

NEW JAP NAVAL
FORAY AWAITED

3 Enemy Destroyers, Cruiser and Battleship Damaged.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 22 (U. P.).—New enemy naval attacks designed to disrupt the American timetable in the Pacific were expected today following an abortive bombardment of Mindoro.

Three Japanese destroyers were sunk and a battleship and a cruiser were damaged.

The Japanese repeatedly have said they believed the Battle of the Philippines would go a long way toward determining the length of the Pacific war.

They appeared ready to gamble a major portion of their dwindling sea and air strength on stalling the American offensive.

Their hit-run foray against Mindoro Tuesday came to grief in a hail of bombs and shells from American bombers that sank or damaged all but three destroyers in the armada.

13 Jap Planes Downed

It was the first time that Japanese surface forces have ventured from their bases in any strength since the second battle of the Philippine sea in late October.

On Luzon, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's main objective in the Philippines, Liberators attacked Clark field near Manila for the third straight day, starting large fires in dispersal areas.

Escorting Lightning fighters shot down 13 of 20 intercepting enemy planes. With an additional 39 found to have been destroyed or damaged in the Christmas day attack, this brought the toll of enemy aircraft in the Manila area in three days to 124.

On Leyte, American troops killed 827 more Japanese Tuesday in mop-up operations. Units of the 7th division were clearing a small enemy pocket in the mountains northwest of Palompon.

Elsewhere in the Southwest Pacific, Americans planes sank two small freighters and drove a third aground at Borneo and sank or damaged five barges in the Halmaheras.

HOME AGENCY FILLS
THIRD OF REQUESTS

Approximately one-third of the 25,000 persons who applied for help in finding houses and apartments at Home Agency, Inc., this year have been placed in available living quarters.

All of the 7000 applications for rooms were filled, however, Mrs. Carl Manthel, director, announced today.

Operating under the National Housing agency, Home Agency provides a home-finding service gratis to newcomers in the city, to military men and their families and to local residents who have to move because the houses in which they have been living are sold.

City Response Generous

"Indianapolis has been most generous in responding to the appeal for sleeping rooms for rent," Mrs. Manthel said, "and the Registry can refer applicants to rooms whenever called upon. The greatest need now is for those who will rent to military families, particularly those with one child."

Since the fall of 1941, 3298 housing units have been built under private construction and 189 apartments have been converted under government housing.

BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB
AIDING SCOUT TROOP

Boy Scout troop No. 151 will meet at 7:30 p. m. today at the South Side community center, 1233 Shelby st.

The troop, which is in process of organization, is sponsored by the South Side Business Men's club. Troop committee members are Dr. A. C. Harvey, Earl Cunningham and Charles Moist.

DR. BERNSTEIN DIES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22 (U. P.).—Dr. Ludwig Bernstein, authority on social work and sociology and retired professor of the University of Pittsburgh, died yesterday.

IN INDIANAPOLIS—EVENTS—VITALS

EVENTS TODAY

Indianapolis Electric League, luncheon, Lincoln hotel, 12:15 p. m.

Bailey association, meeting, Lincoln hotel, 2:15 p. m.

Indiana Federal Directors association, meeting, Lincoln hotel, 8 p. m.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles William Thomas, Tucson, Ariz.; Georgia Louise Nelson, Ladoga.

Albert Lee, 351 W. 28th; Marie Helen Pryor, 2823 Highland pl.

Leslie Delbert Brockman, U. S. army; Ellen Marie Miller, 238 College.

Vincent Paul Koesters, 314 Parkway; Norma Mae Highsmith, 1848 Collins.

Michael Ryba, U. S. army; Violet E. Saffell, 515 S. Woodrow.

Coy Ray Acres, 122 Broadway; Roberta Ann Shank, 3555 N. Meridian.

Randolph P. Edlert, U. S. army; Mary Jo Young, 1930 N. Delaware.

Robert Garner, 204 F. Vermont; Emma McNary, 338 Mineral.

Wade Henry, 381 Birch; Anna Hatcher, R. R. 3, Box 648.

Woodrow Jones, U. S. army; Vera Nell Wright, 767 Fletcher ave.

L. L. Leibel, Goodrich; Barton hotel; Elizabeth B. Cruse, 2851 N. Capitol.

BIRDS OF PREY—
Germans Hunted
Down in Belgium
By 9th Air Force

By WALTER CRONKITE
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WITH 7TH AIR FORCE IN BELGIUM, Dec. 22.—Ninth air force pilots—adding up the score of a fifth straight field day against the enemy spearhead in Belgium—told today of flushing Germans from haystacks and strafing them through second-story windows.

(An S. H. A. E. F. announcement said that in 1200 sorties yesterday, 9th airmen shot down 39 German planes while losing 11 of their own. They bombed and strafed more than 20 towns. They destroyed or damaged 140 tanks and armored vehicles and 590 motor transport. They silenced 41 gun positions and made 61 highway cuts. They destroyed 300 railway cars.)

A GERMAN jeep was in the day's total of Capt. Bedford R. Underwood of Mineola, Tex.

He was patrolling over Belgium when an artillery liaison cub plane straddled his attention by wringing its wing and pointing by making short dives.

"I looked down," Underwood said, "and saw a German jeep tearing down the road as fast as it could go. I went down and strafed it and left it burning in a ditch."

TWO TRUCK loads of Germans were frightened into seeking cover in a building by 1st Lt. Arthur B. Staples of Owensboro, Ky.

"I saw them looking out a second story window so I made another pass and sent slugs at them through the glass," Staples said. "Those Jerries just couldn't make up their minds. They finally decided to get out of the building. That was just what I wanted. I let them have it."

1st Lt. Robert W. Snell of Cleburne, Tex., Thunderbolt pilot, and his wingman, 1st Lt. Warren S. Dronen of Zion, Ill., were flying up and down the front trying to be useful to the doughboys below.

"I SAW 25 of our tanks coming up the side of a steep hill and the crewmen were waving at me and pointing ahead," Snell said. "Up ahead I spotted Jerries traveling north on two 105 field pieces. They were riding on top of the guns but when they saw me they stopped and ran for a haystack."

"As we peeled off and began strafing they started digging into the haystack like crazy men."

"I TOLD Dronen to strafe the stack from the east end. As he went down the Jerries moved over to the west end. It made me mad for a second to see them trying to pull a fast one."

"I went down less than 15 feet off the ground and made three passes and the stack began to burn. One brave Jerry crawled out of the burning mess and began running. I gave him a burst and he just disintegrated in mid-air."

A large tree in his path tore one wing and ripped two feet of the tail on Snell's plane as he pulled out of a dive.

A FLIGHT of Thunderbolts led by 1st Lt. Richard J. Scholz of San Francisco surprised more than 100 tanks, halftracks and supply vehicles of a panzer division moving in a valley.

The force scattered and tried to take cover in a nearby woods but the Thunderbolts destroyed at least 56 vehicles and six tanks.

"We used up everything we had including rockets," Scholz said. "When we left, the valley was a mass of smoke."

ANOTHER group of Thunderbolts found three German tanks, axle to axle, defending a strong point.

1st Lt. William R. Johnson, Suffolk, Va., led three Thunderbolts down.

Johnson took out the first with a direct bomb hit, 2d Lt. James H. Simpson of Pennsylvania (home town not listed) got the second and 1st Lt. Raymond D. Hunt of Kempton, Ind., took the third.

"We just went down one, two, three and left one, two, three craters where one, two, three tanks had been," Johnson said.

BEEKER SPARKS
DRIVE ON VICE

Daily Reports Demanded
On All Places Suspected
Of Gambling.

The average policeman today was smarting under harsh words from his chief: "It becomes obvious that certain officers are not carrying out this policy."

In this crackdown on roll-call yesterday, Police Chief Becker had in mind the 'strict enforcement of gambling laws.

Chief Becker demanded complete daily reports on the inspection of taverns, pool rooms, so-called smoke shops and all other places where vice is suspected.

He bluntly told them they would lose their days-off for laxity.

Two Places Raided

Sgt. John Foran and squad lost no time in raiding two "smokers" at 601 N. West st. and 238 W. Walnut st. Two women and four men were arrested on gambling charges. At the West st. "smoker," a total of \$28.22, books of gambling records, 15 policy books and nine ball tickets were confiscated. A total of 90 books of ball tickets, a jar of pick-and-win tickets and six bank clearing-house books were found at the other place.

Junior McKinster, 3153 Graceland ave., operator of the Penn-Arts Casino, 112 E. 18th st., closed his shop and went to the rear of the building to get his automobile last night. A slender bandit about 20-25 shoved a gun at him.

The gun was discharged as Mr. McKinster struck at the bandit. A bullet grazed the right side of the victim's face and passed through his hat.

Frightened, the bandit fled.

Preacher Chases Thief

Mrs. Mabel Finch, 50, of 1404 Broadway, apartment 5, told police she lost \$11 and her ration books to a footpad who accosted her in the 600 block of E. 13th st.

A short time later in the same neighborhood, another purse-snatcher took \$18 from Eldora Hutchinson, 22, of 1226 E. 16th st. Her screams attracted the attention of a minister who chased the footpad from the 1100 block of E. 16th st.

The minister ran about five or six blocks before losing the race. However, his identification led police to arrest a man living in the neighborhood.

With Chief Becker's latest edict, book-makers forecast a lean winter. They were warned by the chief not to enter the field of amateur athletics now that the federal government has banned horse racing after Jan. 3.

JAP SHIP TO DELIVER
PACKAGES FROM U. S.

By UNITED PRESS

The Japanese steamer Hoshi Maru will sail for Kobe on Jan. 4 from China with the first installment of comfort packages for allied war prisoners and internees in Japan, China and the southern regions.

The packages were recently brought from Vladivostok for distribution "in various parts of East Asia," Domei said, adding that "it is understood" the next shipment would go to the Philippines and southern regions.

MOTHER GETS MEDAL
OF CAPTIVE IN REICH

Mrs. Charles E. Elder, mother of S. Sgt. Donald C. Elder, Indianapolis airman held prisoner by Germany, has received the air medal and two oak leaf clusters awarded her son.

The presentation was made Sunday at the base chapel at Stout field.

The sergeant's sister, Mrs. George Bissian, and friends were present.

Sgt. Elder's home is at 5143 E. Washington st.

MENTIONED FOR BENCH

WASHINGTON, Ind., Dec. 22 (U. P.).—Attorney Fred Dobbyn was mentioned today in Daviess county as a possible successor to Judge Frank E. Gilkison, who will resign from the 49th judicial circuit to assume his duties as Indiana supreme court justice Jan. 1.

SAVE FROM

TOMORROW—DECEMBER

END OF MONTH SALE

★ Ayres' E. O. M. sale is the regular clean up of odd lots, broken sizes and soiled merchandise. December E. O. M. is especially value-ful, bringing you many values for yourself, your family and your home. Come early, stay late. Look for a great many unadvertised values on every floor and in every department.

TOILET GOODS

Odors and ends of toilettries and fancy goods, greatly reduced.

—TOILETRIES, STREET FLOOR

HOSIERY

ASSORTED MESHES AND LOCKSTITCH RAYONS—In broken colors and sizes. Originally 1.08 to 1.27, now... 98c

—HOSIERY, STREET FLOOR

NECKWEAR

DICKEYS AND NECKWEAR—Sold, originally much more, now... 39c

DICKEYS AND NECKWEAR—Slightly soiled, originally much more, now... 79c

—NECKWEAR, STREET FLOOR

BOOKS

GROUP OF BOOKS—Non-fiction and juvenile. Mostly 1944 titles, slightly damaged and soiled... 1/2 PRICE

GROUP OF NOVELS—Recent titles, slightly damaged and soiled... 88c

—STREET FLOOR

COSTUME JEWELRY

(56) PINS—Assorted styles. Originally 1.00, now 2 for 1.00, plus tax.

(50) RHINESTONE PINS—Originally 2.00 to 5.95, now... 1.00 to 3.00

(132) LOCKET FOBES—Originally 1.00, now... 2 for 1.00

—COSTUME JEWELRY, STREET FLOOR

HANDBAGS

(50) BETTER HANDBAGS—Originally 15.00 to 35.00, now... 8.50 to 20.00

HANDBAGS—Broken assortments, originally 3.00 to 10.75, now (plus tax)... 1.00 to 5.00

—HANDBAGS, STREET FLOOR

NOTIONS

RAINCOATS—Originally 5.98, now... 2.98

STRETCHABLE PANTY GIRDLES—Reduced to 49c

WINGS—To preserve shape of shoes, reduced to... 5c and 10c

GARMENT BAGS—Holds 8 garments, originally 7.95, now... 5.95

MONEY BELTS—White cotton, reduced to... 10c

S H O E CABINETS AND STORAGE WARDROBES—Slightly damaged, GREATLY REDUCED

—NOTIONS, STREET FLOOR

CORSETS

(210 Pcs.) GIRDLES, PANTY GIRDLES AND SURGICAL CORSETS—Originally much more, now... 29c to 6.89

(131 Pcs.) BRASSIERES AND GARTER BELTS—Originally much more, now... 49c to 1.39

—CORSETS, SECOND FLOOR

TODDLERS' WEAR

TODDLERS' COATS—Sizes 1 to 3, GREATLY REDUCED

TODDLERS' WINTER HEADWEAR—Reduced to... 50c

TODDLERS' ROBES—Sizes 1 to 3, GREATLY REDUCED

ODDS AND ENDS OF TOYS—GREATLY REDUCED

ODDS AND ENDS OF TODDLERS' CLOTHING—GREATLY REDUCED

—TODDLERS' SHOP, FOURTH FLOOR

INFANTS' WEAR

(275) WATERPROOF SHEETS—Originally 50c, now... 25c

(106) WATERPROOF SHEETS—Originally 89c, now... 39c

(183) WOOL BOOTIES—Originally 1.00, now... 50c

ODDS AND ENDS OF INFANT WEAR—GREATLY REDUCED

—INFANTS' DEPT., FOURTH FLOOR

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

COAT AND LEGGING SETS—GREATLY REDUCED

GIRLS' CORDUROY JUMPERS—Originally 5.00, now... 3.00

CHILDREN'S JACKETS—1/2 and 1/3 OFF

CHILDREN'S SHORTS—1/2 and 1/3 OFF

HOSIERY—Children's and junior sizes... 10c

—CHILDREN'S DEPT., FOURTH FLOOR

ODDS AND ENDS OF SUBDER AND CHILDREN'S ACCESSORIES—GREATLY REDUCED

SUBDER MILLINERY—1/2, 1/3, 1/4 OFF

—SUBDER ACCESSORIES, FOURTH FLOOR

SUBDER CLOTHING

ALL-WOOL TWEED AND SUED CLOTH COATS AND SOME FLEECE COATS—1/2 and 1/3 OFF

LOAFER JACKETS—Were 12.95 to 15.00, now... 6.29 and 7.29

WOOL AND RAYON DRESSES—1/2 PRICE AND LESS

WOOL OR RAYON JUMPERS—1/2 PRICE AND LESS

WOOL BLOUSES—Assorted colors, 1/2 PRICE AND LESS

ALL-WOOL BOXY SLIP-OVER SWEATERS—Were 4.00, now... 1.99

—SUBDER SHOP, FOURTH FLOOR

GIRLS' CLOTHING

GROUP OF WINTER COATS—Sizes 7 to 14, were 35.00 and 38.50, now... 24.99

NAVY BLUE PEA JACKETS—Continued from Clearance. Sizes 7 to 14, originally 15.00, now... 10.95

—GIRLS' DEPT., FOURTH FLOOR

CHINA AND GLASSWARE

ODDS AND ENDS—Of china and glassware—GREATLY REDUCED

—FIFTH FLOOR

ART NEEDLEWORK

ODDS AND ENDS OF YARNS—GREATLY REDUCED

DISCONTINUED MODELS OF STAMPED GOODS—GREATLY REDUCED

KNITTING BAGS—GREATLY REDUCED

NEEDLEPOINT PICTURE KITS, GREATLY REDUCED

STAMPED TOYS TO MAKE—GREATLY REDUCED

—ART NEEDLEWORK, FIFTH FLOOR

CURTAINS AND DRAPERIES

100 MARQUETTE PANEL CURTAINS

Strong, sturdy government net. Each panel 34x72 inches. Ectru only.

1.50 each

—FIFTH FLOOR

RUGS AND CARPETS

JUST 9 ALL-WOOL TUFTED RUGS

27x42 inches. Originally 21.95

1/2 Price

10.95

—FIFTH FLOOR

RUGS AND CARPETS

56 OVAL BRAIDED RUGS

Charming colonial patterns for living room, bedroom or bath. 2 by 4 ft. Originally 4.82.

Now 2.95

—FIFTH FLOOR

RUGS AND CARPETS

1/2 Price—Hooked Rugs and All-Wool Tufted Rugs

(4) ALL - WOOL HOOKED RUGS—3x5, were 29.75, now... 14.85

(2) ALL - WOOL HOOKED RUGS—4x6, were 49.50, now... 24.75

(2) ALL - WOOL TUFTED RUGS—6x9, were 110.00, now... 55.00

(3) ALL - WOOL TUFTED RUGS—4x6, were 54.50, now... 27.25

(10) ALL - WOOL TUFTED RUGS—3x5, were 39.50, now... 19.75

Linoleum Remnants

(1) BLACK AND RED INLAID MARBLEIZED—6x2, was 2.60, now... 98c

(1) BLACK AND RED INLAID EMBOSSED—6x2, was 3.35, now... 1.29

(1) RED INLAID MARBLEIZED—6x9, was 10.95, 6.95

(1) RED INLAID MARBLEIZED—6x6, was 3.95, 1.95

(1) RED TILE INLAID—6x6, was 6.95, 3.95

(1) BLACK AND RED MARBLEIZED—6x6, was 12.95, 4.95

(1) BLUE EMBOSSED INLAID—6x6, was 6.99, 3.95

(1) TAN GOLD SEAL—6x6, was 2.25, 1.19

(1) TAN GOLD SEAL—6x4, was 1.75, 1.00

(4) FELT BASE MATS—2x3, were 79c, 10c

Chenille and Shag Rugs, 10% to 25% Off

(25) BRAID-TEX RUGS—Assorted colors, 21x36 in., were 3.95, 2.45

(36) BRAID-TEX RUGS—Assorted colors, 24x45 in., were 5.50, 3.49

(15) WHITE OVAL LOOP RUGS—21x32 in., were 4.95, 3.95

(37) RAYON STRING RUGS—Assorted colors, 24x40 in., were 5.13, 3.95

(24) HEAVY TUFTED RUGS—24x48, were 6.95, 4.95

(9) ROUND STRING RUGS—30x30 in., assorted colors, were 3.95, 2.95

(5) ROUND STRING RUGS—26x36, were 3.25, 1.95

(57) OVAL STRING RUGS—22x48, were 5.50, 3.95

(18) OVAL STRING RUGS—18x36, were 3.25, 2.95

(19) OVAL STRING RUGS—22x36, were 4.95, 3.95

(11) OVAL STRING RUGS—26x48, were 6.95, 5.95

(15) OVAL STRING RUGS—Assorted colors, 30x56