

# Christnas Greetinas Et



FORECAST

Fair and continued cold today with ghest temperature about 38 degrees. oderate northwest winds. Vesterday's temperatures: High, 57-Low, 36.

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## Germans Stoped, American Attack Gaining; Roosevelt Gives Prayer For New Day Of Peace

## Nation Asked Christmas To Give Help In Ending War

President Unable To Say When Final Victory Will Come

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-President Roosevelt Christmas broadcast voiced a prayer today that with victory will come "a new day of peace on earth in which all the nations of the earth will join together for all

"We cannot vet say when our victory will come," he said. "Our enemies still fight fanatically. They still have reserves of men and military power. But, they themselves know that they and their evil works are doomed. We may hasten the day of that doom if we here at home continue to do our

ceremony of lighting the National made in connection with the annual The text of his address as eleased by the White House:

is not easy to say "Merry Christmas" to you, my fellow Americans, in this time of destructive war. Nor can one lightly say "Merry Christmas" tonight to our arm ed forces at their battle stations al or to our Allies fight by their side. Here, at home, we will celebrate

this Christmas day in our traditional American way - because of its deep spiritual meaning to us; and because we want our youngest generation to grow up knowing of the immortal Prince of Peace and good will. But, in perhaps every home in the United Statees, sad and anxious thoughts will be continual with the millions of our loved ones who are suffering hardships and misery, and who are risking their very lives to preserve for us and for all mankind, the fruits of his teachings and the foundations of civilization itself.

The Christmas spirit lives to ight in the bitter cold of the front lines in Europe and in the heat of the jungles and swamps of Burma and the Pacific Islands. Even the ar of our bombers and fighters in the air and the guns of our ships sea will not drown out the message of Christmas which come to the hearts of our fighting men.

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#### GLENN MILLER, NOTED DANCE BAND LEADER, MISSING IN EUROPE

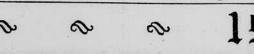
PARIS. Dec. 24. - (AP)-Maj Glenn Miller, director of the U. S. Air Force band and a former orthestra leader, is missing on a flight from England to Paris, it Was announced today.

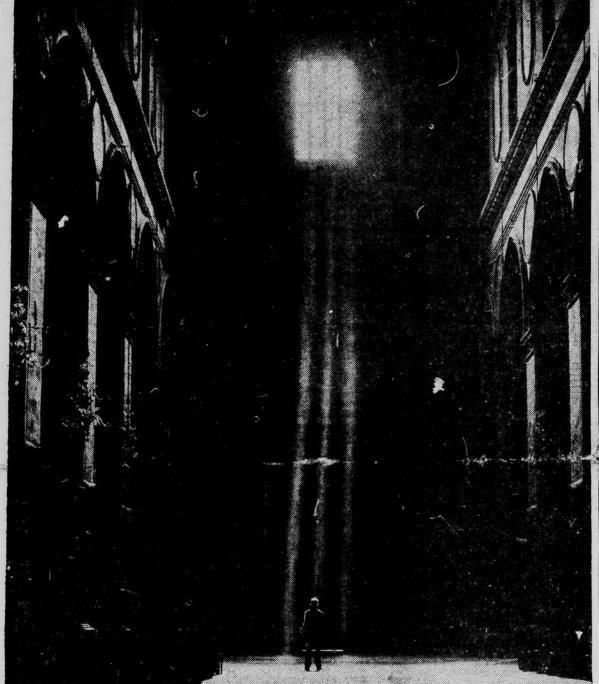
States, left England December 15 first liberated Noel.

Miller last led his band in a morrow at 7 P. M. eastern nac, and larders of meats and Pvt. Case on this Christmas vegetables. War Time) in the "AEF Christmas will be conducted by Sgt.

Jerry Gray, deputy leader. Miller, 39, was commissioned a aptain in the Army Specialist for some there will be colorful Corps September 10, 1942, and was Christmas Eve ceremonies. moted to his majority about six

He married the former Helen sumes service at 6 a.m. orchestra in 1933. ger, a non-professional, in 1928. ouple have two adopted chil-Steve. 2. and Johnnie Dee,





Het In Thy Bark Streets Shineth The Everlasting Light. The Hopes And Bears Of All The Years Are Met In Thee Tonight."

A news item was printed, outlin-

ing the soldier's request in detail.

Offers began pouring in and a pup-

Mount, wts selected to represent

The pup was shipped last week

sides were bulging when Mr. An-

in Wilmington this Christmas."

### Local Girl 'Happiest In Town' Over Her 'GI'

A Christmas present from the front arrived in the form of the six groups of Christmas ca- the ELAS generally stood pat on youngsters gathered in front of of a tiny black Cocker Spaniel puppy late yesterday after- rollers assigned to their mus al their first peace offers made De- Gen. MacArthur's headquarters noon at the home of Miss "Winkie" Rivenbark, 501 South patrols by Jesse A. Reynolds, city 17th street, and from last reports, the new owner and pup Ralph Richards industrial USO di-\*were "doing fine."

#### YANKS CELEBRATE FIRST CHRISTMAS

soldiers prepared to observe their first Christmas in France today with turkey dinners, packages ed and Calvin Anders, classified six areas late last week and mapbetween 4,000 and 6,000. The high Miller, one of the outstanding from home and parties for French advertising manager and Roy J. ped routes for the strolling singers. orchestra leaders of the United children, who are celebrating their

a passenger aboard a plane. No U. S. Quartermasters have pro-His Air Force band had been those actually fighting in the front-Playing in Paris. No members of lines, will have turkey with all the the band were with him on the trimmings. Many of the men stabroadcast December 12. The band, families who have managed to sa theduled to broadcast over BBC a few precious bottles of wine, cog-

Extra duties entailed in meeting the German counter-offensive will prevent most soldiers from joining and was fed the best of canine ra-French civilians and friends, ut

Thousands of troops, for example, A native of Clarinda, Iowa, he first "Reveillon." the traditional gained prominene in the pop- French manner of celebrating the music field as a trombonist, holiday eve at midnight which arranger for many of the ner at one or two o'clock in the ment was unbounded. p-flight bands. He organized his morning, then dancing till downor in paris, until the "Metro" re-

Part of the Americans' Christ-

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#### CHRISTMAS CAROLS **BROUGHT TO HOMES** BY STREET SINGERS have to receive the approval of dreds of trucks, quantities of field Marshal Sir Harold Alexan-dreds of trucks, quantities of trucks, quantities of trucks and heavy artillery weapons

Nearly every neighborhood in the in the Mediterranean. city was visited last night by ne. superintendent of recreation, and rector, co-chairmen of the Christ-Some weeks ago, Pvt. Clyde B. mas Carol Committee.

Seeking to utilize the services fighting continued between ELAS Case, Jr., formerly of Wilmingof the volunteer songsters whose forces and Right-Wing troops of aged 13 more cargo vessels off Vienna. ton and now somewhere on the numbers have grown from Chr. t-IN FREED FRANCE Western Front, wrote the Star-PARIS, Dec. 24.—(P)—American Cocker pup for his "girl" back to hear earols Mr. Beynolds and After to hear carols, Mr. Reynolds and Zervas Edes in northern Greece an estimated 25 enemy planes. home. A money order was enclos- Mr. Richards divided the city into were reported cut from 12,000 to Fighters strafed two Luzon fields In the Hemenway school area, Cook, circulation manager, got Mr. Richards' industrial USO chor isters held forth, while the companion clubs from Fifth and or appealing to the British for help wrecked or damaged. Huge fires

(Continued on Page Six Col. 2) ualties.

#### Concentration, Strikes Germans Capital Saved LONDON, Dec. 24.—(P)—The full, British units based in France, Bel-1ed that "the greatest force of heavy weight of the mighty Allied aerial gium and Holland attacked Ger. bombers ever flown on a single

strength fell upon the life lines of man armored columns. German counter offensive toswarm of bombers and fighters ed on the continent were hurled driven into the American lines by Nazis Fail To Advance

With the weather perfect over the channel and continent a record Flying Fortresses and Liberators escorted by 1.000 Thunderbolts and mustangs, smashed at the Nazi spearheads in Belgium and enemy supply lines in Germany.

Returning pilots said at least 50 German Nazi interceptors had been shot down in a series of blazing clashes over western Germany by fighter pilots escorting the big

In addition to the blows struck by Britain-based bombers and fight- 178 Nazi planes were shot out of thousands of rocket-firing the skies. Mustangs, Thunderbolts, Typhoons and Spitfires of American and gic Air Forces in Europe announc- ers wherever they could be found

**ELAS CHALLENGE** 

to laying down their arms.

izations be disarmed.

area but only on condition that

lan, British resident general of

However, with minor exceptions

war closer to a truce, let alone

In northwestern Greece, bitter

After four days of fighting, Gen.

a cessation of hostilities.

BRITAIN'S RIGHT

Manila Airfield Bombed;

U.S. Drives On Palompon

pines, Monday, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Liberator bombers

smashed at Manila's Grace Park airfield on Luzon, while

the American 77the Division moved rapidly in on Palompon,

Wing ELAS forces today challeng- spirit to the American airmen.

The ELAS reply to a British nila airdrome, leaving it in par-

tilities and the disarmament of Bulan airdrome below Manila in

followers of other volunteer organ. ed fast reaching a conclusion, as

British Commander Lt. Gen ened in the face of aggressive at-

the Middle East, were reported have been counted on Leyte in

drafting a reply to the ELAS de- the last eight days, Gen. Douglas

have to receive the approval of has been captured, including hun-

der, Allied commander in chief tanks and heavy artillery weapons.

cember 14 and the latest exchange and sang carols. MacArthur in

does not appear to bring the civil a statement wished the Filipinos

Gen. Napoleon Zervas with the Mindanao Saturday, the com-

was believed due to desertions, Field Gen. MacArthur said that

although the Rightist chieftain in most of 100 grounded aircraft were

said he was suffering heavy cas- were kindled among the installa-

proportion of losses for the EDES In the earlier blow at

Ronald Scobie and Harold McMil- tacks by the 77th Division.

ELAS supporters in the Athens a daring single attack.

mon confidence" as a prerequisite munique reported that the bomb of Austria.

GENERAL M'ARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philip-

appeared to exceed the 13,000 put into the assault on the German columns which have been on the march for more than a week shrouded in fog and mist which armada of at least 2,000 American had grounded everything except buzz-bombs.

> Even before the bomber and fighters of the U.S. Eighth Air Force had returned to their bases in England, channel observers reported hordes of RAF bombers and fighters streaking over the channel toward the continent.

Today's all-out aerial smash at the Germans followed a 4,500-plane city and caught 50 German fighters assault yesterday during which parked on one.

\*la . Japanese strongpoint on Leyte

que reported today.

Island, a headquarters communi-

bloody battle, transport planes on

a peaceful mission dropped

Christmas greetings on liberated

ers had hit Clark Field, big Ma-

Leyte's ground fighting appear-

Japanese risistance steadly weak-

More than 13,000 enemy dead

Although the war's tempo didn't

slow for Christmas Eve Filipino

"all the blessings of Christmas

In their strike at the Manila

hopes for the new year.'

without opposition.

And in strange contrast to the

ed that "the greatest force of heavy bombers ever flown on a single mission by any air force" attack. By Yank Drive Still more hundreds of American ed communications and supply day and channel observers said the and British medium bombers bas- centers just opposite the bulge the Germans.

At the same time, formations of

the long-range heavy bombers loaded with probably more than 8.000 tons of high explosives and fragmentation bombs landed a surprise blow at the heart of the rejuvenated Luftwaffe, which it was disclosed, is centered around Frankfurt, about 150 miles east

of the Belgian battlefields. Bombs from Flying Fortresses straddled runways and hangars on 11 air fields grouped around the

Budapest Imperils En-

tire Garrison

All the time, American fighters kept roaring through the cloudless

**REDS CUT NAZI** 

Moscow announced.

the capital.

and realization of their fervent rail junction of Leva (Levice), only

Simultaneously Marshall Rodion

Danube at a point 50 miles north-

west of Budapest, captured the

65 miles east of Bratislava, Slo-

In this area the Russians were

vak mountains in an effort to

trap scores of thousands of Ger-

mans fighting far to the east in

the exposed Losonc-Kassa sec

Iwo Jima And Heavy

Superforts Bombard

Force announced today.

plane opposition, a communique

ing its defenses to the point where

# 1944 Air Armada, Greater Than D-Day Luxembourg's

#### More Than Mile At Any Point

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(AP) The Geman offensive had been held virtually to a standstill for 48 hours up to late Saturday, Allied Supreme Headquarters disclosed tonight, and American counterattacks against the enemy's southern flank gained ground in four sectors.

A front dispatch covering fighting up to late Saturday morning declared American forces storming Field Marshal von Rundstedt's southern flank had gouged out gains along a 20-mile front in northern Luxembourg, lifting menace to that tiny Duchy's capi-

The mightiest air force ever as sembled lashed the enemy's front and communications with a hurri-Sudden Drive Around cane of destruction for the record successive day and the skier were filled with battling planes.

The German wedges in Belgiur and Luxembourg appeared to be contained, at least for the moment, LONDON, Dec. 24.-(P)-One Red with the Germans yesterday ad-Army swept 25 miles around Buda- vancing no more than a mile at

pest's western side today, cutting any point.

A front dispatch reported that the enemy's main escape route up to late yesterday morning ATHENS, Dec. 24.— P —Left- Filipinos, who waved in holiday in ELAS forces today challeng- spirit to the American airmen.

14 miles from the Hungarian caperican attacks from the south had in and virtually trapping the be- driven the Germans almost across It was the second successive sieged German-Hungarian garri- the border 17 miles northeast of the store law and order' in Greece and demanded the establishment on Manila, and the enemy offered on Manila, and the enemy offered of a Greek government "of common confidence" as a prerequisite munique reported that the homb.

Only a 17-mile gap remains to Heavy fighting raged near Rabe closed before Budapest is enbrouch, five miles east of Martememorandum of December 16 tial ruins. On Saturday night tirely encircled, and the two pow-

agreed to the cessation of hos- Navy Hellcat fighters blasted erful Russian armies were sweep-Sixteen miles due north of the ing on toward Austria on both city of Luxembourg, American sides of the big Danube bend lines were advanced one to two miles north of Grosbous Toppling the major strongholds would indicate a possible nine of Szekesferehvar and Bicske, 32 mile advance. Since the day be miles southwest and 14 miles west fore the Americans had been opof Budapest, Marshall Feodor I. erating in the area of Mersch, sev-Tolbukhin's third Ukraine army en miles south of Grosbous.)

drove within 68 miles of the Aus-Other gains were announced it trian frontier, and also cut to an area five miels west and northmands. The British answer will MacArthur said. Much material within seven miles southwest of west of Diekirch or about 18 to 19 Budapest's city limits after break- miles north of Luxembourg. ing through German lines on a

Yet another force hammered 55-mile front in a three-day of east of Diekirch, apparently around fensive between Lake Balaton and Berdorf, 17 miles northeast Luxembourg and less than a mile and a half from the German bor-Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukranian der. Army, racing westward above the

The greatest German gain reported up to noor yesterday vas about a mile. The situation was described officially as definitely improved as Allied countermeasures began to influence the course of American air units sank or dam- vak capital, and 98 miles from the swirling sanguinary battle.

Since then, however von Rund stedt may have thrown his second

swarming ahead in two direc-(Continued on Page Six, Col. 1) tions, northwestward and west-'drome, the Liberators destroyed ward toward Bratislava and Vi enna, and northward into the Slo-

#### BERLIN ADMITS ADV ANCES MADE BY YANK TROOPS

At captured Leva, on the north-LONDON, Dec 24. -(AP)- The Berlin radio tonight admitted that (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) advances had been carved into German lines by American forces on the southern flank.

An International Information Bureau broadcast from Berlin declared the Germans had held an Explosions Reported attack "by numerically superior forces" on the northern "lank, but conceded that "the situation of the force of perhaps a half-hundred greater winter bettle in the Arden-Superfortresses set off "heavy ex- nes had not changed decisively during the past 24 hours.'

Berlin said American as well as German reinforcements were being fed continuously into the bat-

All of the B-29's returned to their strong attack from the north and base in the Marianas after en- south and so cut off the Germans countering only light and inaccurate from their rear is beginning to take But it declared the German situation on both sides of the Ourthe, air attacks on the island is reduce sive bulge, was still favorable and that German bridgeheads on he no serious opposition can be turned west side of the river were enlarg-

## tioned in French cities will have their holiday feasts with French families who have managed to sa . Frady, 206 Nash street, Rocky On Ration List After Christmas

on the ration list when stores e- ed. ders and Mr. Cook arrived to take

him to Miss Rivenbark with ap-Originally set for the first of the favored than a brief "freeze" ribbon around his neck served to accentuate the black of his coat accentuate the black of his coat emergency meeting of Government scheduled. music field as a trombonist, holiday eve at midnight which various orchestras and then cludes midnight mass, a huge dinary mas

> reported unchanged. "this makes me the happiest girl ficial announcement of both is observance will extend back long reminder of her soldier-sweet moves had been set for Tuesday James F. Byrnes, chief of the Ofto the United States by radio from heart, the only possible name was evening, but rationing authorities fice of War Mobilization and Refear a run might develop during conversion these included:

The impending drastic tighten-

supplies. The schedule for restor- ing of rationing coincides with a dog racing effective January 3. "Gee whiz," she exclaimed, ing ration values to nearly all point series of home front moves flat-Since the pup is to be a year- free meats on December 31 was urday, all designed to increase sup- to review the cases of professional ed that more than two weeks of at the western tip of the offenprt of the war effort. Stemming from directives

tions for several days. His tiny Canned vegetables may be back ing canned vegetables were follow- nouncement it will withhold price: ties and other operation essentials open Tuesday after the Christmas | Advancement of the effective from firms violating war manpow date was said to be more generally er Commission hiring restrictions.

A move to tighten employment to war jobs. An order banning all horse d anti-air-craft fire and no fighter clearer shape," said the broadcast.

athletes rejected for military servby lice or discharged for physical re Although OPA has been urging on Army and Navy planes visiting ed and widened by fresh forces (Continued on Page Three: Col. 7) Iwo Jima.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-(P)-A WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. - (P) - that day if original plans rega d- A War Production Board anplosions in military installations" in the latest strike at Iwo Jima, enemy island midway between Japan and Saipan, the 20th Air tle.

A directive to Selective Service said. This latter reference sugges-