

HINT ROMANIA FIGHTS REICH

Report Bucharest Bombed By Nazis as Balkans Seethes.

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offensive. When Premier Marshal Ion Antonescu, since ousted, returned empty-handed from a six-day talk with Adolf Hitler, Ankara said, unrest spread through the army and peace demonstrations broke out in Bucharest.

Faced with military chaos, the army prevailed upon King Michael to seek an armistice, these sources said. Gen. Constantine Sanatescu, the new premier, was identified as a former commander of the 4th army corps and among Romania's 20 highest ranking generals.

The Stockholm newspaper Morgendrundung reported under an Ankara date that Romanian troops had attacked German SS forces guarding the Ploesti oil wells and were fighting Hungarian units at Cluj and Maros-Vasarhely on the Transylvanian frontier.

A German broadcast reported by B. C. C. said all postal, telegraph and telephone communications have been suspended between Hungary and Romania.

A United Press Moscow dispatch said Russian and Romanian authorities were believed to have begun formal peace negotiations. The Russian army was continuing its advance through northern Romania toward Bucharest, however, and operations will continue until the Germans have been driven from Romania's soil. Moscow said.

Romanian and German troops already were fighting one another in northern Romania.

Swiss dispatches said Romanian troops were fighting the Hungarians in northern Transylvania, which Michael ordered his forces to restore to Romania. Adolf Hitler gave northern Transylvania to Hungary in 1940.

The fate of Marshal Ion Antonescu was not disclosed immediately. The London Daily Mail said he and several members of his deposed government had been arrested in Bucharest, while the Daily Express quoted "unconfirmed Swiss reports" that he had been kidnapped and shot.

Ankara heard that the Slovakian puppet government had ordered martial law throughout the country after failing, in an attempt to mobilize workers to build defenses in the Tatar pass through the Carpathian mountains.

Slovakia was said to be, seething with discontent, with partisan activity increasing. Russian partisans who filtered through the German lines in Galicia were said to be aiding native patriots.

A Cairo dispatch to the London Daily Express said it had been confirmed that the Germans had withdrawn all their forces from Bulgaria, apparently leaving the government free to make peace with the allies.

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Hoosier Heroes: Pvt. Gentsheimer Listed Dead in France; Pharmacist's Mate McAtee Killed in South Pacific Action



Pvt. Robert N. Gentsheimer, who lived at 3007 N. Delaware st. for several years, was killed in action July 31 in France. The 21-year-old soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gentsheimer, now reside in Cincinnati, O.

Pharmacist's Mate 2-c Edmund H. McAtee, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McAtee, 1517 Hoeft st., was killed July 27 while serving with the navy in the South Pacific. He had been in service two and one-half years and overseas a year.

A graduate of Cathedral high school, he was 27, and formerly was employed by the Paper Package Co. He was a member of St. Catherine's Catholic church.

Survivors, besides the parents, are five sisters: Mrs. Harold Gough, Miss Nina McAtee, Mrs. Helena Feltz and Miss Eleanor McAtee, Indianapolis; Mrs. Wood Smith, Indianapolis; and four brothers, Paul and Albert, Indianapolis; Harry, Ladoga, and Charles, a sergeant stationed at Temple, Tex.

Pfc. Bruce F. Babbs, who entered France with the infantry sometime after July 11, has been missing in that country since July 25. His wife, Mrs. Tullie Babbs, 2026 Rockville st., was wounded during action in the South Pacific. His mother believes he was wounded during action on Saipan.

A graduate of Technical high school, he is 21 and entered service two years ago. He has served overseas 18 months. A brother, Seaman 1-c Frederick Townes, is with the naval forces in Australia.

Pvt. Robert E. Scheiger, who entered France with the infantry, was injured there Aug. 1 and is now in a hospital in England.

He is the husband of Mrs. Rita Scheiger, 1518 Lawton st., and the son of Mrs. Margaret Scheiger, 1636 Spruce st.

A graduate of Manual high school, Pvt. Scheiger is 22 and attended Butler university. He entered service May 22, 1942.

T. Sgt. Branton Veteo, husband of Mrs. Wilm Veteo, 333 S. Randolph st., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Bonita Veteo, 425 W. 40th st., is a prisoner of the German government.

The war department notified his wife that he was missing over Germany on Aug. 9 and Wednesday notified her that he is a prisoner. The sergeant was a gunner-first engineer with the 15th army air force and was based in Italy.

He is 27 and lived in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., for some time. After moving to Indianapolis he was employed by the Indianapolis Machine & Supply Co.

He has a 6-year-old daughter, Dawn, and has two brothers in service. They are Ensign Rex Veteo, who has returned from overseas and is stationed in Texas, and Seaman 3-c Lewis Veteo, serving with the navy in the South Pacific.

Sgt. Courtney B. Gerrish, who was reported missing over Romania July 4, is now safe, according to a cablegram received by his grandmother, Mrs. Maude Zeller, 124 S. Traub st.

The sergeant was a radio technician and gunner on a Liberator and had been based in Italy since June 9. Before entering the service, he made his home with his grandmother and was employed by the P. R. Mallory Co.

Sgt. Gerrish is the son of Harlow Gerrish, who lives in the Lorraine hotel.

First Lt. George S. Arnold, navigator of a B-17, has been awarded the distinguished flying cross for bombing factories in Germany and military installations in France. He previously won the air medal and four oak leaf clasps.

The lieutenant's outfit is a unit of the 3d bombardment division, cited by the President for its historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg last summer.

Lt. Arnold is the son of Mrs. Josephine Arnold, 4321 College Ave., and attended Butler university, receiving his B. S. degree in business administration in 1937, and later working as a clerk-accountant for the Public Service Co. of Indiana.

T. Sgt. Leland P. Hilton, a crew-chief of the "Black Death" Marauder group commanded by Col. Gerald E. Williams, Presque Isle, Me., has been awarded the bronze star.

The son of David L. Hilton, 509 N. Illinois st., Sgt. Hilton is with the 9th army air force in the European theater of operations. In civilian life he was a clerk at the J. F. Miller Co.

Sgt. Donald P. Wertenberger, husband of Mrs. Lois R. Wertenberger, has been awarded the air medal for "outstanding gallantry" in a combat mission over Normandy on D-day. S. Sgt. Wertenberger was a radio operator on a C-47 paratroop landing ship.

The citation accompanying the medal stated that "magnificent spirit and enthusiasm were displayed by Sgt. Wertenberger, combined with his radio skill, courage and devotion to his duty. He remained at the controls of his radio without regard to personal safety against a most severe enemy opposition making the mission a complete success."

Lt. Col. J. C. Moag, who is serving with the India-China division of the air transport command, has been awarded the bronze star.

The husband of Mrs. Ann Moag, who is living with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Moag, 4453 Central ave., Col. Moag was commissioned an officer in the air corps in March, 1942, and was one of the few officers over flying-school age who during off-duty hours acquired sufficient commercial solo time to become a rated air corps pilot.

He was assigned to the ferrying command, which later became the air transport command and in April, 1943, was appointed commanding officer of the army air base at Bates field, Mobile, Ala. In September of the same year the colonel was as-

NAZIS FLEEING FOR RHINELAND

Reported Giving Up North France, Including Robot Coast.

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vais and the surrounding areas jammed with German traffic.

Throughout Thursday, large numbers of Nazi troops were spotted racing down toward the Marne and the German frontier, and R. A. F. night fliers reported that the flow of traffic increased after dark.

(A German communiqué said "parts of Romanian forces" ceased resistance against the Russian army on the Romanian front while German troops "fought their way back" toward the Prut and Serec rivers. Radio Berlin said the Germans were withdrawing from Romania as the front disintegrated.)

(So far troops advanced 37 miles last night and now are approaching Focșani on the western end of Galati gap, the London radio reported today in a broadcast recorded by C. B. S. Focșani is 43 miles southwest of Bălădă, the fall of which was announced by Moscow yesterday, and is less than 100 miles from Bucharest.)

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The statement also reiterated the Soviet pledge of last April that Russia had "no intention of acquiring any part of whatsoever of Romanian territory, changing the existing social structure of Romania, or by any means infringing on the independence of Romania."

Russ Overrun Bessarabia; Romanians Yield En Masse

to Southern Romania and to within 118 miles of the great oil center of Ploiești.

German forces still were offering last-ditch resistance at many points and some engaged in armed clashes with the Romanians, who were surrendering en masse. More than 25,000 prisoners, most of them Romanians, were rounded up yesterday alone.

The Soviet foreign commissariat, in the first official Russian statement since King Michael's announcement that Romania had accepted a Soviet armistice offer, warned last night that the Soviet army must continue military operations in Romania until German forces there had been destroyed.

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