

continued to ad-
oro without opposi-

RIKE BACK LIAN FRONT

Troops Holding eavy Pressure Enemy

German forces are
y tank-spearheaded
against the Cana-
d across the Canale
east of Faenza but
are holding fast
city of the thrusts,
rters said today.
harp action in the
ight during which
took 40 prisoners.
th Army troops
omone River at two
mco, occupied For-
f mile north of the
h highway a n d
nal units north of
izing San Silvestro
ro Laguna.

time New Zealand-
he east bank of the
r three miles north
y.
e highway the ac-
fined to patrol op-

osed that the 751st
on, commanded by
adden, Des Moines,
tion on the Appen-
This battalion has
since the start of
mpaign and has de-
than 100 German
cs.

WANTS DIVORCE
- (AP) - Actress Merle
nounced that she
orce from Sir Alex-
head of Metro-Gold-
film production in

Church, LaCrosse, and the Very
Rev. Bernard Doyle of Holy Ros-
ary Church, Darlington, both ele-
vated to the rank of domestic
prelate with the title of monsig-
nor.

Bishop McGavick said word of
the promotions was received from
the Vatican after recommendation
by the apostolic delegate.

The Rev. Fr. Plecity was assist-
tant pastor at St. John's Catholic
Church here about 20 years ago;
during the pastorate of the Rev.
Joseph Volz, who died here May
30, 1926.

John Roever Is Reported Dead After Plane Crash

Local Flying Fortress Engi- neer Missing Since February, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. William Roever,
512 N. Central avenue, have re-
ceived word from the War Depart-
ment that their son, Tech. Sgt.
John L. Roever, 20, reported miss-
ing in action since last Feb. 6, is
now presumed dead.

Sgt. Roever was lost when his
plane (he was an engineer-gun-
ner on a Flying Fortress) crashed
on a mission over Remilly-sur-
Seine, France. His parents re-
ceived word of the crash on Feb.
25, 1944.

Born at Belgium, Wis., on
March 29, 1923, John Roever lived
there until 1930, when his parents
moved to Milwaukee, and six
years later came back to Marsh-
field.

He attended Willard D. Purdy
Junior and Marshfield Senior
High Schools, and was employed
at the Weinbrenner shoe factory
before entering service on March
30, 1942.

He received primary training at
Merced, Calif., and attended gun-
nery school at Las Vegas, Nev.,
before going on to complete his
training at other Army air fields.

BY EDDY GILMORE
Moscow— (AP) —The Red Army
pushed the Germans back on a
125-mile front in southern Slo-
vakia today and battled with bat-
tered Nazi garrisons on the out-
skirts of the strongholds of Kassa
and Rimaszombat.

Soviet columns last night were
on three sides of both these heav-
ily defended southeastern Slovak-
ian towns which control highways
and railways connecting with di-
rect routes to Bratislava, Vienna
and Prague to the west.

In advances up to five miles, a
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strong" air opposition and
ed in "unobserved to
bombing results," a com-
said. Three B-29s were l-
Radio Tokyo, heard by
Network, said 55 Ameri-
diers interned at Mukd-
killed or wounded during
7 raid.

Manchuria—Japan's "a-
greater East Asia—has m-
portant steel works, s
and other war industrie
ducing such vital raw
as steel and coal, Manch
sizable stockpiles of p-
rubber, tin and other
looted wealth for the
Armies.

Offensive Predicted
Today's smash coinci-
the Chungking, radio's
that a great American a-
fensive is to be launched
Japan.

This forecast came two
ter the record 1,000-tc
smash at Japanese ins-
at Hankow, China, and
ond major Superfort rail
Nagoya, Nipponese indust-
ter.

NEW YORK TELEP OPERATORS VOTE

New York— (AP) —A ma-
New York City's long
operators have voted to s-
less a \$5 weekly wage in-
approved by the War Lab
officials of local 101, F
of Long Lines Telephone
(Ind.) announced last ni-
Norma Naughton, local i-
man, said 98.3 per cent
172 members voting had
the strike.

JAPS CLAIM DAMAGE AMERICAN BATTLE

(By the Associated Pr-
An unconfirmed Toky-
east today claimed
planes damaged an "en-
ship, presumably a cru-
Philippine water west
Island. The English-
broadcast was received
Federal Communications
ston.

He went overseas about a year
ago, from Kearney, Neb. He had
been home on furlough early in
November, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Roever have three
other sons and a daughter, Wil-
liam Jr. at Brownfield, Texas;
Audrey at Madison; and Don and
James at home.



T/Sgt. John L. Roever

Dec 21
1944