

# U. S. to Triple Firing Power Of Divisions

(Story also on page 1)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—(AP)—An increase in power and mobility will feature the U. S. army's future, Gen. Jacob L. Devers said tonight in announcing a new organization plan.  
The new armored division will be increased in manpower—about 15,000 men compared with the 10,000 in the tank division—the significant feature will be the strength in tanks—325 mediums, with a battalion of heavy tanks when they become available. Details on the final number of weapons and exact types of armament remain to be worked out.  
World War II experience has resulted in elimination of two items familiar to GI's—the tank destroyer and the armored car. Henceforth, officials said, enemy tanks will be challenged by tanks instead of by the tank destroyer. The place of the armored car for fast reconnaissance will be taken by light tanks.  
More Vehicles  
A general improvement in type and increase in use of vehicles will greatly accelerate the mobility of the infantry division, but Devers said that the eventual goal of army ground forces is to make the infantry division completely "transportable" by airplanes. It was explained that this should not be confused with the airborne division. The air transportable division will be put into action by planes when a base is secured. The securing of "airheads" will be the mission of airborne troops, landing either by parachute or glider.  
The infantry division of the future, said the general, "will not be merely amphibious, striking the enemy by land or sea. It will be tripartite, capable of swift mechanized movement by land, sea and air."  
Infantry Transports  
The task of transporting a 17,000-man infantry division, together with its equipment and armament, will be tremendous. Experts estimated it might require about 400 "very large" transports of a type still in the experimental stage. To move a division with existing type transports would require about 1,300 aircraft, it was estimated.  
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In any future war, he added, the mission of our ground forces will be to take care of the civilian population of the United States itself would not be until our army's ground forces, infantry, armored cavalry and artillery, descended upon the enemy's airfields, launching atomic rockets and factories to seize or destroy them.

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# Gen. Eaker Buys Plot Along Rogue

PORTLAND, Dec. 20—(AP)—Gen. Ira Eaker, former air force commander, is buying land along the Rogue river, with the plan of retiring there next year, Mayor Earl Riley said he was advised today.  
The mayor was notified by Glenn Jackson, formerly a colonel in Eaker's staff, that the general was obtaining title to the old Frank Tou Velle tract on the famed fishing stream.

# Roads, Ferry Still Closed by Flood, Slides

Three roads and the Wilsonville ferry still were closed Friday due to high water and slides, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, reported. Roads now closed are the North Santiam, Siletz and Alsea. Officials said they hoped to have these highways open by the end of the week.  
Traffic is moving every two hours over a temporary bridge 12 miles north of Florence on the Oregon coast highway where the bridge there was washed out. Traffic will be permitted to move over the bridge at 9 and 11 a. m., and 1, 3 and 5 p. m.  
Baldock's report included:  
Government Camp — Partly cloudy, packed snow and ice throughout and well sanded.  
Santiam Summit — Clear and roads normal.  
North Santiam highway — Still detouring between Mill City and Gates because of a washout.  
Odell lake — Clear, some spots of ice on road, sanded, roadside snow at summit 19 inches.  
Portland and Eugene — High fog.  
Cascade highway — Road between Oregon City and Parkplace now open.  
Oregon Coast highway — Slide removal under way six miles south of Yachats. Highway open to traffic at certain hours. Short section of one-way traffic approximately 14 miles east of Tillamook.  
Wilson River highway — Open to all traffic.  
Sunset highway — One-way traffic 3 miles east of Elsie because of slide.  
Columbia River highway — One-way traffic at Tongue Point because of slide.  
Alsea highway — Closed by washouts to mileposts 10.19 and 11.37.  
Siletz highway — Closed at Euchre mountain by road settlement.  
Three Rivers highway — One-way section two miles east of Dolph because of sunken grade.  
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# Army Clears Salem Airport To WAA Office

Salem is one step nearer permanent acquisition of its airport today with the announcement last night that the war assets administration had accepted the final withdrawal order submitted by the war department yesterday.

Received by the Salem Chamber of Commerce, the message from Senator Guy Cordon also revealed that the buildings located in the cantonment area, comprising a warehouse, link trainer building and several barracks, "will now be included as airport property and offered to the city provided that the city move them to the flight line and use them for airport purposes."  
"Following completion of classification," the message went on, "the regional office will be furnished full instruction and they will contact the city to present the war asset's proposal."  
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# Extra 1 1/2 Cents Helps Direct Stray Cards

"Unless you are positive of the address, better use a three cent stamp on Christmas cards." This is the opinion of Albert Gragg, Salem postmaster, who is watching the pile of "not good address" cards and a half cards pile up.  
While an experienced postoffice clerk is given the task of looking over this kind of mail, cent and a half postage mail does not receive "directory service" as the three cent or first class mail does, Gragg said.  
Many expensive cards are included in the "duds," often sent with no sign of an address except Salem, Oregon. "Why buy an expensive card and throw it away," Gragg puzzled Friday morning as the pile mounted.

# Police Start Drive To Cut Off Sale of Tobacco to Minors

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tobacco in any form to minors. The ordinance has not been strictly enforced but the increase in smoking by minors... juveniles as young as 12 years of age... has necessitated action to compel merchants to stop selling tobacco to minors, Higby said.  
H. W. Townsend, Wimpy's Confectionery, 697 N. Capitol st., was the first merchant to be cited under the ordinance in the current drive. Townsend was fined \$10 when he appeared before Municipal Judge Alfred F. Mundt yesterday afternoon.

# Mrs. Hager Succumbs to Long Illness

Mrs. Augusta Hager, 82, died at her home, route 6, box 51, Friday morning after an illness lasting several weeks. Mrs. Hager had been a resident of Salem for 45 years, coming to Oregon after living in Minnesota. She was born in Germany in 1864 and emigrated to America in 1878.  
While in Minnesota Mrs. Hager married Adolph J. Hager in 1885, and only last year they had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They came to Oregon in 1901, and for 61 years Mrs. Hager had been a member of the Evangelical church.

Surviving are her husband, Adolph J. Hager, Salem; four children, Carl F. Hager, Portland; A. A. Hager, George B. Hager, and Mrs. Louise A. Maxwell, all of Salem; four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.  
Funeral services will be held Monday, December 23, at the Clough-Barrick chapel at 3:30 p. m. The Rev. Wilmer Brown will officiate, and interment will be in the City View cemetery.

# State Buys Candy For Institutions

The state purchasing department, despite the shortage of sugar, was able to buy approximately 4000 pounds of Christmas candies for the state institutions, Joseph Wood, assistant state purchasing agent, announced Friday. The institutions also will receive 200 cases of oranges and 5000 pounds of nuts.

# Montgomery Ward Plans \$2,500,000 Warehouse

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20—(AP)—A Portland newspaper said today that Montgomery Ward & Co. was planning to build a \$2,500,000 warehouse here serving its branches in four northwest states. The paper said 14 acres in a former housing project were being purchased for the building.

# Too Late to Classify

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FOR SALE: 1937 Chevrolet Master Deluxe coupe. Very good condition, radio & heater. No dealers. Ph. 422-3865. Mahrt Ave. Four Corners.  
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# Doctor's Wife Wins Freedom From Abductor

DIXON, Ill., Dec. 20—(AP)—Mrs. Della Stackhouse, 40, a physician's wife, was kidnaped from her home today and six hours later she was released unharmed and her abductor was seized at a farmhouse five miles from here.  
Sheriff Gilbert Finch said the man who forced Mrs. Stackhouse to leave her home with him, after he bound her two daughters and left them in a closet was Frank Sickness, 27, of Wyoming, Ill., which is about 60 miles south of the northwestern Illinois city.

Sickness was held for questioning, without charge.  
Finch said that Sickness had told him that his motive was robbery when he went to the Stackhouse home under pretext of being a newspaperman who wanted a story on Dr. Stirling Stackhouse. The sheriff identified Sickness as a former employe in a gas burner factory.  
The sheriff said that Mrs. Stackhouse, whose arms had been bound and her mouth taped with adhesive, was unharmed except for shock. She was returned to her home.  
No ransom note was left and no reason for her apparent kidnaping was determined immediately, the sheriff said. He described the Stackhouses as moderately wealthy and Mrs. Stackhouse as "a very good looking woman."

# Amvets Adopt Constitution, Install Officers

A constitution was adopted by Amvets, American Veterans of World War II, Marion Post, and W. E. (Bill) Hillerich was elected post commander. Hillerich succeeds Edward E. Lewis, temporary commander since the post's organization in October. Officers were installed last night.  
Ernest Rollins was elected the first vice-commander, Harvey Anders is second vice-commander and George E. Sandy was elected third vice-commander and service officer.  
Lurelene Rollins was chosen post adjutant, Myron S. Balloun finance officer, Ernest Isringhausen, chaplain, Ed Lewis is public

# 2 Injured in Local Wrecks

Two persons suffered injuries in accidents in the Salem area Friday night, though none were reported serious. Mrs. Portia Conway, 125 Lana ave., county health nurse, had a fractured knee cap, cut over her right eye, and severe bruises when she drove into the Little Pudding river bridge on the Salem-Silverton highway about 5 p. m. Friday. Mrs. Conway said that she was dodging another car which was driving without lights in the evening gloom. Hospital attendants at the Salem Deaconess hospital reported that Mrs. Conway was resting as well as could be expected.  
Elmer Austine, 991 Mill st., incurred a broken arm when he drove his motorcycle into the side of a Ford car driven by Frank M. Snyder, 1220 S. 22nd st., in the 300 block of S. 12th st. The accident happened about 5 p. m. as Snyder was making a left-hand turn, the report stated. Austine was taken to the Salem General hospital, where he was released after treatment.  
A car driven by Robert Morgan, 1650 Yew st., was struck by a truck driven by Jess L. McInlay, 345 E. Turner rd., at the intersection of Center and Liberty sts., about 6 p. m. Friday. Slight damage to the car was reported.

# YEATER, JR. ARRESTED

Douglas A. Yeater, Jr., 1930 N. 18th st., was arrested by city police Friday night on a charge of destruction of city property. Yeater is alleged to have broken a radio antenna off a patrol car after officers had broken up a disorderly scene in front of the Spa on State street. He is being held in the city jail.

# VANDALISM REPORTED

Emma C. Kasper, 840 Trade st., reported to city police that someone threw a rock through her window early Friday night.

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# BLAYS MASS NEAR GREECE

ATHENS, Dec. 20—(AP)—An important source said today allied military authorities had received confidential reports that large numbers of Yugoslav troops were massed at Bitolj (Monastir) and at Skrapje along the traditional Vardar river invasion route to northern Greece.

# AUTOMOBILE PROWLED

Edmund Ladendorff, Jr., 1010 Oak st. reported to city police that several articles, including a first aid kit and light testing meter, were taken from his car Friday night between 9:30 and 10:30 while it was parked in front of his residence.

# Obituary

ZIFLINSKI  
Miss Irene Ziflinski, at the residence, route 1, Gervais, at the age of three years, survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ziflinski, two brothers, Jerry, Darrell and Keith Ziflinski, all of Gervais, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ziflinski, Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ullman, Mt. Angel. Announcement of services later by the T. Rigdon company.

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