

## t Blasts i Harbors

(AP)—A maximum of heavy bombers attacked rdromes, harbors and ctives today in south- northern Italy and

fleet of British bombers tons of explosives on naval base of Kiel be- and Allied planes from ed the Romanian capi- harest.

heavy bombers attacked b installations in north- for the third time in y's span. This was the ht operation reported nd up to late afternoon. es were hit in the south

Genoa Raided  
ing Italian port of miles up the west coast at Piza, was ur German troop con- in southern Yugoslav- arets across the Adri- Italy.

mans reported enemy mations over southwest and Bavaria, suggesting planes from Italy might in the attack.

Berlin Visited  
parate bomber forces out from Britain last he RAF, the largest struction on Kiel at the tons of bombs per min- e same time the squad- AP Mosquitos attacked h 4,000-pound block- e the 13th time since D-

al loss in the overnight e was eight planes. Two ere lost in support o- ver the Normandy bat-

erranean-based Allied bers, meanwhile, struck nery at Berat in Albania t yesterday, and last st military targets at

## COUPLE FINED URT FOR THEFT

Mrs. William Ander-  
aught Shoplifting  
Saturday

d Mrs. William H. An-  
arshfield, pleaded guilty  
ipal Court this morning

July 24 1944  
Week 'end telegrams from the War Department and personal letters from soldiers brought news of five more Marshfield area casualties to their families.

Reported dead were S/Sgt. Joseph P. Bayerl of Milladore and Pvt. Robert Obermeier of Lincoln Township, both of whom were serving in New Guinea when last heard from.

Reported wounded were Platoon Sgt. Raymond F. Goeres of Marshfield, at Saipan; Pfc. Melvin Becker of Auburndale, in Italy; and Lt. Rupert Whittingham of Marshfield, in France.

## Pvt. Robert Obermeier Dies In New Guinea

Pvt. Robert J. Obermeier, 24, who had hoped to come home soon after more than two years in the Southwest Pacific area, died on July 13, presumably in New Guinea, his parents were informed Saturday.

A War Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Obermeier, who live in Lincoln Township, a mile and a half west of Teapot Dome, told nothing of the cause of death, but promised further details later.

Pvt. Robert John Obermeier, who was born at Stratford on June 6, 1920, and moved to a farm in McMillan Township with his parents when he was 17, joined Company C of the 128th Regiment, Wisconsin National Guard, in the fall of 1939.

He went to Louisiana with the unit in October, 1940, and while in that training area transferred to the military police. He was shipped to Australia in the spring of 1943 and remained there for some time, but had been serving in New Guinea for more than eight months before his death.

He had been a sergeant in the military police but was apparently reduced in rank upon his transfer to a combat unit. In his last letter home, written on June 30, he told of having spent eight months in the New Guinea jungles.

He is survived by his parents, one brother, Sylvester, two sisters, Marion and Margaret, and by his grandfather, Charles Eisner, Marshfield.

He had not visited home since spending his 21st birthday there three years ago, and had recently expressed the wish that he might spend his 24th birthday at home.

## Sgt. Joseph Bayerl Reported Killed

Milladore —(Special)— A telegram informing Mr. and Mrs. John Bayerl, Milladore, of the death of their son, Staff Sgt. Joseph P. Bayerl, 25, previously reported missing in action, was received

entering its second month with in- creasing momentum, the Red Army has captured 23 German generals and knocked out possibly 50 of the Germans' 250 divisions in the east (perhaps 500,000 or more men).

Battle for Prussia  
The battle of Poland, already assuming catastrophic consequences for Hitler's eastern front, was shaping into a struggle in the near future for Prussia itself.

The Red Army moved deeply into the Baltic republics and in the south struck close to the Carpathian defenses of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, but it was over the wide, rolling Polish plains that Stalin's war of movement hourly gained new decisions.

Brest Litovsk was by-passed in a pocket 40 miles deep. Soviet troops mounted a frontal attack which battered into that Bug River city's suburbs.

Could Outflank Warsaw  
Red Army columns spearing from rail lines northeast and southeast advanced as close as 20 miles from Siedlce, 50 miles east of Warsaw.

Seventy miles to the south, despairing and trapped Germans were being driven street by street from Lublin.

Marshal Rokossovsky's vanguard of cavalry and tanks was within 25 miles of the upper Wisla (Vistula) River on a steadily widening front. Red Army engineers rushed bridging materials and prepared to span this river line as swiftly as the Bug was crossed last week. Once the Wisla (Vistula) defense zone is turned, the way would be opened to outflank Warsaw from the south.

Terrific Speed  
Allied military observers marvelled at the Soviet genius in maintaining supply services for an Army that has raced 320 miles in 31 days.

Field dispatches gave no indication that the Nazi high command had been able to halt, or even slow down, the rapid progress of the Russians, who announced advances from west of liberated Pskov, at the Estonian border, to Ghalacia in the south. Fall of Pskov was announced by Premier Marshal Stalin yesterday in a special order of the day.

## BUTTER IS RAISED TO 16-POINT VALUE

OPA Issues Order Effective  
Yesterday; Ceiling On  
Gin Reduced

Washington —(AP)— Housewives pay four more ration points for each pound of creamery butter to-

Gen. Douglas MacArthur joins the quickening Pacific timetable today with a double hint that aerial paralyzation of the southern Philippines may begin soon.

He included the tipoff in his first communique after the meeting on strategy between Adm. Ernest J. King, commander of the U. S. fleet, and Adm. Chester V. Nimitz, Pacific commander. (Because of the time difference, was issued a short time before announcement of the Tinian invasion.)

MacArthur mentioned the Philippines in his communique for the first time since the bitter news of Corregidor's capitulation May 1942. American planes sank 100-foot Japanese vessel 70 miles off Mindanao.

Breaks Long Silence  
This permitted disclosure that American air patrols have watched southern Philippine waters for some time, flying from newly acquired bases within bombing range of Mindanao.

It seems unlikely the General would break his long and painful silence concerning the Philippines merely to report a relatively unimportant strike. Evidently it was intended to preclude recitment and more important official mention of the former American

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## MADISON AREA IN PATH OF TORNADO

Farm Buildings Down; Cattle  
And Poultry Killed  
In Windstorm

Madison—(AP)—A tornado twisted a path of destruction through the Token Creek area, eight miles north of here, Sunday night, ripping farm buildings and killing and injuring cattle and poultry.

Some crop damage, caused by an accompanying hail storm and high wind, also was reported.

About 6 p. m. a funnel-shaped cloud headed north over Tru Field. It dipped and then, in typical tornado fashion, bounced along crazily, and confined itself to a two-mile stretch about rods wide.

Damage was most severe on farms operated by Paul Grzmacher, Everett Lockman, Oscar and Albert Anderson.

On the Grzmacher farm, destruction included leveling of barn, chicken house, garage, and hog houses, and farm machinery. Half a flock of 400 chickens and 30 ducks were killed. A farm house was hit but dam-