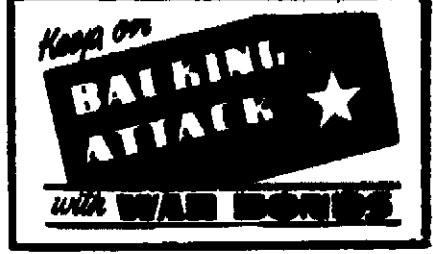




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## 8TH ARMY BEGINS NEW OFFENSIVE IN ITALY

### Yank Airmen Pound Germany

#### RUMORS BUZZING ABOUT MEETING OF 'BIG THREE'

London—(P)—Simultaneously stepped up offensives on three sides of Adolf Hitler's fortress Europe suggested the possibility today that the stage is being set for a momentous war development—probably in the diplomatic field—which is believed both in London and abroad to be imminent.

Intensified aerial assaults on Germany from British bases, an accelerated Soviet drive into White Russia and a spurt in the Italian campaign coincided with continued

#### 300 at Rev. Baumann's Farewell Reception in SS. Peter & Paul Gym

About 300 parishioners packed the gymnasium of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic church here Sunday night to attend the farewell reception for the Rev. Aloysius F. Baumann, who after serving for six years as first assistant pastor of the local church will leave November 30 to become pastor of the Sacred Heart church, Mondovi, Wis.

"He has done excellent work," declared the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Reding, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul church, and a former Baumann's immediate superior. "He has baptized between 300 and 400 children. . . he was always ready for sick calls, or any service that was necessary. Those people whom he has helped into heaven are praying for his success tonight. . . He was very close to me, very kind to me. I'll miss him more than anyone else."

#### FOLLOW UP RAID BY BRITISH ON WESTERN REICH

London—(P)—American heavy bombers supported by fighters attacked targets in northwest Germany today on the heels of an overnight attack on western Germany by the RAF.

While the American heavy bombers were continuing the stepped up, big scale destruction of German war centers, twin-engined American Marauders also streaked out over the channel today to blast at Hitler's air power in a raid on the Nazi airfield at Chievres, in Belgium.

Dare Nazis to Act

The blows directed against Germany both last night had today were in bold defiance of German threats of reprisals for last week's attacks on Berlin, said to have left a third of the Nazi capital in ruins.

#### REPORT PEACE PROPOSAL

Stockholm—(P)—The Bern correspondent of Svenska Dagbladet quoted the Swiss newspaper La Suisse today as saying that Germany had made a new peace proposal to be submitted to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

The three allied leaders, La Suisse said, are reported to be en route to a meeting in North Africa where they will consider the proposal.

#### Requiem Mass in Memory of Port Flier Wednesday

Solemn requiem mass for Staff Sgt. Roger J. Arendt, who was killed in action on November 17, 1942, will be conducted at 9 a. m. Wednesday by the Rev. T. E. Mullen in St. Alexander Catholic church, Port Edwards.

Roger was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Arendt of that village, who received word last week that the plane in which their son was flying from England to North Africa went down in the Bay of Biscay on November 17 of last year. He had been reported missing in December, 1942.

#### Hull Believes Peace Rumors Axis Inspired

Washington—(P)—Secretary of State Hull said today that the current crop of peace rumors apparently are put out to impair the "vigor" of the allied war effort by creating overconfidence.

In response to a press conference question, "Have you any information that would support rumors that a German peace move is afoot either through the Vatican or other channels?" the secretary replied:

"I think I would be safe in authorizing you to quote me entirely in the negative about such rumors at every day's conference until I notify you to the contrary."



CHRISTMAS PACKAGES ARRIVE FROM HOME—Mail call has an even greater attraction than usual for these doughboys dashing to the mail truck loaded with Christmas presents from home for troops in Italy. (AP wirephoto by signal corps radio.)

#### PUSH NORTHWEST OF SANGRO RIVER ALONG ADRIATIC

Allied Headquarters, Algiers—(P)—The Eighth army, called upon by Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery to hit the Germans a "colossal crack" and to drive them north of Rome, struck out in a new offensive in the darkness of Sunday morning from its Sangro bridgeheads and is making good progress in the face of enemy flamethrowers, allied headquarters announced today.

The attack, delivered at night in typical Montgomery style, was preceded and backed by a terrific air onslaught. It was carried out by veteran British, Indian and New Zealand divisions rushing forward in the flashing light of an "exceptionally heavy" artillery barrage.

Bombard Civitanova

Before the Eighth army's wheels were set churning westward from the bridgehead into the enemy's hill positions toward Rome, British destroyers laid down a bombardment on the enemy port of Civitanova, 20 miles south of Ancona on the Adriatic coast.

#### Uncle Sam Is Ready to Tap 300,000 Men For Draft During January

Washington—(P)—Some 300,000 men, far more than the war manpower commission expected to be called, may be tapped by Uncle Sam for military service in January.

WMC had indicated that army draft requirements would drop sharply after the first of the year, but the war department has certified a January call twice as large as expected.

#### GUS OTTO, 76, DIES AT HOME

August C. Otto, 76, always known as Gus Otto, and a prominent business man here for many years, died at his residence, 320 Seventh avenue south, at 8 a. m. Sunday. He had been in ill health for about a year. Death followed a heart attack.

Mr. Otto opened his own drug store here in 1901 and operated it until 1929, when he sold the business to Victor Sandman and Robert Reiland. Since then he has devoted all of his time to his cranberry marsh, which is one of the pioneer marshes located in the town of Cranmoor.

#### Four Killings, One Suicide in Philadelphia

Philadelphia—(P)—Two Philadelphia real estate operators were shot to death in their office today and a short time later a man identified by police as one of their employees shot and killed two women YMCA employees and then committed suicide.

The slayings occurred in widely separated sections of the city.

Detectives McCauley and Neil identified the dead as Samuel Clokey, 68, treasurer of the nationally famous Baptist Temple, his real estate partner, David Fink, 47, Mae Chappel, 29, a YMCA maid; Mrs. Nora Harley, 26, assistant to Henry Packer, executive secretary of the Christian street YMCA, and William Harrison, 58, real estate salesman who lived at the YMCA. Harrison and the women were Negroes.

#### BOMBERS POUND 8 JAP POSITIONS

(By the Associated Press)

The probable sinking of a Japanese cruiser, reports of 2,000 enemy dead on Bougainville island and intensified aerial activity highlighted a busy week-end in the southwest Pacific theater of war while construction crews moved into the newly-won Gilberts to the north-east.

A Liberator heavy bomber patrolling St. George channel between New Britain and New Ireland islands Friday night dropped a 1,000-pound bomb squarely on the Japanese base at Makin.

#### Estimate \$2,000 Fire Loss Sunday

Firemen Sunday answered two calls, one at the James Brockman home, 621 Saratoga street, where fire in the attic burned through the roof and caused damage estimated by firemen at approximately \$2,000. Firemen were called at 12:15 p. m. and crews of two fire trucks fought the blaze until nearly 2 p. m.

At 4 p. m. two trucks responded to a haystack blaze at the Mrs. William Powell home, 1311 Sixteenth street south, where minor damage occurred.

#### Japanese Retire in Disorder in China

Chungking—(P)—Japanese forces who have been attempting to seize the vital city of Changteh, gateway to Chongsha, have been beaten back and are retiring in disorder, fragmentary reports reaching here today.

The Japanese have hurled waves of infantry at the city, supported by continuous artillery fire and air bombardment. The Chinese defenders fought back stubbornly.

#### Poll Shows Farmers Favor Subsidies

Washington—(P)—Two mid-west Republican representatives said today farmers in their districts favor use of food subsidies as a check on inflation, despite congressional uncertainty and opposition to such a program from some farm organizations.

Representative O'Konski (R-Wis.) said that, in reply to 1,000 post cards he sent to farmers in his district, 474 said they favored subsidies and 218 were opposed.

#### Man Is Critically Injured With Ax

Medford, Wis.—(P)—Jim French, 77, was in a critical condition at a local hospital today with wounds which undersheriff John McQuillen of Taylor county said apparently had been inflicted with an ax.

McQuillen said that a service station attendant was called to the nearby French residence Saturday night by Mrs. French and found the aged man lying on the floor bleeding profusely. The ax lay nearby the undersheriff said.

#### Fun-Minded Folks Expected For 8-County Meet Saturday

Individuals and groups from an eight-county area are arranging transportation and making final preparations to attend the one-day recreation leadership training center to be held at Wood county normal school here on Saturday, December 4. The intensive program of recreation training is sponsored by the State Recreation Leaders' laboratory, and is under the direction of representatives of county and normal schools, church groups of all denominations, county agricultural and home demonstration agents, and boy and girl scouts.

#### Liberty Ship, Tanker Sunk Near Colombia

Baiba, C. Z.—(P)—An American Liberty ship was torpedoed and sunk, with the loss of 16 lives, and an American tanker sent down with the loss of 12 lives in the same general area, subsequent to the sinking of the Colombian inter-island motor schooner Ruby, 15th U. S. naval headquarters announced today.

#### Stresses Obligation to Returning Vets

South Bend, Ind.—(P)—"We'll start a bonfire that will burn that Washington squirrel cage down unless the men returning from war get their just deserts," Warren H. Atherton of Stockton, Calif., national commander of the American Legion, declared at a war bond sales meeting Sunday at the University of Notre Dame.

#### Girl Pilot Dies When Her Plane Crashes

Beloit, Wis.—(P)—Miss Loreta Schieffer, 19, Rock county, was killed this afternoon when the plane she was piloting brushed wings with another just east of here and plummeted to the earth. H. A. Schultz, chief of detectives for the coroner's office, said.

#### Plane Missing With Army Nurses Aboard

Allied Headquarters, Algiers—(P)—Thirteen United States army nurses have been missing since Nov. 8 when a transport plane in which they were flying from Africa to the east coast of Italy overshoot its destination in bad weather. The last word from the plane was a message received while it presumably was over the Adriatic. It never arrived at the allied field.

#### THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Warmer Tuesday and in northwest and north central portions tonight.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 64; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 21.

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