there were plenty of time at the ports, for example, ammunition could be unloaded the same way it is stowed—by manufacturer's lot. But there isn't plenty of time. So ammunition is unloaded hit or miss, and the mixed lots must be sorted when they arrive at the depots for storage.

When the time for invasion comes, what happens will be something like what happens when the SOS depots are notified of how much of what is needed. The depots will give the Transportation Corps the "Dizzy D's"—Depot Ship Data, which tell the size and quantity of items ordered. On the basis of this data the Transportation Corps will "stow" its ships, on paper.

The whole movement then works on a "credit" basis. Headquarters gives the Transportation Corps "credits," backed up by depot supplies, for the items necessary to the invasion. The Transportation Corps then cashes in its credits as fast as, and in the order that, it wants the materials. The supplies must move right from the inland depots onto the ships.

The experience and lessons of the African invasion, for which many of the supplies at first came from here, prove that this is the best way of "mounting a show." The only way it can seriously break down is if there are no supplies to back up the credits—if every bit of the stuff that's needed just isn't here.

That last bit is the horseshoe nail which could lose an invasion. That's where America's war workers can win or lose the war.

The Japs Well Know Twining, New Mediterranean Air Chief

Commanding the American pre-invasion raids on Germany from the Mediterranean will be an airman who, like Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle, new leader of the Eighth Air Force, won fame by his damaging blows against the Japanese.

Lauded for directing the force which, in the words of Adm. William Halsey, "completely wiped out the effective Japanese air strength in Bougainville prior to and during the landings at Empress Augusta Bay," Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining was appointed commander of the 15th Air Force in the same shift of commands which sent Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker to the Mediterranean as supreme Allied air commander.

Like the Eighth Air Force—the ETO counterpart of the 15th—Gen. Twining's force was designed primarily for long-range strategic bombing. In the months to come targets of the Mediterranean bombers may be expected to complement British-based attacks on important objectives deep in the Reich.

Although he was graduated from West Point in 1918, it was not until 1926 that Twining entered the Air Corps. Upon leaving the Military Academy the 21-year-old officer was assigned to the field artillery.

Upon joining the Air Corps, however, he soon acquired an enviable record as aircraft pilot, combat observer and a member of a fighting family. Twining's grandmother, of whom he is a

namesake, was captain of the Janesville, Wis., Company in the Civil War. His uncle, Rear Adm. Nathan C. Twining, was the World War I chief of staff for Vice Adm. William S. Sims.

At the beginning of the present war Gen. Twining was aide to Gen. Henry H. Arnold, USAAF chief. On July 25, 1943, he went to the Solomons to take command of the 13th Air Force.

There he earned the praise of Adm. Halsey, who said: "I desire to pay tribute to the magnificent work of the forces commanded by Gen. Twining. The air groups under his leadership have had unqualified success in supporting operations at sea and on shore."

Gen. Twining has had his share of air adventures and narrow escapes. On a combat mission in a heavy bomber last January Twining and 14 others were forced down in a severe storm. For six nights and five days they drifted in two small life rafts in the Coral Sea before being rescued.



Nathan Twining

PRIVATE BREGER



Lt. Dave Breger, Britain

"No, sir, I haven't sent your message yet. I figure it'll go cheaper as a night letter!"



AJAX DIVING TROOP

Sports Thrived In '43 Despite Gloom at Start

Quality of Play Dropped, But Thrills Were Not Lacking

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—As a second full year of American participation in war draws to a close sports fans can look back on a much better year than was ever hoped for. Although there was a marked drop in all-round quality of play in all sports, with the possible exception of horse racing, there was no scarcity of excitement and thrills.



Patty Berg

Most fans agree that the outstanding event and outstanding performer were presented together when Gundar Haegg, the Swedish fireman, visited these shores and won eight races in a coast-to-coast charity tour, set several records, became engaged to an American girl and was voted the title of Outstanding Athlete of the Year.

The extraordinary year that sports enjoyed is reflected in the fact that Haegg and Patty Berg, the golfer, were named the year's outstanding male and female athletes participating in sports which had been expected to be exceptionally hard hit by the war.

Baseballers Were Apprehensive

Baseball was apprehensive last March when the major leaguers gathered for training in the bleak wintertime surroundings of such places as Ashbury Park, N.J.; Medford, Mass.; Bear Mountain, N.Y., and other "north of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers."

Despite the sorry outlook occasioned, by the departure of many of the game's stars and travel restrictions, baseball fans have memories of one of the most-talked-of seasons in history. The year 1943 saw the Yankee and Cardinal organizations set the stage for the Yankees to take the World Series packed with drama: the chief cause of their father's death before, pacing the Cardinals' benches over the Yankees in the second game of the series, and the Yankees when driving toward his game-winning home run in the fifth game of the series.

The most bizarre touch to an exciting campaign came however after the season's end when Judge Landis ruled Bill Cox, after one year as owner and president of the Phillies, "permanently ineligible" as a result of his admissions to having wagered on his team.

Even the minor leagues caused lots of excitement in an abortive attempt to oust Judge William G. Bramham as their czar.

Good Year for Turf

Racing enjoyed a good year despite the ban on pleasure driving which forced the closing of Hialeah Park, Delaware Park, Saratoga, and Empire City. Racing overcame these obstacles in a year which saw an estimated \$710,000,000 bet throughout the country.

College football was considerably curtailed for obvious reasons, but that didn't prevent one of football history's stunning upsets as the Great Lakes Bluejackets defeated Notre Dame in the final half-minute of the season after Notre Dame had played well enough during the season to be classed with the greatest college elevens of all time.

Boxing survived the enlistment of most of its champions to enjoy a good year. Golf, hard-pressed by war conditions, staged a brave fight to keep alive and the Harold "Jug" McSpaden emerged as the top golfer with playoff victories over Buck White in the Tam O'Shanter Open and over Sam Byrd in the Victory Open.

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Residents of Wilson, N.C.

are invited to a reunion in game room at Rainbow Corner, London, at 7 PM Jan. 3. Sgt. William G. Ashe.

Beta Theta Pi Dinner

DINNER will be held for Beta Theta Pi members at No. 3 Grosvenor Sq. Club, London, 7 PM Jan. 8. Send reservations to Jack Mandigo, American Red Cross, APO 887.

Personal

WILL the recently repatriated American aviator prisoner-of-war, possessing a wooden leg, who knew Flying Warrant Officer Eddy H. Gershater, of the Royal Air Force, at Stalag VIII-B, Germany, please communicate with his brother, Lt. Ben M. Gershater, U.S. Army Air Corps, through Help Wanted.

Ranger Center Proves Ice Players Are Tough

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—An examination yesterday disclosed that New York Ranger Center Abe DeMarco has had two broken toes in his left foot since last Thursday night's game in which Grant Warwick suffered a skate gash on the head and Goalie Ken Macauley was felled when struck on the jaw by a flying puck.

DeMarco doesn't know when or where the accident occurred, but thinks it must have been that night. He has no trouble skating, but wobbles when walking. He played Sunday and will play again tomorrow.

The peculiar part of the mystery is the fact that the skates have a supposedly undentable cup guarding the toes.

Turf Body Bans Jockey for Life

Mat Quinn Found Guilty Of Offering Bribe To Pannell

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 30—Charged with attempting to bribe another jockey to pull a horse, Jockey Matthew Quinn, of Plankinton, Idaho, has been ruled off the turf for life by the Maryland Racing Commission.

The 22-year-old rider allegedly offered an apprentice jockey, Joseph Pannell, \$150 to pull a horse Nov. 27, but Pannell went on to win on the horse. Pannell was killed in a racing accident the day before he was scheduled to testify against Quinn, but Pannell's wife, who claimed to be present at the breakfast table when the offer was made, testified instead.

Chairman Frank Small of the Maryland body announced that the action was taken under the Corrupt Practices Act of the Maryland Racing Laws, the first such action since 1941 when Jockey A. F. Martinez was ruled off under the same act.

Infantry Elevens Clash Tomorrow In 'Potato Bowl'

BELFAST, Dec. 30—Two U.S. Army Infantry elevens, victors in their respective football circles, will meet in an "Irish Potato Bowl" game at Lone Star Field in Newry on New Year's Day to select the 1943 American football champion of Northern Ireland.

With the trimmings of an American post-season football classic, the Gaels will tackle the Wolverines on the Irish sod with the kickoff at 2 P.M. An Infantry band will parade at halftime and cheering sections, composed of GIs and their civilian friends, will be formed to provide the teams with moral support.

Both elevens have been scrimmaging daily for the battle. They fought their way up through an elimination tourney for the right to play in the Bowl.

A chaplain, Lewis B. Parks, former Baylor gridman, will referee the contest.

Liberator Division to Hold Sports Carnival Tomorrow

—LIBERATOR DIVISION, Dec. 30—A sports field day, sponsored by this Liberator Division, will be held on New Year's Day at a nearby East Anglia town, commencing at 1.15 P.M. Participating in the program will be members of the USAAF Bomber, Fighter and RAF units.

The program will consist of the following events: three-mile division cross-country race; soccer match between a mixed lineup of Americans and RAF; and touch football contest.

CAGE RESULTS

- Bunker Hill Navy 49, Navy Pier 44
 - Columbia 49, Yale 42
 - Cornell 64, Connecticut 35
 - Illinois 64, Great Lakes 51
 - Missouri 29, Washburn 28
 - North Carolina Pre-Flight 46, Ft. Bragg 33
 - Princeton 53, Brooklyn Polytechnic 31
 - Tufts 62, Boston Naval Receiving Station 48
- Oklahoma City Tournament (Semi-Finals)
Oklahoma Aggies 45, Southwestern University 39
Texas Christian 33, Phillips 20
(Consolation)
Rice 60, Texas Tech 37

LSU Pinning Hopes on Van Buren

Tiger Back Is Best Ball Carrier in Any Bowl Tilt

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 30—The Orange Bowl game here between the Texas Aggies and Louisiana State may not be the best football game of the day, but you can bet that there will be plenty of bitter-acting because these teams have been belaboring each other fiercely for years in a rivalry which has seen both teams rise to the peaks.

The Baton Rouge Tigers had no bowl dreams at all when the season started with not a single lend-lease service trainee on the squad. All they wanted to do was keep football alive in the Bayou country. They succeeded and played some good football while they were at it. The high point of the season for the Tigers was their 34-27 triumph over the Georgia Bulldogs.

Out of Last Two Games
When they meet the Aggies Saturday they immediately will take up the business of revenge for the 27-13 drubbing they received from the Aggies on Oct. 9. The Tigers are pinning their hopes on Steve Van Buren, the lone veteran of the squad, who is just recovering from an ankle in-



Steve VAN BUREN

jury that kept him from the last two games of the season. Steve is the best ball carrier in any bowl this year, having carried the ball 847 yards in 150 tries for a 5.6-yard average. He ranks fourth among all the passers who will perform Saturday with 1,007 yards gained through the air.

Louisiana State lost, 27-0, to Tulane

Bayou Team Out To Avenge Loss In October

while Steve was out and the Tigers feel they would have made it a close game if he had been there. They need Steve because he is their whole attack, and their only hope for victory is to outscore the other squad. They have one of the most futile defenses at large today.

Aggies No Powerhouse

The Aggies, however, are no powerhouse, despite their having reached the final game with Texas unbeaten. The squad is young and green with many of them having heard no word from the draft board—and not one of them is 21 yet. The only 200-pounder among the Aggie aggregation is Guard Damon Tassos, a holdover from last year.

Coach Homer Norton, however, has a good line. They are fast and shifty and yielded only 880 yards in nine games this season.

Jim Hallmark, fleet 160-pounder, is the key back this year. Speed is the watchword of the Aggie backfield and Jess Burditt, Hallmark's favorite passing target, is just a step behind him.

Cinderman Gil Dodds Voted AAU's James Sullivan Trophy

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—The annual award of the James E. Sullivan Trophy by the Amateur Athletic Union to the amateur athlete adjudged to have done the most during the year to advance the cause of sportsmanship went yesterday to Gil Dodds, Boston divinity student and ace trackman.

Dodds polled 860 votes in a nationwide survey to win from seven other candidates. The others were: Bill Smith, Ohio State's Hawaiian swimming star; Joe Palatak, Chicago handball player; Bill Hulse, New York miler; Andy Curtis, San Francisco swimmer; Bill Watson, Detroit trackman; Mary Winslow, Nashville, Tenn., basketball player, and Ken Sailors, Wyoming University basketball player.

Besppectacled Dodds, holder of the national 1,500-meter mark title, is the tenth runner to win the award since golfer Bobby Jones got it first in 1930.

Dodds' willingness to compete against Gunder Haegg in the latter's charity tour through the United States last summer was a prominent factor in his selection. The thundering theologian once ran a



Gil Dodds

4:6.1 mile, the second fastest ever run by an American.

BOWL ROUNDUP

Huskie Fans Giving 3-1 Odds Or 12 Points Against Trojans

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 30—Probably the juiciest short end prospect for New Year's Day is Southern California, undefeated in six Rose Bowl appearances and currently 3-1 underdog to the Washington Huskies.

Pricemakers here are probably taking into consideration the comparative scores against the March Field Fliers. Washington drubbed the aviators and the aviators drubbed Southern California. If the odds do not appeal, the bettor gets 12 points and Southern California.

If New Year's Day comes rainy in keeping with the present Coast weather, Washington, outweighing the Trojans, may justify the odds. If sunshine appears, the Trojan speed and air power may offset the weight advantage with quick breaks through the line and short passes.

Washington lost two really good backs since the season in Jay Stoves and Pete Sussick and the odds are likely to fall before game time.

Longhorns Are 2-1 to Win

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 30—Gambling action in this vicinity makes Texas a 2-1 favorite over Randolph Field's squad in the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day.

If a Texas fan doesn't care to lay 2-1, he can give seven points and if Randolph

Field suits the bettors' fancy, he gets six points. The odds aren't bad considering that the Fliers' passing attack is built around Glenn Dobbs, former Tulsa All-American. The Randolph Field squad arrives today and Texas tomorrow.

Hotfoot Hampers West Eleven

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30—The hilariously funny American practical joke known as the hotfoot has caused the withdrawal of Bob Stevens, Oregon State back, from the West team in the San Francisco Shrine game New Year's Day.

Someone with no brains but a marvelous sense of humor put a match to Stevens' foot while he slept, causing his pants to catch fire and subjecting him to second degree burns, which any hotfoot connoisseur will admit are side splitting.

Leahy Looking Ahead

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss., Dec. 30—Coach Frank Leahy, of the almost unbeaten Notre Dame team, is here watching Tulsa and thereby getting a headstart on all scouts for the next season.

"We play Georgia Tech in Atlanta early next season," Leahy said. "And it's no secret that I want to get a look at what we are up against."

Leahy is en route to New Orleans where he will watch Tech scrimmage and will remain for the game New Year's Day.

LaMotta Bout Is Cancelled

Coast Guard Transfers Kochan 2 Hours Before Fight

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—Uncle Sam disrupted Uncle Mike Jacobs' plans for a ten-rounder last night between Coast Guardsman Georgie Kochan and Jake LaMotta when Kochan was transferred to a new assignment within two hours of the bout and the entire show was cancelled.

Kochan, tenth ranking middleweight in the U.S., hoped for a chance to bust up LaMotta, currently ranked number one among active 160-pounders.

The fight was almost cancelled Tuesday after LaMotta ran down and killed an 11-year-old child Monday night in The Bronx, but he was freed on recognizance for an early hearing before the Bronx District Attorney. The fighters weighed in yesterday with LaMotta tipping the scales at 164 and Kochan a half-pound lighter.

Jacobs announced the signing of Juan Zurita and Bobby Ruffin for a Jan. 14 ten-rounder as a substitute for a heavy-weight bout between Joe Baksi and Tami Mauriello. Mauriello has flu.

Unbeaten Fives Pace SBS Loop

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, Dec. 30—After one week of league basketball play in the Southern Base Section, only two teams remain unbeaten. The Beavers and hustling Gnomes remain undefeated to share first place. The ASC Angels and Ordnance Orioles also won in the third night of league operation.

Completely dominating league play with their high-scoring tactics and overabundant material, the Beavers overwhelmed the previous undefeated General Hospital Genes by the ridiculous margin of 74-34. It was the high water mark for the number of points scored by a club in league competition, and also saw an individual record established by Sgt. Nelson Speraw, of Harrisburg, Pa., who made 20 points, all on field goals.

The less spectacular, though just as effective, Gnomes kept pace with the Beavers, stunning the Station Hospital Steelers, 30-20, on a second-half drive stimulated by Cpl. Merel Albright, of Scranton, Pa. Holding a 13-10 half-time edge, the Gnomes, and particularly Albright, pulled away in the last 20 minutes, Albright closing with 14 points.

Hans Crescent Five Triumphs

The Hans Crescent table tennis five maintained their winning streak with a 5-2 victory over the Washington club in a mixed singles and doubles game on the winners' tables.

Hokey Results

Buffalo 3, Providence 0
Cleveland 2, Hershey 2

Li'l Abner



WHIFFO' DID YOU AIM T' BLAST YO' BRAINS OUT, OL' CRITTER?
MY LIFE HAS BEEN PROBABLY THE BLACKEST TRAGEDY IN ALL MUSICAL HISTORY!
AH! LOVES MOO-ZICKLE HISTORY—LIKE, FO' INSTANCE, "TH' WRECK O' TH' OL' 97" EF IT'LL COMFORT YO' ANY AH'LL SING IT T' YO' MOURNFUL-LIKE—
STOP BRAYING, JACKASS! I AM CONCERTING CONSTIATO!! HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF ME?—
EXCOOZE MAH STOOPID KGORANCE, SUH, BUT AH NEVAH HEERD NOTHIN' 'BOUT YO' NOWHAR—NOHOW!!
THAT DOPE, IS THE TRAGEDY! NO ONE HAS EVER HEARD 'BOUT ME—AND YET STANDING BEFORE YOU IS THE GREATEST SWOON CROONER OF ALL TIME!!
ME LOUT-ME! I'VE DEVOTED THE MOST FRUITFUL 60 YEARS OF MY LIFE TO MASTERING THE FUNDAMENTAL SECRET OF SWOON CROONING, BUT SLOB—NO ONE WILL LISTEN TO ME!!—IM NOT THE ROMANTIC TYPE!!
NO SUH!—YO' IS MORE TH' REPULSIVE TYPE!!

By Al Capp

Marines Burn Way to Airfields On New Britain

200 Japs Killed, Pill-Boxes Wrecked by Leathernecks Using Flame-Throwers

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Dec. 30—U.S. Leathernecks "burnt" their way to within rifle shot of Cape Gloucester airfields tonight after killing more than 200 Japs and wrecking numerous pill-boxes with flame throwers and dynamite.

U.S. bombers and fighters hovered near the battle scene, bombing objectives in direct support of the advancing Marines.

Capture of the airfield, which will be the first U.S. air base on New Britain, will enable the Allies to furnish air cover for the land forces at all times.

The big Jap supply base of Rabaul was attacked again yesterday and eight of the 60 Jap fighters which intercepted were shot down. The U.S. formation, which was operating from the Solomons, lost a single plane.

Cape Hoskins airfield, New Britain, was another target for U.S. planes, which dropped 50 tons of bombs and caused large explosions and fires. The airfield at Gasmata was attacked by lighter aircraft.

On New Guinea Australians advanced faster than they have moved since the capture of Finschafen, and reached Blucher Point, about 30 miles north of Finschafen.

It is believed that the Japanese intend to withdraw from the whole of the Huon Peninsula to take up defense positions in order to save the port of Madang, nearly 150 miles away to the north.

U.S. cruisers and destroyers shelled Japanese forces on Bougainville for an hour and a half, and it is thought that these enemy forces were assembling for their evacuation of the island.

Lonely Nazi Has Drink and Ends Up in U.S. Clink

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy, Dec. 30 (AP)—During a lull in the battle for San Pietro, U.S. troops in their shelters at the front saw a lonely German coming towards them and they were so amazed that no one fired a shot.

Finally, two soldiers decided to go out and when they reached him they found him to be reeling drunk. He even tried to embrace them, and willingly came into the American lines.

Every time he was told he was a prisoner of war he would roar with laughter and say it was a good joke. He thought he had been arrested for drunkenness and that he would have to answer to his commanding officer.

But when he sobered up and realized what had happened he did not know whether to regret his action. He told his captors he had been put on sentry duty in no man's land. He had taken a couple of bottles of wine with him and had drunk them because he was lonely. When they were finished he had decided to have a look around and see what was going on.

Whole Based by Book On Pre-War Isolationists

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) said he would investigate a book entitled "Under Cover," as well as its pseudonym author, John Roy Carlson. The book reports on pre-war activities of American groups it describes as Fascist and mentions Wheeler and other isolationists.

"I feel it would be a good idea to find out who is backing this man and propaganda which tries to smear everybody who wanted to keep this country out of the war," Wheeler said.

He added that, according to his information, "it may be the same gang of internationalist-minded 'crackpots' who were shouting for war and now want the U.S. to give up part of its sovereignty, let down immigration bars and break down all tariff barriers."

AFN Radio Program

- 1402 kc On Your Dial 1420 kc
- 243.9m. Friday, Dec. 31 211.3m.
- 1100—GI Eve.
- 1115—Personal Album—Tito Goizar.
- 1130—Southern Serenade (Forces).
- 1200—Concert for Chowhounds.
- 1230—Curtain Call.
- 1255—Quiet Moment.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Barracks Bag.
- 1400—Visiting Hour.
- 1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.

- 1745—Program Resume and Spotlight on Vincent Lopez.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 1905—Comedy Catavan.
- 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.
- 2025—Minstrel—a musical spot.
- 2030—Tommy Dorsey.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Hit Bits.
- 2120—"The Allies Greet the New Year."
- 2150—Charlie McCarthy Show—with Edgar Bergen, Dale Evans and Ray Noble's Orchestra.
- 2215—"I Hear a Rhapsody—Bing Crosby.
- 2230—Scottish Variety Orchestra.
- 2300—Special New Year's Eve Program.
- 0005—Sign off until 1100 hours Saturday, Jan. 1, 1944.

Many Americans Say Invasion not Imminent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—Although an invasion of western Europe in the winter or early spring is not considered improbable, many Americans believe that the cross-Channel drive is not imminent.

Some commentators regard as inaccurate the statement of Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.), of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, that Americans will form three-quarters of the invasion force.

Changteh Sees Full Jap Horror

Murder and Pillage Top Even Rape of Nanking In Atrocity Terror

CHANGTEH, Dec. 22 (delayed) (UP)—Atrocities on a greater scale than the Japanese rape of Nanking were committed during the Japanese Army's brief occupation of Changteh, the city that commands free China's rice bowl.

(Recapture of Changteh, a city of 160,000 inhabitants, south of the Yangtze, was announced Dec. 9, seven days after the Japanese occupied it.)

The Japanese arrested 3,400 men, 181 women and 320 children in the six days they held the city and took them away to slavery as camp followers. They raped 5,080 women, of whom 184 died, and massacred 2,300 men.

"I was beaten bloody four times by the Japanese when I tried to prevent raping," said the Catholic bishop of Changteh, Gerardo Ferrero, a Spaniard. "They behaved indescribably."

The surviving inhabitants of Changteh, ragged and hungry, are receiving relief amid the ruins of their homes, of which 23,000 have been destroyed.

The purpose of the Japanese raid was economic, and it succeeded, said Chinese officials who showed correspondents records of the occupation. The Japanese carried off enormous quantities of rice, cotton, pigs and chickens.

Officer to Oppose Ham Fish

PEARL RIVER, N.Y., Dec. 30—Lt. Robert Doscher, who last year resigned from the State Assembly to join the U.S. Army Air Forces, has announced he will oppose Rep. Hamilton Fish in the 1944 congressional primaries.

Good Samaritan Dies

BEACON, N.Y., Dec. 30—Mayor Thomas J. Cunningham died of a heart attack here while playing the role of a good samaritan. He became unconscious after stopping to help the driver of a wrecked truck.

A Bonus? GIs Already Plan Ways to Use It When and If

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ment for workers who might otherwise be laid off when war contracts expire.

"Soldiers will use the money to buy cars, clothes, houses and a million other things," Larkin said. "The people who are now working on war materials will be working then on peace products for us. The money will surely go back into circulation, and that's the main thing."

Larkin also advocated immediate payment of the bonus, rather than have promises made and later see another "bonus march" on Washington.

The payments authorized by the bill include:

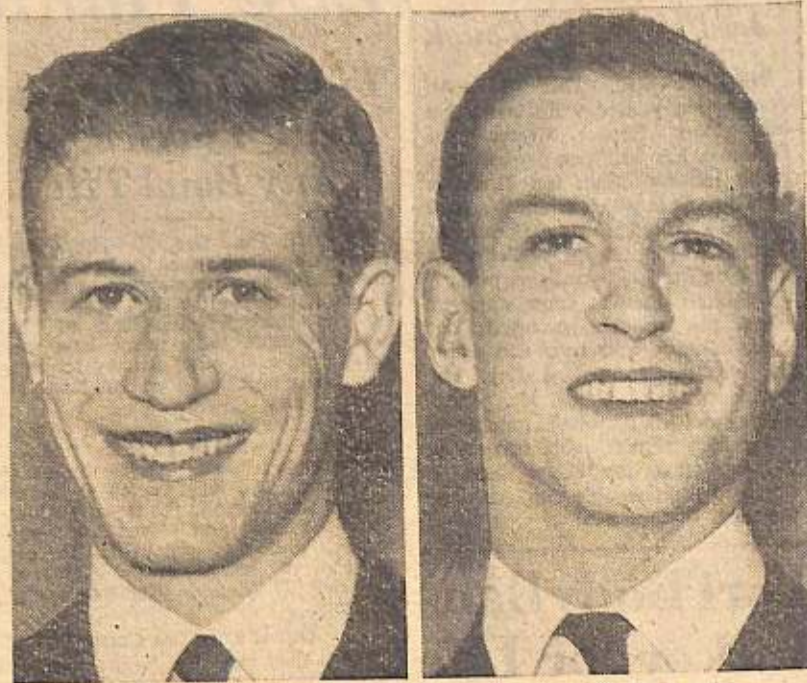
- \$500 to servicemen who have been out of the country for 18 months or more;
- \$400 to those in service outside the U.S. from 12 to 18 months; \$300 to those in service less than a year outside the country and more than a year in the country; and \$200 to those in service less than a year in the U.S.

Cpl. Homer Simpson, ex-farmer from Albert Lea, Minn., approves of the bill but would like to see a change made so that everybody gets the same amount.

"A soldier who spends the war at home shouldn't be penalized," Simpson said. "In most cases they are just as anxious as anyone to get overseas, but circumstances prevent it. Let's treat everybody on the same basis."

Pvt. Donald Sullivan, of New York, left Fordham University when he joined

Describe Biscay Sea Victory



Lt. Stuart D. Johnston

Ensign H. M. Greeley

U.S. Navy Fliers Who Spotted Nazi Destroyers Tell of Battle

Two American naval airmen who sighted nearly half of Germany's destroyer force in the Bay of Biscay and sent the signal which caused destruction of three destroyers, the damaging of others and dispersal of the fleet described the great sea battle on their return to London yesterday.

The airmen, Lt. Stuart D. Johnston, of Upper Darby, Pa., pilot of a U.S. Navy Liberator, and his navigator, Ensign Hugh M. Greeley, of Madison, Wis., were on patrol in the bay near the scene of the sinking of a German blockade-running merchant craft when they spotted smoke on the horizon.

Their subsequent action set the stage for the routing of a superior naval force by two British cruisers, the Glasgow and Enterprise.

Met by Hail of Flak

"We headed over immediately to investigate," Lt. Johnston said. "Below we saw a formidable force of 11 destroyers spread out in a line abreast. I nosed V for Victor down for a look, and a hail of flak erupted toward us."

The Glasgow and Enterprise came racing over the horizon about four hours later," the pilot continued. "The German ships abrupt came about and went westward at top speed, realizing that the British force had cut them off from the coast of France."

With the enemy silhouetted against the sun, the British cruisers opened up with their heavy batteries.

"The Nazis returned the fire and we could see great splashes of water as the shells hit the sea. The British marksmanship was excellent. First they would drop a salvo just aft of the fleeing 'cans,' then amidships, then forward," Lt. Johnston related.

Sight but One Nazi Plane

Meanwhile, a Ju88, the only enemy plane seen by the Lib crew, appeared on the scene and flew toward the Navy craft. "Our orders were to stay on the scene and avoid combat," Lt. Johnston continued, "so we ducked into a cloud and never saw the Jerry again."

"Down below, the destroyers dropped smoke pots and maneuvered in broken formation to confuse the British gunners."

Relief planes arrived before the battle ended and the V for Victor headed home, where Lt. Johnston received another thrill. As he landed a mechanic handed him a letter from home telling him of the birth of a son.

New Year's - -

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regarded as a holiday in the United Kingdom, except in Scotland.

President Roosevelt, in setting Jan. 1 as a day of prayer and asking the United States to thank God for the Allied successes on every battlefield, said: "At the beginning of the new year 1944 which now lies before us, it is fitting that we pray to be preserved from false pride of accomplishment and from wilful neglect of the last measure of public and private sacrifice necessary to attain final victory and peace."

Sgt. Beryl Longnecker, of Wichita, Kan., and Cpl. Leanne Betcher, of Arlington, N.J., agreed they would use bonus money (all of it) to purchase "clothes that fit."

A six-month vacation would just about cost what Cpl. Fern Baertsch, of Fountain City, Wis., figures to get. The vacation would also include the "spree" she has promised herself.

NEWS FROM HOME New York Waits 'Biggest Ever' New Year's Eve

There'll Be Rum, Gin, No Whisky, but Headaches Galore on Jan. 1

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—Although their gaiety will be dimmed a bit by fears of a Luftwaffe raid, and they will have to drink their toasts to the New Year in rum and gin in place of whisky, more than a million merrymakers are expected to ignore a government request to get a good night's sleep and invade Broadway tomorrow night for a real old-fashioned New Year's Eve celebration.

Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine planned to send to the Times Square area 2,147 policemen. Throughout the five boroughs large forces of police were ordered on the alert to prevent boisterous imbibers from damaging war plants.

In Times Square itself, signs instructing people on procedure in case of an air raid were erected. Special fire-fighting, first-aid and ARP squads have been formed because of the warning that Germany might choose New Year's Eve for a sneak air attack.

Opposing the merrymaking was Paul V. McNitt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, who asked war workers to work as usual on New Year's Day and avoid New Year's Eve parties in order to report on time the following day.

"I suggest," he said, "that the workers of America get a full night's sleep on New Year's Eve."

But a survey made by the Broadway Assoc. revealed that the Great White Way, which is enjoying the greatest boom in its history, was preparing for an unprecedented evening.

Marshall 'Man of Year'

CHICAGO, Dec. 30—Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, was chosen "Man of the Year" by Time Magazine. Time said that Marshall had transformed "a worse-than-disarmed United States into the world's most effective military power," and more than any other person should be given the credit for arming the nation.

5 in Family Killed

KENTON, Ohio, Dec. 30—Five members of one family were killed at a grade crossing on Kenton by an when their automobile. The victims eastbound passenger train as Mrs. Jones was identified by the coroner's office. Blackwood Sr., of Sandusky, Ohio, and her three sons and one daughter.

It's Big Business

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (UP)—Expenses of the Army now total \$4,000,000,000 a month. So stupendous has become the job of paying off government creditors that three agencies work 24 hours a day on this alone.

Chinese Really Serve

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—A fifth of New York's Chinese population—4,000 out of 20,000—is now serving in the armed forces. Lt. Emily Le Shek, the first Chinese to join the WAC, is now recruiting Chinese women here.

Raids - - -

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at the southern suburbs. The center of the city, it was claimed, was hit much more lightly than on the previous seven raids.

Observers in Stockholm suggested that possibly as much as 25 per cent of Berlin now had been completely devastated and that the city's effectiveness as the working capital of Germany had been virtually eliminated.

Except for the stories of the first travellers to reach Sweden, who left Germany before accurate assessment of the damage could be made, there was little reliable information as to just how hard the bombers had hit. A tight press censorship immediately was clamped on the Nazi borders.

The German version of the attack referred to the dense cloud cover in which the bombers flew and speculated on the use of the new technique by which bombardiers can hit targets they cannot see.

The assault carried to nearly 150,000 tons the RAF's total for the year.

By Milton Caniff

Terry and the Pirates

