

# NAZIS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES IN ITALY FIGHT

## Situation Upsets Usual Rule Of Defenders Sustaining Heaviest Casualties

The following article is the second of two based on a report to the War Department by Col. Albert S. J. Stovall, cavalry, who returned from the Western Front theatre where he served as an observer for the Army ground forces.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(INS)—The price in human life that the United States forces are paying for victory in Italy is below the toll paid by the German army for defeat, Col. Albert S. J. Stovall, cavalry, said today in a report made public by the War Department.

Col. Stovall's summary emphasized the German casualties on the Italian front—as in Sicily—are consistently higher than American despite the fact that military leaders have generally accepted as axiomatic that an army on the offensive must pay a heavier toll than a defending force.

"Our leaders in Sicily and in Italy have not been content to trade a life for a life, a casualty for a casualty," Stovall said. "Every time an American soldier has lost his life or been wounded, you can figure that more German soldiers were casualties."

If the going up the Italian "boot" seems slow to the American public, it is because "consistently the American army has traded material for sweat and sweat for blood," Stovall said.

"By that I mean that where shells or machines could do the job, they have, and where a great deal of sweat—that is, time and toil—could do the job, that method has been chosen over one that would have been shorter and more spectacular—and bloodier."

Citing another reason why our losses have not been disproportionately heavy in either campaign, Stovall declared we are not fighting a "calendar campaign."

"We are not told that we must take this objective or that objective by a certain time," he said. "We could say, 'take Rome' or we could say, 'take Rome by Dec. 25.' There is all the difference in the world in how those two orders might have to be carried out. We might 'take Rome' with a minimum number of casualties. To 'take Rome by Dec. 25' might cost an untold number of human lives."

"In my opinion," he continued, "almost any army can take almost any objective—and achieve a spectacular victory—if it is willing to pay the price. The unspectacular campaign may be just as effective and at much less cost. That's another reason why we're not trading a casualty for a casualty."

Col. Stovall explained that statistics back up his claim that Americans are exacting a high price from the enemy for every casualty they suffer.

"Since the enemy has been retreating, figures on his dead can be arrived at by counting enemy graves—and they are marked—and by bodies left on the battlefields. We do have to use a certain percentage figure to arrive at the wounded."

"Statistics reveal the number of wounded from the number of German dead—particularly since we know these relative figures among our own troops, and there is no reason to believe that enemy percentages in the same action will not bear about the same proportion as ours."

"And weighing every doubtful factor in favor of minimum losses by the enemy, there is no doubt that his casualty rate is much higher."

"The Seventh Army in Sicily kept statistics on this very question," he said. "I saw these records at Seventh Army headquarters in San Stefano during the campaign. There was, of course, no contest as far as prisoners were concerned—the number of prisoners we took far outnumbered our men captured by the enemy. There also was a decided advantage in our favor in every other classification, including killed and wounded."

Col. Stovall, illustrating how American commanders have traded "material for sweat and sweat for blood," recounted an episode that occurred in Gangi Heights sector in Sicily.

"Two small, hard-fighting infantry teams by-passed a strongly

# Pat O'Brien To Guest For Bill Stern Friday

Pat O'Brien, one of movieland's most ardent sports fans, will be guest on Bill Stern's program Friday, WEAF, 9:30 p. m. EST. Pat fulfilled a lifetime ambition with the completion of his latest picture, "The Iron Major." It is the life of the late Frank Cavanaugh, former football coach at Fordham university and Boston college and hero of World War I.

Musically ringing out the old year, Dr. Frank Black conducts his concert orchestra and chorus in a program of favorites thru the years on Friday at 10 p. m. over Station WEAF. The orchestra plays "Ridin' High" and "Skater's Waltz," and the chorus joins the instrumentalists in the Bach-Guonod "Ave Maria." Lucille Manners, soprano, sings "Kentucky Babe" and "My Romance," and Ross Graham's baritone solo is the "Rangers' Song" from "Rio Rita."

Jimmy Durante confides that he asked Garry Moore to lend him twenty dollars but to give him only ten of it. "Now," says Jimmy, "he owes me ten and I owe him ten so we're even." Such mad reasoning goes on during the Durante-Moore broadcast scheduled for WABC Friday, at 9 p. m., and 10 p. m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 Eastern War Time P.M.—Subtract One Hour for CWT, 2 Hrs. for MWT. (Changes in programs as listed due to corrections by actives made too late to incorporate.)

5:15—Portia Faces Life, Drama—nbc Dick Tracy, a Detective Serial—nbc Fun With Dunn, Eddie Dunn—nbc Black Hood, Dramatic Serial—nbc 5:30—Just Plain Bill, Drama—nbc The Landlady Singing Along—nbc The Jack Armstrong Serial—nbc-east The Sea Found in Repeat—nbc-west Chick Carter, Detective Serial—nbc 5:45—Front Page Farrell Serial—nbc Captain Midnight's Serial—nbc-east American Women, Drama Series—nbc Serial Series for Kiddies—nbc-basic 6:00—News Report for 15 minutes—nbc Children's Dramatic Skit, Daily—nbc Quincy Howe and News Time—nbc 6:15—Serenade to America, Talk—nbc Captain Tim Haley Spy Story—nbc 6:30—The Star Line, Drama—nbc Lanny and Ginger with Songs—nbc 6:45—Jack Armstrong serial—nbc 7:00—The Star Line, Drama—nbc News Time and Variety Hour—nbc 7:15—To Be Announced (15 min.)—nbc 7:30—The Star Line, Drama—nbc Capt. Midnight in Repeat—nbc World News and Commentary—nbc Repeat of Kiddie Serial—nbc 7:45—Fred Waring's Time—nbc-basic Organ, Archie Andrews, Drama—nbc 8:00—Love a Mystery, Drama—nbc Fulton Lewis, Jr. Comments—nbc 8:15—World War via Broadcast—nbc 8:30—News Report for 15 minutes—nbc The Johnson Family, a Serial—nbc 8:45—The Star Line, Drama—nbc 9:00—The Star Line, Drama—nbc 9:15—Friday on Broadway—nbc-basic Capitolators and Keyboards—nbc-Dixie Crane Bowl Football Preview—nbc 9:30—Kaltenborn and Comment—nbc 9:45—Lucille Manners, Dr. Black—nbc 10:00—The Star Line, Drama—nbc The Kate Smith Variety Show—nbc 10:15—Batter Comments on War—nbc 10:30—The Star Line, Drama—nbc Meet Your Neighbor, Great Lakes—nbc Fulton Oursler, News Answers—nbc 10:45—Time Hit Parade Times—nbc 11:00—The Star Line, Drama—nbc The Cisco Kid Drama of West—nbc 11:15—The Star Line, Drama—nbc 9:00—Abe Lyman's Waltz Time—nbc Gang Busters' Anti-Crime Play—nbc 10:00—The Star Line, Drama—nbc Gabriel Heatter and Comment—nbc 10:15—Grace Fields and Comedy—nbc 10:30—People Are Funny, a Quiz—nbc Spotlight Bands, Guest Orchestras—nbc That Brewster Boy, Drama—nbc 10:45—The Star Line, Drama—nbc 11:00—Harry Wismer Sports Time—nbc 11:15—Amos and Andy in Comedy—nbc 11:30—The Star Line, Drama—nbc Garry Moore and Jimmy Durante—nbc To Be Announced (15 min.)—nbc 10:15—The Star Line, Drama—nbc Arch Ward's Sports Preview—nbc 10:30—Bill Stern Sports & Guests—nbc 10:45—The Star Line, Drama—nbc Stage Door Canteen and Variety—nbc 11:00—Hour of Dancing Music—nbc 11:15—The Star Line, Drama—nbc 11:30—News for 15 Minutes—nbc-basic The Fred Waring repeat—nbc-west News, Variety Dance 2 h. nbc & cbs Comment, Dance Orch. (2 hr.) nba 11:45—Late Variety With News—nbc

EST. The zanies will ring out the old year until it hollers uncle! This closing year has been a pretty tough one, and no one could personally fit better than Edward G. Robinson. The famous portrayal of screen "tough guys" will do just that on the Amos 'n' Andy New Year's broadcast, Friday, at 9 p. m. EST over WEAF.

# WAPAK MARINE TELLS PARENTS ABOUT TARAWA

(Lima News Bureau) WAPAKONETA, Dec. 31—The battle of Tarawa was termed a "living hell" in a letter written by Pvt. Dean Burden to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Burden, E. Pearl-st., the first in more than three months.

Parts of his letter follow: "I don't know how to start this letter. All I can say is that I'm a lucky guy to be writing you."

"I was on the island of Betio of the Tarawa atoll, fighting those yellow skunks. I was one of the boys in the first wave that hit the island. I can tell you it was a living hell. I suppose I don't have to bore you with all this talk about the fighting here as I imagine you've seen it in all the papers."

"They say it was the bloodiest battle in the history of the Marine Corps. All that I can say is that I'm very lucky to be writing this letter that I have been writing for several days."

"I that I would be home for Christmas this year but I guess I will have to wait until next Christmas and hope to be home by then. It will soon be a year that I have been overseas, but I guess I don't have anything to gripe about as there are some fellows here that have been overseas since the war started."

"I had a very small operation and, in itself, not too important," he said, "but it does illustrate the two ways of operating. Multiply it by hundreds of times and you get some idea why German casualties are running higher than ours."

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# NEW LOCK GIVEN HIGH PRAISE BY ARMY ENGINEERS

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The great new MacArthur lock, one of America's 1943 production miracles, received official approbation today for its part in feeding the war-vital steel mills to keep arms output at high speed.

In the first formal report on the new lock's contribution to the speeding of iron ore thru the Soo canal of the Great Lakes, the United States Army engineers' office at Detroit emphasized the magnitude of shipments in the face of weather handicaps.

The MacArthur lock, named in honor of the American general, was built at a cost of approximately \$14,000,000 in 13 months and was acclaimed an engineering masterpiece.

A month shorter than the 1942 season with the weather tying up ships in the spring, the shipping season just completed nevertheless sent only nine per cent less iron ore thru the Soo, the engineers office reported.

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# POPEYE—"YOU CAN'T LOSE!"

# BLONDIE—SHE SHOULD ALSO DO THAT TO HIS SHOES

# AUGLAIZE JURY MEETS MONDAY

(Lima News Bureau) WAPAKONETA, Dec. 31.—But four cases, all of minor importance, will be probed by the January term of Auglaize-co grand jurors Monday when they convene in the courthouse here for the opening of a new term in common pleas court. Prosecutor Paul O. Boesel intimated that the "special investigators" would complete their probe in one day.

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