

NEW JAP NAVAL FORAY AWAITED

3 Enemy Destroyers, Cruiser and Battleship Damaged.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 28 (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 hall of bombs and shells from American bombers that sank or damaged all but three destroyers there.

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 227 more Japanese Tuesday in mopping-up operations. Units of the 77th 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 ground 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 Registry, 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 Registry 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 184 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 Shely st.

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

DR. BERNSTEIN DIES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28 (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

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

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

By WALTER CRONKITE
United Press Staff Correspondent

WITH 9TH AIR FORCE IN BELGIUM, Dec. 28—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 attracted his attention by wriggling its wings and pointing its machine gun.

"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."

With Chief Beeker'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, the Japanese Domei agency said today in a Tokyo dispatch.

The dispatch, recorded by FPC, said the packages were sent from the United States for 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.

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," Snell said. "When we left, the valley was a mass of smoke."

ANOTHER group of Thunderbolts found three German tanks, axie to axie, 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.

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MOTHER GETS MEDAL OF CAPTIVE IN REICH

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

The presentation was made Sunday at the base chapel at St. Paul.

The sergeant's sister, Mrs. George Bissell, and friends were present. Sgt. Elder's home is at 5143 E. Washington st.

MENTIONED FOR BENCH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—Attorney Fred Dobyns was mentioned today in Daviess county as a possible successor to Judge Frank E. Glikson, who will resign from the 49th judicial circuit to assume his duties as Indiana supreme court justice Jan. 1.

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Joseph C. McCullough, 73, at Long, car-

cinoma.

Charles P. Golinick, 73, at 154 Olive, my-

ocarditis.

Marie Colman, 49, at 1436 Lexington,

carcinoma.

Emmanuel Bergdol, 66, at 4318 Broadway, bronchopneumonia.

John E. Evans, 71, at 4525 N. Keystone,

Lewis Sawyer, 74, at 35 N. Keeling, chronic myocardiitis.

Anna Dickerson, 63, at City, cardio-