

## 5th Army Pincers Nears San Pietro; Tanks in Battles

land to Hand Fighting Continues as Americans Dig Germans Out of Pillboxes on Outskirts of Heavily Fortified Village Today.

Only One Road to Escape  
Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A Fifth Army pincer movement closed in today on the heavily fortified village of San Pietro, seven miles southeast 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 hand-to-hand fighting continued for the second straight day as the doughboys dug the Germans out of their pillboxes one by one.

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Reliefers Defense Hills  
The critical nature of the struggle on the Fifth Army front was evidenced by the fact that the Germans had reinforced their defense of the hills with a new division, the Fifth Mountain division, which a military commentator said had come direct from Russia.

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Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The coal wage dispute came close to a definite settlement today after nearly a year of wrangling but a railroad controversy still had its harsh gratings.

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## May Command Invasion Forces



General Eisenhower, center, above, welcoming President Roosevelt at the airport in Casablanca, Sicily, may have been picked as commander of the Allied forces to invade France from Britain, according to the Army and Navy Register. Eisenhower is to tackle the job original reports had slated for Gen. Marshall, who, it is reported, is to remain in his position as chief of staff of the U. S. Army.

## Liquor, Taxes Twin Issues For Senate

Two-Fisted Floor Fight Affecting Both Impends; Whiskey Held.  
Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Liquor and taxes, which started out as separate congressional problems, turned out to be twins in the Senate today. A two-fisted floor fight, affecting both, impends.

Lewis, Mine Owners Sign Wage Terms  
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## 6th Army Occupies Merkus Peninsula; Continues to Gain

Takes Complete Control Of Neck of Land Flanking Arave Harbor; No Distinct Battleline Established; Scattered Enemy Resistance Eliminated By American Forces.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, New Guinea, Dec. 18.—(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. General MacArthur's headquarters announced tonight that the invasion forces which landed four days ago complete control of the three-mile neck of land flanking the Arave harbor on the southwest coast of the big island, and leading toward the site of the presently unserviceable air strip.

Plans Shift For Leader Of Invasion  
Belief Is Expressed Marshall to Stay in Press-Counter-Attacking Forces.  
Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The official but usually authoritative Army and Navy register expressed belief today that revised plans would place Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in charge of the invasion of western Europe and that Gen. George C. Marshall, previously in charge of the invasion of the American-British forces, would continue in his present post as U. S. Army chief of staff.

Storm Troop Leader Gives Hitler Blame  
Says Fuehrer Responsible for Reign of Cruelty in Soviet Union; Documents Falsified.  
Moscow, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A Nazi storm troop commander was quoted today as telling a Kharkov court trying him for murder as a war criminal that "there was no question of international law" on the eastern front—Adolf Hitler was the man responsible for the reign of cruelty in the Soviet Union.

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Partisan Units Hit Nazis Hard  
Seize Initiative After Breaking Heaviest German Assaults Yet.  
London, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Yugoslav partisans have gone over to the counter-offensive in the Balkans, seizing the initiative after breaking the heaviest German assaults yet launched against the liberated territory, it was announced today.

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## Big Munitions Plant Blasted During Raid

Swedish Engineer Tells Of Violent Explosion Shaking Berlin During British Air Attack.  
Stockholm, Dec. 18.—(AP)—One of Berlin's largest munitions factories in suburban Rabelsberg was blown up by the R.A.F.'s Thursday night raid, a Swedish engineer just returned from the Reich capital said today.

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The Weather  
Forecast of U. S. Weather Bureau  
Fair tonight and Sunday; moderate temperatures and moderate winds.

Flashes!  
(Late Bulletin of the AP Wire)  
Held for Superior Court  
Bridgeport, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Whaling examination on charges of conspiracy, three participants in a false hold-up in which a \$2,775 payroll was stolen from the Fairbank Company was taken over by Superior court when arraigned before Judge D. Harold Cotter in City Court today.







**How Manchester Boys Fought in So. Pacific**

Zealand had one company under command... the 16th Infantry left their bases for service in the South Pacific...

Our company was made up of the original... from the Training Battalion... to Camp Shelby...

As they came over the gun range, always on the alert... The enemy had received... from the Training Battalion...

The division was made up of... to help to their common... to help to their common...

Orders were received for us to move out... to help to their common... to help to their common...

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Recite Epic Story of South Pacific Battles... Sgt. Jerry Lovett... Pvt. William Adams...

Rehearsal of the Adult Choir... Church of the Nazarenes... Rev. James A. Young, Pastor...

Public Hearing Plan Rejected... Fairfield Selectmen Refuse Open Sessions in Bennett Case...

Straton Reaches Moscow by Plane... The British... the Soviet Union...

Deaths Last Night... San Diego, Calif. — George N. Peck, 70, administrator of the Red Cross...

Deaths Last Night... A death toll of 23 was reported in Manila...

Churches... Manchester Methodist Church... North Main Street...

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Influenza Deaths Soar to New High... In the first six days of the week...

Rationing Data... Furnished by OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION...

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Final Service For Organist... J. Thurston Noe to Have Special Christmas Program...

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Bullet Wound In Right Leg... Morris Silverstein, 12 son of Mrs. E. S. Silverstein...

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Angott Wins Over Ruffin In N.Y. Bout... NBA Champion Takes Play Away from Him in Floor in First...

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Miss Susick In Bowl Tilt At Pasadena... Washington Huskies Are Weak on Passes; But Trojan Lack Good Passer, Also...

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Meriden opposes Manchester at Rec 38-26... Still Pitching... Smooth Silver City Five Outclasses Local Quintet...

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CATCHER BRIDGES IS RIGHT

Today's Sports Roundup... By Hugh Fuller, Jr. After receiving a letter from...

Unanswered Questions... After receiving a letter from...

Just a Hand-In... The day the Oklahoma Aggie basketball team...

One-Minute Sports Page... Although they didn't give it much publicity...

Biasons Tangle With Top Teams... By The Associated Press... The biasons tangle...

Ohio State-Illinois Tilt Not Legally Settled Yet... By The Associated Press... The Ohio State-Illinois tilt...

Michigan Captain Hurt... Michigan captain hurt in game...

More Moving Teams... More teams moving to other locations...

Volunteer Blank - Blood Donor Service... Volunteer blank for blood donor service...

I Want To Donate Blood For The Army and Navy... I want to donate blood for the army and navy...

Long legs str-r-etch across... Meriden's long legs str-r-etch across...

Meriden... Meriden's performance in the game...

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25 Die When Boat Upsets... Soldiers Are Believed Trapped by Vessel Or Overhead Canopy... Miss Susick In Bowl Tilt At Pasadena...

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Manchester Dry Cleaners... 98 WELLS STREET PHONED 7234

FOR SALE FOR RENT

A City's Wants Classified For Your Benefit TO BUY TO SELL

Lost and Found... FOUND—THURSDAY EVENING... FOUND—IN THE LOBBY OF...

Announcements... WANTED—RIDERS to United... WANTED—LATEST TYPE hospital...

WEST END SECTION OF MANCHESTER... 6-Room Single, Hot water heat...

FOXGROVE DRIVE... 4-Room kitchen, four bathroom, room upstairs...

SPRUCE STREET, 6-ROOM single, Hot-air heat... OFF MIDDLE TURNPIKE WEST...

WITHIN 15 MILES OF HARTFORD... 6-Room Single, All improvements...

ANDOVER LAKE... Nest 3-Room Dwelling with oak floors...

ADDITION ROAD, GLASTONBURY... 24-Acre Farm, 3 tobacco sheds...

POSTER STREET, 6-Room Single, Hot air heat...

SEVERAL NEW 4, 5 AND 6 ROOM HOMES... WALKER STREET...

EAST WINDSOR... 10 acre tobacco farm with 2-room single...

Rollin Road, 3 years old... EAST MIDDLE TPK...

PERKINS STREET... 5-Room House, attached garage...

WANTED! 4-Tenement House... 4-5 or 3-Room House with a Few Acres of Land...

ALEXANDER JARVIS Real Estate - Insurance Mortgages... 25 Alexander Street

STUART J. WASELY Real Estate - Insurance Mortgages... 64-68-71-74

Automobiles for Sale... 1936 CHRYSLER 6 door sedan...

Repairs... SEWING MACHINES, vacuum iron... AUTO PARTS, vacuum...

Rooms Without Board... FOR RENT—ATTRACTIVE mansard bed room...

Apartments, Flats, Tenements... FOR RENT—FOUR ROOM furnished apartment...

Suburban for Rent... FOR RENT—THREE ROOM detached North Coventry...

Houses for Sale... IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY, 9 room detached...

Household Goods... 3 ROOMS of Modern furniture complete in every detail...

Help Wanted—Male... WANTED—MIDDLE AGED man for factory work...

Help Wanted—Female... WANTED—WOMAN for part time housework...

Florists—Nurseries... CHRISTMAS TREES and wreaths, Canadian balsam...

Moving—Trucking... THE AUSTIN CHAMBERS CO. local and long distance moving...

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The Doctor's Daughters Sense and Nonsense

By FAITH BALDWIN... A cockney phoned to inquire the fare to Ealing, a suburb of London...

FUNNY BUSINESS... LATEST SONG HITS... Please buy the new songs...

YOU DON'T SAY... The dress sign "O S" was first adopted officially for instructional radio use in 1909...

HOME SHIFT... Take the home shift—cooking, cleaning and dish washing in the neat, attractive frock...

WILL BUY ANY GOOD REAL ESTATE... Fair Prices... Wm. F. Johnson

EVERY TIME WE PUT A BIGGER FLAG ON OUR RADIATOR, THE FOLKS NEXT DOOR PUT A STILL BIGGER ONE ON THEIRS

5449... Take the home shift—cooking, cleaning and dish washing in the neat, attractive frock...

8459... Take the home shift—cooking, cleaning and dish washing in the neat, attractive frock...

5th Army Pinners Salute Given P & W School

Near San Pietro, Tanks in Battles... In earlier phases of the attack at Athens and rail facilities in the Attica passes between Italy and Austria...

SOLDIER BONUS TALK REVIVED... The bonus issue will be brought up by the House...

3 Factors Slow Gains Along Boot... cost for the tremendous air bases on the mainland alone...

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Near San Pietro, Tanks in Battles... In earlier phases of the attack at Athens and rail facilities in the Attica passes between Italy and Austria...

SOLDIER BONUS TALK REVIVED... The bonus issue will be brought up by the House...

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**About Town**

Company No. 3 of the South Manchester fire department was called at 5:15 last evening to 300 Porter street. There a chimney fire had started from the fireplace. The blaze was soon extinguished without damage.

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**Heard Along Main Street**

And on Some of Manchester's Side Streets, Too

We just cannot understand the psychology of some women. Time and again residents have been asked to respond to the need of giving that extra something to the war effort by cooperation in doing the little things that take a little more of personal effort than the usual work may go on in these days of man shortages.

There those women were—only 20 feet from the inside mailing boxes in the lobby, yet they thought so little of being out by taking the easy—and lazy course—of dropping their mail outside. We are glad that not all, nor even a small percentage of women, are like that. Did they ever stop to think that someone has to pick up those letters? This box (and is for the convenience of the public when the postoffice lobby is closed. Why, then, couldn't they go that extra 20 feet and put their voluminous Xmas mail into the proper receptacles?

Some funny excuses are being given local milkmen in an effort of non-cooperation with a plan to leave milk at the front doors. Recently a man and woman, both working in war plants, refused to have their milk left at the front door.

"We are troubled with dogs at our front door," they told the milkman. "Why not make a box to put the milk in?" the milkman asked. "We wouldn't do that for anybody," they replied hotly. "Wouldn't do that for anybody's milk at the back door?" the deliveryman asked, again, trying to plead his case.

"The dogs don't go to our back door," was the rejoinder. "Mind you, needless to say, surprised the milkman. Another woman refused to let the milkman drive into her yard along her concrete driveway, so that the farmer-milkman might

**To Celebrate Golden Wedding**



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Richardson

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Richardson of 69 Oak street will observe the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage tomorrow, quietly at their home. No special celebration is planned, but they will be glad to welcome any of their friends who desire to call on them.

Both husband and wife were born in County Armagh, Northern Ireland. Mr. Richardson has lived in this country 32 years and Mrs. Richardson, 51 years. The latter will reach her 74th birthday on January 22 next, and Mr. Richardson passed the same milestone this week Tuesday, December 14.

They were married in the rectory of St. Mary's Episcopal church by the Rev. Jacob A. Bid-

dle, who was rector of that church during the decade from 1885 to 1905. They have lived all their married life in Manchester. Mr. Richardson is well known as a brick mason, and still continues in that line with his son, Ernest Richardson. Their other children are Mrs. Belle Turkington, who makes her home with her parents; Robert Richardson, of Highland Park; Mrs. Christine Hippolitus of Meriden; Mrs. Jessie Johnson of Hartford. They have six grandchildren, two of whom are in the service. Edward Richardson and Richard Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are members of the Salvation Army of more than 40 years' standing, and both are enjoying good health.

**Center Congregational Church CHRISTMAS SERVICES SUNDAY DEC. 19**

11:00 A. M. Sermon: "Peace! Peace! When There Is No Peace"

Christmas Anthems: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" "Jesus Is Born" "A Joyful Christmas Song" by Junior, Intermediate and Church Choirs

8:00 P. M. HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

SOLOISTS: LILLIAN G. SAUNDERS, RUTH AVERY RAY, EDWARD P. NORDSTROM, WALTER E. SCHILLER. Choir of 65 Voices, Directed by JESSE F. DAVIS. WALDO S. NEWBURY, A. G. O., Organist. A Blessed Christmastide and Welcome to Everyone!

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In the Dewey-Richmond show window on the south wall was displayed an electric clock. It was noticed that the clock was not keeping time and for about a week it was over two hours slow. This was probably due to the inability of the owners to get into the window through their Christmas display to make the changes, but when the clock was shown to a representative of the Electric Company, who have an office next door, it was noted that the clock has disappeared. It was not considered a good advertisement for an electric clock.

The swing shift ladies are in a quandry these days. All week long they drive to war plants in stacks and frequently have to wait on street corners in the darkness for their drivers to arrive. "We couldn't do it if we had to wait on the corner for our cars dressed in skirts," one worker said recently. "That part of it is alright, but

the rub comes when the women wear winter, on her day off duty, shifts from slacks to sheer party dresses and chiton (not rayon) hosey. "Why, you feel just like you're hat-naked after wearing slacks and heavy hosey to work all week. We feel just like wearing slacks right through until spring, but you know we must doll-up once in awhile—even if we have to suffer doing it."

There are not going to be as many 'coon dinners this year as in the past, not because there is any lack of 'coon, but because of the inability to get what goes with such a dinner. In the past the hunters in addition to the fun of hunting got a return on the fur turn. There are no points needed to buy 'coon and as a result hunters who have been going out and getting 'coon are not taking orders and in addition to the return for the fur there is also a good price paid for the meat. There are no prices quoted on the local market for 'coon eating but there are some hunters who for the first time are getting good returns from their sport.

There are so many places offering Christmas trees for sale in Manchester this year that some one who has taken the trouble to check has discovered that there are more trees being offered than there are homes in Manchester. The supply and demand is likely to result in a big fall in the prices asked at first.

Anthony J. George, proprietor of the Case station at Main and Bissell streets, is showing a letter he received from a friend who is with the armed forces in Europe. It is addressed to Anthony J. George, 308 S. Station, Manchester, Conn. and it reached him O. K. A. Non.

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