## Sink At Least Four Jap Warships Near Rabaul Tear 10-Mile Cap

### **BRIDGEHEAD IS** CONSOLIDATED

Allied Headquarters, Algiers -(A)— The American 45th division, once part of the Seventh army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton ir. in Si-Fifth army in Italy, it was announce gation, Mondovi, Wis., having recily, has been in action with the ed today as allied units beat off en- ceived the appointment to that post emy counterattacks along a gener-

sions in the American army, helped Salerno bridgehead appeared likely to be overrun in the early critical period after the first landing, it was

The division, made up largely of troops from Colorado, Oklahoma and very active in directing youth activi-

in the bridgehead carved from the winter defense line across the flood-

Hit At Bridges

temporary bridges over which the several years. British are sending reinforcements Prominent In Civic Affairs and supplies across the flooded Nor has his service been limited stream. Allied planes hacked at the to church affairs. During these Despite the daylong enemy on-

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Mrs. Joseph Frei, 57, Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Joseph Frei, 57, of 160 Fourlow in Forest Hill cemetery.

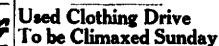
Surviving relatives include her

the Krohn and Berard funeral home tured ribs, as well as cuts and the reports are received from other until time for services.

(By the Associated Press) season for doe, spike-horn buck

and fawns, was reported today. The victim was Glenn Holt sr., 49, of Milwaukee, killed by a stray bullet while hunting today near Long Lake, 13 miles from Eagle

a chaplain in the army. Death of Holt increased the toli killed in the first half of the two part season.



Persons in the south Wood counmented through the civilian defense advanced upon the strategic Chioffice in this city.

### Rev. Baumann, Aid at U.S. DESTROYERS SS. Peter & Paul Church CRIPPLE 2 OTHER Past Six Years, Leaving NIPPON VESSELS

The Rev. Aloysius F. Baumann, first assistant pastor of SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic church of this city will conclude a period of over six years of service on November 30 and at that time he will take over the duties of administrator of Sacred Heart congre-

REV. A. F. BAUMANN

Down 46 Planes

ter W. Nimitz.

treat or die.)

Lose 4 Planes

position on Tarawa in the Gilberts,

has been bombed anew by Seventh

accurately hit the triangular field.

Japanese remain in the Gilberts,"

The incomplete reports on the

downing of 46 enemy planes covered

tercepted Zeros without losing

Southwest of the Gilberts in the

ed out since Nov. 1 on Empress Au-

from the Most Rev. Alexander J. McGavick, bishop of LaCrosse, Wis. Serves Record Term Coming to Wisconsin Rapids on

Nov. 16, 1937, after serving as asroll back the German tide when the sistant for six months at Holy Trinity parish, La Crosse, Father Baumann has served as assistant to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Reding at SS. Peter and Paul's longer than any other assistant ever stationed here. While serving as assistant he was

New Mexico with a sprinkling from ties. During his years here, SS. a number of eastern and more than Peter and Paul's produced a num-1,000 southwest Indians is rated in ber of championship teams in both army circles as one of the toughest and hardest hitting outfits under the moments of the C. Y. O. fisticust flag. It made its battle debut in an tournaments will long be rememberamphibious assault against Sicily ed by those who frequented SS.

He is a member of both the The German air force joined Knights of Columbus and the Caground forces in determined attacks tholic Order of Foresters and has yesterday against British Eighth ar- previously served these societies as my forces now securely entrenched their chaplain. Just this fall he was re-elected to that post in the Foresters. At present, he is the spiritual ed Sangro near Italy's Adriatic director of the parish's Holy Name society, and of the Stella Maris and the Rosa Mystica sodailities, the ac-The Nazi planes made passes at tivities of which he has directed for

past six years, he has represented ion route into Japan's Marshall is- gainville, Nov. 1-2. the Catholic church in various civic lands is being pounded by army slaughts the Eighth army troops im events—among them, the dedication and navy bombers while on the Japs Lose Control of radio station WITHE, Various nearby Gilberts victorious American Memorial day services, the first war ground troops seek out the few loan drive, and the present series of surviving enemy defenders and is an auxiliary chaplain of the civil- off retaliatory air blows. ian defense organization of Wiscon-

As fitting tribute to his manifold services, SS. Peter and Paul parish party, at the parish gym Sunday evening, Nov. 28, at 8 p. m. All members of the parish are cordially invited to attend.

#### Crash Victim Berard chapel with interment to follow in Forest Hill cemetery. His Birthday

The Rev. Gottlieb H. Herbener, 12:05 noon in Riverview hospital here, death occurring on the cler-Death resulted from internal in-

Rev. Herbener received severe Tarawa and Abemama, "few live

and Mrs. Oscar Klumb of Pittsville, and suffered from shock. Mitchell, Mrs. Edward Smith of Marshfield who today was reported by Riverand Mrs. Boyce Draper of Wisconsin view hospital attendants as making fair recovery, suffered a broken knee cap, broken pelvis, two fractiotal may well be much larger when bruises. Both men had to be pried aircraft carrier groups. from their demolished automobiles,

Sheriff Henry Becker reported. Rev. Herbener had been hunting and was returning home with his buck deer on his auto fender when the accident occurred. The deer, too, was mangled in the crash.

Born in Mayville, Wis., Rev. Herbener went to the Janesville church plane, the spokesman said. from a Johnson Creek, Wis., charge three years ago. One brother, the northern Solomons other American Rev. Carl Herbener, is pastor of a forces expanded to six miles along Waupun, Wis., church, while his the west-central coast of Bougaintwin brother, Traugot Herbener, is ville the beachhead they have carv-

Mrs. Herbener was at her husband's bedside when he died in the hospital here, and the body was taken immediately to Janesville for Strong Nippon Force funeral services and burial.

### Faces Annihilation

Chungking-(AP)-A strong Japanese force which had advanced to the outskirts of Changteh in northern Hunan province, northwest ty area will be taking bundles to gateway to Changsa, was reported church with them Sunday, as the to be facing possible annihilation clothing collection for the needy today after being encircled by Chipersons of war-torn nations is car-ried on in this locality through A Chinese communique announc-

church cooperation. The clothing ing the encirclement said the Chisalvage drive covers all articles of nese already had wiped out more clothing, as well as cotton and wool than 5,000 enemy soldiers who had rags for reworking. The drive is penetrated to Changteh's environs. directed by the south Wood county | The Japanese, supported by plane salvage committee of the Junior and artillery, the war bulletin said, Chamber of Commerce here, imple- loosed clouds of poison gas as they

Advance Base in the Solomon Islands, Nov. 25—(Delayed)—(P)— The Japanese may have lost a fifth warship and suffered damage to a sixth in the disastrous second naval battle of the northern Solomons early today.

An outnumbered American destroyer force sank four out of six Jap ships in a running night engagement 90 miles southeast of Rabaul, Japan's key base on New Bri-

Two of the ships sent to the bottom were destroyers, and two were over-size destroyers or possibly cruisers of the Yubari class.

See Survivors Later

A fifth vessel was crippled, and was last seen burning. Air reconnaissance reports later disclosed survivors in the water near the location where the fifth ship was last observed, leading to the belief it possibly also was sunk.

The sixth warship was hit but was not slowed up in the chase by American destroyers virtually to the St. George channel entrance to Rabaul. Our force came out of the battle without suffering a hit.

General Douglas MacArthur and Admiral William F. Halsey, jr., said four Japanese destroyers were sunk, one was damaged and the sixth escaped in the darkness.) A Japanese cruiser and four de-

stroyers were sunk in the first bat-Pearl Harbor-(AP)-The invas- the off Empress Augusta bay, Bou-

→The engagement today was a convincing demonstration that the sea lanes between Bougainville, the Japs' last major holding in the specify immediately the target of

These developments, which in force in this area—his name cannot port as an objective. cluded the shooting down of 46 be disclosed-said the Japs either will play host to him at a farewell Japanese planes by fighters of only had attempted the preliminary one of the several aircraft carrier evacuation of Buka and Bougaindivisions supporting the Gilbert ville or were bringing new supplies operations, were contained in the to those threatened bases. vesterday's advices of Adm. Ches-

Complete Surprise

Capt. Arleigh A. Burke of Chevy Jaluit, the main Japanese air Chase, Md., who commanded the base in the Marshalls 450 miles victorious task force, said "the first northwest of the chief American they knew we were in the area was when those torpedoes hit."

The naval battle opened at 1:50 a. m. and didn't break off until 3:30 airforce Liberators. A spokesman also disclosed that during a cara. m. closing to approximately two rier plane raid earlier in the week miles, Burke's warships fired toron Mili, another Marshall air base, pedoes into the formation. Two eneapproximately 200 tons of bombs my destroyers burst into flames and sank so rapidly that it is doubtful if there were any survivors.

(Strategic authorities in Wash-A third enemy ship, larger than ington expressed belief that the the two other and probably one of Jananese in the Marshalls, exposed the Japs' new over-size destroyers by the Gilberts conquest to increasor possibly Yubari type cruiser, ingly heavier bombings, must retook two torpedo hits but failed to ember. sink at once. Burke detailed part of Keep Sirens Going his numerically inferior group to stick with the enemy cripple and sink her with gunfire. He gave chase with the remaining destroycountered on captured Makin,

#### Will Bomb Berlin As Long As Necessary

operations through Wednesday. The London-(A)-How much bombing will it take to destroy Berlin? The RAF said today any esti- Fourth Of Berlin Wrecked mates of the necessary bomb tonnage were dubious and it was pre-For the same period, the carrier division reporting sustained losses of only three fighters and a torpedo target as it is now. bomber. In one engagement, the carrier fighters bagged 16 of 20 in-



JIMMY CHATS WITH WRITERS BEFORE ATTACK-Lt. Col. James Roosevelt of the marines, son of the president, chats with Leif Erickson (left), Associated Press war correspondent, and Barney McQuade, Chicago Daily News correspondent, aboard a transport at a Pacific base before he left for the attack on the Gilbert islands. Roosevelt took part in the capture of Makin island which he raided last year with Carlson's Raiders.

#### RAF Continues Raids (The first announcements by both On Berlin; U.S. Heavy **Bombers Hit Germany**

London—(A)—American heavy bombers struck into northwest Germany today, taking up in daylight the massive aerial offensive against the Nazis after the RAF gave Berlin its fourth straight night of bombing and heavily attacked Frankfurt-Am-Main. The U.S. announcement did not

Solomons, and New Britain are no the bombers and their fighter escort, longer dominated by the Nipponese. but the Bremen radio went off the The admiral commanding the task air, suggesting that much-battered This was the first operation in a

week by heavy formations from the Eighth air force, the 18th heavy allied attack from Britain in November and the Ninth for the U.S. air

Also Pound Offenbach

In addition to Frankfurt, the German radio said RAF bombers hit Offenbach, leather and chemical goods town six miles east of Frankfurt. Marauding RAF Mosquitos simultaneously struck Berlin.

The twin raids were achieved with small loss. Thirteen British bombers failed to return, compared with 44 the last time Frankfurt was hit on Oct. 22 when expiring Kassel also was smashed in a final blow.

The visit to Berlin meant the Nazi capital had been weakened by bombs on 20 out of 25 nights of Nov-

Although the Mosquitos-twin-engined craft which carry 500-pound bombs-do not pack the wallop of Britain's four-engined armadas they

kept the sirens going in distraught The attack on Frankfurt, big center of the I. G. Farben-Industrie, International Chemical Trust works. fitted in with three big raids last week on chemical and poison gas component producing factories at

Ludwigshafen and Leverkusen. The Stockholm newspaper Tidninpared to use any amount as long as German officials had admitted a

Berlin remained as worthwhile a fourth of Berlin was destroyed in Sec-AIR WARFARE-Page 5

#### Soft Coal Operators, Union Leaders Seek Wage Contract Washington-(A)-For the first a wage contract, but would not

country sat down around a table today to perfect a wage contract.

End Long Holdout Representatives of coal mines

wned by the steel companies ended their holdout today and joined the wage negotiations between John L. Lewis and soft coal operators. Harry Moses, president of the H.

C. Frick Coal company, owned by pal apokesman for the "captive" mines, heeded an appeal from Secretary Ickes and showed up at the

000,000 tons a year.

associations on the basis outline of signing a contract.

time in history, soft coal operators sign until the agreement was on a and union leaders representing national basis. The Southern Coal every coal producing section of the Producers association, though represented in the talks, has held out against the form of the agreement. Everyone Complies The interior department said all

associations and operators who received Ickes' telegram of Wednesday asking their attendance had complied with the request.

The seven Coal Producers associations have expressed a willingness to pay the same weekly wage, U. S. Steel, and who is the princi- \$57.06, that is embodied in the Ickes-Lewis working agreement covering the period of government operation but oppose computing the Arendt, stationed with the marines conference in the interior depart- wage in a manner that would pay at San Diego, Cal. for underground travel time as a The "captives" mine about 90,- part of the working day. The south- TWO LIBERATORS CRASH ern group represents more than Liberal, Kas. -(P)- Two four- ed but the Nekoosa volunteer fire hour period ending at 7 a. m., 43; Lewis, president of the United 125,000,000 tons annually, and Lew-lengine Liberator bombers collided department, laying 1500 feet of minimum temperature for 24-hear Mine Workers, has agreed with is was reported to have made this and fell in flames northeast of here hose from a creek on a neighboring period ending at 7 a. m., 18; test



#### Sgt. Arendt, Missing For Year, Is Dead

Staff Sgt. Roger J. Arendt, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Arendt of Port Edwards, was reported killed in action in a recent letter received by his parents from the war department. He had previously been gen said today it had learned that reported missing in action in a telegram which Mr. and Mrs. Arendt Urban Areas Yielded received on December 28, 1942. "On November 17, 1942 Sgt.

Arendt was flying in a large bombing-type airplane from England to a North African destination, when the plane developed engine trouble and went down in the Bay of Biscay," reads the letter from the adjutant general. In expressing regret that definite

information concerning Sgt. Arendt's death had not been available earlier, the adjutant general pointed out that the delay in no way detracts from the heroism of the men who met their death in this way, and remarked that "to them must be ascribed the great honor of having given their lives for their country in her gravest crisis." Sgt. Arendt, who entered the ser-

vice on October 2, 1940 and was sent \$100 Haystacks Burn; to England in June, 1942, is survived by his parents and two brothers: Pfc. Wilfred E. Arendt, stationed in England with a troop carrier squadron, and Pvt. Clarence N.

eleven members of the two crews. buildings on the Mertes farm,

## In Nazi Lines 60 Miles Above City

London-(A)-The red army has captured Gomel, Premier Marshal Stalin announced today, completing the separation of Nazi forces of the central front and the Ukraine.

The thrust that carried Soviet columns into the White Russian citadel, last remaining Nazi bastion east of the Dnieper, climaxed an encircling drive that had been tightening a noose about the communications hub for three weeks. The drive also coincided with a

powerful offensive which smashed gaps in Nazi defenses north and Allied Planes south of the fallen city.

The German high command had The German high command had acknowledged earlier that the fort- Bomb Town ress had been evacuated.

Lauds Russian Alrmen Marshall Stalin's order of the day, broadcast from Moscow and recorded by the Soviet monitor here. paid tribute to Russian airmen parunits" also were singled out for the said today. distinction of being named Gomel divisions and units.

The German communique said Gomel was destroyed before it was The broadcast claimed that three of evacuated. Five railways radiate from the city of 145,000, last important German stronghold east of the Dnieper river. Two lines lead into cow, Odessa and Leningrad. Russians Stand Firm

In the crucial defense battle west home group. of Kiev, Moscow dispatches said the Ukrainian army of Gen. Nicolai Vatutin was standing firm and the 13-day old German drive appeared tacks were launched near Korosten, however, 45 miles north of Zhito-The Russians, as is their custom.

did not immediately confirm the capture of Gomel which has been invested from three sides for some time. Novo Belitsa, a suburb of Gomel, has been in Russian hands tance from Chinese bases of Maj. for more than a week. Gomel, im- Gen portant as a farm machinery, wood

# Designed Armory Here in 1940, Dies NOVEMBER GROUP

Col. Henry C. Hengels of the Wisconsin National Guard, known in Wisconsin Rapids as architect of the Memorial armory here, died Wednesday in Milwaukee. Funeral services will be Saturday, 1 p. m., at the Phillip J. Weiss funeral home, Milwaukee. Death resulted, after several weeks illness, from a

Col. Hengels, state military archiect and engineer, designed the armory here in 1940, and work was started October 23, 1940 on the building, which was dedicated July 4. 1941. Because of that project, Col. Hengels became known to city officials and others of this community.

Born December 28, 1876, Col. Hengels began his military career August 17, 1917 as an enlistee in Company E. Seventh infantry, Wisconsin State Guard, and he was commissioned a second lieutenant November 4, 1918. His advance in rank continued from that point. Recently Col. Hengels has been custodian of the hangar at Gen. Billy Mitchell field, Milwaukee.

### Three Tons of Scrap

The south Wood county area, in the scrap drive a week ago, Bruce Beich!, Jaycee salvage chairman here, said today.

Reports still are not complete Beichl said, with no figures available on the amount of scrap turned in by rural areas.

The three tons received from Biron, Port Edwards, Nekoosa and Wisconsin Rapids compares very favorably with a report of one ton from a city nearly three times as large as Wisconsin Rapids, district scrap collection officers said.

### Children Are Blamed

Children eager for a little preholiday excitement are blamed for firing two haystacks valued at \$100 at the Al Mertes farm in Nekoosa Wednesday afternoon. The hay, not Today's Weather Factscovered by insurance, was destroymost Northern and Western Coal group's inclusion a condition of Thursday afternoon, killing all farm, saved the barn and other ature at 7 a. m., 33. Presignation

# On Formosa

New York -(A)- Allied planes: struck within about 650 miles of the ticipating in the crushing drive, in- Japanese homeland yesterday when dicating that air power had played approximately 20 planes raided a prominent part in the victory. Shinchiku port city on the northwest Twenty-four divisions and "other coast of Formosa, the Tokyo radio

The raid, unconfirmed by any al-

lied source, presumably was launched from allied bases within China. the raiders were shot down by Japanese naval fighters. The island of Formosa, wrested

Poland, one in the direction of from the Chinese in 1895, lies 90 Brest-Litovsk and the other through miles off the east coast of China, Minsk to Vilna and Lithuania. Oth- some 200 miles north of the Philiper lines connect Gomel with Mos- pine islands, and only a little more than 650 miles southwest of Kyushu, southernmost island in the Japanese

Although the island had an air raid scare on Dec. 14, 1941, one week after Pearl Harbor, and was to be weakening. New Nazi at rumored in Chungking to have been raided by allied planes on Aug. 12, 1942, yesterday's raid appears to have been the first made on the island since the United States entered the war.

> While the Japanese broadcast identified the planes only as "allied," Formosa is within easy striking dis-

## Col. Hengels, Who 25 INDUCTED IN

The army fared nearly twice as well as the navy in the November group of selectees who left from the south Wood county selective service board for the Milwaukee induction center on November 16. 1943. Fifteen men, nine of whom were from Wisconsin Rapids, were allotted to the army; eight men, six of whom were from this city, went to the navy; one local man, to the marines; and another man from this city to the army air corps.

The group, headed by Anton Yeske, leader, and John Muehlstein, assistant leader, left eight days ago, but the list was not released by the south Wood county selective service board until today.

The army men are: Herbert Wiliam Bonow, Leon LeRoy Carlson, Frank Julius Geisler, John Herbert Muehlstein, Carter Calvin Nelson, Earl John Schanock, James George Schuetz, Francis Harold Matthews, Ronald Louis Bramble, all of Wisconsin Rapids; Vernon William Foth, Gus Peter Golla and Ira L. Rounds, of Port Edwards; Charles William Surprison, Nekoosa; Paul Hedner Hiles. jr., Pittsville; and

Delbert Lee Severson, Milwaukee. The navy men are: George Joseph Arnold, Florian Marcel Ashenberg, Orville Theodore DeByl, with only urban centers reporting James Ernest Fahrner, Calvin Euso far, yielded three tons of scrap gene Tuxhorn, Anton Stanley Yeske, all of this city; John Loren Weldon, Port Edwards; and Thomas Anton Scott, Babcock.

> Donald Lloyd David entered the marine corps and Delbert Louis Jenson the army air corps.

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ally unchanged front. The impact of the "Fighting 45th," one of the most colorful divi-

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after only a brief pause in North Peter and Paul's gym in those days. Africa.

enemy just back of the line.

proved their positions, it was an-Thanksgiving day activity on the Fifth army front on the western salvage drives. Too, at present, he planes from aircraft carriers ward

At Residence Here

teenth avenue south, died very suddenly at 6:15 a.m. Thursday of embolism. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Krohn and

Mrs. Frei, nee Harriet Peaslee, was born at Cadott, Wis., on January 21, 1886, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peaslee, and had lived in this community practically all her life. She married Joseph pastor of St. John's Lutheran Frei on July 26, 1916, at Stevens church, Janesville, Wis., died at

mother, Mrs. Martha Peaslee of gyman's 45th birthday anniversary. Pittsville, her husband and four children, Mrs. George Finup of this city, juries sustained Tuesday evening Pfc. Norbert Frei of Camp Camp- when the car driven by Rev. Herbell, Ky., Joseph Frei jr. of Milwau- bener and one driven by Benjamin Few Japs Alive kee and Mrs. B. J. Worden of this Mitchell, 49, Mauston, Wis., crashed Of the 5,000 or more enemy solcity; four grandchildren; one broth- head-on two and one-half miles diers estimated to have been ener, William Peaslee of this city, and south of this city on Highway 13. six sisters, Mrs. Burt Birch of Ontario, Wis., Mrs. Frank Owens of cuts on the face and legs at that Milwaukee. Mrs. Oliver Stenerson time, as well as internal injuries, Admiral Nimitz said.

Friends may pay their respects at

#### Deer Hunter Shot Near Eagle River

The first fatality of the hunting

in the Wisconsin deer hunting season this year to six. Five men were

