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in Japan, is a mighty im-
mable city which in 1940 had
a population of 1,328,084.

Largest Raid on Japan

Associated Press Correspondent
Vern Haughland, writing from a
21st bomber command base on Sat-
pan, said the B29 force equalled or
exceeded the largest group yet hit-
ting Japan.

The Japanese radio said B29s also
hit the home island of Shikoku as
well as Honshu and Japanese occu-
pied Korea. They reported "about
80" Superfortresses flying in "small
formations" raided the Tokyo area
and Aichi and Shizuoka prefectures,
on Honshu, where some damage was
caused "on the ground."

The Japanese claimed their inter-
ceptors went into action and are
"believed to have caused heavy loss-
es to the enemy."

Claim Imperial Grounds Hit

Reports on the bombing of the
imperial palace grounds in Tokyo
with damage to a manor house came
via Melbourne, Australia, where it
was recorded from a Japanese
broadcast beamed to the Nipponese
home islands. The report was prob-
ably propaganda for home consump-
tion. Superfort crews are under ex-
plicit instructions to avoid bombing
the palace.

Upsetting enemy defenses, the
Superforts made a feint toward
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**Memorial Services Set
For Ernest Kronstedt**

Memorial services for Pvt. Er-
nest A. Kronstedt, 37, who was
killed in action in Germany on No-
vember 9, will be held at Bethany
Lutheran church in Sigel at 2
o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Rev.
A. J. Hemming, pastor, will conduct
the service.

Private Kronstedt, son of Mrs.
Marie Kronstedt, Route 4, was serv-
ing as a rifleman with the 415th
infantry.

Camp Niantic and Camp Edwards
in the east, going to Africa 23
months ago, and from there to
Italy. His wife and children reside
here.

**Nazis Dig in
For Stand
In Budapest**

BY DANIEL DE LUCE

Moscow—(AP)—Russian assault
forces pointed toward Budapest to-
day from newly-captured Godollo,
10 1/2 miles to the northeast, while
artillery drew up in close formation
at the northern and southern out-
skirts of the Hungarian capital.

Despite the close approach of the
Red army siege semi-circle no front
dispatches mentioned anything
about the fall of the Hungarian
capital being "imminent."

The city's inhabitants have fled
westward by the thousands and the
German garrison was said to have
dug in apparently determined to
hold out until full destruction of
the metropolis.

The Moscow communique announ-
ced capture of Sajoszentpeter,
10 miles north of Miskolc, and 10
other towns in the central Slovakia
border area. Izvestia declared that
"complete liberation of the Czecho-
slovak republic is near."

The army newspaper Red Star
reported German authorities had
made a hurried evacuation of mili-
tary depots and war plants from
frontier districts of Austria.

ROOSEVELT WILL SPEAK

Washington—(AP)—President
Roosevelt will make his usual
Christmas eve radio address at 4:15
p. m. over all major networks. The
White House did not say from
where he will speak.

"Enemy troop losses by
are believed to have been

The six transports and
strovers were spotted M
dawn off northwest Leyte

During the day, army ai
planes, boring through s
Nipponese fighters over th
sank three destroyers, a tr
10,000 tons, a second of
and a third of 4,000 tons.

Last Jap Supply Port

That night, two pat
boats sent down a 5,000-
port of the convoy at
Palompon. Palompon, co
a poor, winding trail to
corridor, is the supply p
resort for the Japanese
loss of Ormoc port, 16 m
southeast.

Tuesday at Palompon

planes so severely blast
destroyer and two freig
ports that all probably s

The enemy airforce not
a stiff fight over the
also scored some dama
against an American ship
Sunday night as it was re
Ormoc after unloading.

"Fifty enemy planes
stroyed in combat with fi
al probable," today's c
said.

"We lost eight fighte

**Laurence Zimm
Is Missing in Fra**

Staff Sgt. Laurence
man, 27, has been missi
in France since Novem
cording to word rece
wife, Mrs. Gwendolyn
1550 First street north
Zimmerman, who is the
and Mrs. William Zimm
dolph, was employed at
dated mill in Biron bef
August 30, 1942. He w
at various camps for tv
went overseas early 1
ber.

**Plastic Garage Built by
• May Hold Key to New Build**

BY JANE JACKSON

Considerable interest has been
aroused among residents of Wiscon-
sin Rapids anent the garage build-
ing which the plastics division of
Consolidated Water Power and
Paper company has erected on Hill
street near Witter field. This gar-
age, according to George W. Mead,
president of Consolidated, was built

