

The You Can't Get Away From Bari "Pirates"

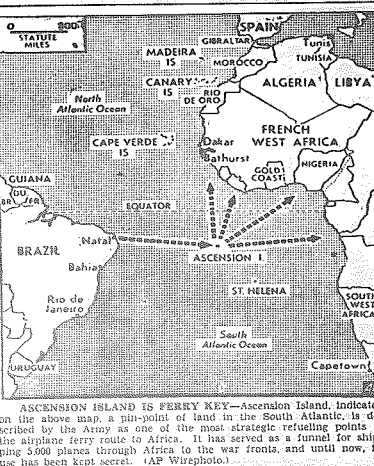
By HAL BOYLE... Bari, Italy, Dec. 31—(Delayed) The Bari "pirates" were a more persistent bunch of pirates than the ragamuffin generation now leaving the Bari waterfront.

Heavy Burma Ground Fight... NEW DELHI—(AP)—In what appears to have been one of the heaviest ground actions in months on the Burma front, Allied troops advancing east of the Maw range in Western Burma have thrown back strong Japanese counter attacks with heavy enemy casualties.

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ASCENSION ISLAND IS FERRY KEY—Ascension Island, indicated on the above map, is a small island in the South Atlantic, it is described by the Army as one of the most strategic refueling points in the airplane ferry route to Africa.

Sweep Through Great Hole In Nazi Defenses

Mannstein's Forces Split By Tremendous Offensive of Russians... MOSCOW—(AP)—Russian forces streaming through the greatest hole yet torn in Nazi defenses have broken into the outer Bug River defenses in a driving offensive that has split the routed remnants of Nazi Gen. Von Mannstein's legions and carried to within 30 miles of the river itself, front line dispatches said today.

Changes At Vichy Made

Stockholm, Sweden—(AP)—The formation of the Vichy Government in France under "friendly German direction" has been accomplished after a long crisis at Vichy, the Associated Press correspondent reported today.

Marines Capture Cape Gloucester

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA—(AP)—Sweeping the jungle with hundreds of dead Japanese, United States Marines captured savagely-defended Cape Gloucester and its airfield four days and a few hours after a seaborne force from New Guinea invaded that northwest New Britain strong point. Today the surviving Japanese faced entrapment.

5th Troops Stage Big Coast Raid

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS (AP)—Fifth Army troops carried out a large scale raid along the west coast of Italy north of the Garigliano River yesterday, and seized the initiative from the Germans along the long stalemated and water-logged front in that sector, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Rail Unions Rebuff F. R.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Presidential attempts to arbitrate the railroad wage dispute met with little success yesterday, as the rail unions refused to return to the Government and to accept the proposed wage demands.

Secret Bombing Weapon Described

NEW YORK—(AP)—A secret instrument that helps Allied bombers strike targets through clouds has been described by a Swedish scientist as a "teletelegraphic apparatus using infra-red rays," the Associated Press said today.

Hitler Tune Mourful

LONDON—(AP)—Adolf Hitler grimly told the German people in a New Year's message today that "in his war there will be no victors and losers but merely survivors and annihilated."

Heavy Partisan Losses Reported

CAIRO, Egypt—(AP)—The Partisan Force of the Middle East (P.F.M.E.) has suffered heavy losses in recent weeks of operations in the Dnieper area of northwestern Yugoslavia, the Royal Yugoslav Government in exile said today.

Orders To Evacuate French Strip Reported

MADRID—(AP)—Recent articles in the Madrid press have indicated that the German authorities have issued orders to evacuate the French people only in the event of a German withdrawal from an eighteen-mile coastal strip extending from the Bay of Biscay to the Atlantic.

Shipyard Set Another Record

RICHMOND, Calif.—(AP)—The launching of the Liberty freighter George Lusk, the fourth Kaiser shipyard vessel, today set a yard production record of 306 vessels of all types for 1943.

Gloucester Capture Means Allied Fliers To Hit In Bismarck Waters

By C. YATES McDaniel... ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA—(AP)—Allied fighters have been seen attacking Cape Gloucester airbase on New Britain from the American-Soviet fleet on Japanese holdovers in the Bismarck Archipelago.

FR's Cold Turns Into Grippe

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt's cold had turned into the grippe today, and the White House said he had a fever.

Day of Prayer Tomorrow

WASHINGTON—(AP)—By proclamation, President Roosevelt formally set tomorrow as a National Day of Prayer for "strength and fortitude for the problems of war."

WEATHER... Fair with light variable winds.