

Chattering Bird Goes On Flight Missions

AN AMERICAN AIRBASE IN ITALY, Dec. 27—The only chattering parrot in the Fifteenth Air Force is Jock, who enlisted in Brazil, has been flying for 100 hours and has been put in for the Air Medal.

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Slavs Drive Nazis Back

LONDON—(AP)—German troops fell back before fierce Yugoslav partisan attacks in Croatia, Marshal Josip Broz Tito announced today while farther south in the embattled Ljubovo Duvno sector of Western Bosnia, several hundred Nazis were reported killed in fighting of mounting intensity.

The communally-organized Germans sent a column into the town of Glance, about 10 miles north of Ljubovo, but the war bulletin by Tito, known as "The Red Book," said that the order toward their base at Ljubovo, after suffering heavy losses in men and equipment.

New Jap Plan Of Education

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Japanese Government has completed plans for a major revision of the national system of higher education in conformity with the lowering of the conception age according to a dispatch by the Japanese Demographic Agency reported today to the Office of War Information.

Battleship Duke of York Took Part In Scharnhorst Death Fight

LONDON—(AP)—The British battleship Duke of York and a force of destroyers participated in the naval battle which resulted in the sinking of the German battleship Scharnhorst, the British fleet announced tonight.

Canadians Cleaning Up Port City Yanks Tighten Mountain Hold

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers—(AP)—The Germans were reported today to have turned flame throwers on Canadian Eighth Army troops who were battling their way at bayonet point through the streets of Ortona, in a grimly desperate defense of the Nazi communications to Rome from the coast.

The German Transoceanic news agency announced the Germans had evacuated the Adriatic port. (Quoting "competent" German sources, the agency broadcast that the German "well-prepared positions immediately to the north of the city.")

Secret Navy Weapons Used Against Japs

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy is using secret weapons in a "baiting" operation in the Pacific. The Secretary of the Navy Knox reported today. He gave no details.

Germany Report Allied Warships Heavily Sailed

LONDON—(AP)—The German navy, DNB, said today that an Allied warship attempting to enter the Baltic Sea had been destroyed by German submarines.

Reds Warn Bulgaria

MOSCOW—(AP)—An article in Pravda, official Communist Party newspaper, said Bulgaria to withdraw from the war.

Tedder Appointed Gen. Eisenhower's Invasion Deputy

LONDON—(AP)—In a move which clearly foreshadowed the mighty role air power will play in the main invasion of Europe, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, Britain's master air strategist, today was appointed deputy to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied invasion armies.

Reds Move Nearer Rumania & Poland

MOSCOW—(AP)—Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army swung southwest of Kiev today in a new plunge toward Rumania and the old Polish border, cutting two railroads out of the Germans' fast-growing network of communications and threatening the flank of the enemy forces along the lower Dnieper River.

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Weather

Cloudy, with little change in temperature, and light to moderate rain this afternoon. A few showers of rain, mostly cloudy and slightly colder with light rain.

Most Of Steel Workers Obeying Murray's Orders To Work Again

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—A one-day walkout by more than 100,000 steel workers appeared ended today with the granting of their demands for possible retroactive pay from the new contracts now being negotiated.

Troops To Be Used In Case Of Necessity

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Public Not Affected

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5th Army Only At Fight's Start

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers—(AP)—The Fifth Army at the time of the original Salerno landings was composed of just one American division and two British divisions.