

THE NIP STRIKES DEEP-The cagy Nips, often underrated as fliers, score a bomb hit on the flight deck of a U. S. havy carrier, setting fire to its planes. Fire-fighting crews pour streams of water and chemicals to prevent the spread of the conflagration. Scene depicted here is of recent Pacific action.

Japs Tried to Make Leyte Big Battle of the Western Pacific and in return of overpayments at St. Savior's hospital.

(Veteran Associated Press war correspondent C. Yates McDaniel, in a series of two stories, tells joi the first time how the Japanese attempted to make Leyte the decisive campaign of the uestern Pacific. He answers the question: "Why did General MacArthur issue his report that the Leyte campaign was virtually over after the first fortnighť?")

By C. Yates McDaniel

Leyte, Philippines-(AP)-The ultimate American victory of the Leyte campaign was never in serious jeopardy after the fateful hours of October 25 when Vice Adm. Thomas C. Kinkaid's Seventh fleet defeated the bulk of the Japanese battleforce off Leyte with the distant support of Adm. William F. Halsey's far more formidable Third fleet.

But the campaign's end, which General MacArthur's communique heralded within a fortnight of the initial landing, and the assured security essential to the materialization of his announced "great base for all arms for future operations" on Leyte was not achieved until the end of the year-almost two months later. The factors which delayed it

Army Is Operating Ward's in Accord With Law, Byron Says

Chicago-(P)-The war depart-ment is operating the seized Mont-gomery Ward and Company proper-Chatale in State gomery Ward and Company proper-ties in seven cities in "strict con- Chapels in State formity with the law," says Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, military Penal Institutions formity with the law," says Maj. manager.

Milwaukee-(P)-Luke F. Mur-In a statement answering a company accusation yesterday that the phy, warden of the Wisconsin State army was "trespassing" and exceed- | Prison, told the state board of ciring President Roosevelt's "illegal cuit judges yesterday that in his order of seizure," Byron said: "The opinion "there is not a chapel integrity of the United States is worthy of the name in any Wisconpledged to the protection of the sin penal institution. Citing the need for improved reli-

legal rights of all parties in this matter."

gious and education facilities at the prison, Murphy said he had re-Byron's statement followed the quested the legislature for funds to company's disclosure of a letter build a separate chapel at the prisent by H. L. Pearson, vice presison and added that he also planned dent and treasurer, to Byron which to ask funds for a school building. charged the army personnel with Raymond T. Zilmer, president of "trespassing" against Ward's pro-perties and "interference with the Milwaukee Bar association, ask-Ward's business and with service of the half the half the service of the half the ha to help lawyers who are being dis-Ward's customers." charged from military service to re-

Pearson termed "illegal" actions establish themselves in their profesby army men in charge of the seizsion.

ed facilities and said "immediate correction" is required. He pointed Circuit Judge Daniel W. Sullivan, Milwaukee, and Judge Alvin C. Reis, Madison, were elected board out that army men were "cashing chairman and vice-chairman respeccustomers checks payable to Wards, many of them in payment of mer. tively at the close of the two-day chandise delivered weeks and even session.

months ago," and were distributing "without authorization drafts on Ward's treasurer, in payment of merchandise you have appropriated. and in refund of overpayments

Mrs. Eldon Morotz is a patient Mr. and Mrs. William Kruger find a solution of the problems rais- announce the birth of a daughter Terrl Louise at St. Saviors hos-

Mrs. Chet Borsack.

Westfield

pital on Tuesday December 26.

Pvt. Francis Long of Camp

Frank Clark went to Madison to

Byron, replying to the company Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pomplin charges, said "all steps . . . have and family of Richland Center been in strict conformity with the spent several days at the home of his parents and other relatives. law and a careful accounting is be-Parr. T/Sgt. and Mrs. Cyril Christening kept of all financial transactions so that proper accounting can be son announce the birth of a son, Donald Gene, at St. Savior's hosmade to the company for funds representing business transacted before pital on Tuesday, December 26. Miss Iris Borsack returned to the war department took posses-Naperville, Ill., after spending sevsion."

The army has seized 16 of the company's some 850 properties, 10 retails stores, three warehouses and Blanding, Fla., spent his furlough three mail order houses. Thirteen with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Rocompany officials have been ousted, bert Long and other relatives. refusing, army officers said, to cooperate.

see his wife, who is a patient in The army seizure, arising from the Wisconsin General hospital. Ward's refusal to obey war labor board orders, has been temed illegal spent several days at her home by board chairman Sewell L. Avery. here. Miss Verna Hillmer who is em-A federal court hearing is scheduled ployed in Madison spent several Monday on a government petition upholding legality of the seizure days at her parents home. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stelter reand preventing company interferturned to their home after spendence.

Pittsville

Ted Fishbeck of Kalamazoo arrived here last week due to the serious illness and subsequent death of Ashley Fishbeck. Miss Bonnie Wright returned

days with relatives at Sparta.

holidays with his wife and daugh-

Miss Phyllis Bowden-spent the

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen

holidays with S 1/c Lawrence Cor-

bin at his base near Philadelphia.

and Dicky spent New Year's with

relatives at Cranmoor and Dexter-

ville. On their return they were

accompanied by their nieces Shir-

ley Davis and Beatrice Smith, stu-

turned Monday accompanied by

had been visiting there.

Almond

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Domke, who

Mrs. Harold Sultze, who teaches

dents in the local high school.

Miss Elizabeth Knospe is spend-Saturday from the southern part of ing the winter with relatives in

Alfred Kothe and friend of Ri-

pon spent several days with rela-



KILLED IN GERMANY-First Lt. Charles Ellis, Jr., son of Charles Ellis, Sr., 1740 First street north, was killed in action in Germany on November 30. He was serving with a tank division. His wife, Clara, resides in Stevens Point. Lieutenant Ellis is survived by nine brothers, four of whom are in service, and

three sisters.

Friendship

Jack Davis came home from Fort Wayne, Ind., to spend a few days with his brother Capt. Davis.

Mrs. Albert Hollman returned rom Portage hospital on Saturday. Treadwell. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Koch and family of Tomah spent Christmas with

his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fuller.

Mrs. Mae Neff spent the holidavs with her brother Howard Rich Jimmie came Wednesday to spend at Wisconsin Dells. Mr. and Mrs. George Bingham left Thursday for Milwaukee and Evanston to spend the holiday sea-

son with their children. ton spent Christmas with their par-Delores Parr and brother Chuckents Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dittburnie are spending this week in Chier. cago visiting their father William

Spring Creek James Horan Jr. of Chicago spent Christmas week-end at his

ome here. Miss Betty Soldat of Chicago spent Christmas at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Soldat. eral days with her parents Mr. and

Mrs. James Griffin of Milwaukee came Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Merton expects to enter the hospi-Otto Lindner.

Robert Pierce F 1/c M.M.M. arrived home from Pittsburgh, Penn., on Sunday and gave his parents in Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday. a real surprise. He has been in the navy for 14 months.

Mrs. Luella Meinke of Madison Capt. Archie Davis and wife left Saturday for Chicago where they expect to leave by plane for Memphis, Tenn., to spend New Year's with his brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Ereckson. From there Capt. Davis will go to Florida for two weeks where he will be given ing several days with relatives in his assignment for future military service.

Mrs. Rudolph Arendsee is visit-Mrs. Orris Williams was a Mading at the home of her daughter son visitor on Tuesday. Mrs. Harlow Chamberlain and hus-

Mrs. Selma Saley and son John left Sunday for a visit with her daughter Mrs. C. L. Worley and family at Hiram, Ohio.

T/Sgt. Keith Schilling left early Wednesday morning for California after energing 21-days with his

Friday, January 5, 1945.

called to Eagle River Saturday by a stroke last week is somewhat in the death of Jay Cook. They re- proved. turned home Sunday. Alvin Wade is home on a fur-

Dorthen Carter came up from lough. Milwaukee to spend the holidays Geor George Jefferson and Bob Eads

bre visiting here from Portland, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moody and family of Milwaukee came Satur-Dora Jefferson of Chicago visitday to spend Christmas with Mrs. ed her folks Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Moody's parents Mr. and Mrs. Al Jefferson for Christmas. Gale Stone of Nekoosa is visit-

Cavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gee of Wisconing at the Frank Keens home for sin Rapids and daughter Katheren a few days. spent Christmas with her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs.

Deloss Russell.

with her parents.

Mining is one of the oldest industries in Latin America, having Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Ketel of Ladysmith came Tuesday to spend been carried on by the Indians bea few days with her brother and fore the arrival of Europeans. sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. C. H.

Gilman. Buy More War Bonds! Misses Valda and Verla Peterson of Milwaukee spent Christmas at

the home of their parents Mr. and. Mrs. Walter Peterson and at their grandmother's, Mrs. Charley Whit-Mr. and Mrs. Verne Haney of

Badger Village called on relatives bere on Sunday. Miss Dorthea Ashworth of Mil-

waukee spent from Saturday until Tuesday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ashworth. Miss Gladys Marsh of Beloit is

visiting her sister Mrs. Ted Ashworth this week. Miss Jean Treadwell, who

teaches at Sparta is spending her Christmas vacation at the home of her parents Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Pvt. Arnold Jungenburg has been

spending his furlough here and expects to leave for Chevenne, Wyo. on Wednesday. Mrs. Robert George and son

some time at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Mason. Miss Betty Dittburner of Madi-

son and Miss Irene R.N. of Stough-

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Freick and son Jackie of Rib Lake spent Christmas with Mrs. Eugene Jefferson and family.

Mrs. Bertha Thurber and son Merton went to Rochester where

Mrs. Harry Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Corless Nelson were callers Bert Van Tassell, who suffered

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2. The unprecedentedly bad fighting weather for the American army which is geared to motor transport. 3. The enemy's persistence in fighting and trying by repeated reinforcing attempts to make Levte a decisive battleground of the western Pacific even after he had no militarily sound hope of mounting a powerful counteroffensive.

Opposition Negligible

were:

Strategic daring on MacArthur's

Superior -(P) - State fire marpart, backed by power, landed four shal Scot Mac Lean said today that American combat divisions, reinforced by engineers, armored troops two juveniles had admitted setting and a profusion of artillery, on fire to a barn near Boylston (Doug-Leyte's east coast. More men and las county) December 29 Two fueguns and machines were en route. men were injured in the blaze which caused damage of \$4,000 and de-The opposition was negligible on struction of the barn. three of the four beaches.

Again, MacArthur threw an overwhelming power against island positions whose strategic importance the

Japanese annarently regarded light-Christmas week-end guests at the ly. To meet the American landing Theodore Pash home were their onslaught, the Japanese had dis- son-in-law and daughter Pvt. Rodpersed in garrison posts in the is- ney Miesner, stationed at Florida Ignatz Grassel. land's larger population centers, and Mrs. Miesner who lives at one division with few and unim-Wausau and their daughter Kath-

Arpin

pressive fixed defenses and a pau- erine Pash of Green Eay. city of artillery and virtually no air Mrs. Oscar Wirth of Rockford defense except what might be proand Mrs. Rose Larson of Alma Wednesday. vided by planes flown from Luzon or Center spent the Christmas holiday the southern and western Philip- with their parents Mr. and Mrs. pines' bases. Those supporting bas-Oscar Wernberg, Mr. Wernberg is es had been subjected to a devastat- sull a patient at the St. Joseph

hospital at Marshfield. ing allied bombing. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vanden The strategic plans which brought the Americans to Leyte envisaged Ploeg and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Vanden Ploeg and sons were the possibility that the enemy might [attempt to reinforce his outnumber- guests Christmas day at the Alfred Engelbrecht home at Athens. ed Leyte garrison. It was not antici-Edith Stanton underwent an ap-

pated, however, that by the time the Japanese had sufficiently recovered from the damaging shock of the tal in Marshfield. American pre-invasion blastings to

start hitting back we would have insufficient Leyte-based air power to December 27. meet an air and seaborne reaction, protect shipping and supply-packed beaches and give direct support to ground operations.

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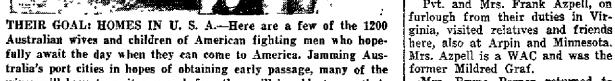
The air force's tardiness in meet-Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ebert and ing the commitments was not due to any lack of skill or courage on day at the August Seehafer and remainder of the winter. the part of American pilots or to Raymond Lindow home at Nasonany enemy superiority in tactics or ville. equipment.

But the air arm of MacArthur's COSTA RICA LEADER DIES San Jose, Costa Rica-(A)-Ripowerful Philippines' war machine didn't succeed in getting out of the cardo Jimmez Orcamuno, 87, who mud and into the air over Leyte in served three terms as president of sufficient strength to perform its Costa Rica, died last night. mission until it learned the lesson of Shortly before retiring from the the Chinese-that the best engineer- presidency in May, 1936, he maring skill and equipment in the world | ried 22-year-old senorita Maria Eucannot transform rice paddy land genia Calvo. into heavy operational airfields at

the height of the tropical rainy sea- mosa bases were called upon to smash a Leyte-bound convoy off SOR.

It was a wonder that there was Mindoro. Marine fighters and dive not more than one critical period- | bombers were also called in to stay worsened by a typhoon-which left and work with the Fifth fleet airthe number of operational combat force whose heavier attack planes planes to be counted easily on the were unable to operate successfully fingers of two hands. off the rain-softened fields.

As late as November 25, Third (In the second story tomorrow, fieet carrier planes which earlier McDaniel tells how the enemy truck confined their operations to strate- to make Leyte the decisive battle gic sweeps against Luzon and For- of the Western Pacific.)



wives will have to wait a year before they will be able to see their future homes in U. S. A.

Two Juveniles Admit Blenker Setting Costly Fire

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jossie were Mrs. Clyde Anneker and family New Year's Eve dinner guests at of Appleton is spending the Christthe E. J. Urban home in Wisconmas holiday here with her parents sin Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lobner. Mrs. Lowell Davis and Audrey Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lobner of of St. Paul were visitors over the Lindsey are spending a few days holidays with relatives and friends here with their parents Mr. and here and at Marshfield. Mrs. Joe Lobner and Mr. and Mrs.

Henry Weiler. Miss Anne Grassel of Wisconzin Rapids spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Gras-

The Rev. Francis Grassel of Chippewa Falls is spending a week here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ruh and

Mr. and Mrs. George Dibble left daughter Yvonne, who spent a few Friday for Waltham, Minn., to visdays here with their parents left it her mother and his parents. for their home at Tigerton on They plan to return home Tues-Mr. and Mrs. William Grassel day.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Meyer and accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. children and Miss Evelyn Domke Elmer Ruh of Tigerton were busileft Saturday for Waukesha to visness callers at Wisconsin Rapids it relatives and friends. They reon Tuesday.

Mather

Cpl. Garland Hopkins enjoyed a furlough at the home of his parpendectomy at St. Joseph's hospi- ents Mr. and Mrs. Torry Hopkins.

Mr. and Mis. Griffin and son Al-Mr. and Mrs Ed Bymers and fred and Mrs. Harold DeLong monounce the birth of a son at St. tored to Pardeeulle on Thursday to Joseph's hospital on Wednesday, altend the wedding of Virgil Fowler and Bertha Friedl of Warrens.

Mr. and Mrs. Epa De Boer and Word has been received that family were dinner guests Christ- Leonard Smith and Harold Scott mas day at the home of Mr. and have left the states for overseas] Mrs. P. McKenzie at Nekoosa. dutics.

The annual rabbit hunt will take ily of Warrens were Sunday guests place here on Sunday. The supper at the Debs Olson home. date will be announced later.

Willaim Regalia has gone to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Case and fam-| Merrimac to seek employment.



the state where she spent Manitowoe. ation with relatives and friends. parents Mr. and Mrs. Allen Schil-The Rev. and Mrs. Nelson an-Pvt. and Mrs. Frank Azpell, on ling.

Milwaukee.

tives here.

band of Madison.

nounce the birth of a daughter at Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fuller were. St. Savior's hospital on Friday, December 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Floeter and waukee where he intends to spend daughter of Portage, Mr. and Mrs. the winter with his sons Harvey Frank LaRock of Appleton were and Arthur and their families. .Mrs. Bruno Perner returned to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Mike went holiday guests at the Albert Floeher home having spent the holito Madison Thursday for medical ter home. Mr. and Mrs. William Brakebush. examinations. William Bauer is spending the

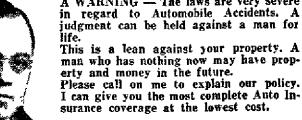
Miss Lila and Verna Schultz and Mr. and Mrs. John Long and children are visiting with relatives Albert Floeter were Milwaukee vistors on Thursday. in Superior.

Mrs. James Smith fell and broke Miss Verna Hillmer, who is employed in Milwaukee spent Christher hip on Saturday and taken by mas here with her parents. ambulance to St. Savior's hospital. Holiday guests at the Henry Mr. and Mrs. Neil Martin of Chicago spent Christmas at the home Streick home were Mr. and Mrs. of her mother Mrs. Jennie Hamil-Albert Weishaar of Racine. Dick Thompson is a patient at

on and other relatives. Mrs. Ira Mussey is a patient in St. Savior's hospital. Harold Hammond is spending his St. Savior's hospital.

Emil Krentz has gone to Mil- furlough with his wife and family.

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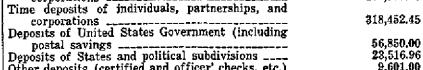
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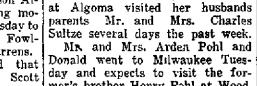
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subordinated obligations shown below)

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 15,000.00 Capital* _____ 20,000.00 3,598.14 Surplus 4,621.71 capital) _____ TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 43,219.85 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL 623,984.62 ACCOUNTS This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par value of \$15,000.00. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value: (a) U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed. pledged to secure deposits and

other liabilities _____ 80,540.00 80,540.00 (a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law _____ 56,850.00 TOTAL (a) On date of report the required legal reserve 56,850.00 against deposits of this bank was _____ 69,691.75 (b) Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to _____ 443,449,62 I, C. M. Amann, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly repre-sents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief. C. M. AMANN, Cashier. Correct .- Attest: E. M. Slattery, Simon Joosten, Frank Miller. Di-

rectors. State of Wisconsin, County of Wood, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of Jan., 1945, Sworn to and subscribed before the time time of this bank. and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. MILDRED STOUT, Notary Public. My commission expires June 22, 1946.

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mer's brother Henry Pohl at Wood, Wis., who is a patient at Veteran's Administration hospital, entering

The Somers family have returndaughter Evelyn spent Christmas ed to their home in Tomah for the there a few days before Christmas.