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## AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS RAID NAZI TARGETS AGAIN

### Down 38 German Planes In Latest Attack; The Bombing of Kiel Is Disclosed

London, Dec. 22.—United States Eighth Air Force heavy bombers and fighters shot down 38 German fighter planes today as they attacked targets in Northwest Germany in a continuation of the mighty Allied air offensive against Nazi Europe.

Twenty-one heavy bombers and four of our fighters were lost on the raid.

Gunners aboard Flying Fortresses and Liberators shot down 23 enemy planes while escorting Thunderbolt and Lightening fighter pilots bagged 15. The assault, the Eighth Air Force announced, was carried out by "large formations" of the American heavyweights.

Today's victories made a total of 282 German fighters shot down in seven missions this month by heavy bomber gunners and fighter pilots. A total of 117 heavy bombers have been lost on the raids, all but one against Germany.

**Not Identified.**

The bombers encountered heavy clouds, possibly explaining why the Eighth Air Force for the fourth time this month did not immediately identfy the targets. It was revealed earlier today that under its policy of conservatism no announcements would be made until full results of the bombings were determined.

It was revealed for the first time today that a December 13th raid on "Northwest Germany" was directed against the port of Kiel.

The Americans struck after RAF Mosquito bombers had kept the sirens wailing in Western Germany Tuesday night with attacks on unspecified targets, made without loss.

Heavy bomber crews indicated that at least two separate targets were attacked today.

## Aussies Tighten Peninsula Clamp

### Capture Village While Chasing Retreating Japs; Allied Planes Busy Again

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Dec. 23.—Fast-moving Australian troops, supported by tanks pressed close behind retreating Japanese forces in New Guinea Tuesday driving nearly two miles northwest of Fortification Point to occupy Hubika village and further extend their control of the Huon Peninsula, it was announced today.

The Japanese, facing Allied blows on all sectors of the Southwest Pacific front, lost a troop transport and a 6,000-ton cargo vessel Monday night when bombers swept over the Bismarck Sea to strike at vessels in the Kavieng, New Ireland, area General Douglas MacArthur's communique said.

Air patrols bombed and damaged an enemy destroyer 90 miles north of Manam Island, northwest of Kavieng, and medium units carried out a night attack against the Kavieng area.

**Transport Sunk.**

The troop transport was sunk by Solomons-based aircraft, while the 6,000-ton vessels, which capsized and sank, was one of two cargo ships attacked. Direct hits were scored on both ships.

Allied aircraft contributed to the enemy rout at Hubika, a former barge staging depot and supply point for the enemy in New Guinea, by bombing and strafing the Japanese rear Sunday and Monday, a headquarters spokesman announced.

The tanks and ground troops entered Hubika in two columns along a coastal track and an inland trail. Only light opposition met the Aussies, mainly from snipers, as the Japanese continued their retreat which followed their defeat in heavy fighting at the Masaweng river.

Madang, 165 miles northwest of Finschhafen on the coast, was hit again in a bombing and strafing attack, with 21 tons of bombs dropped on installations and fires in supply dumps. One of our planes was shot down.

American troops on the Arawe peninsula of New Britain Island, consolidating and extending their positions, came under three new enemy air attacks, but Allied interception cost the Japanese 12 dive bombers and four fighters, with three others probably shot down.

While ground fighting on the southwestern coast of New Britain had been quiet, Allied aircraft touched steadily at Japanese bases and installations on the northern and southern coasts.

The airdrome at Cape Hoskins on the northern coast 125 miles northeast of American positions at Arawe, was hit by attack planes and escorting fighters, while air patrols over the Gasmata area, only 82 miles east of Arawe, destroyed a coastal vessel, shot down an enemy fighter and bombed the Gasmata airdrome.

Over Gloucester airdrome, on the northwestern tip of New Britain 6 miles from Arawe, was blasted again by medium and heavy bombers which carried out two raids.

Airfield, supply dump area, coastal vessels and Target Hill at Fortification Point were hit in the latest continuing Allied raids which in the last 20 days of December, 1943 tons of bombs on the Gloucester area.

## TOWN AND FARM IN WARTIME

(Wednesday, Dec. 22)

**RATION REMINDER**

GASOLINE — In 17 east coast states A-8 coupons are good through February 3. In states outside the east coast area A-9 coupons are good through January 21.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 29 in Book 4 is good for 5 pounds through January 15.

SHOES—Stamp No. 18 in Book 1 is good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the "airplane" sheet in Book 3 is good for 1 pair.

MEATS, FATS—Brown stamps L, M, N, P, and Q are good through January 1, 1944. Brown stamp R becomes good December 26 and remains good through January 29.

PROCESSED FOODS — Green stamps D, E, and F in Book 4 are good through January 20.

FUEL OIL—Period 1 coupons are good in all regions through January 3. Period 2 coupons are good through February 7 in all areas except the South, where they are good through January 31. Period 3 coupons, now valid in the Middle West and South, remain good through March 13 in the Middle West and through February 21 in the South. Period 3 coupons become valid in the East and far West, January 4.

**Wartime Christmas Radio Programs.**

On Christmas Day, men and women of the American armed forces in every quarter of the globe will hear three hours of special Christmas radio programs, featuring entertainment stars, name bands, and personal greetings from the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and high officers of the various services. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the people on the home front will hear programs from soldiers overseas, including a chorus of 200 American soldiers in the Holy Land, a Christmas-tree decorating from an island in the South Pacific, and midnight mass from some place behind the battle lines in Italy.

**Quick Word To Next-of-Kin.**

Next-of-kin of servicemen who have been taken prisoners by the enemy will receive swift and accurate notification, the Office of War Information has announced. The government immediately will transmit free any accurate information from a reliable source dealing with prisoners of war. OWI warned against reliability of enemy broadcasts and against paying any private indivdual or organzation for such information.

**Some Butter Prices Increased.**

Consumers will pay 1 or 2 cents more a pound for butter in most smaller independent stores as a result of a recent amendment to the butter price regulation by OPA allowing jobbers a mark-up of 2½ cents a pound to pay extra costs of many small deliveries.

**Enrich Other Bakery Products.**

The food enrichment already applied to white bread will be extended to coffee cakes, sweet buns, plain rolls, doughnuts, and all other types of yeast-raised commercial bakery products. Beginning January 16, in addition to white bread, these products must contain specified minimum food values to the extent white flour is used. The amendment to the food order also provides that consumers of bakery products cannot for any reason return bakery products they have bought.

**Get Fertilizers Now, Say Advisers.**

Acceptance by farmers of immediate delivery of fertilizer—to avoid an extra labor, storage, and transportation shortage next spring—has been asked by the Fertilizer Industry Advisory Committee. If there is to be any relief next spring, farmers must get their fertilizer in the next few weeks. This is especially true of the heavy-using areas of the South.

**Shifts Control of Farm Wages.**

The War Food Administrator hereafter will have jurisdiction over

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### O Come . . . Let Us Adore Him

Once more the Christmas carols on mortal lips float up to join the angelic chorus, "Glory to God in the highest . . ."to sound the joyous message of God's love for humanity . . . Wars come and go but the song of the angels is echoed eternally on Christmas morning and there are some in every nation who will hail Him with a newborn song of faith and adoration in their hearts.

## Peace, Peace To The World

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
(St. John 14:27)

How wonderful are these words of two thousand years ago, and how appropriate to our needs today. The peace of mind, peace of soul, the peace within ourselves is happiness—a sort of happiness that the world cannot give. Neither money nor power can command it, and nothing man-made can produce it. And yet it is yours for the asking. Worth more than all the kingdoms of the world, it costs nothing.

But you will say, "I must sacrifice, I must deny myself if I want that happiness." Of what? Only of earthly things that vanish quickly enough in their own importance. Look at the lilies of the field, the birds of the forest, the sunset; the trees whose lofty boughs cry out as they sway in the breeze—all nature radiates the joy of heaven.

And we who possess the "power and will to create"—made in His image—sit back and whine. And we do this simply because we have not created within ourselves the knowledge that God is love, and that love is power, and that nothing material matters. If we would have real happiness we must cultivate that power, realizing that we possess and are part of Him who possesses all things and can do all things.

Seek first the kingdom of God. Seek it within yourself. Find your own soul. And when you have thrown aside all earthly, material, vain, imaginary pleasures, and brought yourself into the higher realms of thought, you will find that you have in that soul a love and sympathy for others. You will find it so beautiful that to soil it would be the last thing you would do. And when you are once aware of this, God will speak to you through your soul. He will show you things hidden from the foundations of the earth. God will make life worth living because you will see the world as He intended, clothed in beauty. For all this natural beauty was given for our happiness and because of His great love for the object of His creation.

Then you will find the peace that the world cannot give—peace with Him, peace with yourself. And nothing will interrupt this holy peace; for you will then realize that as St. Augustine said, "Our hearts are made for Thee, oh Lord, and cannot find peace until we rest in Thee."

Do this, and the so-called cares and troubles of this man-made world will vanish. You will look with your eyes upon the light of a true life of happiness, intended for us from all creation. You will go through life with a smile since you will be free of worry. You will be an inspiration and a joy to others. Your soul will speak out in your countenance, and your body will radiate that health which only a free mind and a clear conscience can.

Your mind will be free to do His bidding, and to accept it for your best interest. Your love for everyone you meet will bring you, through His advice, success in business. You will know joy in living, and realize that your passing will leave to others a remembrance that your life has been worthwhile. They will know that here at last was one who had found the secret of life—because he had found in his soul the image and likeness of God: a God of peace and love existing for all enternity, and of whom we are a part.

Adolph Le Moult.

## The Sacred Trust . . .

There are some things we must not, dare not change.
Our hearts, though burdened, must keep Christmas still,
Our busy hands must find time to arrange
The holly wreaths, the candles on the sill.
Our boys on land and sea and in the air
Will think of home, of Christmas they knew,
Assured that back of war and its dispair
The old loved things are changeless, steadfast, true.

We dare not fail them! Let us keep the night
A holy thing of starshine; let us rise
To meet the Christmas morning with delight,
Like children, still with wonder in our eyes.
After their baptism of scarlet flame,
Let them come home to find loved things the same.

by Grace Noll Crowell

## Sermons Carry Theme of Hope Of Peace on Earth And Good Will

The theme of eternal hope of "Peace on earth, good will to men," was woven into the sermons of the ministers of the Farmville churches, Sunday, as they relayed the message from the angels to the shepherds, in the Judean hills nineteen hundred years ago, and the choirs in their turn rendered echoes of the song of the heavenly chorus.

The spiritual leaders read from Isaiah's prophecy in the Old Testament and from Matthew and Luke's accounts of the Nativity, and they stressed wonder of His birth, His life and death, His power and teachings and the grave responsibility of the faithful remnant in whom lies the hope of the world today.

At five o'clock in the afternoon, the churches of the town united in an inspiring and well attended White Christmas service held at the Methodist Church, when the Christmas message and its application to the year 1943 were presented in an impressive manner by representatives of the various churches and the choirs in groups of junior, youth and adult with Mrs. Haywood Smith at the organ.

The huge white Christmas tree bore gifts for the needy and the cash offering, which will purchase fuel medicine amounted to $87.17.

In the evening at 7:30, members of the Pioneers and Kingdom Highway presented a Christmas pageant, "The Morning Cometh," by Mildred Welch, at the Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Stansill and Mrs. C. F. Raucom, with Mrs. J. C. Corbett as accompanist.

At 7:45 o'clock, a pageant, "The Coming of The King," was presented by fifty people at the Baptist Church, with choral numbers by two choirs, with Mrs. Arthur F. Joyner at the organ and Mrs. J. R. Shearin, Mrs. J. H. Moore and Mrs. E. C. Chamblee directing.

Tonight, Christmas Eve, from 11:00 to 12:00 o'clock, a midnight service will be held at the Episcopal Church, with a timely message by the rector, Rev. J. R. Rountree, and a celebration of the Holy Communion, to which everyone is invited.

At 9:30 o'clock, Christmas Morning, Mass will be celebrated at the Catholic Church. There will be no other services on Christmas Day.

## Stores To Close Monday 27th

Merchants and business houses of Farmville will observe Monday, the 27th, as well as Christmas Day as a holiday.

Services Sunday, December 26, will be on regular schedule at the Christian Church, with a young peoples program in the evening.

At the Baptist Church services will be held at 11:00 o'clock in the morning. There will be no evening service.

Services at the Presbyterian Church will follow the regular announcement, with a morning but no evening service.

There will be no services held at the Methodist Church, Sunday, except Sunday School.

### PRESIDENT SIGNS EXTENSION BILLS

Washington, Dec. 23. — President Roosevelt today signed legislation freezing rate of one per cent for 60 days starting January 1 and permitting the duty-free importation for 90 days of grains to be used for feed.

Under the social security act contributions of both employes and employers automatically would have increased to two per cent Jan. 1st.

## The Enterprise Will Take A Holiday 31st

The Farmville Enterprise will take a well deserved holiday next week and will not make its appearance again until January 7, 1944.

The Editor and entire force
WISH YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
— and —
HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
IN THE NEW YEAR.

## Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

The annual Christmas-card blizzard is fast gathering. Before it blows itself out in the last hours of 1943, it will have heaped about 400 million cards—most of them bearing the simple message above—on the table tops of American homes alone. The fall will be heavy in other lands, too.

The Christmas card is not old, yet it has instituted proportions. It is the cornerstone of a 500 million-dollar greeting-card industry; it is the object of the collector's hunt; and, though its use is an almost too rigid convention, it is one of man's readiest, most-welcomed messengers of friendship.

Who made the first Christmas card isn't quite clear. Some say it was Thomas Shorrock, a Scotchman, who sent a greeting reading A Gude New Year to Ye, about 1840. Others credit W. E. Egley, a 16-year-old English lad, whose card, showing many warm yuletide scenes, hangs in the British Museum. He made the etching in 1843. But another Englishman, Sir Henry Cole, is usually named as the originator. His card, a lithograph by J. C. Horsley, bore his holiday wishes to 1,000 friends, and thus gave the new idea wide spread at the start.

Early cards were of high artistry, which reached its peak in the prize competitions held by Bostonian Louis Prang, a European refugee who popularized the lithograph greetings in the United States. Then came a period of gaudy, tinselled, mica-frosted sentimentality which nearly snowed under the good art. Today a return to the finest work of the best artists is evident, though manufacturers must also satisfy the demand for all grades of art and verse. Greeting-card manufacturing alone gives jobs to 50,000 American workers, or did before the present war.

Is this traditional Christmas greeting a mockery this year? Giving a question for a question, one may answer, "Is it a mockery? Does not the implied prayer compress the deepest wish of every good man, be his faith what it may and be he himself waist deep in war?"

Yes these simple words . . . this simple wish, have a deeper significance this year than ever before, for the hope highest in all hearts this Christmas time is that peace may reign again ere another Christmas rolls around, and so with the wish may well be breathed the prayer for Peace on Earth, Good Will to men."

## Service Men's Center Opened This Week

Good tidings to all citizens here, who have long lamented the fact that visiting service men had no place to call their own while in Farmville, will be the announcement that Alex Allen, when approached this week by Miss Tabitha DeVisconti regarding the matter, gladly consented to the use of the vacant building on Main street, occupied by the Western Union for many years, for a service men's center, and has had the place painted and put in good condition, and has assisted with other interested people in providing furnishings so that a clean, comfortable and cozy place has been opened for the convenience of military men.

R. A. Joyner and Miss DeVisconti have been interested in this project for some time and had been searching for a suitable place in which to establish a service center. Mr. Joyner, together with other citizens, was very liberal in his contribution of furnishings. It is expected that the town will provide the lights and water.

Additional needs are; a radio, writing materials, magazines, books, cookies, doughnuts and other comforts. These will be greatly appreciated and it is requested that any one who can furnish these visitors with meals or rooms during the Christmas season or at any time, advise Miss Tabitha DeVisconti.

And there was the sick man who received a dozen dahlias and said he would have preferred "Four Roses."

## RUSSIAN BALTIC OFFENSIVE CONTINUES TO GAIN GROUND

### More Villages Taken, More Germans Killed As Swedish Reports Say Red Army Paratroopers Already Are Descending Upon Baltic States; German Counter-Attacks Repulsed

London, Dec. 23.—Soviet forces pounded southward from Nevel yesterday in the first phase of their winter offensive, capturing 20 more town and killing 1,900 Germans as they drove toward Vitebsk, while press dispatches reaching Sweden from Latvia said Red Army paratroops already were landing in the Baltic States.

Moscow's communiques reported furious fighting in White Russia, where Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian's First Baltic Army was moving down a section of the high ground in the midst of swampy, lake-dotted terrain known as the "Vitebsk Ridge." They also told of heavy German counter-attacks, repulsed with heavy loss of men and machines, southwest of Zhlobin, in the Korosten area of the Kiev salient, and southeast of Kirovograd in the Dnieper Bend.

The Daily Express said Bagramian's forces were within 12 miles of Vitebsk and only 20 miles from Polotsk, second of the immediate objectives of the First Baltic Army.

**Troops In Baltic.**

The Stockholm newspaper Aftontidningen, quoting newspapers in Riga, Latvia, said "numerous" Soviet parachutists had landed in the Baltic, presumably in anticipation of an early push across the pre-war Soviet frontier by Bagramian's troops. It said some had been arrested "even in towns."

Meanwhile, Soviet planes were reported flying over Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, dropping leaflets exhorting the Baltic population to fight the Germans in cooperation with the Red Army.

Moscow's communiques reported upwards of 3,700 Germans killed and 123 tanks knocked out in yesterday's fighting on all fronts.

A thousand of the enemy troops died on a single sector of the front south of Nevel. Radio Moscow, in an apparent reference to the same fighting, said Bagramian's troops crossed "an important waterline, destroyed several very important enemy defense centers and pursued, encircled and wiped out the enemy's manpower and equipment."

The Moscow broadcast reported that after one group had been encircled, Red Army infantry charged with fixed bayonets, "killing 1,000 Nazis."

In another sector, German infantry, supported by tanks and self-propelled guns, counterattacked 16 times. All the counterattacks were thrown back and 900 Germans were slain, the Russian midnight bulletin said.

The London Daily Telegram quoted a Radio Moscow broadcast saying that the Russians had smashed the main German defense ling before Vitebsk and that Red Army troops, tanks and guns were pouring through "like an avalanche that cannot be halted."

Meanwhile, Germany intensified her couterattacks in other sectors of the 500-mile active battlefront with the double purpose of forcing the Russians to reduce their pressure in White Russia and to keep open escape channels in various sectors.

The heaviest of these counterattacks were being delivered against Gen. Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's positions southwest of Zholobin, 115 miles south of Vitebsk and 50 miles northwest of Gomel.

Seeking to hold open the rail junction at Zhlobin as an emergency exit from southern White Russia, the German command was throwing heavy tank forces into that sector.

**Tanks and Infantry.**

Throughout Tuesday night, Moscow reported, Russian troops threw back Nazi tank and infantry groups and yesterday morning the Germans attacked on a narrow sector with two infantry divisions and more than 100 tanks. In the course of a tense engagement, Moscow said, the Red Army maintained its positions and the Germans lost 800 men killed, 45 tanks disabled and eight armored tractors forced out of acton.

According to Russian figures, the Germans had lost 90 tanks in two days southwest of Zhlobin.

### RED CROSS ROOM TO REOPEN TUESDAY, 28

The Red Cross Sewing Room will reopen Tuesday, December 28, after being closed during Christmas Week. Mrs. W. M. Willis and Mrs. W. C. Holston, production chairmen, have announced that there is plenty of material on hand and that workers are needed.