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## Nazis Thrown Back 100 Miles From Moscow

### Russians Claim Recapture Of Scores Of Villages With Heavy Loss To Germans

Moscow, Dec. 18.—Red Army troops were reported officially early today to have thrown the Germans back almost 100 miles beyond this capital in their 16 day Winter offensive to lift the sieges of Leningrad in the north and Sevastopol in the south.

A communique said that the Soviets reclaimed many more villages besides the hundreds already seized in the continuing two-week drive against the recapture of Aleksin, 85 miles south of Moscow between Serpukhov and Tula.

Plunging through the hole made in the German lines by the rout of six divisions from Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of the capital, the fast-moving Red offensive was said by the government to have taken Vyssokoe, 40 miles to the west. Other reports said another town five miles farther on had been captured.

Here, what was left of these six German divisions apparently was too disorganized to offer effective resistance, while in the Tula region, 100 miles south of the capital, some Germans were said to be so dispirited that they were taking to their heels without putting up a fight.

(The British radio, heard by CBS, said the Germans had been driven back 90 miles in a week in the Orel sector 200 miles south of Moscow, and about 60 miles in the Tikhvin region southeast of Leningrad.

(The German communique admitted German troops were retreating, but said it was a part of a systematic shortening of the lines following abandonment of aggressive operations for stationary Winter warfare.)

From north to south, the situation was thus presented by various sources: Leningrad area: A swift Soviet advance in some sectors did not permit the Germans to pick up all their wounded. Some German groups were trapped, and the Red Army is heavily engaged in mopping them up, Tass announced.

Finnish Report Red Losses (The Finnish communique said the Russians were attacking all along the Svir river front, between Lakes Ladoga and Onega to the northeast of Leningrad, and also on the eastern front north of Lake Onega. One thousand Russians were killed along the Svir River yesterday, it said, and several hundred more in the fighting to the north.

Moscow area: Pravda said 90 villages were in Russian hands again as a result of fighting on Monday. Tula area, 100 miles south of Moscow: The 296th "Deer's Head" German division was being pursued, and nine undamaged tanks, fully fueled and munitioned were found abandoned by their crews who fled without shooting, Pravda reported.

Orel area, 200 miles south of Moscow: The Soviet communique said 70 villages were recaptured yesterday, and 41 the day before. Volovo, 100 miles northeast of Orel and 50 miles southeast of Tula, again is in Russian hands.

Kursk area, 280 miles south of Moscow: The Russians took 50 more villages, and still farther south they are threatening the industrial center of Stalino, 65 miles northwest of Rostov, said the British radio, quoting Moscow reports.)

Pravda's correspondent said that the Germans lost 1,500 dead in five days of counterattacks and Russian surprise night attacks in one sector, and that an SS German regiment was smashed in a fight for the town of "K" near Tula.

Sixty railway cars were smashed in a Soviet bombing of a station in the Leningrad region, the Russian communique said. Many Soviet reports told of large quantities of tanks, guns, mortars, trucks and other equipment captured.

- ### WHO KNOWS?
1. On what date did Japan attack Pearl Harbor?
  2. Which union were we officially at war with first, Germany or Italy?
  3. What is the name of the new Chicago newspaper?
  4. What is the largest tank ever produced in the United States?
  5. On whom does Senator Nye blame the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor?
  6. How many people are employed in the United States?
  7. What was the outcome of the capture of the German ship?
  8. In England men are being drafted because of what age?
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## Closing 2 Days For Christmas

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merchants Association a resolution was unanimously adopted proclaiming Friday, December 26th, 1941, a holiday for the merchants and business houses of Farmville, N. C.

The resolution did not apply to garages and filling stations, as the filling stations did not take part in the vote, and several of the garages expressed their intention to remain open; however, it is hoped that these firms will get together so that all of the workers of Farmville will have the benefit of two holidays.

A resolution was also adopted providing for and requesting all merchants to remain open at night for the benefit of the out-of-town Christmas trade, beginning Thursday, December 18th.

It is hoped that all of the merchants will abide by the resolution calling for their stores to be closed on Friday; several expressed their willingness only on condition that it be strictly observed by all of the merchants.

## Auxiliary Fire Dept. Organized In Local Defense Program

In connection with the Civilian Defense Program, a call was sent out for volunteers in the Auxiliary Fire Department this week. Eighty-seven (87) men answered the call, of whom 57 volunteered in the auxiliary fire department; a majority of the others are present members at the fire department.

R. A. Joyner, President State Fireman's Association, was in charge, and reported a most enthusiastic meeting lasting around two hours, with the principal discussion centering about the incendiary bomb.

Officers were elected and it was decided to meet each Monday evening. As the organization was not completed, committees will be announced later.

## BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

The purchase of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals make it possible to provide nourishing food, sunlight, fresh air and plenty of rest for those having the disease and assists in the efforts being made for its prevention.

Keep the light shining on the crusade of the double barred cross to better health. Buy more and more of these Seals.

## List of Christmas Opportunities Here

Response to the Christmas Opportunities here has not been prompt and as good as in former years as will be observed in the follow up list of families in dire need of clothing, food, fuel and bedclothes. Toys and fruit will be appreciated and bring a bit of cheer and happiness to those who need it sorely at this time.

Those in charge of the Opportunity relief work urge citizens to open their hearts and purses and respond to the need as quickly as possible in order that all may be taken care of.

No. 1.—Man, wife and daughter. Taken by Merry Matrons and Belle Bennett S. S. class, Methodist church.

No. 2.—Mother, three children, boy 4 years, girl 2 and 1 year. Taken by Second year Senior girls and Young Boys Class, Christian Sunday School.

No. 3.—Widow, 4 children, girls 18 and 8, boy 3 years.

No. 4.—Woman, who is an invalid.

No. 5.—Man and four children, boys 10, 6, girls 4 and 2 years.

No. 6.—Man, wife, 6 children, girls 12, 11, 8, 5, boys 7, 2 years.

No. 7.—Man, wife, 3 children, boy 8, girls 6 and 5 years. Taken by Young Woman's Auxiliary Baptist Church.

## Civilian Defense Heads Meet To Make Plans

Mayor Geo. W. Davis, Director of Civilian Defense for Farmville, called the chairman of the various defense committees together at the City Hall on Monday evening at 7:30, and submitted a written plan as outline of the duties of each committee and stated there was sufficient work for each committee to do.

At the request of the Mayor there followed immediately a meeting of each of the seven major committees, composed as follows:

Fire Fighting Service—R. A. Joyner, chairman; Haywood Smith, Dr. Chas. E. Fitzgerald, Ed Nash, Warren, P. K. Ewell.

Police Service—Chief L. T. Lucas, chairman; H. M. Winders, H. Q. Gardner, W. A. Martin, J. A. Gregory.

Medical Services—Dr. R. T. Williams, chairman; Dr. J. M. Mewborn, W. H. Duke, S. A. Garris.

Public Works—C. H. Flanagan, chairman; J. B. Taylor, W. C. Wooten, J. H. Moore, R. A. Williams.

Utilities—J. W. Joyner, chairman; W. A. McAdams, D. T. Harris, R. L. Spivey, F. W. Satterthwaite.

Maintenance Vital Service—J. I. Morgan, Jr., chairman; A. C. Monk, Jr., L. W. Godwin, L. E. Walton, R. L. Rollins.

Public Relations and Education—John B. Lewis, chairman; G. A. Rouse, Mrs. J. M. Hoggood, J. T. Thorne, Rev. H. M. Wilson.

It was decided to have another meeting of the committee chairman on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.

## Christmas Services Farmville Churches

Announcement has been made of a Candlelight Service in the Baptist Church on Sunday night, December 21, with a program of special music presented.

The Christmas message will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Rountree at the regular morning service on December 21, and there will be a special service and celebration of the Holy Communion on Christmas eve at eleven o'clock in the evening.

There will be a Christmas sermon and special music at the Christian Church Sunday morning, December 21, at the regular worship hour. The Primary Department, under the direction of Mrs. Florence Thorne and Mrs. C. B. Mashburn, Jr., will give a Christmas program Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, with a special message from the pastor, Christmas hymns and an anthem by the choir.

The Singing Class of the Methodist Orphanage will sing at the eleven o'clock service at the Methodist Church Sunday morning.

At five o'clock in the afternoon a White Christmas service will be conducted in the church by all the churches of the town.

Rev. H. M. Wilson will deliver a Christmas message and there will be special music at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

SPANISH CLUB MEETINGS  
The Spanish Club of the Junior Class held its second meeting of the month Thursday, Dec. 18. After the business session, the following program was presented:

Christmas Celebration in Spain.  
—Mabelle Allen; "Christmas Foods and Sweets in Spain."—Rachel Andrews; "Christmas Gifts in Spain."—Goldie Wiedham.

After this a contest was held dealing with Spanish words used at Christmas in our country.

## Wickard Terms Food Supplies At Record High

Washington, Dec. 17.—Emphasizing that the nation's food supply was of record proportions, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said today there was little excuse for any substantial increase in prices of farm products as a result of United States entry into the war.

Japan Well Supplied  
Earlier, the Department said Japan was well supplied with food and there was little chance of starving her into submission.

To assure plentiful supplies for the future, Wickard said the Department was rechecking 1942 food production goals to ascertain whether, in light of the war, greater production appears advisable for any commodity. The goals, which were announced in September, call for a sharp increase in output of meat, dairy, poultry, vegetable, and edible oil products.

"The fact that we still have time to revise our production goals for 1942 before planting time begins makes it possible for us to make increases where necessary," he said.

Wickard issued a detailed report on the food supply situation in which he stated that the United States entered the war with the largest total supplies of food in its history.

"In addition, we have large supplies of feeds in our ever-normal granary and the productive capacity of our farms to add to our food supply on an unprecedented scale. We have plenty for our own people, including the armed forces, and enough more to help feed our allies."

Imports Cut  
Wickard said the war had greatly reduce oceanic shipment of food supplies to this country. Outgoing ships, he said, are mostly loaded with defense materials, including food, while incoming ships are loaded with crude rubber, tin zinc, tin and other strategic materials.

He said, however, that "some special arrangements" had been made to assure the United States of imports of certain agricultural products, such as guarantee of space for Cuban sugar and fixed maximum ocean freight rates for cocoa and coffee from Latin America.

The operation of the sewing room of the Farmville Red Cross Council for National Defense, got off to a successful start Tuesday morning with around thirty women offering their services at the cutting tables, sewing machines, winding of wool and for other activities. While the response this week has been good, more workers are needed as the call for supplies is urgent. Those in charge request that every woman who can sew, knit or crochet report to the sewing room, which is located in the American Legion hall in the Horton Building. Piece work may be taken home.

Mrs. W. M. Willis is general chairman, Mrs. W. H. Moore and Mrs. J. W. Taylor are in charge of the sewing division and Mrs. J. W. Joyner and Miss Tabitha DeVisconti are directing the knitting and crochet workers.

Four pairs of scissors have been donated by The Turnage Co., and The Davis Supply Co., this week. Workers are requested to take their scissors, needles and thread with them to the sewing room.

The sewing room will be open Monday and Tuesday of next week from ten until twelve o'clock, and after the holidays will be open every day. Announcement of hours will be made in these columns.

ville performance will be at Wright Memorial Auditorium and will begin promptly at 8:00 P. M.

The Symphony is composed of over two hundred people from Eastern Carolina towns. Farmville is well represented in the choir by many of its young people, Helen Rouse being one of the soprano soloists.

PERSISTENT  
Anderson, N. C.—After making six trips a day to the postoffice over a period of two years, a Negro boy was finally rewarded with a trunk at home, his second classed him two blocks during which two policemen and several spectators joined the chase. He was captured.

NOT SO GOOD  
Chicago.—Jack Leibowitz, an ex-convict, found that everything went wrong when he stepped out on a rainy day. His hat would be victim of a trunk at home, his second classed him two blocks during which two policemen and several spectators joined the chase. He was captured.

## House Refuses To Lower Minimum Age For Draft

Washington, Dec. 17.—The House today refused to lower the 21-year minimum age for compulsory military service as President Roosevelt and the War Department had requested but passed unanimously a bill raising the maximum age from 35 to 44, inclusive, and requiring all men from 18 through 44 to register with the government.

Opposition to the proposal that men of 18 be made subject to active service in the armed forces arose also in the Senate. Senator Downey (D., Calif.), declaring it unnecessary to lower the age minimum, announced that he would move tomorrow to send the legislation back to the military committee because it had approved the 19-year limit "in darkness and in confusion."

Two Refusals  
The House twice refused, after bitter debate, to lower the draft age from 21. It rejected, 176 to 83, an amendment by Rep. Andrews (R., N. Y.), to make the minimum age 19, and then defeated, 173 to 113, a compromise amendment by Rep. Thompson (D., Texas), to set the minimum at 20. Both were tenuous votes, on which no record is made.

Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts read a letter from the President endorsing the 19-44 draft ages. McCormack cautioned against "complicity" in the nation and then, speaking directly to military committee members who opposed lowering the minimum age, he said:

"With all due respect to the distinguished members of the committee, we cannot have too many leaders in this crisis.

"While I recognize they are all outstanding military leaders, while I recognize they are undoubtedly great tacticians, while I recognize they probably could lead the Army to success in this conflict, yet I cannot accept their judgment in these days of preference to the judgment of the President of the United States and his military and naval aides.

"In this crisis we must all be good soldiers, and that applies particularly to the members of the Military Affairs Committee of the House so far as the bill is concerned."

## Truck and Bus Owners Urged to Mail Inventory Of Their Rolling Stock

The Highway Traffic Advisory Committee to the War Department is appealing to the Department of Motor Vehicles of North Carolina to urge all truck and bus owners in Pitt and Greens Counties to immediately fill out and mail in the questionnaire cards sent to them for the National Defense truck and bus inventory. This inventory is being made for the War Department by the Public Roads Administration and the Works Projects Administration to be used in planning National Defense emergency transportation.

A report made Friday by Mr. L. G. Walters of the Public Roads Administration, who is Technical Advisor for this work in North Carolina, revealed that only thirty-one per cent of the vehicle owners in North Carolina had sent in their reports. This shows North Carolina to be lagging far behind most of the states in the Union in the compilation of this essential National Defense data for the War Department. Mr. Walters said that Wisconsin leads the nation with returns from about ninety per cent of the owners and South Carolina leads the Southeastern states with about seventy per cent.

Mr. Walters further states that a large number of the questionnaires received to date are incomplete and several anti-tank guns were picked up.

R. A. F. planes operating under heavy weather difficulties again beat off Axis aircraft endeavoring to hold up the British, and also successfully attacked Axis transports moving to the rear, the communique said.

Each card should be identified with the vehicle by the use of the motor number shown in space "A" of the questionnaire.

Another angle of the survey is most important to vehicle and bus owners in North Carolina. Priority ratings to insure future production and replacement of parts for motor vehicle owners make it absolutely necessary that complete information of each truck and bus in the United States be available. It is not only the patriotic duty of owners to fill out and return these questionnaires promptly, but it is vital to the motor truck industry in determining the future needs in securing priority ratings for replacement of units and supplies.

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## JAPS SUFFER HEAVY BLOWS; AMERICAN FLIERS BAG 26 AIRPLANES IN DAY'S FIGHTING

### What The Air Corps Means To A Cadet

We live in a military atmosphere, dampened with refinement, and saturated with that spirit of eagerness and hopefulness that characterizes the typical cadet. The life we live is somewhat dangerous, yet we never consider it in that light. Flying is our first love, and our only worry is the fear that we'll be fished.

This intense interest in aviation is the prevailing factor in the mind of the prospective cadet. The wonderful opportunities which are offered to American young men by the government of our country give many boys, who have long wanted to fly, the chance to become aviators. But no less important is the fact that in following our primary interest we are also able to serve our country in a field which is of utmost importance to her security. It is true that we are well paid. It is true that Air Corps life is a glamorous one. However, those are definitely minor considerations in the minds of the boys who volunteer for Air Corps training. To be in the service of our nation in our favorite activity is our idea of the real life.

We are being impressed with the necessity of the characteristics essential to the Air Corps officer—honor, duty, and high moral character. This accomplished, and flying training over, the burden will be squarely on our shoulders. We await that burden with eagerness, realizing that we must be ready when the time comes.

To most of us, being in the Air Corps is the realization of a life-long dream, cherished since boyhood days when we built models and saved quarters for weeks in order that we buy rides with barnstormers. Now, we are on the path to our goal.

We are proud to be Aviation Cadets—to carry the standards of our predecessors, to submit all our abilities to our superiors, who will mold us into worthy officers that we may best do our part protecting those priceless heritages left us by the Great Americans of the past. This is a great area; "The world is in the air," and we must help it land.

"The Plane Wrangler"  
A/C J. E. Darden  
Arlidge Field  
Stamford, Texas

## British Stretching Advance Into Libya

Cairo, Dec. 7.—British desert troops hammering at the waning tank strength of Gen. Erwin von Rommel amid raging sand-storms were more than 350 miles inside Libya tonight and still advancing.

The main battle areas still were at Alem Hamza, 30 miles southwest of Gazala, and at Haseh El Osham, about the same distance west of Gazala. At the latter point the British rapidly outflanked Axis reserves and supply bases in a battle of annihilation with which they hope to open up the road to Derna.

Gazala itself was a third battle scene because some Axis units were clustered along the seacoast there, but the British apparently regarded this area as little more than a mop-up job.

En route to Gazala from Tobruk, the British communique said, 40 more abandoned German and Italian guns and several anti-tank guns were picked up.

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BERT BARROW WARREN ENTERTAINS FRIENDS  
Bert Barrow Warren entertained sixty of his small friends Saturday at the Country Club in celebration of his sixth birthday. Decorations of the club house were in seasonal greens and colors, the mantels being bracked with pine, cedar, holly and berries. A lighter Christmas tree had piled about it gifts from the friends of the host. Guests were entertained with games, Christmas carols and stories.

Refreshments were served at a table, placed about a center table, which bore a huge birthday cake with six gleaming candles. The cake was an elaborate design with animal crackers forming a parade around the sugar plum tree centered the small table, which were crowned with lace doilies. An individual cake with a candle marked each place. Tea and nut cake were also served.

BIRD NOTES  
At the Bird Club this week, Jean Boyce read an article regarding the owl, which as an important agent in the fields, destroys rats and mice. In a study of doves it was found that they drink differently from other birds. When a dove drinks it keeps its head in the water until its thirst is appeased, while other birds raise their heads to swallow.

Parents in the bird kingdom feed one young bird until it can swallow no more and then they feed another. They do not feed them to rot when it would be expected.

After the program, the club was filled with nut, soda and dishes fed as a holiday treat for the birds.

## Japanese Motorized Unit Is Nearly Wiped Out By Philippines' Ground Forces

Manila, P. I., Dec. 18.—A Japanese motorized unit of 100 men, driving inland through a northern Luzon province, ran into a trap set by American infantrymen and was routed after a battle lasting from 3 P. M. to dark last night, when the Japanese retreated leaving 40 dead and several wounded, it was learned today.

United States casualties were only one killed and three wounded. (The dispatch identified the Americans only as infantrymen of the United States armed forces of the Far East and did not specify whether they were United States troops or Filipino forces who have been inducted into the U. S. Army. If Americans were involved, it was first hand-to-hand battle with Japanese. It was recalled that Filipino artillerymen defending the northern Luzon had routed a Japanese unit to drive inland in buses the week.)

News of the encounter was phoned here to the new Manila.

26 Jap Planes Blasted  
Earlier, it had been announced that American fliers, led by Lieut. Boyd M. (Buzz) Wagner of Johnstown, Pa., No. 1 Hero of the Philippines, had blasted out a nest of 26 Japanese airplanes at Vigan, 200 miles northwest of Manila, while submarines of the United States far eastern fleet had made two "successful" attacks at sea.

No Japanese airplanes have been seen in the Manila area since Monday noon.

The air attack wiped out one of the main threats to this Philippines capital, which now has gone 48 hours without an air raid alarm. Credit was given mainly to Lieut. Wagner, a 25-year-old squadron commander who already had been cited for heroism and who became the first American ace of the war, by shooting down five Japanese planes in combat and destroying numerous others on the ground.

Sea Disaster At Manila  
The nature of the submarine successes was not explained, but it was, all in all, a day of victories for the Americans and their Filipino allies, marred only by the sinking of the 3,000-ton Inter-island steamer Corregidor, which struck a mine field in Manila Bay last night. The extent of that disaster was not learned yet but it was reported that several members of the Philippine legislature and their families were aboard and that they were missing.

Spectators reported seeing a number of persons drown. There was no accurate passenger list, as many persons had crowded aboard just before sailing, intending to pay cash for their fares.

Admiral Thomas C. Hart, Asiatic fleet commander, who announced the submarine attacks, said only that three attacks were made; that two succeeded and one failed.

(The Tokyo radio was heard in London broadcasting a statement by the chief spokesman of the Japanese naval press section, warning that probably 20 United States submarines were lurking in the vicinity of Japan. He warned Japanese seamen to be on the alert and to keep silent about their movements.)

Crushing Blows To Japs  
The air raid on Vigan was a crushing blow to one of the three Japanese beachheads on Luzon Island, on which Manila is located. The Americans shot down one Japanese plane there and destroyed at least 25 on the ground, then set fire to Japanese fuel dumps. These planes were believed to have been doing much of the bombing of military and naval posts in the Manila area. The Japanese attacks already had lost much of their sting, and after the American raid, it was so quiet here and elsewhere in the islands that the regular morning communique was omitted today.