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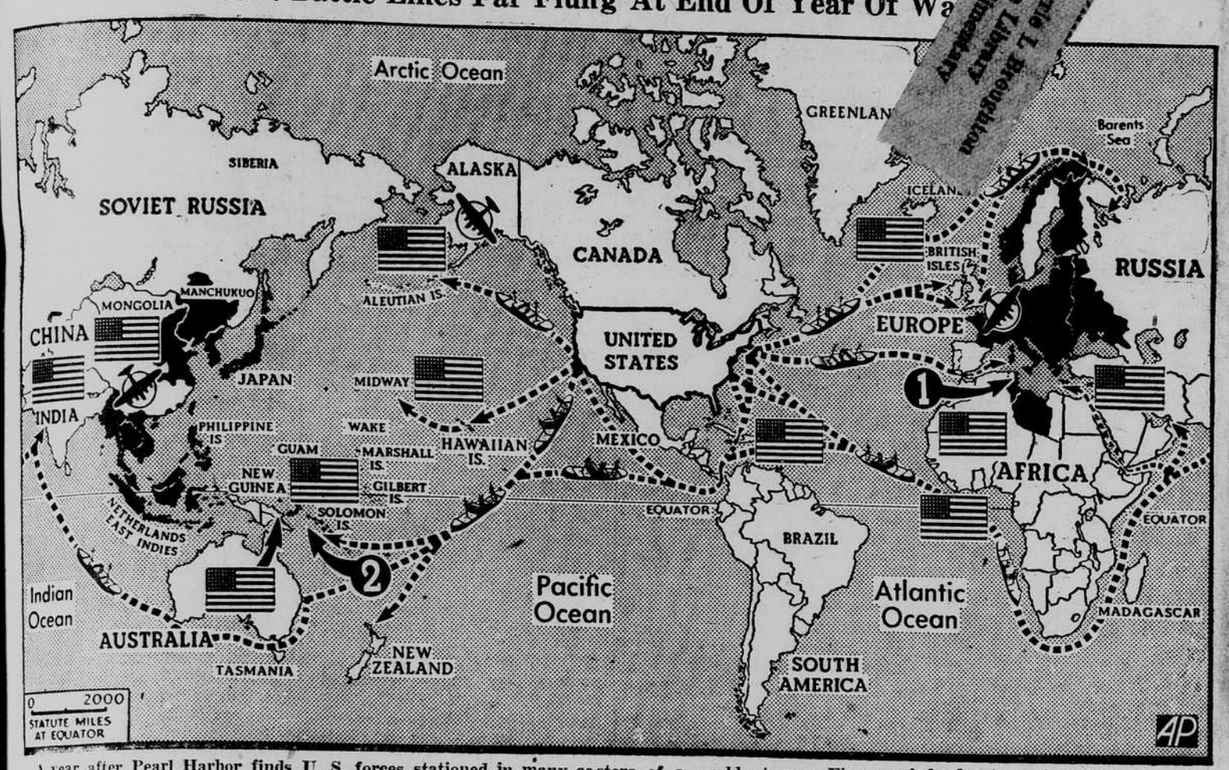
U. S. Battle Lines Far Flung At End Of Year Of War



A year after Pearl Harbor finds U. S. forces stationed in many sectors of a world at war. Flag symbols denote major strategic areas where American forces are operating. Black areas represent territory occupied or dominated by Axis. Broken lines indicate the long lines of supply operating to distant fronts including (1) the new large scale offensive in North Africa, and (2) the offensive in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea. U. S. Air Forces in England are blasting at Hitler-held Europe and in China against Jap bases in that part of the world.

INTENSE TANK ENGAGEMENT UNDERWAY NEAR TEBOURBA; REDS TAKE NEW POSITIONS

RESISTANCE HIGH

Reds Acknowledge That German Forces Stiffening Against Attacks

SUSTAINED ATTACKS

Nazis Recapture One Locality From Russians For Short Time

MOSCOW, Tuesday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Russian troops attacking German "hedgehog" positions west of Rzhev on the central front drove the Nazis from two fortified positions yesterday, but the Soviets made it clear today that enemy resistance was growing both in that area and in the Stalingrad sector,

Nazi Counter-attacks

Sustained Nazi counter-attacks were mentioned in both the noon and midnight communiques in all sectors, and for a time the Russians lost one inhabited locality near Velikie Luki on the central front. A Soviet counter-blow restored the situation and went on to gain another enemy strongpoint, the midnight communique said, in three days' of fighting in which the Germans lost 800 men.

At Rzhev the Germans also were hitting hard in an effort to retrieve lost ground, but the Russians said they knocked out seven of 20 enemy tanks and killed 200 more Nazis in all-day fighting there.

The Germans also were counter-attacking northwest and southwest of Stalingrad where an 18-day-old Soviet offensive has endangered their big army anchored between

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Allies Continue Attacks On Nazi Transportation

LONDON, Dec. 7—(AP)—Working on an Allied 24-hour schedule of destruction, Britain's new Whirlwind bombers pounded at German shipping and railways over France and the lowlands today while the Nazis still were assessing damage from heavy raids last night in which more than 100 RAF heavy bombers spilled explosives on targets in southwestern Germany, including Karlsruhe and Pforzheim, important railway and munitions centers.

In today's daylight attacks the Whirlwinds, escorted by Spitfire fighters, were reported to have damaged three ships off the Brittany coast and to have made many attacks on railways, camps, barges and other targets. Six planes were lost.

The Air Ministry reported also that some pilots crossed into Germany where barges on the Dortmund-Ems canal were bombed.

Karlsruhe, through which is shipped much of the coal to maintain Mussolini's war factories in Italy, turns out machine-guns and ammunition

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STUBBORN FIGHT

Supporting Aircraft On Both Sides Add To Battle In Tunisia

BATTLE FOR MASTERY

Allies And Axis Locked In Conflict For Triangular Sector

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—An intense tank battle was being fought today in the rugged hills around Tebourba where British and American forces clung stubbornly to heights dominating the Bizerte-Tunis defense arc in northern Tunisia.

Tebourba, 35 miles below Bizerte and 20 miles west of Tunis, is a rail junction from which the Allies had been ejected largely by superior German air power, after four days of bitter counter-attacks last week in which both sides lost heavily in men and material.

Battle Is Renewed

The battle was renewed Sunday after a lull induced by mutual exhaustion, and "is continuing," an Allied communique said.

Supporting aircraft of both sides intensified the battle aloft. In several sweeps and patrols Sunday, three enemy planes were destroyed and five bombers which attacked a forward Allied base were shot down.

Revising figures on air losses over the week-end, Allied headquar-

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COUNTY OFFICERS SWORN INTO JOBS

Nine Take Oath Of Office Here At Opening Of Superior Court

Nine county officials, six justices of the peace and three township constables were sworn into office yesterday morning by Judge Leo Carr of Burlington, at the opening of a two-week civil term of superior court.

Approximately 50 divorce cases are scheduled to be heard during the first few days of the term.

Clerk of Superior Court A. L. Meyland was the first to take the oath of office, followed by Coroner Asa W. Allen, Sheriff C. David Jones, Auditor John O. Orrell, Recorder H. Winfield Smith, Solicitor J. A. McNorton, Meter Adjuster W. H. Wendt and County Commissioners Harry Gardner and George Trask. Recorder Smith and Solicitor McNorton were the only officials to be sworn in for the first time.

Judge Carr also administered the oath of office to Chief of Police Charles H. Casteen, Captain J. F. Jordan, Lieut. Coy Etheridge, Sr.,

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58,307 Casualties Reported For Army In 1st Year Of War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The first year of war cost the United States armed forces 58,307 casualties, the Office of War Information reported today.

This total, complete to today, includes dead, wounded, missing, interned in neutral countries, and prisoners.

The casualties number those of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and the Philippine Scouts, it was stated.

The Army's casualties totaled 55,678, most of them classified as missing and presumed to have been made prisoners of war after the campaigns in the Philippines and Dutch East Indies. Definite information is lacking because of the absence of accurate prisoner lists from Japan.

The Navy department reported, or now is in the process of reporting, 22,629 casualties.

WEATHER

FORECAST

North Carolina: Continued cold today.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

Temperature

1:30 a. m., 44; 7:30 a. m., 39; 1:30 p. m., 40; 7:30 p. m., 41. Maximum, 50; minimum, 37; mean, 44; normal, 50.

Humidity

1:30 a. m., 80; 7:30 a. m., 75; 1:30 p. m., 97; 7:30 p. m., 94.

Precipitation

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.25 inches.
Total since the first of the month, 3.76 inches.

TIDES TODAY

	High	Low
Wilmington	9:57a	4:25a
	10:10p	5:06p
Masonboro Inlet	7:40a	1.14a
	7:52p	2:00p
Moore's Inlet	7:45a	1:19p
	7:57p	2:05p
New Topsail Inlet	7:50a	1:24a
(Elmore's)	8:02a	2:10p

(All Times Eastern Standard)

Sunrise, 7:06 a. m.; sunset, 5:03 p. m.; moonrise, 7:25 a.; moonset, 6:03p.

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Hewlett Is Re-named County Board Leader

At a meeting of the county board of commissioners yesterday afternoon, the board was reorganized following the usual procedure which takes place each first Monday in December, and the same officers of the board were re-elected.

Addison Hewlett was re-named chairman of the board; James M. Hall, vice chairman; Thomas K. Woody, clerk; and Bellamy and Bellamy, county attorneys.

The following were also re-elected: S. G. Long, supperintendent of the county home and farm; George I. Crandall, keeper of Oak Grove cemetery; Ed George and L. M. Rich, janitors of the court house; F. Porter Davis and H. E. Williamson, special officers.

Coupons totalling $21,652.50, and bonds totalling $18,000.00, including county home bonds, and school fund bonds, were burned in the presence of the board.

The board moved to approve a request made by the Boy Scouts at Sunset Park to allow this organization the use of the quarters at Legion Stadium for their meetings.

The commissioners discussed the advisability of requesting that H. E. Fales, superintendent of the Bureau of Identification make fingerprints of prisoners, after conviction instead of following the past procedure of fingerprinting all prisoners before conviction. No

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EXPANSION SEEN FOR BOND GROUP

Victory Fund Committee Here Will Soon Be Enlarged To Boost Sales

Richard S. Rogers, of the Wilmington Savings and Trust company, and chairman of region six of the Victory Fund Committee, announced yesterday that in accordance with instructions from the president of the Fifth Federal District, the Victory Fund committee is to be enlarged.

Composed heretofore principally of bankers and security dealers, Mr. Rogers stated that the committee would now include an outside volunteer group, to assist in

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$771,133.93 Collected By Customs Office Here

Customs collections for the month of November amounted to $771,133.93, E. C. Snead, collector announced yesterday. The figure is over $200,000 higher than that for the same month of last year; in November 1941 collections totalled $564,634.35.

NOTICE!

If your carrier fails to leave your copy of the Wilmington Morning Star, Phone 3311 before 9:00 a. m. and one will be sent to you by special messenger.

RESOLUTION MADE ON BELLAMY MOVE

County Commissioners Express Appreciation Of Former Mayor's Work

A letter to Hargrove Bellamy, former Mayor of Wilmington, was read and approved before the board of county commissioners at the regular weekly meeting yesterday.

The matter was brought to the attention of the board by Mr. Gardner that the Honorable Hargrove Bellamy had resigned as Mayor of the City of Wilmington to enter the armed forces of his country, and in appreciation of the services he has rendered this community, offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Mr. Coleman and unanimously passed:

"Whereas, we have learned with regret of the resignation of the Honorable Hargrove Bellamy as a member of the City Council and Mayor of the City of Wilmington, and

"Whereas, we desire to go on record with an expression of our appreciation of his faithful and untiring service as Mayor of our city.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved: That we take this opportunity to extend to him the appreciation of this board for his loyalty and cooperation in everything pertaining to the upbuilding and development of our city and community and take pleasure in expressing our gratitude for the faithful and efficient service he has rendered during the time he has served as chief executive of our city. Carful, painstaking, yet fearless, his uniform readiness to serve enabled him to cooperate with us in all matters for the good of our people in such a manner as to make possible splendid progress in the development of our community.

"We regret his departure. It is a distinct loss to this community, but we glory in his determination and decision, at great personal sacrifice, to serve his country in an official capacity with the armed forces of our national government, and we congratulate our national government in having acquired such a capable, fearless and patriotic countryman."

CIGAR PRICE HIKE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—(AP)—Because of increased taxes and higher transportation costs, the Office of Price Administration authorized a 10 per cent increase today in the price of imported cigars.

STOCKING FUND MUST HAVE AID

Salvation Army Announces Need For More Contributions For Needy

A Wilmington man, unable to work for many months because of the ravages of asthma, his wife, and their four young children will not know Christmas unless the Empty Stocking fund climbs more rapidly within the next few days, Salvation Army Captain James Neighbours said last night.

Contributions to the 1942 fund have not been made in proportion to the amount of money that has trickled into pockets of local citizens in recent months, the Captain believes. New industries are paying higher wages to a greater number of skilled and professional workers in the town, but increased prosperity is not sufficiently reflected in this fund for supplying the hundred needy in Wilmington with food, Clothes, medicine, and Christmas cheer.

In saving part of your paycheck for war and bond purchases and for charities, remember to set aside a share for the Empty Stocking fund. Bring your donation to the Star-News office in the Murchison building.

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COFFEE USERS WILL REGISTER

Institutional Consumers Must Sign Up Today And Tomorrow Only

Institutional users of coffee, who have not already done so, must register today and tomorrow, as after December 9 registrations will be closed, the War Price and Rationing board announced yesterday.

War Ration Book One will also be issued to all persons who have not previously registered. No consumer may register for these books after December 9, with the exception of persons serving in the armed forces and who are no longer eating in organized messes, or persons confined to hospitals and other institutions between the dates of November 9 and December 15.

After December 15, such persons will be allowed to apply for ration books one month from the day on which they are discharged.

According to the War Price and Rationing board, babies born after December 15 must be registered within a month after birth.

JAPANESE CENTER UNDER MILITARY

Riot In Which One Jap Killed Flares Up In California Camp

MANZANAR, Calif., Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Japanese relocation center here was under martial law today after a pro-Axis anniversary celebration of the Pearl Harbor attack precipitated a riot in which one Japanese was killed and nine wounded.

Director Ralph P. Merritt said military police fired into a milling crowd of 4,000 in which Japanese-born or Japanese-educated shouted "Pearl Harbor, Banzai! Banzai!" and jeered other Japanese of pro-American sympathies who were endeavoring to assist camp authorities in restoring order. He gave this account of the violence:

Part of the crowd surged toward the soldiers and were met with tear gas bombs. After the fumes were blown away, the Japs hurled stones. The stoldiers then opened fire. This halted the shouting, gesticulating mob, and sullenly they returned to their bungalows.

Trouble between Axis and American factions among the center's 10,000 residents flared Saturday night. Small groups milled through the streets, but the center's Japanese and Caucasian police quieted them. Yesterday, approximately 1,000 Kiebei—anti-American Nipponese—assembled.

Pro-Axis leaders harangued them and loyal Japanese were jeered and insulted. The meeting broke up in a free-for-all in which

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20 JAP AIRCRAFT DOWNED BY ALLIES

Foe Loses Heavily In Bitter Fighting In New Guinea Area

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Tuesday, Dec. 8—(AP)—Allied airmen destroyed 20 Japanese planes in New Guinea yesterday and continued their relentless dive-bombing of enemy troops pocketed in the Buna-Gone coastal strip, a communique said today.

Eighteen Japanese pilots who, tried to relieve their ground troops by attacking Allied rear lines crashed in the wild New Guinea jungles, and two more grounded Japanese planes were destroyed in an Allied attack on Lae, the upper New Guinea base, the communique said.

"Our losses were negligible," the communique said.

Only "intermittent ground fighting" was reported in the Buna-Gona area where American and Australian troops have ripened the chances of the enemy's early annihilation by driving wedges to the sea. The Japanese, split into several segments, were being hammered by Allied planes and howitzers.

Complete results of the attack on Lae were not observed, but airdrome runway and dispersal areas were strafed in addition to the de-

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GOVERNOR GIVES MME. CHIANG BID

Broughton Invites Chinese Lady To Visit North Carolina Soon

RALEIGH, Dec. 7—(AP)—Governor Broughton today extended to Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of China's generalissmo, an invitation to visit North Carolina after she has recovered from the illness which caused her to come to the United States for treatment.

The invitation, which was sent to Secretary of State Hull to be passed on to Madame Chiang Kai-shek, said that the people of the United States and partcularly of North Carolina are "deeply interested and pleased" at her visit.

"The father of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, the late Charles Jones Soong, came to Wilmington North Carolina, in 1880 as a cabin boy on a merchant ship," the letter said. "Through the personal interest of the late General Julian S. Carr of Durham—this young Chinese stayed in North Carolina for some time and went to college at what was then known as Trinity college, now Duke University, at Durham.

REYNOLDS' PLEA BRINGS RESULTS

North Carolina Senator Instrumental In Getting Salesmen's Gas

By HAROLD SUTTLE
Star-News Washington Bureau Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 — Insistence by North Carolina senators and congressmen, headed by Senator Reynolds, that rationing-chief Leon Henderson permit "those who make their living with their automobiles" to purchase more gasoline today, brought definite results.

Senator Reynolds revealed tonight the receipt of a communication from Mr. Henderson announcing a January 1 increase in mileage allotments to traveling sales people from about 5,000 miles to 8,000 miles per automobile annually.

The price control administrator stipulated the increase would be allowed only to "salesmen of essential war and civilian products."

Each allotment will be based on 65 per cent of consumption per salesman's car, Mr. Henderson advised the senator, explaining that no geographic restriction would apply and that the program would be extended on a nation-wide basis.

The senator said that salesmen desiring to make application for this increase may not file until after January 1.

Today's order by Mr. Henderson climaxed a seven-months fight which began when Senator Reynolds headed a delegation of senators and congressmen in a hearing before the rationing czar. At that time, Mr. Henderson declined to relax the restrictions, declaring that salesmen of the southeast should 'double up," alternating in the use

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MORE FAMILIES TO MOVE TODAY

107 Additional Groups To Begin Occupancy Of Maffitt Housing Units

Today 107 more Wilmington families will move into the John A. Maffitt homes, Henry R. Emory, executive director of the Housing authority for the City of Wilmington has announced. Seventy-five families occupied new units yesterday. The new homes are part of an 800-unit housing project for white shipyard workers.

In announcing occupation of the first completed apartments in the Maffitt group, Mr. Emory also named managers who will head the 1,100 unit "duration dormitory" war housing project. The list of appointments follows:

L. D. Sullivan, former manager of the Charles T. Nesbitt courts, white slum-clearance project of the authority, manager of 750 white war worker apartments on the 1,100-unit "duration dormitary" project.

Henry T. Riley, former accountant for the shipyard trailer camps, manager of dormitory units for 200 white unmarried shipworkers on the dormitory project.

French I. Davis, Negro, manager of 476 negro workers apartments on the dormitory project.

J. A. Cochran, formerly connected with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, manager of the Maffitt homes project.

Marvin J. Hamer, former manager of the Hotel Powers at Bennettsville, S. C., and more recent-

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U. S. LAUNCHES NINE WARSHIPS

World's Greatest Battleship, New Aircraft Carrier Added To Navy

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A year to the day after sustaining a staggering blow at Pearl Harbor, the United States fleet yesterday added mightily to its ships of war with the launching of one of the world's heaviest battleships and a new aircraft carrier.

Seven othter warships of lesser character also slid down the ways toward ultimate commissioning and today the cruiser Miami will hit the water at Philadelphia, representing the Cramp Shipbuilding company's first fighting ship since 1924.

The giant battleship New Jersey, which Jane's Fighting Ships said would displace 52,000 tons as full load and whose main battery will consist of nine 16-inch guns, was by far the most important launching of the day. She went into the Delaware river at the Philadelphia navy yard 18 months ahead of schedule.

At Quincy, Mass., the aircraft carrier Bunker Hill — named for the famed battle of the American Revolution—was launched at the

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Churchill Warns Japs Of Storm Now Coming

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 8—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declared today that the "storm which now lowers over Germany and Italy is spreading to Japan; there will be no softness or respite for her."

In a message to British far eastern territories on the anniversary of the day Japan attacked Hongkong and Malaya, the prime minister asserted that "the growing power of the United Nations will press steadfastly on till she (Japan) is stripped of her conquests, punished for her treachery and deprived of her powers of evil."

High School Students Hear Challenge Of War On First Anniversary Of Pearl Harbor Attack

A program honoring the first anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor was held yesterday under the direction of the Wilmington Naval Recruiting service.

Lt. D. A. McPherson, USNR, presided over the meeting, which was presented in the High school auditorium to all juniors and seniors and to several visitors.

Lt. McPherson opened the program with the declaration, "not only must we remember Pearl Harbor, but also the year that has followed the attack, during which so many of our boys have lost their lives. We must remember all these things in order that we may keep up the spirit that is necessary for us to win."

At exactly 2:25 o'clock, the instant that the first bomb fell on Pearl Harbor a year ago, the entire audience bowed its head in one minute of complete silence, honoring all those who gave their lives in the first twelve months of the war. The silence was ended by a prayer offered by the Rev. C. D. Barclift, asking strength for our leaders and the nation in this time of trouble.

Mayor Edgar L. Yow was the speaker on the program. The subject of his talk was based on the world today, and what we should do to better fit ourselves for this emergency.

Mr. Yow issued a challenge with the words, "what ending will this generation put to the statement 'Remember Pearl Harbor, that free people may not perish from the earth.' Let us write a new chapter in the history of civilization; not that we survived under the iron rule of the sword of a dictator, but that we prospered under the rule of the great Constitution of the United States."

The second speaker of the afternoon was Lt. Com. O. F. Cooper, USN retired, a native of Wilmington, and a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1900.

Mr. Cooper's topic was summed up in the first sentence of his address: "In order that we may expect to emerge victorious from this war, we must all join hands and dedicate ourselves to the annihilation of some eightly million fanatical assassins of the Japanese empire."

Commander Cooper reviewed the characteristics of the Japanese

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