

Helmets
Stretched
For Use Of
War Birds

By HAL BOTTE
AN AMERICAN AIR BASE IN ITALY, Dec. 10—(Delayed)—Major Louis Hoffman, a medical officer with the 488th Central Postal Directory, is a practical man. For several years he has been studying problems in aviation medicine and recently charts made under his supervision disclosed that from 15 to 27 per cent of combat casualties in fighter and bomber planes resulted from head wounds.

He developed a simple remedy. He devised a hand screw which stretched the helmet to the desired size. Then he set a space of three lines so the earphones would fit snugly and put metal snaps in the sweatband and webbing so that another

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Churchill
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Weather
Fair and slightly warmer tonight with low temperature of 25, fair and slightly warmer tomorrow.

FR Sees Peace For Generation
Evolving From Big Parleys

WASHINGTON (AP)—Peace for this generation may evolve from the Cairo-Teheran conference, says President Roosevelt, back at his White House desk today after a 39-day, 25,000-mile trip that he has called, by sea, by air, by a threat to his personal safety.

Torture & Death In German-Ruled Knarkov Revealed

Hair Pulled From Beards; Pins Stuck In Women; Death Cards Used
By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW (AP)—A German police corporal, who upon his own testimony achieved near perfection in the practice of torture, and an alleged Russian traitor who worked for the Nazi police piled up details today of the horrors inflicted upon the Knarkov population during the Nazi occupation.

Reds Strike Hard In White Russia

LONDON (AP)—Troops of Gen. Ivan S. Konev's Second Ukrainian Army have strengthened their encirclement of the industrial city of Kirovograd, killing 800 counter-attacking Germans, Moscow announced today as Nazi sources reported new and heavy fighting in White Russia.

Partisans On Offensive

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Roosevelt, Rail Men To Talk

CLEVELAND (AP)—Railroad leaders and heads of the five operating brotherhoods will meet with President Roosevelt tomorrow in an effort to avert a nationwide strike ordered to start today by the National Railroad Laborers' Union.

Sixth Army Holds Cape Merkus Area

Troops Continue To Advance
By ASAHEL BUSH
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, N. W. GUINEA (AP)—Troops of the United States Sixth Army have occupied the entire Cape Merkus Peninsula in the Arave sector of New Britain Island, and are continuing to advance, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced tonight.

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WOUNDED SOUTHERNER HELPED FROM PLANE—The wounded rear member of an Avenger bomber plane, Aviator Ordnanceman Kenneth Bratton of Mississippi, is helped from the turret after the plane landed on the flight deck of the USS Saratoga after participating in the Nov. 1 task force raid on Rabaul. Helping him is Lt. Julie Jackson of Southern California, former all-American football player. Photographer's Mate First Class Paul Barnett of Corpus Christi, a member of the same plane's crew, was killed while photographing approaching Jap Zero. (Official U. S. Navy photo.)

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The Register, crediting "well-informed sources" for its information, said "this reversal" of plans apparently stemmed from the recent Middle East conferences between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, stating "some decision must have been made by the latter."

Americans Pierce To San Pietro Outskirts

8th Army Blasts
15 Nazi Tanks
By WES GALLAGHER
LETTERHEADQUARTERS, AP (AP)—A Fifth Army phosgene movement closed in today on the heavily fortified village of San Pietro, seven miles south-east of Cassino, as the Eighth Army reported capturing or destroying 15 German tanks in a series of armored battles on the other side of the peninsula.

American troops reached the outskirts of San Pietro, where they had to hand fighting continued for the second straight day as the doughboys dug the Germans out of their pillboxes one by one.

The attack on San Pietro was accompanied by another in the village of San Pietro, south of the town of Cassino, where the Germans had reinforced their defenses of the hills with a new station, the Fifth Mountain Division had come direct from the front.

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