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Minesweepers Perform Task In Formation

London — (P) — In the face of enemy shore batteries and aircraft a gallant minesweeping force of 10,000 British and Americans guided D-day's seaborne assault with greatest minesweeping operations in history.

The great armada of little ships — converted fishing trawlers, coal burners which served in the last war, ships still on the secret list and recently launched in British and American yards — performed their task on a huge scale. The length of sweep wires used to tear loose moored mines stretched nearly 70 miles in all.

With the sweepers steamed other ships which dropped markers to guide the invasion fleet through the cleared seas.

The job had to be completed on a timetable despite gunfire, attacking aircraft and tricky tides. Doggedly the little craft kept perfect formation to make sure the swept lanes went straight to the designated landing points.

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La Crosse, Wis. — (P) — The La Crosse district OPA office instituted suit Monday to collect \$228,558.55 in treble damages from the Ladysmith Milk Producers cooperative at Ladysmith.

The suit was filed in circuit court in Rusk county and was based on alleged overcharges in the sale of sweetened condensed skim milk, plain condensed skim milk, and roller process dried whole milk to Chicago brokers and direct to firms using the products in the manufacture of candy and bakery goods.

Junction City Man Dies in Explosion in Kunming, China

Junction City, Wis. — Private Howard G. Winter was killed in Kunming, China, as result of an explosion of ammunition, according to the war department message received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winter, Route 2, Junction City.

Private Winter was working in a defense plant in St. Paul, Minn., when he entered the army in May, 1942. He was a member of an ordnance and supply group attached to an army air force unit in China.

He was born November 6, 1912, at Waucoma, Iowa, and attended school at Rudolph, Wis., where his parents moved shortly after his birth. He graduated from St. Phillip's parochial school at Rudolph.

Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, Arthur at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Jerome in Milwaukee, and by four sisters, Florabelle, employed in the Boeing Aircraft factory at Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Victor (Paulina) Andres, St. Paul, Minn., and Clara and Joan at home.

Hoan Says He Is Not a Candidate

Milwaukee — (P) — Former Mayor Daniel Hoan said last night that he is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Questioned about reports that nomination papers were being circulated in his behalf, Hoan said he would not file a written declaration of acceptance required to make him a candidate.

"The liberals are running around in circles," said Hoan. "They won't get together like I told them they'd have to do three years ago. . . I'll have nothing to do with that kind of politics."

4th Term Is Cited As Issue In Elections

BY JACK BELL

With the fourth term possibility cited as an issue, voters chose between Democratic and Republican nominees in two New York City congressional elections today as New Mexico citizens nominated governorship candidates and Tennessee Democrats picked national convention delegates.

The fourth term question was brought into New York's 11th district congressional race by Ellsworth B. Buck, Republican, opposing Thomas B. Cantwell, Democratic and American Labor party nominee. Buck has asserted that the most dangerous of what he called "steps on the unhappy road to dictatorship" would be "the continued reelection of one man for president." Endorsing a fourth term, Cantwell praised the administration's policies.

Iowa Democrats gave Senator Guy Gillette a thumping endorsement in his bid for renomination yesterday. He had a lead of almost four to one over Ernest J. Seemann when nearly a third of the precincts had reported. Gillette will run against Gov. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, unopposed for the GOP senate nomination.

Lt. Gov. Robert D. Blue, seeking the Iowa Republican nomination for governor, likewise was far ahead of his nearest rival, Henry W. Burma. Two of the eight Republican representatives running for renomination in Iowa, Fred C. Gilchrist and Henry O. Talle, were trailing opponents.

BLAST RAIL CENTER

London — (P) — RAF bombers Monday night blasted the northwest German railway center of Osnabruck, the air ministry announced today. All planes returned safely, the announcement said.

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