

hundred thousands from the 143rd Division, comprising 41 clubs in North and Northern Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana, are to attend the banquet to be held at 9:30 o'clock evening at the Army Community Building.

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F and Yank Fliers Give Axis Reprive From Raids Yesterday

London—(AP)—German hit-and-run fighter-bombers attacked two towns on the British southeast coast shortly after dawn today, causing some casualties and damaging a number of business establishments.

Six planes participated in the raid on one town, where a motion picture theater and a newspaper office were among the buildings wrecked. One of the planes was reported shot down.

Two enemy raiders participated in the other attack, which was said to have caused little damage and no casualties.

For the second night in a row there was no major Allied aerial activity over the continent, though the Air Ministry announced that RAF planes had laid mines in enemy waters. Two planes were reported missing in these operations.

The Air Ministry meanwhile announced that reconnaissance photographs taken after the night RAF raid on Berlin March 1 showed that 30 large factories, large blocks of centrally located business offices, and railway repair shops of the Tempelhof freight yards were destroyed or badly damaged.

OPA LIFTS RESTRICTION ON SEED POTATO SALES

Washington—(AP)—Victory gardens won't have to buy seed potatoes from the government.

The three children, who were asleep in the upstairs of the farm home in the Town of Glenmore, were awakened about 4:30 a. m. today by shots and cries for help from their mother who had been asleep with the father in a downstairs bedroom.

Rushing down they saw the father standing outside of the house and shooting through a window into the bedroom. He was clad only in long underwear.

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The family ran upstairs and the father followed into the house, shooting up the stair well. All took refuge in a bedroom except Donald who peeped around the corner of the wall down the staircase. As he looked out the father fired again and the boy fell dead.

Robert jumped out a window to summon help from a neighbor. See—STENCIL—Page 6

PITTSVILLE SOLDIER WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pfc. Hubert Ritchie Seriously Hurt in Tunisia, Parents Learn

Pittsville—Word was received from the War Department today by Mr. and Mrs. George C. Ritchie to the effect that their son, Pfc. Hubert P. Ritchie, was seriously wounded in action in Tunisia on March 24. No further details were given.

Pvt. Ritchie has been in the armed service since enlistment on Oct. 27, 1941, and served at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Camp Croft, S. C.; Camp Blending, Fla.; and Fort Benning, Ga., before embarking for England and Scotland in July 1942.

He arrived in Algeria on Nov. 7, during the North African invasion and had since been transferred to the Tunisian sector, where he served with the message center of his infantry regiment's headquarters company.

A graduate of Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids, he was employed at the Consolidated Water Power and Paper Co. plant there before enlisting. His twin brother, 2nd Lt. John Ritchie, is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.

RUSS. GERMAN BATTLE IN MUD

Soviet Forces Keep up Offensive Despite Stiff Resistance

BY EDDY GLENORE

Moscow—(AP)—Sharp fighting along the Donets River and in the Kuban Delta, in the Caucasus, was reported by the Russians today as the long Soviet-German battlefront experienced better weather.

In the Kuban Delta, where the Red Army had been said unofficially to be fighting in the suburbs of Novorossisk, the Black Sea port, dispatches said the Russians kept up their offensive and drove doggedly into the Germans against strong resistance.

The fighting there extended over acres of glue-like mud and swollen streams.

Sharper fighting flared on the Donets River from south of Izium on north past Chuguev. Izium is 70 miles and Chuguev is 22 miles, respectively, southeast of Kharkov.

The Germans' newest attacks south of Izium against a Soviet bridgehead were announced to have cost them more than 500 dead and one of their front lines.

The German high command, in its Wednesday communiqué broadcast by the Berlin radio, said a German "offensive enterprise" in the central Donets region "reached the planned goal notwithstanding tenacious enemy resistance."

Red Star Army organ, said the Germans tried again to take a strategic hill in the northern Donets sector, but again failed. The position had undergone no fewer than 20 attacks in the spring fighting, but Red Star said the Germans never had been able to storm it.

Dispatches from Leningrad related that brighter weather had brought mass German air raids on the city. Anti-aircraft fire was said to have brought down 13 attacking planes in one day.

FDR Opens Drive

Chief Executive Starts Ball Rolling by Selling War Bond to White House Messenger

Washington—(AP)—President Roosevelt sent the second war loan drive—this one for \$13,000,000,000—off to a head start today by selling a \$25 war bond to a veteran Negro messenger at the White House and by asking the American people to observe this slogan: "They give their lives. We lend our money."

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