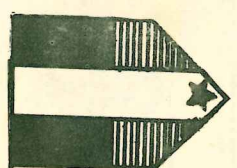




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LATE NEWS

MOSCOW, Dec. 16(AP)—The Red Army invaded western Slovakia yesterday, crossing the frontier 34 miles northwest of Budapest in a bold operation aimed at cutting off German troops in eastern Slovakia and breaking open the roads to Vienna, 115 miles to the west, a Moscow communique announced today.

Hurdling the Opily River frontier, the Russians seized the Slovak town of Ipolyzag, a half-mile beyond and 87 miles east of Bratislava, Slovak Capital.

Without relaxing their grip on Budapest, two-thirds of which is encircled, the 2nd Ukraine Army troops skirted the north edge of the Brozsony Mountains and reached a road leading down hill into the plains stretching westward to Bratislava and Vienna.

ROME, Dec. 16(AP)—Canadian Forces of the British 8th Army have extended their bridgehead across the Naviglio Canal to 3,000 yards, while British and Polish Units renewed their attacks southwest of the besieged road junction of Faenza, Allied Headquarters said today.

LONDON, Dec. 16(AP)—British and Canadian heavy bombers delivered a "heavy and concentrated" attack on chemical works at Ludwigshafen last night, starting fires which sent smoke billowing 10,000 feet into the air, the Air Ministry announced today. No R.C.A.F. craft were missing after raid. Two British planes were lost from the Ludwigshafen and other operations.

Objectives in Usnabruck and Hannover also were hit last night, while night intruders strafed enemy airfields, the communique said.

OFFICIAL WEATHER REPORT

High - + 42.8 degrees
Low - + 32.0 degrees

Furnished by Canadian Department of Transport for each 24-hour period from 04:30 hours to 04:30 hours.

U.S. FORCES LAND ON

MINDORO ISLAND NEAR MANILA

TACLOBAN, Dec. 16(AP)—A force of the U.S. 6th Army has landed virtually unopposed on the southwest coast of Mindoro Island in the Philippines, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced this noon.

The Japanese were caught unawares despite their sporadic attacks on the Mindoro-bound convoy, the communique reported.

Mindoro is a major island just south of Luzon, the main island of the Philippines. The landings there represent an advance in force across the full breadth of the archipelago.

"This operation," said Gen. MacArthur, "has driven a corridor from east to west through the Philippines, which is now definitely cut in two and will enable us to dominate the sea and air routes which reach to the China coast."

The new landing, representing an advance by liberations forces westward of about 600 statute miles, took Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's 6th Army to within 200 miles or less of Manila, capital of the archipelago.

(An. NBC broadcast from the Philippines said the operation put the Americans within a "stone's throw of Japanese airfields," and within easy access of enemy naval units. It said there was only token air resistance and no naval opposition.)

ALL ALLIED ARMIES IN GERMANY

PARIS, Dec. 16(AP)—The United States 7th Army drove three spearheads into Germany's industrial palatinate today, four months to the day after it stormed the Mediterranean shore and began a chase of the enemy that led 500 miles across France, Supreme Headquarters said in a communique today.

Elements of the 45th and 103rd Divisions plunged across west of the Alsatian city of Wissembourg while the 79th burst the Lauter River line near Scheibenhart, nine miles east near the Rhine.

All crossings of the border by the 7th placed all four U.S. Armies, the British 2nd Army and the 1st Canadian Army inside Germany for the showdown battles of the winter offensive.

The U.S. 1st Army, annihilating two enemy pockets west of the Roer River, was closing on the Rhine Plain's fortress of Duren after overrunning two more fortified villages which gave it control of nine miles of the stream's west bank north and south of the ruined city.

With the U.S. 9th Army, massed to the north, the 1st now holds undisputed sway over 18 miles of the west bank of the Roer, greatest single natural obstacle short of the Rhine itself.

The U.S. 3rd Army, wedged into the Saarland sector of the Siegfried line from the west, was drawing up its lines inside or within a mile of the basin's border from the south for a distance of ten miles east of the Saar River.

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 16(AP)—United States carrier planes destroyed a total of 224 Japanese aircraft in a two-day smash at Luzon Island in the Philippines, Dec. 13 and 14, and bombed and strafed 90 more enemy planes on the ground, the Navy announced today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16(AP)—The United States War Production Board, in a drastic move to meet vital war needs, has ordered that all civilian production be frozen indefinitely at present levels.

The order was dated Dec. 7 and circulated within the WPB.



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254TH MP BEATS

Say fellows, did you notice our 1st Sgt sporting a beautiful bruised nose this week? His excuse was the ice on the steps in front of the barracks—hmm, hum.....

Last Saturday found many 254th celebrities attending the 198 Ballroom. Below the dim light and crowded floor of the dance couples, we found "Swoner" Babel waltzing with his one and only. Other familiar faces gliding by were: Sgt Bishop, Opl Johansson, Cpl Price, Tec5 Crump, Pfc Furmanski, Pfc Van Dearsen, Pfc Willey, Pfc Bounasiss, Pfc Goetten, Pfc Kerstein, Pfc Ball and Pfc Popick. Two new members also attended, but were a little late due to their daily stop for a T-Bone steak in town first. The two satisfied customers were Pfc Miskimon and Pfc Payer. The two W. P.s on duty, PRETTY BOY Wyatt, and SQUEAKY LAUGH Daniels, had the situation well in hand.....

Sgt Krutulis is all smiles once more, and doesn't stay between the sheets so much anymore. His little woman is back in town.....What's happened to Sgt Flaherty's Skagway voice, come Sinatra, give!.....

Our famous turtle neck sweater coach, S/Sgt Magliane, is putting his boys through their daily hockey drills. Some of his best shin busters to date are: Sergeants Cugini, Geller, and Krutulis; Corporals Johansson and Ruggiero; Technicians 5th Grade, Cardillo, Crump, Matula and Gebob; Privates First Class Furmanski, Kerstein, Van Dearsen, and Gabel, etc.....

Who volunteered to pass the collection box around in Church last Sunday and then was caught in the PX later buying out the place? Tsk, tsk, Vince.....

STEADY TWO-SKETS AROUND CO. AREA: Davis and Magliane, Jones and Cardillo, Cugini and Geller, and Yukon and Judy (huskies).

If anyone wants to know the Red Cross schedule from Monday to Sunday continuously ask Pfc Gabel and Van Dearsen, acting C.O. and 1st Sgt of the Red Cross, respectively.....

Hats off to the kitchen force, S/Sgt Shaula and Company, for their splendid offerings in the way of food.....

DAILY DAY DREAMERS AT THE GRILL: Sgt Geller and Pfc Hudc..... Does anyone know what is in that little bag that Sgt Cugini takes daily to his little woman? What about it, Hocco?.....

Congratulations! Popick, Ball, Dyer, Hudc, Weinreich, and Adlis. How does it feel to wear Pfc chevrons? Good, huh?..... Mystery man 254. Who is the HOOD? Answer next week.

MOVIES NOTICES

WAR DEPT #2: "Atlantic City - Constance Moore.

CAPITOL: "Phantom of the Opera" Nelson Eddy, Claude Rains.

WHITEHORSE: "Northern Pursuit" Errol Flynn, Julie Bishop.

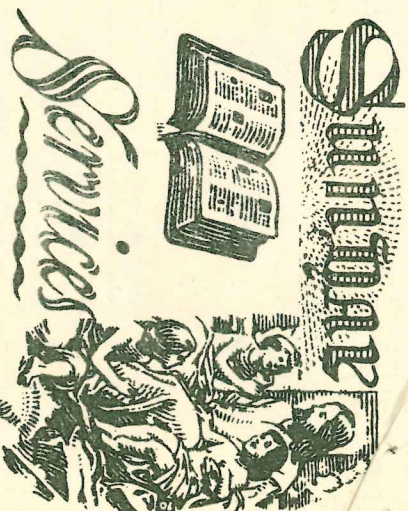
WAR DEPT #1 (Sun): "Bride by Mistake" - Laraine Day, Alan Marshal, Karsha Hunt.

STANDARD OIL: (Sun): "Dragon Seed" - Katherine Hepburn and Walter Houston.

The Post Office window at the APO will be open between 1:00 and 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 17th.

There will be an open dance at the Standard Oil Recreation Hall Saturday night, December 16. Admission for gentlemen is \$1.00. Ladies admitted free. Dancing from 9-12PM.

LOST: Large ear ring with blue stone surrounded by flower engraved in silver. Phone 159.



PROTESTANT SERVICES

Station Hospital: 10:00 AM

McCræe Chapel: 9:45 AM

Hq. Chapel: 11:00 AM

Std Oil Rec Hall: 11:15 AM

Hq. Chapel: Vesper Services at

7:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays

at 7:30 PM in Hq. Chapel

Christ Church:

Holy Communion: 8:30 AM

Morning Prayer: 11:00 AM

Evening Prayer: 7:30 PM

Whitehorse Theatre:

Children's Hour: 3:00 PM

Evening Service: 8:00 PM

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Station Hospital: 9:00 Mass

Confessions: 8:30 AM

Standard Oil - Hut 56-B: 9 AM

McCræe Relay Station:

11:00 AM Mass

Confessions: 10:30 AM

Alrbase Chapel: 5:15 PM

Confessions: 4:30 PM

(Daily Mass Alrbase: 5:15 PM)

Sacred Heart Church:

Low Mass: 7:00 & 8:30 AM

High Mass: 10:00 AM

Rosary & Benediction:

7:30 PM

Confessions Saturdays:

4:00 to 5:00 PM

7:00 to 8:00 PM

Daily Mass: 7:00 AM

Choir Practice: Fridays at

8:00 PM

JEWISH SERVICE

Hq. Chapel: 8:00 PM Friday

NORMON SERVICE

IDS Services, Alrbase Chapel:

9:00 AM Sunday

Lutheran Services will be held at the Masonic Hall (south of the Post Office) at 8:00AM. Rev. Lyman E. Jones, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AMS)—President Roosevelt signed legislation Friday creating new ranks of General of the Army and Admiral of the Fleet, and promptly nominated four generals and three admirals to positions. He named Generals George C. Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Henry H. Arnold to the super-ranks and Admirals Ernest J. King, Chester W. Nimitz, and William D. Leahy to be super admirals. General John J. Pershing still retains the Army's highest rank — General of the Armies.

GET IN THERE - BUY BONDS!

WHERE WILL YOU GET MONEY?

Lt. Theodore J. Johnson today helped clarify the big problem of where ex-GI's will be able to obtain money with which to pursue their chosen field of endeavor in the post-war world.

We've still got a big job ahead, he said, but some day it will be finished and we'll all be heading back—to what?—a farm, a business, or to buy a home and settle down?

Loans for these three purposes are available to veterans who served on or after 16 September 1940 and before the end of the war, and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, after active service of 90 days or more, or because of service-incurred injury or disability.

There are no set rules for every type of loan, but generally speaking, the loan must be used for the purpose for which it was obtained; the veteran must be able to afford the payments; the price must be a reasonably normal value; the property useful; and for farms or business loans, the veteran must have enough ability and experience to be pretty sure of making a go of it.

The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs will guarantee up to 50% of any such loan, provided that the amount guaranteed does not exceed a total of \$2,000. The interest on the guaranteed amount for the first year will be paid by the Administrator. Loans so guaranteed bear interest of not more than 4% per year, and must be paid up within twenty years. When it is necessary, a second loan may be guaranteed, with interest of 1% more than the interest already being paid on the existing loan. The total amount guaranteed on both loans, however, cannot exceed the \$2,000 limit, and must conform to the other requirements.

Applications must be made within two years after discharge or separation, or two years after the end of the war (which ever is later), but in no case more than five years after the end of the war.

You can get detailed information at any facility of the Veterans' Administration, or see Lt. Johnson.

A bingo party and dance was enjoyed Wednesday night at the ROCAF camp. The party was held in the newly-decorated Recreation Hall at the ROCAF camp. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served during the course of the evening.

A number of girls from Hail and Record Branch and Alaska Highway Maintenance Camp, attended a farewell party given by the Department of Transport in honor of Dave Featheringham, who is transferring to the Canal Road soon. The evening was spent dancing and playing games.

WAC SHORTS

—by P.F.C. Betty Klegger—

Pvt. Jean Kendrick's bounced back into the hospital during the past week, while Pfc. Betty Jo Jelfel was admitted for the first time.....Applications have been taken this past week for OCS Candidates and quite a few girls have applied.....The WACs are signing up for trips to the various outposts at Christmas time to cheer up the boys stationed in those remote spots.....Barracks No. 101 is the proud possessor of a new Christmas tree, which has been adorned with makeshift decorations in lieu of conventional tree ornaments.....A party was held Wednesday night in the Mess Hall for Pvt. Mary Pearl Jones. Groom Kramer, the Mess Sergeant. About 16 friends were present.

David Cassidy left for his home in Philadelphia Friday. Dave had been with the Engineers in Whitehorse for the past fifteen months

The chapel choir has lost two of its members, Luella Phillips and Chia Dominguez.

Bill Nevins has been added to the staff of the Reproduction Branch as Multilith operator.

John Von Vleck returned from Dawson Creek, where he has been on temporary duty.

Zedburn Jones was transferred from Galena, Alaska to work in the Electrical Engineering Department. Mrs. James was transferred from Edmonton to work in the Travel Branch.

A dance was held at the Officers Club last Saturday night. Music was furnished by the Alchemers. Among those attending were Pfc. Gen. and Mrs. Frederick S. Strong, Jr.

Radio Station
C.F.W.H.
1240 kc

- 6:00 Dean Hudson and Orch
- 6:15 Northwest Calendar
- 6:30 SATURDAY NIGHT SERENADE
- 7:00 Mercer Music Shop
- 7:15 National Barn Dance
- 7:45 World News - Bill King
- 8:00 YOUR HIT PARADE
Frank Sinatra
- 8:30 Rudy Vallee Show
- 9:00 College of Knowledge
- 9:30 COMMAND PERFORMANCE
Groucho Marx
- 10:00 CFWH Dancing Party -
Best Bands until
1:00 Sign Off
- PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY
- 11:00 Intermezzo
- 11:30 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY
- 12:00 The Family Hour
- 12:30 Hymns From Home
- 12:45 Great Music
- 1:00 Music We Love
- 1:30 YANK SWING SESSION
- 2:00 Sound-Off
- 2:15 PERSONAL ALBUM
- 2:30 ALL TIME HIT PARADE
- 3:00 NBC Symphony
- 4:00 Andre Kostelanetz
- 4:30 J. C. Thomas
- 5:00 Arthur Hopkins Presents
- 6:00 Waltz Time - Abe Lyman
- 6:30 Words and Music
- ATC Presentation
- 7:00 THE GREAT GLIDERSLIEVE
- 7:30 Organ Moods
- 7:45 World News - Bill King
- 8:00 JACK BENNY
- 8:30 MCCARTHY and BERGEN
- 9:00 Hour of Charm
- 9:30 GLOBE THEATRE:
"Phantom Lady"
- 10:00 Jubilee
- 10:30 KATE SMITH HOUR
- 11:00 Sammy Kaye and Orch
- 11:30 Tommy Tucker's Orch
- 12:00 CFWH Goodnight
- PROGRAM FOR MONDAY NOON
- 12:00 Noon Tune Time
- 12:25 Bulletin Board of Air
- 12:30 World News - Fred Ayer
- 12:45 Swing Along
- 1:00 Sign Off

A formal dinner dance was held in the SU 2410 recreation hall Thursday night. The party was sponsored by the Post Exchange Branch and was solely for Post Exchange personnel and their guests.

A party was given Wednesday night in honor of Shirley Lindsay, who is leaving soon for her home in Davenport, Iowa.

A dance will be held at the ROCAF recreational hall tonight instead of the previously planned starting party. All girls are invited to attend.

RED CROSS NOTES

Big event of the week was a tea held on Wednesday afternoon at the Downtown Club for the Ladies who have so generously volunteered their services at the Clubs during the past months. All have served many hours, while our Mom Harbottle has chalked up more than 700 hours. We shoved all the boys off of the premises from 4 until 6 PM but they accepted their dismissal with a good grace....Everyone had fun dancing to the music of the Alcazers last Tuesday night so don't forget to join us next week when, incidentally, our dance will be held on Wednesday evening—you'll want to keep in practice for the big formal scheduled for the latter part of this month....Our Christmas gift-wrapping service is still available, with plenty of material yet on hand for making your packages gay and attractive, so take advantage of the 7 shopping days before Christmas....The skating rink had a successful opening last Sunday with many skaters enjoying the ideal weather but Bob Luke is now ready to give swimming instructions in the "pool"....The popularity of Monday night Bingo is not on the wane, if the increasing number of players is any indication, so why don't you try your luck, too?....And how about a hand at bridge on Friday evening....See you in the Club this week! — R. J. M.

Ray Trimble and Jim Smith, of the Reproduction Branch, are going on a Christmas leave to Edmonton next week.

Flora Tunlison, Reproduction Branch, is confined to her bed for a week's rest.

Anne Gable, of Mess and Billing, is leaving to go home Monday, December 18. Anne's home is in Vancouver, B.C.

Jean Pigeon, of Edmonton, is a new member of the Mail and Records Branch.

Alice Cristall, of Edmonton, is a new employee of the Correspondence Branch.

Major Toy and Major Daly, of the Postal Branch in Washington, D.C., were here during the past week, inspecting the local APO.

SECOND FRONT BIGGEST STORY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16(ANS)—The Allied invasion of France last June was the choice of editors of United Press Friday as the number one news story of 1944. The choice was unanimous because no military operation in history equalled it for boldness of conception or force of execution, said general news manager Earl J. Johnson. The vote was also unanimous that President Roosevelt's election to a fourth term was the second biggest story of the year. The American invasion of the Philippines ranked third, the Allied sweep through France fourth and the Red army's thrust into the Baltic states and the Balkans ranked fifth.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16(ANS)—Donald M. Nelson has returned from his second mission to China. The White House said he would report to the President as soon as possible, but would have nothing to say about the trip before seeing the Chief Executive.

LOST: Wallet containing valuable papers. Reward. Finder please call 224.

