

War Reporter's Notebook

BY HAL BOYLE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 8.—(Delayed)—(AP)—In recent days Private Art Brandt, 29, of Long Island City, N. Y., has distributed more than 1,000 Christmas packages to service boys by friends and relatives.

Fear Mounts Throughout The Balkans

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Turkey and Germany have stationed troops along the opposite sides of the Turkish border facing Bulgaria and Greece, a state of emergency has been declared along the entire boundary and all traffic has been halted, reports from Bern, Switzerland, and the Bulgarian capital said today.

Rail Center Outflanked By Russians

MOSCOW (AP)—Smashing Red Army gains which outflanked the strategic Dnieper bend rail center of Znamenka and severed the important Znamenka-Nikolaev railroad threatened the encirclement today of tens of thousands of German troops concentrated on the west bank of the lower Dnieper River.

Drive To Sweep Marshalls Looms

PEARL HARBOR (AP)—Japan's hard hit navy and air force, trying to bolster the Marshall Islands against possible invasion by Allied forces on the adjacent Gilbert Islands, have lost six more ships and 72 more planes.

High Winds Fan Flames

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—High winds and flames whipped through widely scattered coastal areas of Central California today and reports indicated damage would be in the millions of dollars.

Keep Swinging Girls, Army Rejects Sinatra

NEWARK, N. J.—(AP)—Women and girls can continue to wear and play an instrument to music happily, for the United States Army today declared Frankie Crooner's swing and jitterbug music is not objectionable for military service.

Chinese Announce Recapture Of Important City Of Changteh

CHUNGKING (AP)—The Chinese High Command announced today that Changteh, one of the strategically important cities of Changteh in Hunan Province, which fell to the Japanese Dec. 3 after many days of bloody fighting.

Great Tests Still Ahead

WASHINGTON (AP)—The progress achieved in two years of war gives the military a confidence for encouragement and hope, Secretary of War Stimson said today, but he warned that the most "critical tests" are yet to come.

Turk Comment On Parley Guarded

ANKARA, Turkey, Dec. 8.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Foreign Minister Numan Menemencioğlu said today that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill had left Turkey closer to the Allied camp.

Dalmatian Attack Seen

CAIRO Dec. 8.—(Delayed)—British Allied air observers on Tuesday in Yugoslavia particularly in Croatia, apparently have detected the Germans and their satellites, that the Allies are planning on Dalmatian beachhead.

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Japan Moves To Berlin

BERLIN (AP)—The Japanese High Command announced today that it had moved its headquarters to Berlin, Germany, after the capture of the city.

Heart Attacks Kill Colorado Congressman

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