

Army Men Believe In Writing Data Down

By HAL BOYLE AN AMERICAN AIRBASE IN ITALY, Dec. 26—(Delayed)—The present AEP must be the most literary Army in history.

Boyle him the first dark night as they sometimes did in the old days of direct action.

Which reminds me of my friend, Lt. Leo Harris, of Flint, Mich., an officer in the 2nd Army.

There is a private who has fallen out with his sergeant because he doesn't write a letter.

There is a private who is getting an inside view of one of the great operations of the war.

There is a private who is writing a book called "Two Stripes and You're Out."

Destroyer Sinks After Explosion In New York Bay

Thousands Awakened by Blast; At Least 163 Known Survivors

NEW YORK (AP)—A United States destroyer sank in lower New York Bay today after an explosion of undetermined origin which shook many sections of the metropolitan area and awakened thousands before dawn.

The explosion, which occurred at 6:18 A. M. (EST), on the ship, which was anchored in the harbor, was heard in the northeast of Sandy Hook, N. J., was preparing to move, was so terrific, the navy said.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS (AP)—Heavy fighting raged north of Ortona where Canadian troops have fought their way to within nine miles and artillery range of the strategic Adriatic port of Pescara.

Much French Raid Damage

LONDON (AP)—The American daylight bombing raid on the suburbs of Paris and Southern France air bases Friday did heavy damage to the big Hispano-Suiza airplane control plant and two can ball-bearing plants, and destroyed at least 25 grounded planes.

New Attack Comes While Sunday Raid Fires Burn

28 British Planes Lost In Assault

By GLADWIN HILL LONDON (AP)—Berlin, the RAF's first target for 1944, was given its second scorching bath of fire and bombs of the New Year today by British airmen who delivered their tenth great blow against the German capital.

The RAF's second 1,000-ton assault in less than 24 hours on the sprawling capital was made through a heavy smoke screen.

The number two workshop at the Heilmann—Singer works was damaged by seven direct hits and the number one shop direct two hits, resulting in extensive damage to machinery and machine shops.

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RUSSIAN NEAR POLAND—The Red Army was in position to train its gunsights on old Poland today as it swept to within ten miles of the frontier.

AMERICANS IN NEW INVASION THRUSS

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea (AP)—Americans landed at Seiden, New Guinea, captured the harbor and airfield and pinched off Japanese forces struggling in the jungle against the Australian advance.

COURT RULES IN OPA CASE

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court ruled unanimously today that revocation of an OPA maximum price report for duty before present indictment and conviction for violation of its provisions at a time when it remained in force.

Capture Last Big Obstacle Before Border

Novograd Volynsk Falls Into Hands of Driving Russian Forces

LONDON (AP)—Driving to within fifteen miles of the pre-war Polish border, advance Russian forces today captured Novograd Volynsk, last major obstacle between the Russian armies and the old frontier in the Shitomir region.

Curley Again Indicted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Representative James M. Curley, Democrat, Massachusetts, was indicted a second time today by a Federal Grand Jury here in connection with the so-called "Curtis Case."

Draft Objectors Must Report For Service

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court ruled today that a draft registrant who objects to the classification given him by a draft board may not sue to prevent the board from classifying him before he can test in the courts the validity of the board's action.

Nazi Propagandists Pouring Out Heavy Volume Of Invasion Talk

LONDON (AP)—German propaganda outlets poured forth a stream of invasion talk today as an increasing number of American troops thronged the streets of London.

Bulletin Bulgarian Government Reported Fallen

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP)—Jan. 2 (Delayed)—All telephone and telegraph communications between Bulgaria and the rest of the world were broken off today, and it was rumored that the Bulgarian Government of Premier Bogdan Filchev had fallen.

Believe Allies Might Strike In Yugoslavia

STOCKHOLM (AP)—A Budapest dispatch to the Stockholm-Tidningen today said rumors circulating in Belgrade said that the Allies were setting the stage for an invasion of Yugoslavia by making landings and establishing bridgeheads on the small islands off the Dalmatian coast in the Adriatic.

Partisans Occupy Half Of Mining-Forest City

LONDON (AP)—Yugoslav Partisans have occupied half of the mining and forest city of Zlatibor in central Bosnia and staff headquarters of the Second German Tank Army entrusted with the defense of the Nazi-held Adriatic coast, the Yugoslav liberation army announced today.

WEATHER Partly cloudy and slightly cooler tonight. Tuesday, fair with showers.