

## CAPTURED NAZIS ARE IMPRESSED BY U. S. MACHINES

"Can't Compete Against That," Says One Young German Taken at Sirte.

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With the Eighth Army in Tripolitania, Dec. 27—(U.P.—Delayed)—German prisoners captured while laying mines on the road southwest of Sirte today stared, open mouthed, at Allied tanks, guns, and trucks rolling west.

They were tired and hungry and hadn't talked much. Then suddenly, as if speaking to himself, the youngest, a blond youth who looked 20, said:

"Die menge tut es—Amerika." (It's the quantity that counts—America.)

"We can't compete against that," he added.

That thought is likely to be in the minds of thousands of Germans as they retreat toward Tripoli.

### Not To Think

It is not the German soldier's business to talk or even think about such things. The German high command heretofore has done all their thinking for them.

They can't tell why, but most of the Germans captured on their retreat believe that Marshal Erwin Rommel or the old Afrika korps can be defeated. They have blind faith in their leader's ability to pull something out of the bag at the last minute.

It doesn't look much like he can at the moment. There were 10 Axis tanks in Sirte when a famous British cavalry regiment entered it on Christmas day. The tanks retreated without an argument.

Considering the blind faith the ordinary German soldier has in his command, it might be wondered what would happen in the dry river beds somewhere west of Sirte today if Rommel were to admit to his troops that he lied when he told them last November that Stalingrad had fallen. Every German soldier captured in the desert is convinced of it. His officers had told him so.

### Refuse To Believe

The Germans captured while laying mines thought we were lying when we told them Stalingrad was more than holding and that the Russians had broken through German lines in the middle Don.

It isn't that German newspapers haven't been reaching the Afrika korps. I found a November 23 copy of Adolf Hitler's own newspaper, Voelkischer Beobachter, in an abandoned dugout yesterday, but it referred to the fighting in Russia in the vaguest terms.

A good many German troops who arrived as reinforcements in November, and who were in Russia, have the greatest respect for the Red army.

"The Russians fight on past the point when German troops would surrender," one such German said.

A very few German prisoners even admit now that they believe Germany will lose the war. In this connection, they readily confess that they had not thought the British had so much equipment.

## Former 'Dust Bowl' Grows Bumper Crop; Wheat Flourishing

Topeka, Kan., —(U.P.)—Farmers of western and southwestern Kansas, who refused to leave their land even during the worst days of the drought when much of the region was classed as the "dust bowl," have been completely vindicated in their faith, the department of agriculture reports in releasing statistics which show that that area produced a bumper crop of wheat last year.

Last year Kansas produced one of its largest—and probably its most profitable—wheat crops in years. And about half of that wheat came from a land formerly classed as part of the "dust bowl."

Millions of shelter belt trees have been planted on the plains to help prevent a recurrence of the dust storms of 1934 and 1935, but chief factor in returning the dust bowl to fertility was ample rainfall.

Now all the scars of the drought years have been erased and land where dust was formerly more than a foot thick is green with growing wheat.

### NOT GUILTY PLEA

Chinook, Mont., Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Leslie Seifers, 17-year-old Harlem high school youth, entered a plea of not guilty today to a charge of first degree murder resulting from the Dec. 23 slaying of pretty, blonde Elaine Allen, 15.



READY FOR TROUBLE—Well armed and bundled to the eyes against icy winds, a Coast Guard patrols a lonely Northern beach.

## BRILLIANT ARTIST WILL BE HEARD IN CAMP PROGRAMS

An evening of rare musical entertainment is promised to-night for Camp White men when the brilliant violinist, 17-year-old Alice Stockton of Tacoma, and her equally brilliant accompanist, Mildred Tummonds, also of Tacoma, appear in formal concert at chapel six, Avenue C and Ninth street. The concert will be the highlight of a busy week of appearances for the two young artists. The concert is at seven o'clock tonight.

This noon Miss Stockton and Miss Tummonds entertained members of the Medford Rotary club, tomorrow they play at Service club No. 2 in the early evening and later will make an intermission appearance at a dance at Service Club No. 1. Thursday they will play on the Camp White radio hour in the evening and later during the intermission at the New Year's eve dance at Service Club No. 2.

Friday evening a concert is planned for chapel one at 8:15 o'clock and Sunday the two musicians will play for Holy Communion service at chapel six at 9:00 and 10:00 a. m. and at chapel 12 at 11:15 a. m. Sunday evening Miss Stockton and Miss Tummonds leave for the north.

Both musicians are players of unusual ability and training, according to Chaplain Eldon W. Borrell of Camp White, who arranged for their trip to Medford. Miss Stockton played for the Crown Prince and Princess of Norway when only 12 years of age, and Miss Tummonds was for two years official pianist for the King and Queen of Belgium while studying in that country under Edouard Potjes. The girls have appeared in many service camps during the past year and entertain often at Camp Lewis near Tacoma, where they are extremely popular, Chaplain Borrell states.

## CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS HAVE FOOD SHORTAGE

San Francisco, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The welfare of patients in California hospitals has become "seriously threatened" by acute food shortages Thomas F. Clark, hospital officer for the state council of defense emergency medical service, said today.

Many hospitals in the state have been unable to obtain canned milk, butter, eggs, meat and other essential foods, Clark said.

## BRITISH GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER COLLIERY

London, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The British government engaged in coal mining today for the first time, taking over ownership and control of the Nottingham Clifton Colliery Company in County Durham.

The fuel ministry will operate the colliery, which employs 700. It was intimated that the government intends to install American mining machinery in an effort to cut production costs.

### DRAFT DODGER HELD

Hollywood, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—A former double for film actor Buddy Rogers, 29-year-old Jerry Martin, was arraigned yesterday on draft evasion charges and ordered held under \$10,000 bond to await hearing Jan. 18.

### NAZI BIGWIG KILLED

Stockholm, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The newspaper Aftonbladet reported from Berlin today that Maj. Gen. Richard von Reutz, commander of an infantry division, was killed Dec. 23 on the middle Don sector of the Russian front.

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| Cudahy's Deviled Meat, 1/4 size, 4 for 22c                                | doz. 65c   |
| Silverdale Tomatoes, 2 1/2 size, 2 for 27c                                | 6 for 79c  |
| Libby Sauerkraut . . . 2 1/2 size, 2 for 29c                              | 6 for 83c  |
| Tendersweet Corn . . . 303 tin, 2 for 25c                                 | 6 for 69c  |
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| Whole kernel.                                                             |            |
| Mt. Meadow Peas, std. . . . 303 tin 10c                                   | 6 for 59c  |
| Fancy Peas . . . . 303 size, 2 for 29c                                    | 6 for 83c  |
| Walla Walla.                                                              |            |
| Inland Valley Peas, 303 size, 2 for 25c                                   | 6 for 73c  |
| Tomato Soup . . . 10 1/2-oz., 3 for 25c                                   | doz. 95c   |
| Campbell's.                                                               |            |
| Oval Sardines . . . . . 3 for 33c                                         | 6 for 59c  |
| Pioneer Razor Minced Clams, 1/2 tin 23c                                   | 8 for 1.33 |
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| Formay Shortening . . . . 3-lb. can 69c                                   | 2 for 1.35 |
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| 25,000 units vitamin A.                   |
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| 55,000 units vit. A. 10,000 units vit. D. |
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| 52,000 units vit. A, 1,000 units vit. D. |
| 90s One-A-Day Tablets.....\$1.17         |
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| 12s One-A-Day B Complex Tab.....44c      |

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| 1 pt. Milk of Magnesia.....15c      |
| 100s Cascara Compound Pills.....13c |
| 500s Cleansing Tissues.....17c      |
| 5c Envelopes, 3 pkgs. for.....10c   |
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| 14-oz. Velvet.....63c                                   |
| Glass jar.                                              |
| Bugler Thrift Kit.....25c                               |
| Domino, Sensation, Avalon Cigarettes, carton.....\$1.00 |

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| CELERY   | Utah fancy stock.....each       | 19c |
| ONIONS   | Sweet Spanish, 10 lbs. net. bag | 25c |
| ORANGES  | South'n Navels, 200s size, doz. | 29c |
| DATES    | Fresh, cellophane pkgs. ....lb. | 35c |
| AVOCADOS | King salad, large, 2 for        | 15c |

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